

## CONFIDENTIAL

DIARY

U. S. S. LIBRA, (AKA12)

MONTH OF

FEBRUARY, 1943

Assigned to: U.S. PACIFIC FLEET SOUTH PACIFIC FORCE

AMPHIBIOUS FORCE TRANSPORT DIVISION EIGHT.

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			DAILY	WAR DIARY	U.S.	S.LIBRA(AK53)
Tir	me Zo	one Description_	-12		_Date_Februa	ary 1, 1943.
En	Rout	te From st and	chor	₹ø Welli	ngton, N.Z.	
1.	(a)	Designation of	Major Task	Force or Fle	et: CTF 62,	SoPac.
	(b)	Designation of	Next Higher	Echelon: Tr	ansDivsAmph;	ibFor.SoPac.
	(c)	Designation of	Unit: Trans	ort Division	Eight.	
		Composition of	Unit: LIBRA	1.		
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2.	(a)	The operation p	plan or orde	er (despatch)	of the	
		1mmediate super	rior:Task Fo	orce 62, Despa	tch 120308	
	((b)	Brief of the di To Wellington f				
3.	(a)	Ship's Position	n (LCT) At:-	- At anchor.		
		0800 Lat		12001Lat.	2000	Lat.
		Long.		Long.		Long.
	(b)	Course		_and distance	е	made
		good since pres	vious noon.			
	(c)	Notes on meteor	cological co	onditions (if	any) which	may have
		affected the ma	ission:			

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4. B	rie	of Of Day	y l g	Operations	:-			
(	a)	Base Con	arse	At and	hor	000		dard Speed
		Position	n ir	Formation	:			
(	b)	Changes	in	course and	Speed	-		
			TIM	E		CHANGED		
				At anchor				To
								То
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(	c)	Changes	in	Formation:				
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		guary, o						
(	a)	Changes	in	compositio	n of U	nit:-		
						(1)		•
(	€)	Summary	of	Contacts:-				
(	f)	Brief of	r or	erations o	f othe	r Units:-		
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(	g)			nformation			forces:	

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U.S.S.LIBRA (AK53) Date: February 1, 1943

5. Service Ammunition expended: -

		IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a)	5"/51 Cal.	NONE	
(b)	3"/50 Cal.	NONE	
(c)	20 mm AAMG	NONE	
(a)	.30 Cal.	N NE	
(c)	Depth Charges	NONE	

- 6. Summary of Important Orders received and decisions reached: Received CTF despatch 290845 concerning prospective movements upon completion of overhaul period.
- 7. Remarks on materials and operational features not included in action reports:-

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and 874(6), USN Rogs. are not (arex) included.

Commander, U.S.N.,

Commanding.

DAILY WAR DIARY U.S.S.LIBRA(AK) Time Zone Description -12 Date February 2,1943 En Route From at anchor 70/ Wellington, N.Z. 1. (a) Designation of Major Task Force or Fleet: CTF62.SoPac (b) Designation of Next Higher Echelon: TranDivsAmphibFor, SoPac. (c) Designation of Unit: Division Eight Composition of Unit: LIBRA 2. (a) The operation plan or order (despatch) of the immediate superior: Task Force 62, despatch 120308 ((b) Brief of the directive(s) contained therein: To Wellington for upkeep period of about three (3) weeks. 3. (a) Ship's Position (LCT) At:- At anchor 0800 Lat. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2000 Lat. \_\_\_\_\_ Long. Long. Long. (b) Course \_\_\_\_\_ and distance \_\_\_\_\_ made good since previous noon. (c) Notes on meteorological conditions (if any) which may have

affected the mission:

(e) Summary of Contacts:-

(f) Brief of operations of other Units:1420 U.S.S.ZANE, U.S.S.TREVOR and U.S.S.FULLER underway.

(g) Important information of own or enemy forces:- :

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U.S.S.LIBRA (AK53) Date: Feburary 2, 1943

5. Service Ammunition expended:-

		IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a)	5"/51 Cal.	NONE	
(b)	3"/50 Cal.	NONE	
(c)	20 mm AAMG	NONE	
(a)	.30 Cal.	NONE	
(0)	Depth Charges	NONE	

6. Summary of Important Orders received and decisions reached:

7. Remarks on materials and operational features not included in action reports:-

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and 874(6), USN Regs. are not (XXX) included.

Commander, Commanding.

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			DAI	LY WAR	DIARY		U.S.S.LIBR	A(XXXX)
Time	Z	ne Descriptio	n	.2		Date_	February 3	1943.
En R	Rout	e From <b>Drydoc</b>	k		## Well:	ington,	N.Z.	
1. (	(a)	Designation o	f Major T	ask For	ce or Fl	eet:_CT	F62, SoPac.	
(	(b)	Designation o	f Next Hi	gher Ec	helon: Tr	ansDivs	AmphibFor.S	Pac.
(	(c)	Designation o	f Unit:_	D1 v1 s1	on Eight			
		Composition o	f Unit: ]	LIBRA.				
2. (	(a)	The operation	plan or	order (	despatch	) of th	ie	
		immediate sup	erior: Ta	sk Force	62, des	patch 1	20308.	
((	(b)	Brief of the	directive	e(s) con	tained t	herein:		
		To Wellington	for upk	eep peri	od of ab	out thr	ee (3) week	8.
3. (	(a)	Ship's Positi	on (LCT)	At:	in drydo	ck.		
		0500 Lat.		1200	Lat		_2000 Lat	
		Long	•		Long		_ Long.	
(	(b)	Course		an	d distant	ce		made
		good since pr	evious no	oon.				
(	(c)	Notes on mete	orologica	al condi	tions (i:	f any)	which may ha	ave

affected the mission:

DAILY	WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA(XXXX		February 3, 1943
4. Bri	ef of Day's Operat			
(a)	Base Course Dr	ydock	Standa	rd Speed
	Position in Forma	tion:		
(b)	Changes in course	and Speed:-		
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(c)	Changes in Format	ion:-		
	TIME	CHANGED		
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		2017年日前10日		
(a)	Changes in compos	ition of Unit:-		
(e)	Summary of Contac	ts:- (I)		
		Section of the sectio		
(f)		ns of other Units:-		
(g)	Important informa	tion of own or enem	y forces:-	

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Date: February 3, 1943.

5. Service Ammunition expended:-

		IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a)	5"/51 Cal.	NONE	
(p)	3"/50 Cal.	NONE	
(c)	20 mm AANG	NONE	
(d)	.30 Cal.	NONE	
(€)	Dopth Charges	NONE	

6. Summary of Important Orders received and decisions reached:

7. Romarks on materials and operational features not included in action reports:-

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and 874(6), USN Regs. are not (Exc) included.

W.B. FLETCHER, Jr.

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U.S.S.LIBRA(ANDS)

Tir	ne Zo	one Description	-12 Date	February 4, 1943.
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1.	(a)	Designation of Major	Task Force or Fleet: C	TF62, SePac
	(d)	Designation of Next	Higher Echelon: Trans.	Div. AmphibFor, SePac.
	(c)	Designation of Unit:	Division Eight.	
3.		Composition of Unit:	LIBRA.	
2.	(a)		or order (despatch) of t	
	((b)		ve(s) contained therein	
		Managha - Anderden Crée	pkeep period of about t	
3.	(a)	Ship's Position (LCT	?) At:- At anchor.	
		0800 Lat	1200_Lat	2000 Lat
		Long.	Long.	Long.
	(b)		and distance	
		good since previous	noon.	.00
	(c)	Notes on meteorologi	cal conditions (if any)	which may have

0900 - Drydock flooded, underway, moored at dock at 1145.

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- (d) Changes in composition of Unit:-
- (e) Summary of Contacts:-

TIME

- (f) Brief of operations of other Units:-
- (g) Important information of own or enemy forces:- . .

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(AKAT2) U.S.S.LIBRA (XXXX)

Date: February 4, 1943.

5. Service Ammunition expended:-

		IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a)	5"/51 Cal.	NONE	
(b)	3"/50 Cal.	NONE	
(c)	20 mm AAMG	NONE	
(a)	.30 Cal.	NONE	
(c)	Depth Charges	NONE	

6. Summary of Important Orders received and decisions reached:

7. Remarks on materials and operational features not included in action reports:-

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and 874(6), USN Rogs. are not (xxxx) included.

Commander, U.S.N., Commanding.

		DAILY WAR	DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA(MASS)
Time :	Zone Description	-12	Date_	February 5, 1943.
In Ro	ute From At ancho	<b>r</b>	Wellington	1, N.Z.
1. (a	) Designation of Ma	ajor Task Forc	e or Fleet: CT	62.SoPac.
(b	) Designation of Ne	ext Higher Ech	elon: <u>TransDiv</u>	AmphibFor.SoPac.
(c	) Designation of Un	nit: <u>Division</u>	Eight	
	Composition of Un	nit: LIBRA		
2. (a	) The operation pla	an or order (d	lespatch) of th	ne
	1mmediate superio	or: Task Force	62, despatch	120308
((b	) Brief of the dire	ective(s) cont	ained therein:	
	To Wellington fo	r upkeep perio	od of about the	ree (3) weeks.
7 (-	) Chimle Bosition	(T.CM.) A+.	At anchor.	
). (a	) Ship's Position			2000 1 1
			Lat.	
	Long.	-	Long.	Long.
(b	) Course	and	distance	made
A EE	good since previous	ous noon.		
(c	) Notes on meteorol	logical condit	ions (if any)	which may have
	affected the miss	sion:		

(f) Brief of operations of other Units:-

(I)

(g) Important information of own or enemy forces:- . .

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U.S.S.LIBRA (XXXXXX)

Date: February 5, 1943.

5. Service Ammunition expended:-

		IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a)	5"/51 Cal	NONE	
(b)	3"/50 Cal.	NONE	
(c)	20 mm AAMG	NONE	
(a)	.30 Cal.	NONE	
(a)	Depth Charges	NONE	

6. Summary of Important Orders received and decisions reached:

7. Remarks on materials and operational features not included in action reports:-

5. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and 874(6), USN Regs. are not (xxxe) included.

W.B.FLETCH R,Jr.
Commander, U.S.N.,
Commanding.

	Ī	AILY WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA(2020)
Time Z	Zone Description	-12	Date February 6, 1943.
			Lington, N.Z.
1. (a)	Designation of Major	Task Force or Fl	eet: CTF62, SoPac.
(d)	Designation of Next	Higher Echelon:	FransDivsAmphibFer.SePac.
(c)	Designation of Unit:	Division Eight.	
	Composition of Unit:	LIBRA.	
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2. (a)	) The operation plan	r order (despatch	) of the
	1mmediate superior:	Task Force 62, de	spatch 120308
((a))	) Brief of the directi	ve(s) contained t	herein:
	To Wellington for up	keep period of ab	out three (3) weeks.
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3. (a)	) Ship's Position (LCT		
	0800 Lat	1200_Lat	2000 Lat
	Long.	Long.	Long.
(b)	Course	and distan	cemade
	good since previous	noon.	
(c)	Notes on meteorologi	cal conditions (i	f any) which may have
	affected the mission		
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4.	Bri	ef of Da	y's Operations:				
	(a)	Base Con	arse At ancho	r	Standard Sp	oed	
		Position	n in Formation:				
	(b)	Changes	in course and	Speed:-			
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			Parities and Action	va - <u>11 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 -</u>	To		
	(c)	Changes	in Formation:-				
			TIME	CHANGED '		present to	
	(a)	Changes	in composition	of Units			
	(4)	Onanges	In composition	or onic.			
	(e)	Summary	of Contacts:-				
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	(f)	Brief of 0800 U.S 1222 USS USS	operations of S.S.MONTICELLO & PRESIDENT JACK CRESCENT CITY	other Units:- standing in SON, USS PRESIDEN and USS GANSEVOR	NT HAYES, USS	PRESIDENT	ADAMS,

(g) Important information of own or enemy forces:-

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(AKA12) U.S.S.LIBRA (XXXX)

Date: February 6,1943.

5. Service Ammunition expended:-

		IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a)	5"/51 Cal.	NONE	
(b)	3"/50 Cal.	NONE	
(c)	20 mm AAMG	NONE	
(d)	.30 Cal.	NONE	
(c)	Depth Charges	NONE	

6. Summary of Important Orders received and decisions reached:

7. Remarks on materials and operational features not included in action reports:-

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and 874(6), USN Regs. are not (axxx) included.

W.B.FLETCHER Jr. Commander, U.S.N., Commanding.

DAILY WAR DIARY U.S.S.LIBRAMANTE Date February 7, 1943. Time Zone Description -12 En Route From at anchor / Wellington, N.Z. 1. (a) Designation of Major Task Force or-Fleet: CTF62.SoPac. (b) Designation of Next Higher Echelon: TransDivsAmphibFor SoPac. (c) Designation of Unit: Division Eight. Composition of Unit: libra 2. (a) The operation plan or order (despatch) of the 1mmediate superior: Task Force 62.despatch 120308 ((b) Brief of the directive(s) contained therein: To Weillington for up upkeep period of about three (3) weeks. 3. (a) Ship's Position (LCT) At:- at anchor. 0800 Lat. \_\_\_\_\_2000 Lat. \_\_\_\_\_ Long. Long. Long. and distance (b) Course good since previous noon. (c) Notes on meteorological conditions (if any) which may have affected the mission:

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U.S.S.LIBRA(AXXXX)

Date: February 7, 1943.

4. Brief of Day's Ope	rations:-
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(a)	Base Cours	e At	anchor	Standard	Speed
	Position i	n Form	mation:		

(b) Changes in course and Speed:-

TIME	CHANGED	
		To_
		To
		To
		To

(c) Changes in Formation:-

TIME

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- (d) Changes in composition of Unit:-
- (e) Summary of Contacts:-
- (f) Brief of operations of other Units:U.S.S.GANSEVORT, USS PRESIDENT ADAMS, USS PRESIDENT HAYES,
  USS PRESIDENT JACKSON standing out 1630
  USS ROCKAMBERU STOOD IN 1650.
- (g) Important information of own or enemy forces:-

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U.S.S.LIBRA (XXXXX) Date: February 7, 1943.

5. Service Ammunition expended:-

		IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a)	5"/51 Cal.	none	
(b)	3"/50 Cal.	NONE	
(c)	20 mm AAMG	NONE	
(a)	.30 Cal.	NONE	
(c)	Depth Charges	NONE	

6. Summary of Important Orders received and decisions reached:

7. Remarks on materials and operational features not included in action reports:-

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and 874(6), USN Regs. are not (xxx) included.

W.B.Fletcher, Jr.

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U.S.S.LIBRAXXXXX

TIM	ne Zo	one Description	-1	<b>2</b> Da	te <b>Febru</b> s	ry 8, 1	943.
				/rp Wellingt			
1.	(a)	Designation of	Major	Task Force or Fleet:	CTF62,	SoPac.	
	(b)	Designation of	Next H	igher Echelon: Transl	ivsAm hi	bFor.Sol	Pac.
	(c)	Designation of	Unit:_	Division Eight			14
		Composition of	Unit:	LIBRA			
2.	(a)			order (despatch) of			
		1mmediate super	rior: T	ask Force 62, despatch	120308		
(	(b)			e(s) contained there			
		To Wellington f	or upk	eep period of about t	hree(3)	weeks.	
3.	(a)	Ship's Position	a (LCT)	At:			
3.	(a)			At:	2000	Lat	
3.	(a)	0800 Lat					
3.		0800 Lat Long		1200]Lat			
3.		0800 Lat Long.		Longand distance			
3.	(b)	Coursegood since prev	vious n	Longand distance		Long	_made

(e) Summary of Contacts:-

(1)

- (f) Brief of operations of other Units:1045 USS MONTICELLO standing out.
  1300 USS R chambeau standing out.
  1350 USS Crescent City underway.
- (g) Important information of own or enemy forces:- .

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U.S.S.LIBRA(AKA12) Date. February 8,1943.

5. Service Ammunition expended:-

	IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a) 5"/51 Cal.	NONE	
(b) 3"/50 Cal.	NONE	
(c) 20 mm AAMG	NONE	
(a) .30 Cal.	NONE	
(e) Depth Charges	NONE	

- 6. Summary of Important Orders received and decisions reached:
- 7. Remarks on materials and operational features not included in action reports:-
- 8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712 (2)(3) and 874(6), US N Regs. are not (xxx) included.

ers de le W.B. FLETCHER, Jr.

Commander, U.S. Navy,

Commanding.

			DAILY WAR I	DIARY	0.8.3	S. LIBRA ( AKAI	.2)
Ti	me Z	one Description _	-12		_Date_Febr	uary 9, 194	3
En	Rou	te Prom <u>at anchor</u>		<b>I</b> \$	Wellington	N.Z.	
1.	(a)	Designation of M	ajor Task Force	or .	Fleet: CTF	S2,SoPac	
	(b)	Designation of N	ext Higher Eche	lon:	TransDivsA	phibFor, SoP	ac.
	(c)	Designation of U	nit: Division	eig	ht		
		Composition of U	nit: LIBRA.				
2.	(a)	The operation pl	an or order (de	spat	ch) of the		
		immediate superi	or: Task Forece	62,	despatch 12	20308	
	(b)	Brief of the dir	ective(s) conta	ined	therein:		
		To Wellington for	upkeep period	of al	bout three	(3) weeks.	
7	(a)	Ship's Position	(I.CT) At: at	am ala			
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			1200 La				
			Lor				
	(b)	Course	and	dista	nce		_made
		good since previo	ous noon.		9.444		
	(c)	Notes on meteoro	logical conditi	ons (	if any) wh	ich may hav	е
		affected the miss	sion:				

DAILY WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: February 9,1943
4. Brief of Day's Operation		
(a) Base Course At an	chor	_Standard Speed
Position in Formati	on:	
(b) Changes in course a	nd Speed:-	
TIME	CHANGED	
NONE		TO
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		TO
(c) Changes in Formation	n:-	
TIME	CHANGED	
( (a) Changes in composit		
(ε) Summary of Contacts		
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(f) Brief of operations o610 USS HENRY T. A O610 USS PREBLE STO	LLEN STOOD IN.	
(g) Important information	on of own or enemy fo	proce:-

DAILY WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: February 9,1943.
5. Service Ammuniti	.on expended:-	
	IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a) 5"/51 Cal.	NONE	
(b) 3"/50 Cal.	NONE	
(c) 20mm AAMG	NONE	
(a) .30 Cal.	NONE	
(e) Depth Charge	s NONE	

- 6. Summary of Important Orders received and decisions reached:
  Received CTF62 despatch 090235 February to form task unit 62.4.1Henry T. Allen(Capt. Stevens) Libra about February 10.
- 7. Remarks on materials and operational features not included in action reports:-

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and 874(6), USN Regs.arc not (xxxx) included.

W.B.FLETCHER, Jr.,
Commander, U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

		DAILY WAR DIARY U.S.S.LIBRA(AKA12	2)
Ti	ne Z	one Description12 Date February 10,194	43
En	Rou	teFDrom At anchor To Wellington, N.Z.	
1.	(a)	Designation of Major Task Force or Fleet: CTF62, ScPac.	
(6)	(b)	Designation of Next Higher Echelon: TransDivs. AmphibFor, Sol	Pac.
	(c)	Designation of Unit: Division Eight	
		Composition of Unit: LIBRA	
ż.	(a)	The operation plan or order (despatch) of the	
		immediate superior: Task Force 62, despatch 120308 January COMTASKFOR 62, 690235 February.	• 74
)	(d)	Brief of the directive(s) contained therein: (1) To Wellington for upkeep period of about three (3) weel (2) Form Task Unit 62.4.1. Depart Wellington for BoraBora.	ks.
3.	(a)	Ship's Position (LCT) At:	
	1.00	0800 Lat. 1200 Lat. At anchor 2000 Lat.41°	48'S
		Long. Long. Long. Long. 75	OSSE
	(b)	Course and distance	made
		good since grevieus noons anchorage.	
	(0)	Notes on meteorological conditions (if any) which may have	,
44 .		affected the mission:	

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4. Brief	of Day's Open	rations:-			
(a) Ba	ese Course	At anchor		_Standa	ard Speed
Po	sition in For	rmation:			
(b) Oh	renges in cour	se and Speed	:-		
	TIME		CHANGED		
	1642		Underway		TO <u>Various Courses</u>
	1745		To Base Cours	e 7	10 <u>160<sup>0</sup>159<sup>0</sup>G,125<sup>0</sup>PST</u>
	1815		Course		TO 12701260G, 0800PST
	2114		Course		TO 048°T, 047°G, 012°-
(c) Oh	nanges in Form	mation:-			PSTG
	TIME		CHANGED		
			astern HENRY form 9, inter		
	nanges in comp 600 Formed Ta			ce CTF	62, despatch 090235.

- (e) Summary of Contacts:-
- (f) Brief of operations of other Units:-1310 USS PREBLE Underway. 1604 USS HENRY T. ALLEN Underway.
- (g) Important information of own or enemy forces:-

DAILY WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: February 10,1943
5. Service Ammuniti	on expended:-	
	IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a) 5"/51 Cal.	NONE	
(b) 3"/50 Cal.	NONE	Association of the
(c) 20mm AAMG	NONE	
(à) .30 Cal.	NONE	
(e) Depth Charge	s NONE	

- 6. Summary of Important Orders received and decisions reached:

  ComTaskFor 62 despatch 090200 February- concerning embarkation
  of units of 98th. C.A. Regiment and equipment at BoraBora.
- 7. Remarks on materials and operational features not included in action reports: Complete magnetic ranging during forenoon with quite satisfactory results.
- 8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and 874(6), USN Regs.arc not (xxx) included.

W.B.FLETCHER, Jr., Commander, U.S. Navy, Commanding.

		DAILI WAR DIARI U.S.S.DIBRA(ARAIZ)
T1	me Z	one Description Date February 11, 1943.
En	Rou	te Drom Wellington, N. Z. To Bora Bora
ī.	(a)	Designation of Major Task Force or Fleet: CTF 62, SoPac.
	(b)	Designation of Next Higher Echelon: Trans. Divs. Amphib. For. SoPac.
	(c)	Designation of Unit: 62.4.1.
		Composition of Unit: LIBRA HENRY T. ALLEN
2.	(a)	The operation plan or order (despatch) of the
		immediate superior: Task force 62, Despatch, 090235-February.
	(b)	Brief of the directive(s) contained therein: Wellington, N.Z. to Bora Bora. Embark units and equipment 98th. C.A. Regiment.
3.	(a)	Ship's Position (LCT) At:
		0800 Lat. 40°08!5 8 1200 Lat. 39°29.5'S 2000 Lat. 38°17'S
		Long. 1780-14'E Long. 179014E Long. 178049'W
	(b)	Course 049°T, 048°G, 017°PSTGCand distance 277 made
		good since previous noon.
	(c)	Notes on meteorological conditions (if any) which may have
		affected the mission:
		Moderate to Heavy swell from S.S.E.

DAI	LY I	WAR DIAR	Y	U.S.S.L	IBRA	(AKAl2)	Date:	Febr	uary 1	1, 194
4.	Bri	f of Day	y's Operatio							7
	(a)	Base Con	arse 049°T,0	48°G,017	o <sub>PSTG</sub>	0,037°PS	Stand <u>ی</u>	ard Sp	eed_ <u>15</u>	knots
		Position	n in Formati	on: For	m 9					
	(b)	Ohenges	in course s	nd Speed	:-					
			TIME		CHAN	GED				
			NONE	<u> 18 - 19 1</u>				TO		
					-			TO		
								TO		
					-			TO		
	(c)	Changes	in Formatio	n:-						
		0	TIME		CHAN	GED				
		5-1-2	NONE							
(	(ā)	Changes	in composit	ion of U	nit:-					
		NONE								
	(.)	Summanu	of Contacts	To the Po						
	(6)		or contracts							
		NOME								
	(f)	Brief of	operations			ts:-				
		NONE		T. TERRITOR	FORE	Z pava ta 100				
	(g)	· ·	nt informati	on of own	n or	enemy fo				
	30									
27		NONE		-12		BURENS.		TOT IS	100	T. Y

DAILY WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12	2) Date: February 11, 1943
5. Service Ammunit	ion expended:-	
	IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a) 5"/51 Cal.	NONE	
(b) 3"/50 Cal.	NONE	
(c) 20mm AAMG	NONE	
(a) .30 Cal.	NOME	
(e) Depth Charg	es NOME	
6. Summery of Impo	rtant Orders received and	decisions reached:
7	rials and operational feat	
A DEMERIES ON MOTO	risis and operational Ital	Lures not included in

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and 874(6), USN Regs. arc not (xxx) included.

action reports:-

W.B.FLETCHER, Jr.,
Commander, U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

U.S.S.LIBRA(AKA12) DAILY WAR DIARY Time Zone Description + 11 Date Feb. 12.1943. En Route From Wellington, N.Z. To Bora Bora 1. (a) Designation of Major Task Force or Fleet: CTF 62, SoPac. (b) Designation of Next Higher Echelon: TransDivAmphibFor. SoPac. (c) Designation of Unit: 62.4.1 Composition of Unit: HENRY T.ALLEN. 2. (a) The operation plan or order (despatch) of the immediate superior: Task Force 62, Despatch 090235, of February. (b) Brief of the directive(s) contained therein: Wellington, N. Z. to Bora Bora. Embark units and equipment 98th C.A. Regiment. 3. (a) Ship's Position (LCT) At: 0800 Lat. 32° 18'S 1200 Lat. 31° 35'S 2000 Lat. 30° 18'S Long. 171 02'W Long. 170° 14'W Long. 168°35W. (b) Course 048°G, 048.5°T and distance 338 miles good since previous noon. (c) Notes on meteorological conditions (if any) which may have

affected the mission:

DAI	LY I	VAR DIARY	Y	°U.S.S.L	IBRA (AKAl	2) Date	: 12 Feb	.1943.	
4.	Bri	f of Daj	y's Operati	ons:-					
	(a)	Base Con	rst 048°G,	048.5°T,	017°PSTGC	Stan	dard Sp	eed <u>l5 kts</u> .	
		Position	n in Format	ion: <u>On 1</u>	ne of Bear	ring 900	Dist.	1000 yds.	
	(b)	Changes	in course	and Speed	:-				
			TIME		CHANGED				
			NONE				TO		
							TO		
							TO	<u></u>	-
							TO		
	(c)	Changes	in Formati	on:-					15
			TIME		CHANGED				
		None							
(	(ā)	Changes	in composi	tion of U	nit:-				
		None							
	( e )	Summary	of Contact	в:-					
		None							
	(f)	Brief of	operation	s of other	d Units:-				
		None							
	(g)	Importar	nt informat	ion of own	n or enemy	forces:			
		None					100		

DAILY WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: 12 Feb.1943.
5. Service Ammunition	expended:-	
•	IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a) 5"/51 Cal	None	
(b) 3"/50 Cal.	None	
(c) 20mm AAMG	None	
(â) .30 Cal.	None	
(e) Depth Charges _	None	
6. Summary of Importan	t Orders received and doc	cisions reached:

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and 874(6), USN Regs. are not (xxx) included.

7. Remarks on materials and operational features not included in

action reports:-

W.B. FLETCHER, Jr., Commander, U. S. Navy, Commanding.

		DAILY WAR DIARY U.S.S.LIBRA(AKA12)
Tim	e Z	one Description - 12 (4-11) Date Feb.12,1943.
En	Rou	te Drom Wellington, N.Z. To Bora Bora.
1.	(a)	Designation of Major Task Force or Fleet: CTF 62, SoPac.
	(b)	Designation of Next Higher Echelon: TransDivsAmphibFor, SoPac.
	(c)	Designation of Unit: 62.4.1
		Composition of Unit: LIBRA HENRY T.ALLEN
2.	(a)	The operation plan or order (despatch) of the
		immediate superior: Task Force 62, Despatch 090235-February.
	(b)	Brief of the directive(s) contained therein: Wellington, N.Z. to Bora Bora. Embark units and equipment 98th C.A.Regiment.
3.	(a)	Ship's Position (LCT) At:
		0800 Lat. 36° 10'S 1200 Lat. 35° 29'S 2000 Lat. 34° 20'S
		Long. 176° 06 W Long. 175° 11'W Long. 173° 35'W
	(b)	Course and distance 358 Mi. made
		good since previous noon.
	(c)	Notes on meteorological conditions (if any) which may have
		affected the mission:

DAILY V	VAR DIARY	U.S.S.	LIBRA (AKA12)	Date:	12 Feb.	1943.	
4. Brid	of Day's Ope	rations:-					
(a)	Base Course 048	3°G, 048.5°T	, Ol6 PSTGC	_Stand	lard Spee	d 15 kts	
	Position in For	rmation: On 1:	ine of Bearing	90°,	1000 yds		
(b)	Changes in cour	ese and Speed	d:-				
	TIME		CHANGED				
	None				TO	IV.	
			A Service and the service and		TO		
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(c)	Changes in Form	mation:-					
	TIME		CHANGED				
	иоив						
		TE NO DEED,		Altr			
( (a)	Changes in com						
- 1	NONE						
(e)	Summary of Con	acts:-					
	NONE						
				-44.			
(f)	Brief of operat	tions of other	r'Units:-				
	иоие						
(0)	Important info	metion of o	an on enemy fo	noce.			
(6)		.meso roll of or	or enemy to				
	NONE						

DAILY WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: Feb.12,1943.
5. Service Ammunition e	xpended:-	
	IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a) 5"/51 Cal	None	
(b) 3"/50 Cal	None	
(c) 20mm AAMG	None	
(a) .30 Cal.	None	
(e) Depth Charges	None	
6. Summary of Important	Orders received and dec	cisions reached:

7. Remarks on materials and operational features not included in action reports:-

1700 changed Time Zone from (-)12 to (-1)11

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and g74(6), USN Regs.arc not (xxx) included.

den Dere de W.B.FLETCHER, Jr., Commander, U.S. Navy,

		DAILY WAR DIARY U.S.S.LIBRA(AKA12)
Ti	me Z	one Description Date Feb.13,1943.
En	Rou	te Drom Wellington, N.Z. To Bora Bora.
1.	(a)	Designation of Major Task Force or Fleet: CTF 62, SoPac.
	(d)	Designation of Next Higher Echelon: TransDivsAmphibFor SoPac.
	(c)	Designation of Unit: 62.4.1
		Composition of Unit: LIBRA HENRY T.ALLEN
2.	(a)	The operation plan or order (despatch) of the
		immediate superior: Task Force 62, Despatch 090235 of February.
	(b)	Brief of the directive(s) contained therein:
		Wellington, N.Z. to Bora Bora. Embark units and equipment 98th C.A.Regiment.
3.	(a)	Ship's Position (LCT) At:
		0800 Lat.28° 24'S 1200 Lat. 27°44'S 2000 Lat.26°25'S
		Long. 166°15'W. Long. 165°21'W Long. 163°46'W
	(a)	Course 048°C, 048.5°W and distance 339 Miles. made
		good since previous noon.
	(c)	Notes on meteorological conditions (if any) which may have
		affected the mission:

DAILY	WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: Feb.13,1943.
4. Bri	of Day's Operati	.ons:-	
(a)	Base Course 048°C	, 048.5°T, 017°PSTGC	Standard Speed 15 kts
	Position in Format	ion: On line of Beari	ng 90°, 1000 yds.
(b)	Ohenges in course	and Speed:-	
	TIME	CHANGED	
	None		TO
			TO
			TO
			TO
(c)	Changes in Formati	on:-	
	TIME	CHANGED	
	None'		
( (ā)	Changus in composi	tion of Unit:-	
	None		
(€)	Summary of Contact	;s:-	
	None :		
(f)	Brief of operation	ns of other Units:-	
(g)	Important informat	ion of own or enemy f	orces:-

DAILY WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: 13 Feb.1943.
5. Service Ammunition	expended:-	
	IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a) 5"/51 Cal	None	
(b) 3"/50 Cal	None	
(c) 20mm AAMG	None	
(a) .30 Cal	None	
(e) Depth Charges	None	
6. Summary of Importa	nt Orders received and doc	cisions reached:

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and 874(6), USN Regs.arc not (ext) included.

7. Remarks on materials and operational features not included in

action reports:-

W.B.FLETCHER, Jr., Commander, U. S. Navy, Commanding.

		DAILY WAR DIARY U.S.S.LIBRA(AKA12)
Ti	me Z	one Description _/- 11 Date Feb.14,1943.
En	Rou	te Drom Wellington, N.Z. To Bora Bora
1.	(a)	Designation of Major Task Force or Fleet: CTF 62, SoPac.
	(b)	Designation of Next Higher Echelon: TransDivsAmphibFor, SoPac.
	(c)	Designation of Unit: 62.4.1
		Composition of Unit: LIBRA HENRY T.ALLEN.
2.	(a)	The operation plan or order (despatch) of the
		immediate superior: Task Force 62, Despatch 090235 of February.
	(b)	Brief of the directive(s) contained therein: Wellington, N.Z. to Bora Bora. Embark units and equipment 98th C.A.Regiment.
3.	(a)	Ship's Position (LCT) At:
d		0800 Lat. 240 33.58 1200 Lat. 23040'S 2000 Lat. 22058.5'S
		Long. 161°27'W Long. 160°40' W. Long. 159°02'W.
	(b)	Course 048°G. 048°.5 T and distance 352 miles made
		good since previous noon.
	(c)	Notes on meteorological conditions (if any) which may have
TE 0		affected the mission:

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DA:	LLY	WAR DIAR	Y	U.S.S.I	JBRA (AKAla	2) Date	: Feb.14	1,1943.
4.	Bri	f of Da	y's Operation					
	(a)	Base Con	urse_048°6,	048.56T	, (020°PSTGC	Stan	dard Sp	eed 15 kts.
	Position in Format (b) Changes in course			on: On 1:	ine of Bear	ing of 9	00. 100	oo yds.
				and Speed:-				
			TIME		CHANGED			
			1546		Course		TO 090°	063°PSTGC
			42,42				TO	A Made I
						54	TO	
	(c)	Changes	in Formation	on:-				No.
			TIME		CHANGED			
		None						
(	(a)	Changes	in composit	tion of U	nit:-			
		None	E TANKE PT					
	(€)	Summary	of Contacts	:-	* 6 ( 47) ( 10 ( ) )			
		None	onter a ne					
	(f)	Brief of	operations	of othe	r Units:-			
		None						
1	(8)	Importar	nt informati	on of ow	n or enemy	forces:		

DAILY WA	AR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: Feb.14,1943.
5. Servic	e Ammunition	expended:-	
		IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a) 5"	/51 Cal	None	
(b) 3"	/50 Cal	None	
(c) 20	mm AAMG	None	
(ā) .3	0 Cal	None	
(e) De	pth Charges _	None	
6. Summar	y of Importan	t Orders received and de	ccisions reached:
7. Remark	s on material	s and operational featur	res not included in
action	reports:-		
Sot in	logic sheed on	hour to 1 10 Zone time	

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and g74(6), USN Regs.arc not (xxx) included.

W.B. FLETCHER, Jr.

W.B.FLETCHER, Jr., Commander, U.S. Navy,

		DAILY WAR DIARY U.S.S.LIBRA(ARAI2)
Ti	me Z	one Description / 10 Date 15 Feb.1943.
En	Rou	te Brom Wellington, N.Z. To Bora Bora.
1.	(a)	Designation of Major Task Force or Fleet: CTF 62, SoPac.
	(ď)	Designation of Next Higher Echelon: TransDivsAmphFor, SoPac.
	(c)	Designation of Unit: 62.4.1
		Composition of Unit: LIBRA HENRY T.ALLEN.
2.	(a)	The operation plan or order (despatch) of the
		immediate superior: Task Force 62. Despatch 090235 of February.
	(b)	Brief of the directive(s) contained therein:
		Wellington, N.Z. to Bora Bora. Embark Units and equipment 98th C.A.Regiment.
3.	(a)	Ship's Position (LCT) At:
		0800 Lat. 21°53.5'8 1200 Lat. 21°02 8 2000 Lat. 19°29'8.
		Long. 156°29.5 W Long. 155°54'W. Long. 154°44'W
	(b)	Course0590 m and distance 310 made
		good since previous noon.
	(c)	Notes on meteorological conditions (if any) which may have affected the mission:

DA	ILY I	WAR DIAR	Y	U.S.S.LI	BRA (AKAL	2) Date	: 15 Feb	.1943.	
4.	Bri	of of Day	y's Operatio						
	(a)	Base Con	urse_090°G,	090.5°T,	063°PSTGC	Stan	dard Spe	ed <u>15 kt</u>	s.
			n in Formati						
	(b)	Ohenges	in course a	se and Speed:-					
	-	ا بادر داله د	TIME		CHANGED				
	1		0210		Course		TO 060°	G,060.5°	T,
			0225		Course	4 9	TO 036°	033 PS G.036.5° Oll PST	TGO
							TO		. 1
	(c)	Ohenges	in Formatio	on:-					
			TIME		CHANGED				
		None							
(	(ā)	Changes	in composit	sion of Un	1t:-				
	(-)	None		er prairie	Catalyore Salahan Salahan				
	(6)	None	of Contacts						
	(f)	Brief of	operations	s of other	Units:-				
		None			2023), 30 1			•	
	(8)	Importar	nt informati	on of own	or enemy	forces:			
		None			1-5				

DAILY WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: 15 Feb.1943.
5. Service Ammunition	expended:-	
	IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a) 5"/51 Cal	None	
(b) 3"/50 Cal	None	
(c) 20mm AAMG	None	
(a) .30 Cal	None	
(e) Depth Charges	None	
6. Summary of Importa	nt Orders received and dec	isions reached:

7. Remarks on materials and operational features not included in action reports:-

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and 874(6), USN Regs.arc not (xxxx) included.

W.B.FLETCHER, Jr., Commander, U.S. Navy,

		DAILY WAR DIARY U.S.S.LIBRA(AKA12)
Ti	me Z	one Description / 10 Date Feb.16,1943.
En	Rou	te From Wellington, N.Z. To Bora Bora
1.	(a)	Designation of Major Task Force or Fleet: CTF 62, SoPac.
	(b)	Designation of Next Higher Echelon: TransDivsAmphibFor, SoPac.
	(c)	Designation of Unit: 62.4.1
		Composition of Unit: LIBRA HENRY T.ALLEN.
2.	(a)	The operation plan or order (despatch) of the
		immediate superior: Task Force 62, Despatch 090235 of February.
	(b)	Brief of the directive(s) contained therein:
	- 1	Wellington, N.Z. to Bora Bora. Embark Units and equipment of 98th C.A.Regiment.
3.	(a)	Ship's Position (LCT) At:
		0800 Lat. 17002 1 1200 Lat. 16019-15 8 2000 Lat. AtAnchor.
		Long. 152053: W Long. 152019 W. Long.
	(b)	Course 360 and distance 352 made
		good since previous noon.
	(c)	Notes on meteorological conditions (if any) which may have
		affected the mission:

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DAI	ILY 1	VAR DIAR	Y U.S.S.L	IBRA (AKAl2) Date	Feb.16,1945.		
4.	Bri	Brief of Day's Operations:-					
	(a) Base Course 036°T, 012°PSTGC 024°PSC Standard Speed 15 kts.						
Position in Formation: On line of Bearing 900, 1000 yds.					o, 1000 yds.		
	(b)	Changes	in course and Speed				
			TIME	CHANGED			
			1145	Base Course	T0107°T,085°PSTC		
			1300-1345	Course Various	TO 106 PSC.		
			1345-1453	Following movement of Henry T.Allen	TO		
			1453	Anchored	Funui Bay, BoraBora. To Society Islands.		
	(c)	Changes	in Formation:-				
			TIME	CHANGED			
			5 Following movement horage.	s of Henry T.ALLE	N, (Form 18) to		
(	(ā)	Changes	in composition of U	nit:-			
	(€)	Summary	of Contacts:-				
	(f)	Brief of	operations of othe	r Units:-			

(g) Important information of own or enemy forces:-

DAILY WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: Feb.16,1943.
5. Service Ammunition	expended:-	
	IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a) 5"/51 Cal	None	
(b) 3"/50 Cal	None	
(c) 20mm AAMG	None	
(a) .30 Cal	None	
(e) Depth Charges	None	

- 6. Summary of Important Orders received and decisions reached:

  COMSOPAC despatch 170302 of February makes MONTGOMERY(DMS17)

  available at Naudi for escort of T.G. 62.4.1 on Feb.20th.
- 7. Remarks on materials and operational features not included in action reports:-

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and g74(6), USN Regs.arc not (xxxxx) included.

W.B. FLETCHER, Jr. . Commander, U. S. Navy, Commanding.

			DAILY	WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA(A	KA12)
Ti	me Z	one Description	<i>+</i> 10		Date Feb.17,1943.	
		te prom At Ancho				
_					eet: CTF.62, SoPac	3.
					ransDivs.AmphibFor	
	(c)	Designation of I	Unit: 6	2.4.1		
		Composition of U	Unit: LIE HEN	RA T.ALLEN.		
2.	(a)	The operation pl	lan or ord	ler (despatch	) of the	
		immediate superi	ior: Task	Force 62, Be	spatch 090235 of I	February.
	(b)	Brief of the dir Wellington, N.Z. of 98 C.A.Regime	to Bora		herein: units and <b>equi</b> pme	ent
3.	(a)	Ship's Position	(LCT) At:	At Anchor,	Funui Bay.	
		0800 Lat		200 Lat	2000 Lat	•
		Long.		Long.	Long	•
	(b)				ое	
		good since previ	ous noon.			
	(c)	Notes on meteoro	ological c	onditions (if	any) which may h	nave
4		affected the mis	ssion:			
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DA:	LLY I	WAR DIARY	U.S.S.I	IBRA (AKA12)	Date: Feb.17,1943.			
4.	Bri	Brief of Day's Operations:-						
	(a)	Base Cor	arse At Anchor	They be the	_Standard Speed			
		Position	n in Formation:					
	(b)	Ohenges	in course and Speed	:-				
			TIME	CHANGED				
			None	-	TO			
					TO			
					TO			
					TO			
	(c)	Ohanges	in Formation:-					
			TIME	CHANGED				
		, I	lone					
(	(ā)	Changes	in composition of U	nit:-				
		The state of	Tone					
	(€)	Sunmary	of Contacts:-					
			Ione .					
	(f)	Brief of	operations of other	r Units:-				
		Long	Ione					
	(g)	Importar	nt information of ow	n or enemy for	rocs:-			
		1	Ione					

DAILY WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: Feb.17,1943.
5. Service Ammunition	expended:-	
	IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a) 5"/51 Cal	None	
(b) 3"/50 Cal	None	
(c) 20mm AAMG	None	
(a) .30 Cal.	None	
(e) Depth Charges _	None	
	t Orders received and dec	

fresh provisions are not required at Efati. (Should not have taken

7. Remarks on materials and operational features not included in action reports:-

reefer cargo at Wellington).

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and 874(6), USN Regs.arc not (manuar) included.

W.B.FLÉTCHER, Jr., Commander, U.S. Navy, Commanding.

		DAILY WAR DIARY U.S.S.LIBRA(AKA12)	
T1	me Z	one Description / 10 Date Feb.18,1943.	
		te Drom At Anchor Bora Bora, Society Islands.	
1.	(a)	Designation of Major Task Force or Fleet: CTF 62, SoPac.	
	(b)	Designation of Next Higher Echelon: TransDivsAmphibFor.SoPac.	
	(c)	Designation of Unit: 62.4.1	
		Composition of Unit: LIBRA HENRY T.ALLEN.	
2.	(a)	The operation plan or order (despatch) of the	
		immediate superior: Task Force 62, Despatch 090235 of February	
	(b) Brief of the directive(s) contained therein:		
		Wellington, N.Z. to Bora Bora. Embark Units and equipment of 98th C.A. Regiment.	
3.	(a)	Ship's Position (LCT) At: At Anchor.	
•		0800 Lat. 1200 Lat. 2000 Lat.	
		Long. Long. Long.	
	(b)	Course and distance made	
		good since previous noon.	
	(c)	Notes on meteorological conditions (if any) which may have	
		affected the mission:	

DA:	LLY 1	VAR DIARY U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: Feb. 18, 1943.
4.	Bri	of Day's Operations:-	
	(a)	Base Course At Anchor	Standard Speed
		Position in Formation:	
	(ď)	Changes in course and Speed:-	
		TIME CHANGED	
		At Anchor	TO
			то
			TO
			TO
	(c)	Changes in Formation:-	
		<u>TIME</u> <u>CHANGED</u>	
		None	
(	(ā)	Changes in composition of Unit:-	
		None	
	(€)	Summary of Contacts:-	
		None	
	(f)	Brief of operations of other Units:-	
		None	
	(E)	Important information of own or enemy for	orces:-
		None	

DAILY WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: Feb.18,1943.
5. Service Ammunition	expended:-	
	IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a) 5"/51 Cal	None e	
(b) 3"/50 Cal	None	
(c) 20mm AAMG	None	
(a) .30 Cal	None	
(e) Depth Charges	None	

- 6. Summary of Important Orders received and decisions reached: C.T.U. 62.4.1 - 182147 Reports readiness Task Unit to depart 2100-19th. ComTransGroup SoPac 190203 directs unit to depart 2100 - 19th, proceed unescorted to VILA. TRACY joins as escort later.
- 7. Remarks on materials and operational features not included in action reports:-

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and 874(6), USN Regard not (xxxx) included.

W.B. FLETCHER, Jr.

Commander, U. S. Navy,

m.		DAILI WAR DIARI U.S.S.LIBRA(ARAIZ)
		one Description / 9 Date Febr.19,1943.
En	Hou	te Drom At Anchor Bora Bora, Soc Toty Islands.
1.	(a)	Designation of Major Task Force or Fleet: CTF 62, SOPAC.
	(b)	Designation of Next Higher Echelon: TransDivsAmphibFor.SoPac.
	(c)	Designation of Unit: 62.4.1
		Composition of Unit: LIBRA HENRY T.ALLEN.
2.	(a)	The operation plan or order (despatch) of the
		immediate superior: ComTrans Group SoPac. 190203.
	(b)	Brief of the directive(s) contained therein: Directs Unit to proceed unescorted to VILA. TRACY joins as escort later.
3.	(a)	Ship's Position (LCT) At:
		0800 Lat. At Anchor 1200 Lat. At Anchor 2000 Lat. 17004's
		Long. Long. Long. 153°13'W
P	(b)	Course and distance made
		good since previous noon.
	(c)	Notes on meteorological conditions (if any) which may have
		affected the mission:

DAILY WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIB	RA (AKA12) Date:	Feb.19,1943.
4. Brief of Day's Opera	tions:-		
(a) Base Course At Ar	nchor	Stand	lard Speed
Position in Forma	stion:		
(b) Changes in course	e and Speed:-		
TIME	<u>C1</u>	HANGED	
1400 Cour	rse Various, U	nderway-Standing	50t of Funui Bay.
1334	S	teady on course	TO 270°G, 269° ST.
1355	S	need	TO Standard.15 kts.
			TO
. (c) Changes in Format	tion:-		
TIME	<u>C1</u>	HANGED	
(Form 9) Line of Be	earing 90°, Di	istance 1000 yard	ls.
( (d) Changes in compos	sition of Uni	t:-	
None			
(ε) Summary of Contac	cts:-		
None			
(f) Brief of operation	ons of other I	Units:-	
1300- M83 and 2 of harbor. 1315- HENRY T.ALI		sweepers underw	ray, standing out
(g) Important informs		or enemy forces:-	
None			

DAILY WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: Feb.19,1943.
5. Service Ammunition	expanded:-	
	IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a) 5"/51 Cal	None	
(b) 3"/50 Cal	None	
(c) 20mm AAMG	None	
(a) .30 Cal.	None	
(e) Depth Charges	None	
6. Summary of Importar	nt Orders received and dec	cisions reached:

7. Remarks on materials and operational features not included in

Received G.T.G. 200635 to TRACY to rendevous T.U.62.4.1 in

Clock retarded one hour at 1400 to Zone Time / 10.

position 17-228, 169-50 W at 2100 Z, Feb. 22.

action reports:-

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and 874(6), USN Regs. arc not (xxx) included.

W.B.FLETCHER, Jr., Commander, U. S. Navy,

		DAILY WAR DIARY U.S.S.LIBRA(AKA12)						
Ti	me Z	one Description + 10 Date February 20, 1943						
En	Rou	te Drom Bora Bora To Vila						
1.	(a)	Designation of Major Task Force or Fleet: CTF62, SoPac.						
	(b)	Designation of Next Higher Echelon: TransDivsAmphibFor SoPac.						
	(c)	Designation of Unit: 62.4.1						
		Composition of Unit: LIBRA HENRY T. ALLEN						
2.	(a)	The operation plan or order (despatch) of the						
		immediate superior: ComTrans Group SoPac 190203						
	(6)	Brief of the directive(s) contained therein: Directs unit to proceed unescorted to Vila. Tracy joins as escort later.						
3.	(a)	Ship's Position (LCT) At:						
		0800 Lat. 17019'8 1200 Lat. 17021'S 2000 Lat. 17026'S						
		Long. 156°11'W Long. 157°01'W Long. 158°54'W						
	(b)	Course 270°G, 269.5°T. and distance 308 made						
		good since previous moon, departure from Bora Bora						
	(c)	Notes on meteorological conditions (if any) which may have						
		affected the mission:						

DA:	ILY 1	WAR DIARY		U.S.S.L	IBRA (AKA12)	Date:_	February	0, 1943	
4.	Brief of Day's Operations:-								
	(a)	Base Cou	rse 270°G	,269.5°T,2	270pstgc	Standard Speed 15 knots			
		Position	n in Forma	tion: On 1	ine of bearing	g 90°,	distance 10	000 yās.	
	(b)	Changes	in course	and Speed	:-				
			TIME		CHANGED				
			NONE			T	0		
						Т	0		
						T	0		
						T	0		
	(c)	Changes	in Format:	Lon:-					
			TIME		CHANGED				
		NOME							
(	(ā)	Changes	in composi	ltion of U	nit:-				
		NONE							
	(€)	Summary	of Contact	:e:-					
		NONE							
	(f)	Brief of	operation	ns of othe	r Units:-				
		NONE			September 1				
	(g)	Importan	it informat	ion of ow	n or enemy fo	rccs:-			
		NONE							

DAILY WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: February 20, 1943
5. Service Ammunition	expended:-	
	IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a) 5"/51 Cal	NONE	
(b) 3"/50 Cal.	NONE .	
(c) 20mm AAMG	NONE	
(a) .30 Cal.	NONE	
(e) Depth Charges _	NONE	
6. Summary of Importar	nt Orders received and dec	cisions reached:

7. Remarks on materials and operational features not included in action reports:-

1700 clock retarded one hour to Zone / 11.

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and 874(6), USN Regs. are not (AFF) included.

W.B.FLETCHER, Jr., Commander, U.S. Navy, Commanding.

		DAILY WAR DIARY U.S.S.LIBRA(AKAIZ)
Ti	me Z	one Description / 11 Date Feb. 21, 1943.
En	Rou	te Mrom BORA BORA TO VILA
1.	(a)	Designation of Major Task Force or Fleet: CTF 62, SoPac.
	(6)	Designation of Next Higher Echelon TransDivsAmphiaFor, SoPac.
	(c)	Designation of Unit: 62.4.1
		Composition of Unit: LIBRA HENRY TO ALLEN
2	(-1	
	(a)	The operation plan or order (despatch) of the
		immediate superior: Comtrans Group SoPac 190203
	(ď)	Brief of the directive(s) contained therein: Directs unit to proceed unescorted to VIIA. TRACY joins as escort later.
3.	(a)	Ship's Position (LCT) At:
		0800 Lat. 17°32'S 1200 Lat. 17°-37'S 2000 Lat. 17°23'S
		Long.161° 48.5'W Long. 163°20'W Long. 165°18'W
	(b)	Course 268°T and distance 361 made
		good since previous noon.
	(c)	Notes on meteorological conditions (if any) which may have
		affected the mission:

DA:	ILY 1	WAR DIARY	Y	U.S.S.L	IBRA (AKA12)	Date:	Feb. 2	1,1943	
4.	Brief of Day's Operations:-								
	(a) Base Course 2700G, 269.50T(2680PSTGC) Standard S							ed <u>15 knots</u>	
		Position	n in Formst	ion: <u>in li</u>	ne of bearing	900,	1000 yds	. distance.	
	(b)	Ohenges	in course	and Speed					
			TIME		CHANGED				
			1225		Base Course			,279.5°T, PSTGC.	
							TO		
						114	TO		
	(c)	Changes	in Formati	on:-					
			TIME		CHANGED				
		NONE							
(	(ā)	Changes	in composi	tion of U	nit:-				
		NONE							
	(e)	Sunmary	of Contact	s:-					
Ť.	1	NONE							
		Brief of	operation	s of other	C Units:-				
	(g)	Importar	nt informat	ion of own	or enemy fo	rcos!-			

NONE

DAILY WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: Feb. 21, 1943
5. Service Ammunit	ion expended:-	
	IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a) 5"/51 Cal.	NONE	
(b) 3"/50 Cal.	NONE	
(c) 20mm AAMG	NONE	
(a) .30 Cal.	NONE	
(e) Depth Charg	E MONE	
6. Summary of Impo	rtant Orders received and de	cisions reached:

7. Remarks on materials and operational features not included in action reports:-

NONE

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and 874(6), USN Regs.arc not (are) included.

W.B.FLETCHER, Jr.,
Commander, U. S. Navy,
Commanding.

		TAILY WAR DIARY U.S.S.LIBRA(ARAIZ)
Ti	me Z	one Description / 11 Date Feb. 22,1943.
En	Rou	te Prom Bora Bora To Vila.
1.	(a)	Designation of Major Task Force or Fleet: CTF 62, SoPac.
	(b)	Designation of Next Higher Echelon: TransDivsAmphib For, SoPac.
	(c)	Designation of Unit: 62.4.1
		Composition of Unit: LIBRA HENRY T.ALLEN.
2.	(a)	The operation plan or order (despatch) of the
		immediate superior: ComTransGroup SoPac. 190203.
		Brief of the directive(s) contained therein: Direct unit to proceed unescorted to VILA . TRACY joins as escort later.
3.	(a)	Ship's Position (LCT) At:
		0800 Lat. 17º 19'S 1200 Lat. 17º 28'S 2000 Lat. 17º 33'S
		Long. 168°17'W Long. 169°22.5'W Long. 171°39'W
	(b)	Course 2680 True and distance 346 miles. made
		good since previous noon.
	(c)	Notes on meteorological conditions (if any) which may have
		affected the mission:

DAILY WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: F2b.22,1945.
4. Brief of Day's Operation	ons:-	
(a) Base Course 280°C, 2	279°.5 T, 279°PSTGC	Standard Speed 15 kts.
Position in Format:	ion: On line of bearin	g,90°,1000 yds.distance.
(b) Changes in course	and Speed:-	
TIME	CHANGED	
	Base Cours	e TO 270°G, 269.5°T. 269°PSTGC

(c) Changes in Formation:-

TIME

CHANGED

- ( (d) Changes in composition of Unit:-
  - (e) Summary of Contacts:1100- Sighted TRACY, bearing 2850 True.
  - (f) Brief of operations of other Units:1400- ALLEN held Gunnery exercise.
  - (g) Important information of own or enemy forces:-

DAILY WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: Feb. 22,1943.
5. Service Ammunition e	xpended:-	
	IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a) 5"/51 Cal	None	
(b) 3"/50 Cal.	None	
(c) 20mm AAMG	None	
(a) .30 Cal.	None	
(e) Depth Charges	None	
6. Summary of Important	Orders received and d	lecisions reached:
7. Remarks on materials	and operational featu	ares not included in

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and g74(6), USN Regs.arc not (xxxx) included.

1700 Clock retarded one hour to Zone Time / 12.

action reports:-

des see en j. W.B.FLETCHER, Jr., Commander, U. S. Navy,

		DAILY WAR DIARY U.S.S.LIBRA(AKA12)
Ti	me Z	one Description -12 Date Feb. 24, 1943.
En	Rou	te Drom Bora Bora To Vila.
1.	(a)	Designation of Major Task Force or Fleet: CTF 62, SoPac.
	(b)	Designation of Next Higher Echelon: TransDivsAmphibFor SoPac.
	(c)	Designation of Unit: 62.4.1
		Composition of Unit: LIBRA HENRY T.ALLEN DD TRACY.
2.	(a)	The operation plan or order (despatch) of the
		immediate superior: ComTransGroup, SoPac. 190203.
	(b)	Brief of the directive(s) contained therein: Directs Unit to proceed to Vila.
3.	(a)	Ship's Position (LCT) At:
)		0800 Lat.17°45' S 1200 Lat. 18°06'S 2000 Lat.18°56'S.
		Long. 174°42' W. Long. 175°53'W Long. 177°18'W.
	(b)	Course 264° and distance 355 made
		good since previous noon.
	(c)	Notes on meteorological conditions (if any) which may have
		affected the mission:

DA:	ILY 1	WAR DIAR	Y T	U.S.S.L	IBRA (AKA)	12) Date	: Feb.2	4,1943.
4.	Bri	ef of Day	y's Operati	ons:-				
	(a)	Base Con	urse 270°G,	269°.5T,	270°PSTC	Stan	dard Sp	eed 15 kts.
			n in Format:					
	(b)	Changes	in course	and Speed	::			
			TIME		CHANGED			
			0703		Course			04.241.5°T. 241°PSTGC
							TO	
							TO	77.71
							OT	1
	(c)	Changes	in Formati	on:-				
			TIME		CHANGED			
		None						
(	(ā)	Changes	in composi	tion of U	nit:-	San Jan		*
		None						
	(e)	Sunmary	of Contacts	3:-		701- 42 700		
		None						* *
	·(f)	Brief of	operation	of other	r Units:-			
		None						
	(50)	Impostor	nt informat:	on of our	n on chem	forces		
	(8)	None	io iniormati	LOII OI OW	ir or enemy	/ 101.008;		
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D	AILY WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12	Date: Feb. 24, 1943.
5.	Service Ammunition	expended:-	
		IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
	(a) 5"/51 Cal	None	
	(b) 3"/50 Cal	None	
	(c) 20mm AAMG _	None	
	(a) .30 Cal	None	
	(e) Depth Charges	None	
6.	Summary of Imports	ant Orders received and	decisions reached:
7	Remarks on materia	als and operational feat	ures not included in
	action reports:-	16 and Operational read	ares not increased in
	0000 - Changed	Zone Time to -12.	

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and 874(6), USN Regs.arc not (xxxx included.

		<u>D</u>	AILY WAR DIAF	u.s.s.L	IBRA(AKA12)
Ti	me Z	Zone Description 1	.2	Date Feb. 25	,1943.
En	Rou	ate Drom Bora Bora	To	Vila.	- 4 4 7 1
1.	(a)	Designation of Major	r Task Force or	Fleet:CTF 62,	SoPac.
	(b)	Designation of Next	Higher Echelor	TransDivsAmph	ibFor.SoPac.
	(c)	Designation of Unit	62.4.1		
		Composition of Unit	LIBRA		
2.	(a)	The operation plan	or order (despa	tch) of the	
		immediate superior:	ComTransGroup	SoPac. 190203.	
	(b)	Brief of the directi	ive(s) containe	d therein:	
		Directs unit to	proceed to Vi	la.	
3.	(a)	Ship's Position (LC)	r) At:		
		0800 Lat.19°51'S	1200 Lat	19°59'S 20	00 Lat.19°52'S.
		Long. 179°43	E Long.1	78°45.5'E.	Long. 176°33'E.
	(b)	Course 251°T	and dis	tance 342	made
		good since previous	noon.		
	(c)	Notes on meteorologi	cal conditions	(if any) which	n may have
1		affected the mission			

DA:	ILY V	WAR DIAR	Y U.S.S	.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: Feb. 25, 1943.
4.	Bri	of of Da	y's Operations:-		
	(a)	Base Co	urse 242°T, 241.5°G,	241 PSTGC	Standard Speed 15 kts.
		Positio	n in Formation: on	line of Bearin	g 90°, 1000 yds.Dist.
	(b)	Changes	in course and Spe	ed:-	
			TIME	CHANGED	
			2400	Course	TO 262°T, 261°5G, 261°PSTGC.
			1500	Course	TO 284°T, 282°5G. 285°PSTGO.
	(c)	Changes	in Formation:-		
		No	TIME one	CHANGED	
(	(ā)		in composition of	Unit:-	
	(€)		of Contacts:-		
		No	one		
	(f)		f operations of oth	ner Units:-	
	(g)	Importa	nt information of	own or enemy for	rccs:-
		No	one		

DAILY WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: Feb.25,1945.
5. Service Ammunition	expended:-	
	IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a) 5"/51 Cal	None	
(b) 3"/50 Cal	None	
(c) 20mm AAMG	None	
(a) .30 Cal	None	
(e) Depth Charges	None.	
6. Summary of Imports	nt Orders received and dec	isions reached:
7 Remarks on materia	la and operational feature	s not included in

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and 874(6), USN Regs.arc not (axxx) included.

1700- Retarded clock one hour to Zone Time -11

action reports:-

		DAILY WAR DIARY U.S.S.LIBRA(AKAI2)
Ti	me Z	one Description 4 11 Date Feb. 26, 1943.
En	Rou	te PDrom Bora Bora To Vila.
1.	(a)	Designation of Major Task Force or Fleet: CTF 62, SoPac.
	(b)	Designation of Next Higher Echelon: TransDivsAmphibFor, SoPac.
	(c)	Designation of Unit: 62.4.1
		Composition of Unit: LIBRA. HENRY T.ALLEN, DD TRACY.
2.	(a)	The operation plan or order (despatch) of the
		immediate superior: ComTransGroup SoPac. 190203.
	(a)	Brief of the directive(s) contained therein:
		Directs unit to proceed to VILA.
3.	(a)	Ship's Position (LCT) At:
		0800 Lat. 19°19'S. 1200 Lat. 18°52'S 2000 Lat. 18°18'
		Long. 1730_36'W. Long. 172036.5'E. Long. 170039'E
	(b)	Course 281 T. and distance 354 miles. made
		good since previous noon.
	(c)	Notes on meteorological conditions (if any) which may have
Ġ		affected the mission:

DAILY WAR DIA	U.S.	s.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: Feb. 26, 1943	5.							
4. Brief of D	ay's Operations:-										
(a) Base C	ours: 284°T ,283.5°	G,284°PSTGG	_Standard Speed_15	kts.							
Positi	Position in Formation: On Line of bearing 900, Distance 1000 yds.										
(b) Change	s in course and Sp	peed:-									
	TIME	CHANGED									
	0900	Course	TO 300°T, 299.								
	1500	Course	TO 2830T, 282.								
	2200	. Course	TO 270°T, 269.	PSTGO. PSTGO.							
(c) Change	s in Formation:-			1							
Nor	<u>TIME</u> ne	<u>CHANGED</u>									
( (å) Change	s in composition of	of Unit:-									
Nor	ne										
	y of Contacts:- Sighted unknown ve	essel bearing 255	OT, Distance about	15 mile							
(f) Brist	of onemations of o	sthen Unite:									

None

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(g) Important information of own or enemy forces:-

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D	AILY WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12) Date: Feb.26,1945.
5.	Service Ammunition	expended:-
		IN ACTION LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
	(a) 5"/51 Cal	None
	(b) 3"/50 Cal	None
	(c) 20mm AAMG	None
	(à) .30 Cal	None
	(e) Depth Charges	None
6.	Summary of Importar	nt Orders received and decisions reached:
7.	Remarks on material	s and operational features not included in
	action reports:-	

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and 874(6), USN Regs.arc not (amount) included.

None

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		ne Descr							_Fe	bruary	27,	1943.
En	Rout	te Drom_	BORA	BORA			1.0	VILA				
1.	(a)	Designat	ion of	Major	Task	Force	or	Fleet:	CTF	62, SeP	ac.	
	(d)	Designat	ion of	Next 1	Higher	Eche	lon	Transl	)ivs.	Amph1s	For,S	oPac.
	(c)	Designat	ion of	Unit:	62.	4.1						
		Composit	ion of	Unit:		T. A	LLE	Ŋ				
2.	(a)	The oper	ation	plan q	r orde	r (de	spat	tch) of	the			
		immediat	e supe	rior: C	omTrar	sGrou	p,Se	Pac, 1	19020	3		
	(b)	Brief of	the d	irecti	ve(s)	conte	ined	l there	in:			
	100	Direc	ets uni	t to p	roceed	L to V	ila.					
3.	(a)	Ship's P	osițio	n (LCT	) At:_							
		0800	Lat. 17	-4718	12	00 La	t . 🛕	t Anche	or	2000	Lat. A	t Ancher
			Long.	68-14E		Long	ş		-1-	L	ong	
	(b)	Course _	VARIOUS		4	and d	list	ance _	292	Miles		_made
	-	good sin	ce pre	rious r	noon.			il esci	*			
	(c)	Notes on	meteo	rologic	al co	nd1-tic						
		affected	the m	ssion:								
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4.	Bri	of of Da	y's Operati	ons:-				
	(a)	Base Co	urst 270°T, 2	69.5°G,	271 PSTGC	_Standar	d Speed	15 knots
		Position	n in Format	ion: on 1	ine of bearing	, 90°, 1	000 ya	ds Dist.
	(b)	Changes	in course	and Spece	d:-			
			TIME		CHANGED			
			0702		Course Variou	TO		
			0838		Anchored, FILA New Hebr		EFATC	Isalnd,
						TO		
	(c)	Changes	in Formati	on:-				==U >=U 34
			TIME		CHANGED			
		0537		Format1	on to form 18.			
(	(a)	Changes	in composi	tion of T	Jnit:-			
		NONE						
	(e)	Summary	of Contact	s:-				
		NONE			THE PERSON			
	(f)	Brief of	f operation	s of other	r'Units:-			
		0700 -	2 DD's, Cru Task Unit 6	iser, and	d plane escert	vessel	sighted	
	(日)	Importar	nt informat	ion of ov	on or enemy fo	rcos:		
		NONE						
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DA	AILY WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (A	KA12) Date: February 27,	1943
5.	Service Ammunition	expended:-		
		IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCT	NCI
	(a) 5"/51 Cal	NONE		
	(b) 3"/50 Cal	NONE		
7.	(c) 20mm AAMG	NONE		
	(a) .30 Cal.	NONE		
	(e) Depth Charges _	NONE		
6.	Summary of Importan	t Orders received a	and decisions reached:	
7	Remarks on material	g and openetional f	Contumos not included in	
( •	Memarks on macchial	a sud oberarrouar i	eatures not included in	
	action reports:-			
	NONE			

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and 874(6), USN Regs. are not (\*\*\*) included.

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		one Description te <b>D</b> rom <u>Anchored</u>					
1.	(a)	Designation of	Major Task Fo	rce or Flee	t: 0	FF 62, SePa	e.
	(d)	Designation of	Next Higher E	chelon: Tre	nsDi	s. AmphibFo	r.SePac.
	(c)	Designation of	Unit: 62.4.				
		Composition of	TITING TO	T. ALLEN ACY			
2.	(a)	The operation p	olen or order	(despatch)	of t	he	
		immediate super	ior: ComTrans	Group, SePac	, 19	0203	
	(b)	Brief of the di	rective(s) co	nteined the	rein	•	
		Directs unit to	proceed to V	ila.			
3.	(a)	Ship's Position	(LCT) At: _A	t Anchor.			
		0800 Lat	1200	Lat.	100	2000 Lat	
		Long.		Long.		Long	s•
	(b)	Course	a	nd distance			made
		Motes on meteor	ological cond	itions (if	any)	which may	have

DA	ILY 1	WAR DIAR	Y U.S.S	.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: February 20, 1943			
4.	Bri	of of Da	y's Operations:-					
	(a)	Base Co	urse At Anchor		_Standard Speed			
		Position	n in Formation:					
	(b)	Changes	in course and Spe	ed:-				
			TIME	CHANGED				
			AT ANGHOR		TO			
					TO			
					TO			
					TO			
	(c)	Changes	in Formation:-	TVS YOURS				
			TIME	CHANGED				
		AT A	ECHOR					
(	(a)	Changes	in composition of	Unit:-				
		none						
	(€)	Sunmary	of Contacts:-					
		nome	100 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00					
	(f) Brief of operations of other Units:-							
		2010-1	J.S.S. ADBARA UNDER		ashava A Thatter or SePace.			
	(g)	Importar	nt information of	own or enemy fo	rccs:-			
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DAILY WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: February 28, 194
5. Service Ammunition	expended:-	
	IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a) 5"/51 Cal	NONE	
(b) 3"/50 Cal	NONE	
(c) 20mm AAMG	NONE	
(d) .30 Cel.	NONE	
(e) Depth Charges _	NONE	

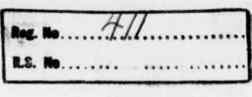
Received copy ComTransGroup, AmphibFor, SePac mailgram 230810/February concerning leading of 4th. Def.Bat'n. Also CTU 62.4.1 despatch of

7. Remarks on materials and operational features not included in action reports:- Discharging cargo throughout day and night.

6. Summary of Important Orders received and decisions reached:

28th requesting confirmation.

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and 874(6), USN Regs. are not (xxxx) included.



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WAR DIARY

U. S. S. LIBRA (AKAL2)

Month of

MARCH 1943.

			DAILY WAR	DIARY U.	S.S.LIBRA(AKA)	(2)
Ti	ne Z	one Description	-11	Date_M	arch 1, 1943.	
		te Brom At Anchor,				
1.	(a)	Designation of Ma	jor Task Ford	e or Fleet: C	IF 62 SoPac.	
	(b)	Designation of Ne	kt Higher Ech	nelon: TransDi	vsAmphiaFor.So	Pac.
	(c)	Designation of Un	it: 62.4.1			
		Composition of Un	HENRY T. DD TRACY	ALLEN		
2.	(a)	The operation plan	n or order (d	lespatch) of t	he	
		immediate superio	ComTranser	up, SoPac, 190	203	
	(a)	Brief of the dire	ctive(s) cont	sein <b>ed</b> therein	:	
		Directs unit to p	preceed to VI	LA.		
3.	(a)	Ship's Position (	LCT) At: And	hor		1
		0800 Lat. At A	chor. 1200 I	at.	2000 Lat	
		Long.	Lo	ong.	Long.	
	(b)	Course	and	distance		_made
		good since previou	s noon.			
	(c)	Notes on meteorolo		ions (if any)	which may hav	e

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DA:	LLY V	VAR DIAR	Y	U.S.S.LI	BRA (	AKA12)	Date: March 1, 19	43
4.	Bri	Brief of Day's Operations:-						
	(a)	Base Co	urse At And	hor			Standard Speed	
		Position	n in Formati	on: At	Ancho	r		
	(b)	Ohenges	in course a	and Speed:	-			
			TIME		CHANG	ED		
			At Anchor				TO	
							TO	
			-				TO	
				*			TO	
	(c)	Changes	in Formatio	on:-				
			TIME		CHANG	ED		
		At Anci	nor					
(	(ā)	Changes	in composit	ion of Un	it:-			
		NONE			3		1 (0.73)	
	(€)	Summary	of Contacts	3:-				
		NONE						
	(f)	Brief of	f operations	s of other	Unit	s:-		
			S.S. ADBARA					
	(8)	Importan	nt informati	ion of own	or c	nemy fo	rcos:-	
		NONE						
		TACTATE						

DAILY WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: MARCH 1, 1943
5. Service Ammunition ex	xponded:-	
	IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a) 5"/51 Cal	NONE	
(b) 3"/50 Cal.	NONE	
(c) 20mm AAMG	NONE	
(a) .30 Cal.	NONE	
(e) Depth Charges'	NONE	
6. Summary of Important	Orders received and doc	isions reached:

7. Remarks on materials and operational features not included in action reports:-

Loading ezrgo . 4 1 Defence Battalion , U.S.M.C., in Nove compliance ComTrans Group, So Pac, mailgram 23 0810/Feb.

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and g74(6), USN Regs.arc not ( ) included.

				DIARI		
T1	me Z	one Description		Date_	March 2, 1943	•
En	Rou	te FDrom Anchored	Fila Harbour	Mofate is .	New Hebrides.	
1.	(a)	Designation of	Major Task Fo	rce or Fleet:	CTF 62, SoPac	
	(b)	Designation of	Mext Higher E	chelon: TransDi	vsAmohibFor,So	Pac
	(c)	Designation of	Unit: 62.4	.1.		
		Composition of		. ALLEN		
2.	(a)	The operation p	olan or order	(despatch) of	the	
		immediate super	rior: ComTrans	roup, SoPac, 19	0203	
	(b)	Brief of the di	rective(s) co	nteined therein	n:	
		Directs unit to	proceed to Vi	la		
3.	(a)	Ship's Position	(LCT) At: Ar	nchor		
		0800 Lat	1200	Lat.	2000 Lat	
		Long		Long	Long	
	(b)	Course	a.	nd distance		_made
		good since prev	ious noon.			
	(c)	Notes on meteor	ological cond	itions (if any)	which may hav	те
		affected the mi	ssion:			

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DA	LLY V	VAR DIARY		U.S.S.LI	BRA (AKA12)	Date: March	2, 1943.
4.	Brie	of Day	's Operatio	ns:-			
	(a)	Base Cou	arse Anchor	ed		Standard Sp	eed
		Position	in Formati	on:			
	(b)	Ohenges	in course a	nd Speed:			
			TIME		CHANGED		
			Anchored			TO	
						TO	
						TO	
						TO	
	(c)	Changes	in Formatio	n:-			
			TIME		CHANGED		
		NONE	Inchored				
(	(ā)	Changes	in composit	ion of Un	nit:-		
		NONE					
	(€)	Summary	of Contacts				
		NONE					
	(f)	Brief of	operations	of other	Units:-		
		1012 - 1	J.S.S.PINKNE	Y Underw	ay :		
	(g)	Importan	nt informati	on of own	n or enemy f	orces:-	
		NONE	A 10 M 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1		41/2	and the state of t	v (1 (4)

DAILY WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: March 2, 1943.
5. Service Ammunition	expended:-	
	IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a) 5"/51 Cal	NONE	
(b) 3"/50 Cal	NONE	
(c) 20mm AAMG	NONE	
(â) .30 Cel	NONE	
(e) Depth Charges	NONE	

7. Remarks on materials and operational features not included in action reports:- Loading Cargo throughout day and night in compliance ComTransGroup mailgram 230810/February

6. Summary of Important Orders received and decisions reached:

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and g74(6), USN Regs.arc not (xxxx) included.

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		Fila Harbor, Fo Efat	
1. (a	) Designation of Ma	jor Task Force or Fle	et: CTF 62, SoPac.
ď)	) Designation of Ne	xt Higher Echelon: Tr	ansDivsAmphibFor,SoPac.
(c	) Designation of Un	it: 62.4.1.	
	Composition of Un	it: LIBRA HENRY T.ALLEN DD TRACY	
2. (a)	The operation pla	n or order (despatch)	of the
	immediate superio	r: ComTransGroup, SoP	ac. 1900203.
(6)	Brief of the dire	ctive(s) contained th	erein:
	Directs Unit to p	roceed to Vila.	
3. (a)	Ship's Position (	LCT) At: At Anchor.	
	0800 Lat	1200 Lat	2000 Lat
	Long.	Long.	Long.
(b)	Course	and distance	mademade
	good since previo		
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DAI	LY V	VAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: March 3, 1943.
4.	Brief of Day's Operations:-			
	(a)	Base Course_ At Ab	chor	_Standard Speed
		Position in Formati	on: At Anchor.	
	(b)	Changes in course a	nd Speed:-	
		TIME	CHANGED	
				то
		At Anchor		TO
		0.00		TO
		1		TO
	(c)	Changes in Formatio	n:-	
		TIME	: <u>CHANGED</u>	
		At Anchor	steen as apple	
(	(ā)	Changes in composit	ion of Unit:-	
		None		
	(e)	Summary of Contacts	31-	
		None		
	(f)	Brief of operations	of other Units:-	
		None		TOTILE OF STREET
	(g)	Important informati	on of own or enemy fo	precs:-
		None	Palata, Morrow Co., 1977, Landon	THE PARTY OF THE P

DAILY WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: March 3, 1943.
5. Service Ammunition	expended:-	
	IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a) 5"/51 Cal	None	
(b) 3"/50 Cal	None	
(c) 20mm AAMG	None	
(a) .30 Cal	None	
(e) Depth Charges	None	

- 6. Summary of Important Orders received and decisions reached:
  Received ComTransGroup, Amphfor, SoPac despatch 030029/March, directing
  T.U.62.4.1 with 4th Def.Bn., embarked to depart Fila at daybreak
  March 4th and proceed Noumea.
- 7. Remarks on materials and operational features not included in action reports:-

Continued loading cargo in compliance ComTransGroup mailgram 230810/February. Loading completed 1300. Hoisted Boats, prepared to get underway upon receiving orders to do so.

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and g74(6), USN Regs.arc not (ass) included.

Ti	me Z	one Description Date March 4, 1943.
		te Prom_At anchor, Fila Harbor, Efate Is., New Hebrides.
1.	(a)	Designation of Major Task Force or Fleet: CTF 62, So Pac.
	(b)	Designation of Next Higher Echelon: TransDivs AmphibFor. SoPac.
	(c)	Designation of Unit: 62.4.1
		Composition of Unit: LIBRA HENRY T.ALLEN DD. TRACY.
2.	(a)	The operation plan or order (despatch) of the
		immediate superior: ComTransGroup, SoPac. Despatch 030029/ March.
	(b)	Brief of the directive (x) contained therein:
		Directs unit to proceed at daybreak March 4th from Fila to Noumea with embarked 4th Def.Bn.
3.	(a)	Ship's Position (LCT) At:
		0800 Lat. 18°-08' 5 1200 Lat. 19°-07' 8 2000 Lat. 21°-02'8
		Long. 1680-14' E Long. 1680-14' E Long. 1680-35'E
	(b)	Course Various and distance 96 miles made
		good since detald hid m. anchorage.
	(c)	Notes on meteorological conditions (if any) which may have
		affected the mission;

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DAILY W	AR DIARY	U.S.	S.LIBRA (AKA12	) Date: March 4,	1943.
4. Brie	f of Day	y's Operations:-			
(a)	Base Cou	arse At Anchor		Standard Speed	
	Position	n in Formation:	At Anchor		
(ď)	Changes	in course and Sp	beed:-		
		TIME	CHANGED		
		0558	Underway, Cour	rse Various. 15 km	ots S.S.
		0640	To Base Course	& Speed 180°G,1	80.5°T.
		1610	Course	TO 162.50	
		2210	Course	TO 212.50	
(c)	Changes	in Formation:-			217 PSTGC.
		TIME	CHANGED		
	0628	Signal for Form	9.		
( (ā)	Changes	in composition of	of Unit:-		
	None		C INTERNATION		
(e)	Summary	of Contacts:-	mande ( ) and a series		
	None				
(f)	Brief of	coperations of	other Units:-		
	1143	Sighted Tug tow	ing 2 barges, I	Friendly.	100.0
(g)	Importar	nt information of	own or enemy	forces:-	
	Man	Berlin de la Contraction de la		AV III	

DAILY WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: March 4, 1943.
5. Service Ammunition	expended:-	
	IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a) 5"/51 Cal	None	
(b) 3"/50 Cal	None	
(c) 20mm AAMG	None	
(a) .30 Cal	None	
(e) Depth Charges	None	

Received ComTransGroup, SoPac, despatch 040225/March with regard to troops and cargo to be leaded at Noumea.

6. Summary of Important Orders received and decisions reached:

7. Remarks on materials and operational features not included in action reports:-

None

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and g74(6), USN Regs.arc not (acc) included.

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Commanding.

Ti	me Z	one Description11 Date March 5-1943.
En	Rou	New te Prom Fila, Efate Is. Hebrides To Noumea, New Caledonia.
1.	(a)	Designation of Major Task Force or Fleet: CTF 62. SOPac.
	(b)	Designation of Next Higher Echelon: TransDivsAmphibFor.SoPac.
	(c)	Designation of Unit: 62/4.1.
		Composition of Unit: LIBRA HENRY T.ALLEN. DD TRACY
2.	(a)	The operation plan or order (despatch) of the
		immediate superior: ComTransGroup, SoPac. despatch 030029/March.
	(a)	Brief of the directive(s) contained therein: Directs unit to proceed to Noumea from Fila with embarked 4th Def.Bn.
3.	(a)	Ship's Position (LCT) At:
		0800 Lat.23°-37'S. 1200 Lat. 23°-612' S 2000 Lat. At Anchor Long. 167°-11'E. Long. 166°-31' E. Long.
	(h)	
	(0)	Course Various and distance 354 Miles. made good since previous noon.
	(c)	Notes on meteorological conditions (if any) which may have
	13.4	affected the mission:

DA:	LLY I	NAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: Mar.5, 1943.
4.	Brie	ef of Day's Opera	ations:-	
	(a)	Base Course 212	T,212.5°G. 217 PSTGC	Standard Speed_15 Knots
		Position in Form	nation: Form 9, 1000 yd	s Distance.
	(b)	Changes in cours	se and Speed:-	
		TIME	CHANGED	
		0735	Course	TO242°T,242.5°G.
		0805	Course	232°PSTGC. TO 300°T,300.5°G.
		1000	Course	TO 340°T, 340.5°G.
		1339 )c/c	various to Anchorage 1	n 335°PSTGC
	(c)	Changes in Forms	ation:-	
		TIME	CHANGED	
		1339	Formation to	Form 18.
(	(a)	Changes in compo	osition of Unit:-	
		None		
	(e)	Summary of Conta	acts:-	
		1215 Sighte 1320 Sighte	ed ship and sircraft bes ed 2 ships and DD bearing	ring 243°T, Friendly. g 301°T, Friendly.
	(f)	Brief of operati	ions of other Units:-	
	9.	None		
	(g)	Important inform	nation of own or enemy f	orces:-
		None		

DAILY WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: March 5, 1943.
5. Service Ammunition	expanded:-	
	IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a) 5"/51 Cal	None	
(b) 3"/50 Cal	None	
(c) 20mm AAMG	None	
(ā) .30 Cal.	None	
(e) Depth Charges _	None	

- 6. Summary of Important Orders received and decisions reached:

  Received ComTransGroup, SoPac, mailgram 050436/March regarding loading of troops and equipment of 4th Def.Bn., Tank platoon.
- 7. Remarks on materials and operational features not included in action reports:-

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and g74(6), USN Regs.arc not (xxx) included.

Ti	me Z	one Description			U.S.S.LIBRA(AKA12) te March 6, 1943	
En	Rou	te DromAt Anch	or, Noumes,	New Caledonia.		
1.	(a)	Designation of	of Major Tas	sk Force or Flee	t: CTF 62, SoPac.	
	(b)	Designation of	of Next High	ner Echelon: Tran	nsBivsAmphFor,SoPac.	
	(c)	Designation o	of Unit: 62	2.4.1		
		Composition of	LIBRA HENRY T	. ALLEN		
2.	(a)	The operation	plan or or	der (despatch)		
		immediate sup	perior: ComTi	ransGroup, SoPac,	Mailgram 052315 March	
		700 K , Mar	nit 62.4	ceed to Well	rein: Noumez prior To lington, N.Z., by dire	et
3.		Ship's Positi				
					hor 2000 Lat. 23001	8
		Long.	.41	Long.	Long. 166°30	.51
	(b)	Course		and distance	mad	е
		good since pr				
	(c)	Notes on mete	orological	conditions (if	any) which may have	
. 1		affected the	mission:			

DA.	ILY 1	VAR DIAR	Y	U.S.S.LI	BRA (AKA12)	Date	: March 6, 1	943
4.	Bri	of of Day	y's Operation	ons:-				
	(a)	Base Con	urse At A	nchor		_Stan	dard Speed	
		Position	n in Format	on: At	Anchor			
	(b)	Ohenges	in course	and Speed:				
			TIME		CHANGED			
			1557 Unde	rway-Cour	se and Speed		TO Various	
			1750	то	Standard spe	ed	TO 84 R.P.M	.,15 Knots
			1802	То	base course		TO165°T,166	PSTGC
							TO	
	(c)	Changes	in Formati	on:-				
			TIME		CHANGED			
		1802	To Form 9,	1000 yds	. interval.			
(	(ā)	Changes	in composi	tion of Ur	nit:-			
		NONE						
	(€)		of Contact	3:-				
		NONE						
	(f)	Brief of	f operation	s of other	· Units:-			
		NONE						
	, ,	-						
	(8)	The second second	nt informat	ion of own	or enemy fo	rccs;		
		NONE						

DAILY WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: March 6, 1943.
5. Service Ammunition	expended:-	
	IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a) 5"/51 Cal	NONE	
(b) 3"/50 Cal	NONE	
(c) 20mm AAMG	NONE	
(a) .30 Cal	NONE	
(e) Depth Charges	NONE	
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- 6. Summary of Important Orders received and decisions reached: ComTransGroup, SoPac., Mailgram 052315/March directs Task Unit 62.4.1 (H.T.ALLEN, Capt. Stevens, LIBRA, TRACY) to depart Noumea prior 0700 Z, March 6, and proceed by approximate direct route to Wellington to arrive daylight.
- action reports:-1815 Breakdown flag, ALLEN, Speed reduced to 1/3.

7. Remarks on materials and operational features not included in

1825 Breakdown and Negat flags, ALLEN, speed resumed standard.

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and 874(6), USN Regs.orc not (xxxx) included.

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Commander, U. S. Navy.

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T1	me Zo	one Description	
En	Rout	te From Noumea,	New Caledonia To Wellington, N.Z.
1.	(a)	Designation of	Major Task Force or Fleet: CTF 62, SoPac.
ř,	(b)	Designation of	Next Higher Echelon: TransDivsAmphFor, SoPac.
	(c)	Designation of	Unit: 62.4.1
1.0.1		Composition of	Unit: LIBRA HENRY T.ALLEN. DD TRACY.
2.	(a)	The operation r	olan or order (despatch) of the
		immediate super	rior: ComTransGroup SoPac, Mailgram 052315
	(ď)		rective(s) contained therein:
		Task Unit 62.4 proceed to Wel during dayligh	4.1 depart Noumea prior to 0700 2, March 6, llington, N.Z., by direct route, arriving ht.
3.	(a)	Ship's Position	(LCT) At:
		0800 Lat. 25	0-37' S. 1200 Lat. 260-38' S. 2000 Lat. 280-21.5'S
		Long. 1	67°-18'E. Long. 167°- 33' E. Long. 168°-17 E.
	(b)	Course Variou	s and distance 277 miles made
		good since xxxx	minimum Anchorage.
	(c)	Notes on meteor	cological conditions (if any) which may have
		affected the mi	ssion:
			g head winds, force 6 /, and confused sea,

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ILY I	WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: March 7, 1943.
Bri	of Day's Operation	ons:-	
(a)	Base Course 165°T,10	66°G, 144°PSTGC	Standard Speed 15 knots.
	Position in Formati	on: On line of bearing	90°, Distance 1000 yds.
(b)	Changes in course a	and Speed:-	
	TIME	CHANGED	
	1100	Course	TO160°T,161°G, 140°PSTGC
			TO
	agre and		TO
(c)	Changes in Formatio	on:-	
	TIME	CHANGED	
	None		
(ā)	Changes in composit	tion of Unit:-	
	None		
(€)	Sunmary of Contacts	3:-	
	None		
(f)	Brief of operations	s of other Units:-	
	None		
(8)	Important informati	ion of own or enemy fo	rccs:-
	None		
	Bri. (a) (b) (c) (f)	(a) Base Course 165°T, 16  Position in Formation  (b) Changes in course a TIME  1100  (c) Changes in Formation  TIME  None  (d) Changes in composite  None  (e) Summary of Contacts  None  (f) Brief of operations  None  (g) Important information	Brief of Day's Operations:-  (a) Base Course 165°T, 166°G, 144°PSTGC  Position in Formation: On line of bearing (b) Changes in course and Speed:-  TIME CHANGED  1100 Course  (c) Changes in Formation:-  TIME CHANGED  None  (d) Changes in composition of Unit:-  None  (e) Sunmary of Contacts:-  None  (f) Brief of operations of other Units:-  None  (g) Important information of own or enemy for

DAILY WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: March 7, 1943.
5. Service Ammunition	expended:-	
	IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a) 5"/51 Cal	None	
(b) 3"/50 Cal	None	
(c) 20mm AAMG	None	
(a) .30 Cal	None	
(e) Depth Charges	None	
6. Summary of Imports	ent Orders received and de	cisions reached:
ComSoPac 05235	3/March makes Tracy avail	able for four days

7. Remarks on materials and operational features not included in action reports:-

at Wellington for emergency repairs.

None

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and g74(6), USN Regs.arc not (xxx) included.

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Commanding.

		DAILY WAR DIARY U.S.S.LIBRA(AKA12)
Ti	me Z	one Description -11 Date March 8,1943.
En	Rou	te Prom Noumea, New Caledonia To Wellington, N.Z.
1.	(a)	Designation of Major Task Force or Fleet: CTF 62, SoPac.
	(b)	Designation of Next Higher Echelon: TransDivsAmphFor, SoPac.
	(c)	Designation of Unit: 62.4.1
		Composition of Unit: LIBRA HENRY T.ALLEN DD TRACY.
2.	(a)	The operation plan or order (despatch) of the
	immediate superior: ComTransGroup SoPac, Mailgram 052315	
	(a)	Brief of the directive(s) contained therein: Task Unit 62.4.1 depart Noumea prior 0700 Z, Mar.6, proceed to Wellington, N.Z. by direct route, arriving during daylight.
3.	(a)	Ship's Position (LCT) At:
		0800 Lat. 31°-03' 8 1200 Lat. 31°-48.5'8 2000 Lat. 33°-27'8.
		Long. 169°-16'E. Long. 169°-35'E. Long. 170°-28'E
	(b)	Course 161°T and distance 327 miles made
		good since previous noon.
	(c)	Notes on meteorological conditions (if any) which may have
		affected the mission:
		Rough to moderate Southeasterly sea. Strong Southeasterly winds.

DAILY	WAR DIAR	Y I	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: March 8,1943.
4. Bri	ef of Day	y's Operation	s:-	
(a)	Base Con	urse <u>160<sup>0</sup>T,161</u>	°G, 135°PSTGC.	84 RPM, Standard Speed 15 knots.
	Fosition	n in Formation	n: On line of Bearing	g 90°, Distance 1000 yds.
(b)	Olienges	in course and	d Speed:-	
		TIME	CHANGED	
		0600	Speed	TO81 RPM, 14.5knots
		1630	Speed	TO84 RPM, 15 knots.
				TO
				TO
(c)	Changes	in Formation:		
		TIME	CHANGED	
	None			
( (ā)	Changes	in composition	on of Unit:-	
	None			
(∈)	Sunmary	of Contacts:		
	None			
(f)	Brief of	operations	of other Units:-	
	None			
(g)	Importar	nt information	n of own or enemy fo	rccs:-
	None			

DAILY WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: March 8,1943.
5. Service Ammunition	expended:-	
	IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a) 5"/51 Cal	None	
(b) 3"/50 Cal	None	
(c) 20mm AAMG	None	
(a) .30 Cal.	None	
(e) Depth Charges .	None	
6. Summery of Importer	nt Orders received and de	ciaions reached:

7. Remarks on materials and operational features not included in action reports:-

None

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and g74(6), USN Regs.arc not (xxxx) included.

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				WAR DIAR.				
T1:	me Z	one Description	-11		Date_	March	9, 1943.	
En	Rou	te Drom NOUMEA,	New Caledon	nia To	Wellin	gton, N	. z.	
1.	(a)	Designation of	Major Task	Force or	Fleet:	CTF 62,	SoPac	
	(b)	Designation of	Next Highe	r Echelon	TransI	lvs.Amp	hibFor,S	oPac.
	(c)	Designation of	Unit: 6	2.4.1.				
		Composition of		Y T. ALLEN	1			
2.	(a)	The operation	olan or ord	er (despa	tch) of	the		
		immediate super	rior: COMTR	ANSGROUP,	BoPac, M	AILGRAM	052315	March
	(b)	Brief of the di						
		Task unit 62.4 to Wellington,	N. Z., by	oumea pric Direct Rou	or 0700 ite, arr	a , Mar iving d	ch 6, pr uring da	oceed ylight.
3.	(a)	Ship's Position	(LCT) At:					
		0800 Lat.36	-15'8 1	200 Lat.3	0-15'S	200	0 Lat. 38	0-48.5(8
		Long.1	71°-46'E	Long.1	72°-115	E	Long.17	30-62 E
	(b)	Course 158°T		and dist	ance 38	O Miles		_made
		good since prev						
	(c)	Notes on meteor	ological co	onditions	(if any	) which	may hav	е
		affected the mi	ssion:					
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DAILY	WAR DIARY		U.S.S.L	IBRA (AKA12)	Date:_	March 9, 1943
4. Bri	ef of Day	y's Operati	ons:-			
(a)	Base Cor	arse <u>160°</u> T,	161°G, 14	OPSTGC	Standar	rd Speed 15 knots
	Position	n in Format	ion: On ]	ine of beari	ng 90°,1r	nterval 1000 yards.
(b)	Ohenges	in course	and Speed	:-		
		TIME		CHANGED		
		2230		Speed	TO	14 knots, 78RPM
					TO	
					TC	)
					T	)
(c)	Changes	in Formati	on:-			
		TIME		CHANGED		
	NONE					
( (ā)	Changes	in composi	tion of U	nit:-		
	NONE					
(€)	Sunmary	of Contact	s:-			
	NONE					
(f)	Brief of	operation	s of other	r Unlts:-		
	NONE					
(g)	Importar	nt informat	ion of own	n or enemy f	orcos:-	
	NONE					

DAILY WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: March 9, 1943
5. Service Ammunitio	n expended:-	
	IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a) 5"/51 Cal	NONE	
(b) 3"/50 Cal	NONE	
(c) 20mm AAMG _	NONE	
(â) .30 Cal	NONE	
(e) Depth Charges	NONE	

- 6. Summary of Important Orders received and decisions reached:
  Received ComTransGroup, Amphibfor, SoPac, despatch 090956/March
  granting LIBRA five days availability for boiler cleaning and
  urgent ship's force repairs upon arrival at Wellington on March 10.
- 7. Remarks on materials and operational features not included in action reports:-

1700 Clock advanced one hour to Zone Time-12

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and 874(6), USN Regs.arc not (xxx) included.

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m4	m o 7	DATLI WAR DIARI U.S.S.LIBRA(ARAIZ)
		one Description12 Date March 10, 1943
En	Rou	te Drom Noumea, New Caledonia To Wellington, N.Z.
1.	(a)	Designation of Major Task Force or Fleet: CTF 62, SoPac.
	(ď)	Designation of Next Higher Echelon: TransDivsAmphibFor, SoPac.
	(c)	Designation of Unit: 62.4.1
		Composition of Unit:  LIBRA HENRY T. ALLEN
2.	(a)	The operation plan or order (despatch) of the
		immediate superior: ComTransGroup, SoPac, Mailgram 052315, March.
	(b)	Brief of the directive(s) contained therein:
		Task Unit 62.4.1 depart Noumea prior 0700 Z, March 6, proceed to Wellington, N.Z., by direct route, arriving during daylight.
3.	(a)	Ship's Position (LCT) At:
		0800 Lat. 410-24.5'S 1200 Lat. At anchor 2000 Lat. At anchor
		Long.174°-35'E Long. Long.
	(b)	Course Various and distance 280 miles made
		good since previous noon, to anchorage
	(c)	Notes on meteorological conditions (if any) which may have
		affected the mission:

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DAILY V	WAR DIARY		U.S.S.LI	IBRA (AKA12)	Date:	March 1	0, 1943
4. Brie	f of Day	's Operation	ns:-				
(a)	Base Cou	rst_160°T,	160.5°G,	131 PSTGC	_Stand	ard Speed	15 knots
	Position	in Formati	on: On 1	ine of beari	ng, 90°	distanc	e 1000 yds.
(b)	Ohenges	in course a	and Speed:				
		TIME		CHANGED			
		2400		Course		TO 145°T,	
		0530		Course		TO 185°T,	
		0744 Cc	urse and	speed variou	s to	TO	171°PSTGC
		and	horage, C	947. Moored	, 1105	TO	
(c)	Changes	in Formatio	on:-				
		TIME		CHANGED			
	2400		Form	nation to For	m 18.		
( (ā)	Changes	in composit	tion of Ur	nit:-			
	None						
(€)	Sunmary	of Contact	3:-				
	0545	Friendly	aircraft.				
(f)	Brief of	operation	s of other	Units:-			
	1655	GRAYSON	(D435) sta	anding out.			
(g)	Importar	nt informat:	ion of own	n or enemy fo	rccs:-		
	None						

DAILY WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: March 10, 1943
5. Service Ammunition	expended:-	
	IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a) 5"/51 Cal	None	
(b) 3"/50 Cal	None	
(c) 20mm AAMG	None	
(a) .30 Cal	None	
(e) Depth Charges	None	
6. Summary of Importa	nt Orders received and dec	cisions reached:
7. Remarks on material action reports:-	ls and operational feature	es not included in
None		
8. Action Reports and g74(6), USN Regs.a	reports required by Artic	cles 712(2)(3) and
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			DAILY WAR	DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA(AKA	12)
Ti	me Z	one Description	-12	Date	March 11, 194	3
En	Rou	te Brom At Anchor		xxx Wellin	gton, N. Z.	
1.	(a)	Designation of Majo	or Task For	ce or Fleet:	CTF62, Sopac.	
	(b)	Designation of Next	t Higher Ec	helon: Transl	ivs. AmphibFor,	SoPac
	(c)	Designation of Unit	62.4.	1	. • •	
		Composition of Unit	HENRY T	255		
2.	(a)	The operation plan	or order (	despatch) of	the	
		immediate superior	ComTransGr	oun, SoPac, C	190956/March	
	(a)	Brief of the direct	tive(s) con	tain <b>ed</b> there	in:	n, N.Z.
	.:<)			:-		
3.	(a)	Ship's Position (Lo	CT) At: W	ellington, N	. Z.	
		ogoo Lat.	1200	Lat	2000 Lat	
		Long.	L	ong.	Long.	
	(b)	Course				
		good since previous	7.43.00			term v
. **	(c)	Notes on meteorolog	gical condi	tions (if an	y) which may hav	ve .
		affected the mission	on:		W. C. 400 Million (17)	

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4.	Bri	of Of Day's Operations:-			
	(a)	Base Course At Anchor	_Standard	Speed	
		Position in Formation: At Anchor			
	(b)	Changes in course and Speed:-			
		<u>TIME</u> <u>CHANGED</u>			
			TO		
			ТО		
			T0		
			TO		
	(c)	Changes in Formation:-			
		TIME CHANGED			
		NONE			
(	(ā)	Changes in composition of Unit:-			
4		NONE			
	(6)	Summary of Contacts:-			
	(6)	NONE			
	(f)	Brief of operations of other Units:-			
		1150 CRESCENT CITY underway Stood out			
	(g)	Important information of own or enemy for	orces:-		
		NONE			

D	AILY WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12) Date: March 11,1943
5.	Service Ammunition	expended:-
		IN ACTION LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
	(a) 5"/51 Cal	NONE
	(b) 3"/50 Cal	NONE
	(c) 20mm AAMG	NONE
	(a) .30 Cal	NONE
	(e) Depth Charges _	NONE
6.		t Orders received and decisions reached:
( •		s and operational features not included in
	action reports:-	
	NONE	

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and 874(6), USN Regs.arc not (xxx) included.

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T 1	me 7.	one Description				Mench 12		
		te Drom At Anchor						
1.	(a)	Designation of Maj	or Task F	rce or	Fleet: CT	F62, SoPac.		
	(b)	Designation of Nex	t Higher E	Chelon:	TransDiva	AmphibFor, S	Pac.	
	(c)	Designation of Uni	t: 62.4.1					
		Composition of Uni		T. ALLE	N			
2.	(a)	The operation plan	or order	(despat	ch) of th	ne		
		immediate superior: ComTransGroup, SoPac, 090956/March.						
	(b)	Brief of the direc	tive(s) co	ntained	therein:			
		Libra assigned fiv	e days shi	p's for	ce upkeep	at Wellint	on, N.Z.	
3.	(a)	Ship's Position (I	CT) At:					
		0800 Lat.at Anc	hor 1200	Lat. A	t Anchor	2000 Lat.	at Anchor	
		Long.	-	Long		Long.		
	(b)	Course	a	nd dist	ance	Steal Land	made	
		good since previou	s noon.					
	(c)	Notes on meteorolo	gical cond	itions	(:if any)	which may h	ave	
	· ·	affected the missi	on:		Tit	98 FIET		

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4.	Bri	ef of Day	's Oper	ations:	_							
	(a)	Base Cou	rse	At Anc	hor			Stand	lard	Speed_		
		Position	in For	mation:								
	(b)	Changes	in cour	se and	Speed:	-						
			TIME			CHAN	GED					
			At And	hor					TO_			
									TO_			
									TO_			
					-				TO_			
	(c)	Changes	in Form	ation:-								
			TIME			CHAN	GED					
		NONE, A	At Ancho	r								
(	(ā)	Changes	in comp	osition	n of Un	1t:-						
		NONE							T)			
	(€)	Sunmary	of Cont	acts:-								
		NONE										
	(f)	Brief of	operat	ions of	other	Un1	ts:-					
		NONE										
	(g)	Importan	t infor	mation	of own	or	cnemy	fórces:				
		NONE								Y Y		

D.	AILY WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (	AKAl2) Date:_	March 12, 1943.
5.	Service Ammunition	expended:-		
		IN ACTION	LOSS	OR DESTRUCTION
	(a) 5"/51 Cal	NONE		
	(b) 3"/50 Cal	NONE		
	(c) 20mm AAMG	NONE		
	(a) .30 Cal.	NONE	_	
	(e) Depth Charges	NOME		
6.	Summary of Important	orders received	and decisions	reached:
7.	Remarks on materials	s and operational	features not 1	ncluded in
	action reports:-			
	NONE			
ŏ.	Action Reports and r 874(6), USN Regs.ard			(2)(3) and

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1.	(a)	Designation	of M	ajor T	ask Force or	Fleet:_	CTF62, S	BoPac	
	(b)	Designation	of N	ext Hi	gher Echelon	Trans	ivsAmph:	ibFor,S	Pac.
	(c)	Designation	of U	nit: 6	2.4.1				
		Composition	of U		LIBRA HENRY T. ALI DD Tracy	LEN :			
2.	(a)	The operati	on pl		order (despar	tch) of	the		
		immediate s	uperi	or: 00	MTRANSGROUP,	BoPac, O	90956/Ma	arch	
	(b)	Brief of th	e dir	ective	(s) contained	1 therei	.n:		
		Libra assig	ned f	ive da	ys ship's for	rce upke	ep at We	ellingt	on, N.Z.
3.	(a)	Ship's Posi	tion	(LCT)	At:				
		0800 Lat	. At	anchor	1200 Lat.at	t Anchor	2000	O Lat	
		Lon	g		Long			Long.	
	(b)	Course			and dist	ance	Trium.		_made
					on.			W	
	(c)				l conditions				v.e
		affected the	miss	ion:		177			

DA	ILY 1	VAR DIARY U.S.S.LIBRA	A (AKA12) Date: March 13, 1943.					
4.	Bri	of of Day's Operations:-						
	(a)	Base Course At Anchor	Standard Speed					
		Position in Formation:						
	(b)	Changes in course and Speed:-						
		TIME CHA	ANGED					
		At Anchor	TO					
			TO					
			TO					
			TO					
	(c)	Changes in Formation:-						
		TIME CHA	ANGED					
		NONE						
(	(ā)	Changes in composition of Unit:						
		NONE						
	(€)	Summary of Contacts:-						
		NONE						
	(f)	Brief of operations of other Un	nits:-					
		NONE						
	(≅)	Important information of own or	r onemy forces:-					
		NONE						

D.	AILY WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: March 13, 1943.
5.	Service Ammunition	expended:-	
		IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
	(a) 5"/51 Cal	NONE	
	(b) 3"/50 Cal	NONE	
	(c) 20mm AAMG	NONE	
	(a) .30 Cal.	NONE	
	(e) Depth Charges	NONE	
6.	Summary of Importan	nt Orders received and de	cisions reached:
	Libra despatch to reports readiness	ComTransGroupSoPac 122335 to depart at 0400 L -15th	/March, info.ComSeronSoPac and lists cargo on board.
7.	Remarks on material	s and operational featur	es not included in
	action reports:-		

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and 874(6), USN Regs.arc not (exx) included.

NONE

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						S.S.LIBRA	
T1	me Z	one Description	-12		Date	March 14,	1943.
En	Rou	te Drom At Anch	or	z/s	Wellingt	on, N. Z.	
1.	(a)	Designation of	Major Task	Force or	Fleet: C	TF62,SoPac	
	(b)	Designation of	Next Highe	er Echelon	: TransDi	vsAmphibFo	r, SoPac.
	(c)	Designation of	Unit: 62.	4.1.			
		Composition of		Y T. ALLE	N		
2.	(a)	The operation p	lan or ord	ler (despa	tch) of t	he	
		immediate super	ior: ComTr	ansGroup,	SoPac,090	956/March	
	(a)	Brief of the di Libra assigned					ington, N.Z.
		4					
3.	(a)	Ship's Position	(LCT) At:				
		0800 Lat.At	Anchor	1200 Lat	At Anchor	2000 La	at
		Long.		Long		Lor	ng.
	(b)	Course					
		good since prev	ious noon.				
	(c)	Notes on meteor	ological c	onditions	(if any)	which may	have
	2 /.	affected the mi	ssion:				

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DAI	LY 1	WAR DIARY		U.S.S.LI	BRA (AKA12)	Date: March 14, 1943
4.	Bri	of of Day	's Operation	ns:-		
	(a)	Base Cou	irseAt_A	nchor		_Standard Speed
		Position	n in Formati	.on:		
	( d )	Ohenges	in course a	and Speed:	-	
			TIME		CHANGED	
			At Anchor			TO
						TO
						TO
				4,		TO
	(c)	Changes	in Formatio	on:-		
			TIME		CHANGED	-1
		At Ancho	or.			
(	(ā)	Changes	in composit	ion of Ur	it:-	
		1635 - H	ENBY T ALL	EN etendi	ay from alon ng out of ha umed to have	rhour.
	(∈)	Summary	eparture of of Contacts	HENRY T.	ALLEN.	been dissolved upon
		NONE				
	(f)	Brief of	operations	s of other	· Unlts:-	
		NONE				
	(E)	Importar	nt informati	ion of own	or enemy fo	rcos;
		NONE				

DAILY WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: March 14, 1943.
5. Service Ammunition es	coended:-	
	IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a) 5"/51 Cal	NONE	
(b) 3"/50 Cal.	NONE	
(c) 20mm AAMG	NONE	
(a) .30 Cal.	NONE	
(e) Depth Charges	NONE	
6. Summary of Important	Orders received and de-	cisions reached:
NONE		

7. Remarks on materials and operational features not included in action reports:-

NONE

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and 874(6), USN Regs.arc not (axxx included.

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			DAILY	WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA(AKA)	.2)			
Ti	me Z	one Description	12	Date	Mar.15,1943.				
En	Rou	te Prom At And	chor	To Welling	gton, N.Z.				
1.	(a)	Designation of	Major Tas	k Force or Fleet:	CTF 62, SoPac.				
	(b)	Designation of	Next High	er Echelon: Transl	DivsAmphFor SoPa	c.			
	(c)	Designation of	Unit:	TransDiv.8					
		Composition of	Unit:						
			LIBR	Α.					
2.	(a)	The operation	plan or or	der (despatch) of	the				
		immediate superior: ComTransGroup, SoPac. 090956, March.							
	(d)	Brief of the d	irective(s	) contained there	in:				
		Libra assigne	d five da	ys Ship's Force up	keep at Welling	ton,N.2			
3.	(a)	Ship's Positio	n (LCT) At	•======================================					
				1200 Lat					
		Long		Long.	Long	. 174 mile			
	(b)	Course		and distance		_made			
		good since pre-	vious noon			-0.011			
	(c)			conditions (if an	/) which may hav	е			
		affected the mi	ssion:						

DAILY WAR DIARY U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: March 15,1943.
4. Brief of Day's Operations:-	
(a) Base Course At Anchor.	_Standard Speed
Position in Formation:	
(b) Changes in course and Speed:-	
TIME . CHANGED	
At Anchor	TO
	TO
	TO
	TO
(c) Changes in Formation:-	
TIME : CHANGED	
None	
( (ā) Changes in composition of Unit:-	
None	
(e) Summary of Contacts:-	
None	
(f) Brief of operations of other Units:-	
1410 DD TRACY underway from Mooring.	
(g) Important information of own or enemy for	rccs;-
None	

DAILY WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: March 15,1943.
5. Service Ammunition	expended:-	
	IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a) 5"/51 Cal	None	
(b) 3"/50 Cal	None	
(c) 20mm AAMG	None	
(a) .30 Cal	None	
(e) Donth Charges	None	

- 6. Summary of Important Orders received and decisions reached:
  Received ComTransGroup, SoPac, despatch 150304/March, directing
  LIBRA depart Wellington prior 0600 Z, 16th to arrive Noumea
  daylight local 20 March. Escort to join on 19th March local
  time.
- 7. Remarks on materials and operational features not included in action reports:-

NONE.

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and 874(6), USN Regs.arc not (xxxx included.

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		DAILY WAR DIARY U.S.S.LIBRA(AKA12)
T1	me Z	one Description 12 Date March 16, 1943
En	Rou	te Prom At anchor Wellington, N.Z.
1.	(a)	Designation of Major Task Force or Fleet: CTF 62, SoPac.
	( p)	Designation of Next Higher Echelon: TransDivsAmphFor, SoPac.
	(c)	Designation of Unit: TransDiv 8.
		Composition of Unit: LIBRA
2.	(a)	The operation plan or order (despatch) of the
		immediate superior: ComTransGroup, SoPac.despatch 150304/March.
	(a)	Brief of the directive(s) contained therein: Directs LIBRA to depart Wellington prior 0600 Z, 16th March to arrive Noumea daylight local, 20th March. Escort to join on March 19th local time.
3.	(·a)	Ship's Position (LCT) At:
		0800 Lat. At Anchor 1200 Lat. At Anchor 2000 Lat. 400-52'S
		Long. Long. Long. 1740-25'E
	(b)	Course and distance made
		good since previous noon.
	(c)	Notes on meteorological conditions (if any) which may have
		affected the mission:

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DAI	LY V	VAR DIARS	Z.	U.8	s.s.LIE	BRA (AK	Al2) Dat	e:_March	16,1943.	
				Operations:-						
	(a)	Base Con	arse_	At Ancho	r		Sta	nde <b>r</b> d Sp	eed	
		Position	n in	Formation:						
	(b)	Ohenges	in c	course and S	Speed:-					
5.	111		TIME 150' 164	7 Und	derway	CHANGED from a	longside ag.Range	dock To	Magnetic I	Range
			170			Course			SS.15.5 km T.257.5°G (259°PST	
			172	4		Course		_ TO 280°	T 280 50G	
			174	6		Course		TO 325	T,325,5°G	10)
	VAY	144444	144/	74444444	1811-	Course		To 000°	(279°PST T 325 5°G (312°PST T 000 5°G (339°PST	4G)
			TIME			CHANGED	ToBase		5.5°G,313°	
	(c)	Changes	in I	Formation:	NONE.					
(	(ā)	Changes Non		composition	of Uni	t:-				
	(€)			Contacts:-						
		Nor	ne							
	(f)	Brief of	opt	rations of	other	Units:				
		Nor	ne	110 m						
	(g)	Importar	nt in	nformation o	of own	or ener	ny forces	:		

None

DAILY WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: March 16,1943.
5. Service Ammunition exp	oended:-	
	IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a) 5"/51 Cal. None	8	
(b) 3"/50 Cal. None	8	
(c) 20mm AAMG Non	е	
(a) .30 Cal. Non	e	
(e) Depth Charges Non	e	
6. Summary of Important (	orders received and dec	cisions reached:

LIBRA departure report 152355/March, giving local noon position for 18th and 19th and reporting estimated arrival Dumbea Bay

7. Remarks on materials and operational features not included in action reports:-

0800 local, 20th.

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and g74(6), USN Regs.arc not (xxxx) included.

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Ti	me 7	one Description12 Date March 17,1943.
		te Erom Wellington, N.Z. To Noumea, New Caledonia.
1.	(a)	Designation of Major Task Force or Fleet: CTF 62, SoPac.
	(b)	Designation of Next Higher Echelon: TransDivsAmphFor, SoPac.
	(c)	Designation of Unit: TransDiv. 8.
		Composition of Unit: LIBRA.
2.	(a)	The operation plan or order (despatch) of the
		immediate superior: ComTransGroup, SoPac.despatch 150304/March.
	(á)	Brief of the directive(s) contained therein: Directs LIBRA to depart Wellington prior 0600 Z, 16th March to arrive Noumea daylight local, 20th March. Escort to join on March 19th local time.
3.	(a)	Ship's Position (LCT) At:
		0800 Lat 370-58'S 1200 Lat. 370-00'S 2000 Lat. 350-20'S.
		Long. 1720-45'E. Long. 1720-13' E. Long. 1700-54'E
	(b)	Course Various and distance 311 miles made.
		good sixxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
	(c)	Notes on meteorological conditions (if any) which may have
		affected the mission:
		Moderate S.W. swell.

DA	ILY V	WAR DIAR	Υ	U.S.S.L	IBRA (AKA12)	Date: March	17,1943.
4.	Bri	f of Da	y's Operati	lons:-			
	(a)	Base Con	urse 335°T,	335.5°G,	319°PSTGC	_Standard Spec	87 R.P.M.
		Position	n in Forma	tion: Sing	gly.		
	( b)	Ohenges	in course	and Speed	:-		
			TIME		CHANGED		
			0213		Course	TO 340°T	,340.5°G,
			1402		Speed	TO 15kno	324°PSTGC.
			1800		Course	TO 270°1	,270.5°G,
	(c)	Cliences	2000 in Formati	i on t	Course	TO 346°I	269°PSTGC. 346.5°G 330°PSTGC.
	(0)	onenges		1011	CHANGED		
		None	TIME .		CHANGED		
(	(ā)	Changes None	in composi	ition of U	nit:-		
	(€)	Sunmary None	of Contact	ts:-			
	(f)	Brief on	f operation	ns of othe	r Units:-		
		None					
	(g)	Importa	nt informat	tion of ow	n or enemy fo	rccs:-	
		None					

DAILY WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: March 17,1943.
5. Service Ammunition	expended:-	
	IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a) 5"/51 Cal	None	
(b) 3"/50 Cal	None	
(c) 20mm AAMG	None	
(a) .30 Cal.	None	
(e) Depth Charges	None	
6. Summary of Imports	nt Orders received and doc	cisions reached:
None		

7. Remarks on materials and operational features not included in action reports:-

1500 Clock retarded one hour to Zone Time -11.

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and g74(6), USN Regs.arc not (xxx) included.

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ma.	me 7	one Description11 DateMarch 18,1943.
		te Prom Wellington, N.Z. To Noumea, New Caledonia.
1.	(a)	Designation of Major Task Force or Fleet: CTF 62, SoPac.
	(d)	Designation of Next Higher Echelon: TransDivsAmphFor, SoPac.
	(c)	Designation of Unit: TransDiv. 8
		Composition of Unit:
2.	(a)	The operation plan or order (despatch) of the
		immediate superior: ComTransGroup, SoPac. despatch 150304/March.
	(b)	Brief of the directive(s) contsined therein:
		Directs LIBRA to depart Wellington, N.Z. prior 0600 Z ,16th March to arrive Noumea daylight local, 20th March. Escort to join March 19th local Time.
3.	(a)	Ship's Position (LCT) At:
		0800 Lat.32°-27.5 'S 1200 Lat.31°-31' S 2000 Lat.29°-39'S
Ė		Long.169°-51' E. Long. 169°-30' E. Long.168°-54'E
	(b)	Course 338 T. and distance 355 Miles. made
		good since previous noon.
	(c)	Notes on meteorological conditions (if any) which may have
		affected the mission:
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DA:	ILY V	VAR DIARY	U.S.S	.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: March 18,1943.
4.	Bric	f of Day	v's Operations:-		
	(a)	Base Con	arse 346°T, 346.5°	G. 333°PSTGC.	Standard Speed 15 knots.
		Position	n in Formation:		
	(b)	Changes	in course and Spe	€d:-	
			TIME	CHANGED	
			1830	Course	TO 350°T, 351°G, 337° PSTGC.
					TO
				-	TO
					TO
	(c)	Changes	in Formation:-		
			TIME	CHANGED	
		None			
(	(ā)	Changes	in composition of	Unit:-	
		None			
	(€)	Sunmary	of Contacts:-		
	(f)	Brief of	f operations of ot	her Units:-	
	(E)	Importan	nt information of	own or enemy fo	rccs:
		None			

DAILY WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: March 18,1943.
5. Service Ammunition	expended:-	
	IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a) 5"/51 Cal	None	
(b) 3"/50 Cal	None	
(c) 20mm AAMG	None	
(a) .30 Cal.	None	
(e) Depth Charges .	None	
6. Summary of Importa	nt Orders received and de	cisions reached:

ComTransGroup 180552/March states no escort available and alteration

7. Remarks on materials and operational features not included in action reports:-

of course to avoid tropical storm authorized.

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and 874(6), USN Regs.arc not (xxxx) included.

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Ti	me Z	one Description
		te Brom Wellington, N. Z. To Noumea, New Caledonia
1.	(a)	Designation of Major Task Force or Fleet: CTF62, SoPac
	(b)	Designation of Next Higher Echelon: TransDivsAmphFor, SoPac.
	(c)	Designation of Unit: TransDiv 8
		Composition of Unit: LIBRA
2.	(a)	The operation plan or order (despatch) of the
		immediate superior: ComTransGroup, SoPac Despatch 150304/March
	(å)	Brief of the directive(s) contained therein: Directs Libra to depart Wellington, N.Z. prior 0600 X, 16th March to arrive Noumea daylight local, 20th March. Escort T. Join March 19th., local time.
3.	(a)	Ship's Position (LCT) At:
		0800 Lat. 26°41'S 1200 Lat. 25°59'S 2000 Lat. 24°22'S
		Long. 167°55'E Long. 167°21'E Long 166°14E
	(b)	Course 341°T and distance 350 miles made
		good since previous noon.
	(c)	Notes on meteorological conditions (if any) which may have affected the mission:
		Wind SSE-Gale Force Heavy swells from S.E.

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DAILY	WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: March 19, 1943			
4. Bri	of Day's Opera	tions:-				
(a)	Base Course 3500	351°G,PSTGC	Standard Speed_ 15 knots			
	Position in Form	ation: Singly				
(b)	Changes in cours	e and Speed:-				
	TIME	CHANGED				
	0630	Course	T&30°T,331°G,323°PS			
	0630	Speed	TO14 knots,78RPM			
	1710	Speed	TO12 knots,67 RPM			
	1730	Course	TO 000°T, 001°G, 347°			
(c)	Changes in Forma	tion:-	PSIGO			
	TIME	CHANGED				
	NONE					
( (ā)	Changes in compo	sition of Unit:-				
(€)	Sunmary of Conta	cts:-				
(f)	Brief of operati	ons of other Units:-				
(g)	Important inform	ation of own or enemy f	Corces:			

NONE

DAILY WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: March 19,1943.
5. Service Ammunition	expended:-	
	IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a) 5"/51 Cal	NONE	
(b) 3"/50 Cal	NONE	
(c) 20mm AAMG	NONE	
(a) .30 Cal	NONE	
(e) Depth Charges	NONE	
6 Summany of Imports	nt Onders negatived and dec	rieione merched:

7. Remarks on materials and operational features not included in action reports:-

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and g74(6), USN Regs.arc not (xxx) included.

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		DAILY WAR DIARY U.S.S.LIBRA(AKA12)
Ti	me, Z	one Description11 Date March 20, 1943
En	Rou	te Prom Wellington, N.Z. To Noumea, New Caledonia
1.	(a)	Designation of Major Task Force or Fleet: CTF62, SoPac
	(b)	Designation of Next Higher Echelon: TransDivAmphFor, SoPac
	(c)	Designation of Unit: TransDiv 8
		Composition of Unit: LIBRA
2.	(a)	The operation plan or order (despatch) of the
		immediate superior: ComTransGroup, SoPac despatch 150504/March
	(b)	Brief of the directive(s) contained therein: Directs Libra to depart Wellington, N.Z. prior 0600 Z, 16th March to arrive Noumea Daylight, 20th March.
3.	(a)	Ship's Position (LCT) At:
		0800 Lat. 220-17! 1200 Lat. AtAnchor 2000 Lat. At Ancho:
		Long. 166° 25! Long. Long.
	(b)	Course Various and distance 238.5 miles made
	6.3	good since previous noon.
	(c)	Notes on meteorological conditions (if any) which may have
		affected the mission:
		SE to N. moderating swells. Cornect
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		To CT732, 3 PD71eeT
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4.	Bri	of of Da	y's Operati	ons:-				
	(a)	Base Co	urse 000°T,	661 <sup>0</sup> G,	346°PSTGC	Stand	dard Speed 15 knots	
		Positio	n in Format	ion: S	ingly			
	(b)	Ohenges	in course	and Speed	1:-			
			TIME 0430 0505 0505 0530 0600		CHANGED Course Speed Course Course Course		055°T,056°G,037PST T0060°T,061°G,040PS T0075°T,076°G,055° T0040°T,041°G,	TGC
			0621		Çourse		TO 030°T	
	(c)	Changes	Grand Quay in Formati	Dock, Noon:-	to anchora	ge_ aledonia		
			TIME		CHANGED			
		NONE						
(	(ā)	Changes	in composi	tion of T	Jnit:-			
		NONE						
	( ∈ )	Summary	of Contact	s:-				
	(f)	Brief of	f operation	s of other	r Units:-			
	(g)	Importa	nt informat	ion of or	wn or enemy	forces:		

DAILY WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: March 20, 1943
5. Service Ammunition	expended:-	
	IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a) 5"/51 Cal.	NONE	
(b) 3"/50 Cal	NONE	
(c) 20mm AAMG	NOME	
(a) .30 Cal.	NONE	
(e) Donth Charges _	NONE	

- 6. Summary of Important Orders received and decisions reached:

  Received ComTransGroup, SoPac, mailgram 200842/March concerning loading of Libra and prospective itinerary.
- 7. Remarks on materials and operational features not included in action reports:-

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and 874(6), USN Regs.arc not (are) included.

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		Zone Description					
En	Rou	ute Drom At Anchor	5/0	Noumes	, New	Cale	donia
1.	(a)	) Designation of Major Task Force	or F	leet:	TF32,	3rd.F	leet
	(b)	) Designation of Next Higher Eche	lon:_	FransGr	oupAm	phFor	,3rd Fleet
	(c)	) Designation of Unit: TRANSDIV 8	3				
		Composition of Unit:					
2.	(a)	) The operation plan or order (de	spate.	h) of	the		
		immediate superior: COMTRANSGROU	JP, 3rd	1 Fleet	,Mail	gram	200842/Mar
	(d)	) Brief of the directive(s) conte	ined.	therei	n:		
3.	(a)	) Ship's Position (LCT) At:					
		0800 Lat. At anchor 1200 La	t.At a	anchor	20	000 La	t.
		Long. Long	g •			Lon	16.
	(b)	Course and d	distar	nce			made
	AT PARTY						
		good since previous noon.					
		good since previous noon.  Notes on meteorological conditions	ons (i	if any	whic	h may	have

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4.	Bri	of of Da					
	(a)	Base Con	urse Moore	ed		_Standard	Speed_Moored_
		Position	n in Formation				
	(d)	Changes	in course and	Speed	:-		
			TIME		CHANGED		
			Moored			TO	
						TO	
						TO	
						TO	
	(c)	Changes	in Formation:				
			TIME		CHANGED		
		Moored					
(	(ā)	Changes	in compositio	n of U	nit:-		
		NONE					
	( )	Summonum	of Contacts:-				
	(6)	NONE	or contacts				
		1101111					
	(f)	Brief of	f operations o	f other	r Units:-		
		NONE					
	(g)	Importan	nt information	of ow	n or enemy fo	rcos:-	
		NONE					
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DAILY WAR DIARY U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12) Date: March 2	
5. Service Ammunition expended:-	
IN ACTION LOSS OR DEST	RUCTION
(a) 5"/51 Cal. NONE	
(b) 3"/50 Cal. NONE	
(c) 20mm AAMG NONE	
(a) .30 Cal. NONE	
(e) Depth Charges NONE	

- Summary of Important Orders received and decisions reached:
   Com. 3rdFlt. 200050/March assigns Mustin and Hughes as escort for LIBRA and CRESCENT CITY.
- 7. Remarks on materials and operational features not included in action reports:-

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and g74(6), USN Regs.arc not (xxxxx) included.

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Ti:	me Z	one Desc	crintion	n <u>-11</u>			Date_	March	22, 194	43.
En	Rou	te Drom_	Moored			To	Noumea,	New Cal	edonia	
1.	(a)	Designa	tion of	Major	Task F	Force or	Fleet:	OTF 32,	3rd F	eet.
	(b)	Designa	ation of	Next H	igher	Echelon:	TransG	roupAmp	hFor, 3	d Fleet.
	(c)	Designa	ation of	Unit:_	Tran	sDiv 8.				
		Composi	ltion of	'Unit:						
2.	(a)	The ope	ration	plan or	order	despat	tch) of	the		
		immedia	ate supe	rior: Co	mTran	sGroup, 31	rd Flee	t,Mailg	ram 200	842/Mar.
	(b)	Brief o	of the d	irectiv	e(s) c	onteined	l therei	n:		
		L	oading p	olan at	Noumes	a, Fila(E	Efate),	and Es	piritu	Santo.
3.	(a)	Ship's	Positio	on (LCT)	At:_					
							Anchor	20	00 Lat.	220-5618
			Long			Long			Long.	166°-22'E
	(b)	Course		165 45		and dist	ance			made
				vious no				1,1,2		
	(c)	Notes o	n meteo	rologica	al con	ditions	(if any	) which	n may h	ave
		affecte	d the m	ission:						

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DAI	LLY I	AR DIARY U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12) Date: March 22,1943.
4.	Bri	f of Day's Operations:-
		Base Course Moored Standard Speed
		Position in Formation:
	(b)	Changes in course and Speed:-
		OSO1 Underway from mooring at Grand Quay Anchorage.  OSO3 Anchorage, Berth B-45, Dumbea Bay, Woumea, NewCaledoni 1630 Underway from anchorage, course and speed various 1744 Speed TOSS 15kts.84 rpm. 1813 Course to Base 189 7,190 G, 180 PSTGC 2023 Course Base 136 T, 137 G, 113 PSTG
		2350 Base Course Toogo T.091 G.
	(c)	Changes in Formation:-
		TIME CHANGED
		1630 Took position 700 yards astern of CRESCENT CITY.
(	(ā)	Changes in composition of Unit:- 1600 Formed Task Unit 32.4.6(Capt.Sullivan) CRESCENT CITY, LIBRA;-MUSTIN and HUGHES as escort.
	(€)	Summary of Contacts:-
		None
	(f)	Brief of operations of other Units:-
		None
	(E)	Important information of own or enemy forces:-

None

DAILY WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: March 22,1943.
5. Service Ammunition	expended:-	
	IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a) 5"/51 Cal	None	
(b) 3"/50 Cal	None	
(c) 20mm AAMG	None	
(a) .30 Cal.	None	
(e) Depth Charges	None	

6. Summary of Important Orders received and decisions reached:

(a) ComTransGroup, 3rdFlt, Mailgram 212114/March, forming Task Unit 32.4.6 (Capt.Sullivan) CRESCENT CITY, LIBRA, MUSTIN, HUGHES; regarding landing; and route to Guadalcanal via Efate, and Espiritu Santo; and return to Noumea.

(b) ComTask Unit 32.4.6 Op Order 2-43.

7. Remarks on materials and operational features not included in action reports:-

Completed loading cargo and troops and passengers 0230. Completed loading boats and stores 1425.

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and g74(6), USN Regs.arc not (xxx) included.

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		DAILY WAR DIARY U.S.S.LIBRA(AKA12)						
Ti	ne Z	one Description Date March 23, 1943.						
En	Rou	te Brom Moumea, New Caledonia To Fila, (EFATE)						
1.	(a)	Designation of Major Task Force or Fleet: CTF32, 3rd. Fleet						
	(b)	Designation of Next Higher Echelon: ComTransGroup, 3rd. Fleet						
	(c)	Designation of Unit: 32.4.6						
#\		Composition of Unit:LIBRA DD MUSTIN CRESCENT CITY DD HUGHES						
2.	(a)	The operation plan or order (despatch) of the (a) COMTRANSGR. 3rdFleet mailgram 212114/March.						
		immediate superior: (b) CTU 32.4.6 Operation Order No 2-43.						
	(b)	Brief of the directive(s) contained therein: Directions regarding loading, and route to Guadacanal via EFATE, and ESPIRITU SANTO; and return to Noumea.						
3.	(a)	Ship's Position (LCT) At:						
		0800 Lat.22°50'S 1200 Lat. 22°00'S 2000 Lat.20°13'S						
		Long.168°42'E Long.168°53'E Long.168°45'E						
	(b)	Course Various and distance 262 miles made						
		good since previousenconx anchorage.						
	(c)	Notes on meteorological conditions (if any) which may have						
		affected the mission:						

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DAILY	WAR DIARY	U.S.S	.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: March 23, 19	943_
4. Bri	ef of Daj	's Operations:-			
(a)	Base Cou	rs:090°T,091°G,06	3 <sup>O</sup> PSTC	_Standard Speed_ 15 1	knots
				Libra 2nd ship. Distar	nce
(b)	Changes	in course and Spe	ed:-	700 yardı	з.
		TIME	CHANGED		
		0223	Course	T0060°T,061°G,	35PSTGC
		0730 0820 1149 1488	Course Emer Course Emer Course Course	T022°T,023°G,0 013°T,014°G,38 T0 350°T, T0 349°T,350°G	55PSTGC
(c)	Changes	in Formation:-			PSTGC
	NONE	TIME	CHANGED		
( (ā)	Changes	in composition of	Unit:-		
(€)	Sunmary	of Contacts:-	HUGHES; resu	lts negative.	
(f)	Brief of	operations of ot	her Units:-		

(g) Important information of own or enemy forces:-

none

DAILY W	AR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: March 23,1943.
. Servi	ce Ammunit	ion expended:-	
		IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a) 5	5"/51 Cal.	NONE	
(b) 3	"/50 Cal.	5 rounds-practice	
(c) 2	COmm AAMG	68 rounds-practice	
(a) .	30 Cal.	NOME	
(e) D	opth Charg	cs NONE	
. Summa	ry of Impo	rtant Orders received and de	cisions reached:
. Summa	ry of Impo	rtant Orders received and do	cisions 1
7 Bewer	ike on mete	rials and operational featur	see not included in

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and g74(6), USN Regs.arc not (XXX) included.

action reports:-

NONE

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				DAI	LY WAR	DIARY	U	.s.s.LI	BRA(A	(A12)
Ti	me Z	one Des	crinti	on	.1		Date	March	24, 1	943.
En	Rou	te Arom	Noume	a, New Ca	ledonia	To F	ILA (Ef	ate)		
1.	(a)	Design	ation	of Major	Task Fo	rce or	Fleet: 0	TF32,31	rd.Fle	et
	(d)	Design	ation	of Next H	igher E	chelon	OMTRANS	GROUP,	3rd.Fl	eet.
	(c)	Design	ntion	of Unit 32	2.4.6					
		Compos	ition	of Unit:I	LIBRA CRESCENT	CITY		USTIN UGHES		
2.	(a)			n plan or (a perior:(b	ConTran	ser. 3rd	Fleet	mailgr	am 212 No 2-4	114/March
	(b)	Brief	of the	directiv	e(s) co	nteined.	therei	n:		
		Directi Efate,	ons re	garding I	loading anto, an	and round retur	te to G	uadaca umea.	nal <b>vi</b>	•
3.	(a)	Ship's	Posit	ion (LCT)	At:					
		. 080	O Lata	7-4815	1500	Lat. at	an chor	200	O Lat.	at anchor
	(b)	Course		, t 101 29.	e.i	nd dista	ance			made
		good si	ince pr	revious n	oon.		- 2 153	F 1/2 F		
	(c)			orologic						nave
		affecte	ed the	mission:						

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4. E	Brio	f of Day	/'s Operat	ions:-				
(	a)	Base Cor	ırsє <b>349<sup>©</sup>т,</b>	350°a, 337°I	STGC	Standard Sp	eed 15 knote	5
		Position	n in Forma	tion:Column	Formation,I	ibra 2nd shi	p,distance	
(	b)	Ohenges	in course	and Speed	:-		700 yards	•
			TIME		CHANGED			
			0631 Ceas	ed Zig-Zag	Course and	Speed To Var	lous	
			0925 Nav1	gated inder	endently - 0	Course / and	speed	_
			1044 Anch	ous to anchored, Undir	ne Bay, Efate	. TO		
						TO		
(	c)	Changes	in Format	16n:-	The state of			
			TIME		CHANGED			
		NONE						
( (	ā)	Changes NONE	in compos	attion of U	nit <b>!</b> -			
(	€)	Sunmary NONE	of Contac	ots:-				
(	f)	Brief of	operation	ons of othe	r Units:-			
		None					*13601*	
(	(g)	Importan	nt informa	tion of ow	n or enemy f	orcos:-	to the same of	
		NONE		in' - rode		- (73) Y T		
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DAILY WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: Msc . 24, 1943.
5. Service Ammunition es	xpended:-	
	IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a) 5"/51 Cal.	NONE	
(b) 3"/50 Cal.	NONE	
(c) 20mm AAMG	NONE	
(a) .30 Cal.	NONE	
(e) Depth Charges	NONE	
6. Summary of Important	Orders received and dec	isions reached:

7. Remarks on materials and operational features not included in action reports:-

Commenced leading cargo.

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and g74(6), USN Regs.arc not (\*\*\*\* Included.

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Commander, U. S. Navy,
Commanding.

			DAILY	WAR DIAR	Y. U.	s.s.LIBRA(AKA)	(2)
T1	me Z	one Description	- 11		Date	March 25, 194	3
		ite Drom At Ancl				Bay, Efate	
1.	(a)	Designation of	Major Tas	k Force or	Fleet:	TF 32, 3rd F1	eet
	(b)	Designation of	Next High	er Echelon	Trans Gr	roup, 3rd Flee	t
	(c)	Designation of	Unit: 32	.4.6		8 7- 7- 1	
1,74		Composition of	Unit: L:	IBRA RESCENT CIT	Y (CTU)	HUGHES MUSTIN	
2.	(a)	The operation primmediate super	(a) C	omTransGrou	p. 3rd Fl	eet Mailgram	
	(ď)	Brief of the di Directions Reg Efate and Espi	arding los	ading and r	oute to 0	uadacanal via	
3.	(a)	Ship's Position		Angerton Laurence			
		0800 Lat. At	Anchor	1200 Lat.At	Anchor	2000 Lat.At	Anchor
		Long.		Long		Long	
	(b)	Course		_ and dist	ance		_made
		good since previ	lous noon.				
	(c)	Notes on meteor	ological o	conditions	(if any)	which may hav	е
	4.1	affected the mis	ssion:				

DAI	LLY 1	VAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: March 25, 1943
4.	Bri	f of Day's Operati	lons:-	
	(a)	Base Course At An	chor	Standard Speed
		Position in Format	tion: At Anchor	
	(b)	Changes in course	and Speed:-	
		TIME	CHANGED	Market State Control
		At Anchor		TO
				TO
				TO
				TO
	(c)	Changes in Formati	lon:-	
		TIME	CHANGED	
		At Anchor, none		
(	(ā)	Changes in composi	ition of Unit:-	
		At Anchor, none		
	(€)	Sunmary of Contact	ts:-	
		none		
	(f)	Brief of operation	ns of other Units:-	
		none		
	(g)	Important informat	tion of own or enemy fo	procet-
		none		

DAILY WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: March 25, 1943
5. Service Ammunition	expended:-	
	IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a) 5"/51 Cal		
(b) 3"/50 Cal	<u>N</u>	
(c) 20mm AAMG	N E	
(d) .30 Cal	E	
(e) Depth Charges _		
6. Summary of Importar	nt Orders received and de	cisions reached:

7. Remarks on materials and operational features not included in action reports:-

Continued loading Cargo

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and g74(6), USN Regs.arc not (are) included.

W.B.FLETCHER, Jr.,

Commander, U. S. Navy,

Commanding.

		DAILY	WAR DIARY	0.5.	S.LIBRA(AKA	15)
ime Z	one Description	11		DateMa	arch 26, 194	3.
n Rou	te From At Anche	or	To			
. (a)	Designation of	Major Tasl	k Force or	Fleet: TF	32,3rd.Flee	t
(b)	Designation of	Next High	er Echelon:	TransGroup	3rd.Fleet	
(c)	Designation of	Unit:	32.4.6			
	Composition of	Unit: LIB	RA SCENT CITY	MUSTIN HUGHES		
. (a)	The operation gimmediate super	(a) CO	MTRANSGROUP	.3rd Fleet	meilgram 2	212114/Ma
(b)	Brief of the di Directions regard Efate, and Esp	arding load	ding and ro	ute to Gua		
. (a)	Ship's Position	(LOT) At:				
	0800 Lat.At	anchor	1200 Lat.At	Anchor	_2000 Lat	
	Long		Long.		Long	
(b)	Course					
	good since prev					
(c)	Notes on meteor	ological c	onditions (	if any) w	hich may ha	ve
	affected the mi	ssion:				

DA	LY W	AR DIARY		U.S.S.LI	BRA (AKA	12) Date	March 26, 1943.
4.	Brief of Day's Operatio			ons:-			
	(a)	Base Con	irse At anc	hor		Stan	lard Speed
		Position	n in Formati	on:			
	(b)	Ohenges	in course a	and Speed:	-		
			TIME		CHANGED		
			At Anchor				TO
							TO
							TO
							TO
	(c)	Changes	in Formati	on:-			
			TIME		CHANGED		
		NONE					
(	(ā)	Changes	in composi	tion of U	nit:-		
		NONE					
	(€)	Sunmary	of Contact	8:-			
		NOME					
	(f)	Brief o	f operation	s of othe	r Units:-		
		NONE					
	(g)	Importa	nt informat	ion of ow	n or ener	my forces:	
		NOME					

DAILY WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: March 26, 1943.
5. Service Ammunition	expended:-	
	NCITOA NI	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a) 5"/51 Cal	NONE	
(b) 3"/50 Cal	NONE	
(c) 20mm AAMG	NONE	
(a) .30 Cal	NONE	
(e) Depth Charges .	NONE	
6. Summary of Important Received CTF 31 de Koli Point.	nt Orders received and despatch 260839/March conc	cisions reached: erning unloading at

Received for info. CTU 32.4.6 despatch 252359/March concerning

7. Remarks on materials and operational features not included in action reports:-

Continued loading cargo through out day and night.

delay of 24 hours in departure Undine Bay.

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and g74(6), USN Regs.arc not (XXXXX) included.

W.B.FLETCHER, Jr...
Commander, U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

			DAILY W	AR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA(AKA12)			
T1	me Z	one Description	-11		Date March 27,1943.			
En	Rou	te Brom At And	hor.	To	Undine Bay, Efate.			
1.	(a)	Designation of A	lajor Task	Force or	Fleet: TF 32, 3rd Flt.			
	( b)	Designation of 1	lext Higher	Echelon:	TransGroup, 3rd Fleet.			
	(c)	Designation of U	Init: 32.4.	6				
		Composition of U	init: LIE CRE	RA SCENT CIT	MUSTIN HUGHES			
2.	(a)	The operation pl	an or orde (a)ComTra or:(b)CTU	r (despat nsGroup,3 32.4.6 Op	ch) of the ordFlt.Mailgram 212114/March eration Order No.2-43.			
	(a)	Brief of the dir Directions regar Efate and Espir	ding loadi	ng and ro	ute to Guadalcanal via			
3.	(a)	Ship's Position	(LCT) At:_	At An	chor.			
		. 0800 Lat	1.2	00 Lat	2000 Lat			
		Long.		Long	Long.			
	(b)	Course		and dista	ancemade			
		good since previous noon.						
	(c)	) Notes on meteorological conditions (if any) which may have						
		affected the mis	sion:					
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DA	ILY 1	WAR DIAR	Y	U.S.S.LIBR	A (AKAl2)	Date: March 27,1943.	
4.	Bri	of of Da	y's Operation	ons:-			
	(a)	Base Co	urse At Anc	hor		Standard Speed	
		Positio	n in Formati	on: : A	t Anchor.		
	(b)	Ohs nges	in course a	and Speed:-			
			TIME	<u>CH</u>	ANGED		
			AT A	NCHOR.		TO	-
						TO	
			-			TO	
						TO	
	(c)	Changes	in Formatio	on:-			
			TIME	CH	ANGED		
		At Anch	or.	alan en en en			
(	(ā)	Changes	in composit	ion of Unit	1.47		
		None					
	( ∈ )	Sunmary	of Contacts	3:-			
		None					
	(f)	Brief o	f operations	of other U	nits:-		
		None					
	(g)	Importa	nt informati	on of own o	r onemy fo	recs:-	
		None					

DAILY WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: March 27, 1943
5. Service Ammunition	expended:-	
	IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a) 5"/51 Cal	None	
(b) 3"/50 Cal	None	
(c) 20mm AAMG	None	
(a) .30 Cal.	None	
(e) Depth Charges	None	

6. Summary of Important Orders received and decisions reached:

7. Remarks on materials and operational features not included in action reports:-

Continued loading cargo throughout day and night.

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and g74(6), USN Regs.arc not (XXX) included.

W.B. FLETCHER, Jr.,

W.B.FLETCHER, Jr., Commander, U.S. Navy,

Commanding.

		DAILY WAR DIARY U.S.S.LIBRA(AKA12)
Ti	me Z	one Description11 Date March 28, 1943.
En	Rou	te Prom Fila (Efate) To Espiritu Santo.
1.	(a)	Designation of Major Task Force or Fleet: CTF 32-3rd Fleet.
	(ď)	Designation of Next Higher Echelon: TransGroup, 3rd Fleet.
	(c)	Designation of Unit: 32.4.6
		Composition of Unit:  LIBRA MUSTIN  CRESCENT CITY(CTU) HUGHES
2.	(a)	The operation plan or order (despatch) of the (a) ComTransGr, 3rd Flt. Mailgram 212114/March. immediate superior:(b) C.T.U.32.4.6 Operation Order.
	(,b)	Brief of the directive(s) contained therein: Directions regarding loading and route to Guadalcanal via Efate, and Espiritu Santo, and return to Noumea.
	, ,	
3.	(a)	Ship's Position (LCT) At:
		0800 Lat. 17° 14'S 1200 Lat. 16°-20'S 2000 Lat. 15°-28'S (At Anchor) Long. 168°-07'E. Long. 167°-51\frac{1}{2}'E. Long. 167°-14'
	(b)	Course and distance 87 Miles. made
		good since ************************************
	(c)	Notes on meteorological conditions (if any) which may have
		affected the mission:

DAILY	Y WAR DIAR	U.S.S.	LIBRA (AKAl2) Date	: March 28,1943.
4. Br	rief of Da	y's Operations:-		
(ε	a) Base Co	ourse_At Anchor	Stan	dard Speed
	Positio	n in Formation:	At Anchor	
( b	o) Changes	in course and Spee	:d:-	
		TIME 0542 Underway, 0647 0841	CHANGED Course and speed St.S. To Base Course Course	Various. TO 15.5kts.87 RPM. 335°T, 336°G, 325°PSTGC TO 000°T,001°G,318°
		1153	Course	TO 336°T, 337°C, 325°
( c	c) Changes	1604 in Formation:-		To Various to Pallikula Bay
		TIME	CHANGED	
	2nd Si	hip in column ,Dista	ance 700 yards.	
( (c	i) Changes	in composition of	Unit:-	
( €		of Contacts:- HUGHES reported Su	bmarine, Sound - Neg	gative.
( f	f) Brief o	of operations of oth	ner Units:-	
	1430	- Sighted HUNTER L	IGGETT with escort (	MAURY)
-( €	g) Importa	ant information of c	own or enemy forces:	

None.

5. Service Ammunition exp	in action	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a) 5"/51 Cal. No	IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a) 5"/51 Cal. No		
	ne	
(b) 3"/50 Cal. No	ne	
(c) 20mm AAMG No	ne	
(a) .30 Cal. No	ne	+
(e) Depth ChargesNo	ne	****
6. Summary of Important C	rders received and deci	sions reached:

7. Remarks on materials and operational features not included in action reports:-

None

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and g74(6), USN Regs.arc not (xxx) included.

W.B. FLETCHER, Jr., Commander, U. S. Navy, Commanding.

En	Rou	te EDrom At And	hor	xBox Palli	kula Bay.	
1.	(a)	Designation of	Major Task	Force or Fleet	t: CTF 32,3rd Fleet	
	(b)	Designation of	Next Higher	Echelon: Tran	sGroup, 3rd Fleet.	
	(c)	Designation of	Unit: 32.	4.6		
	- T.	Composition of	annaa	A ENT CITY(CTU)	MUSTIN HUGHES.	
2.	(a)	The operation immediate super	plan or orde (a)Com rior: (b)CTU	r (despatch) FransGr.3rd Fl 32.4.6 Operat	of the t.Mailgram 212114/ ion Order No.2-43.	March
	(a)	Brief of the d. Directions reg Efate and Espi	arding load	ing and route	to Guadalcanal via	
3.	(a)	Ship's Position	n (LCT) At:	Anchor		
		0800 Lat. A	t Anchor.12	200 Lat	2000 Lat	
		Long.	1-1	Long.	Long.	***
	(b)					1.61
	3. 3	Notes on meteor		nditions (if a	any) which may have	9

DA:	ILY I	WAR DIAR	Y	U.S.S.LI	BRA (AKA1	2) Date: March 29,1943.	
4.	Bri	f of Da	y's Operati	ons:-			
	(a)	Bass Con	arse_At A	nchor		Standard Speed	
		Position	n in Format	1 on:			
	(d)	Ohenges	in course	and Speed:			
			TIME		CHANGED		
			At Anch	or		TO	_
						TO	_
						TO	_
						TO	_
	(c)	Ohenges	in Formati	on:-	;		
			TIME		CHANGED		
		None					
(	(ā)	Changes	in composi	tion of Un	1t:-		
		None					
					All my		
	(€)	Summary	of Contact	8:-			
		None					
	(f)	Brief of	operation	s of other	Units:-		
		None					
	(-)	Tomas					
	(8)		nt informat:	ion of own	or enemy	rorcos:-	
		None					

DAILY WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: <u>March</u> 29, 1943.
5. Service Ammunition	n expended:-	
	IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a) 5"/51 Cal	None	
(b) 3"/50 Cal	None	
(c) 20mm AAMG _	None	
(a) .30 Cal	None	
(e) Depth Charges	None	
6. Summary of Imports	ent Orders received and do	cisions reached:

7. Remarks on materials and operational features not included in action reports:-

Loading Cargo.

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and 874(6), USN Regs.arc not (xxxxx) included.

W.B. FLETCHER, Jr., Commander, U. S. Navy, Commanding.

Ti	me Z	one Description Date March 30,1943.
		te Drom At anchor 77 Pallikula Bay
1.	(a)	Designation of Major Task Force or Fleet: CTF 32,3rd.Fleet
	(b)	Designation of Next Higher Echelon: TransGroup, 3rd. Fleet
	(c)	Designation of Unit: 32.4.6
	le ne	Composition of Unit: LIBRA MUSTIN USS CRESCENT CITY(CTU) HUGHES
2.	(a)	The operation plan or order (despatch) of the  (a)ComTransGroup 3rd.Fleet, Mailgram 212114/Mainmediate superior (b)CTU 32.4.6 operation order No 2-43.
	(ď)	Brief of the directive(s) contained therein: Directions regarding loading and route to Guadacanal via Efate and Espiritu Santo, and return to Noumea.
3.	(a)	Ship's Position (LCT) At:
		0800 Lat. at anchor 1200 Lat. at anchor 2000 Latat anchor
		Long. Long. Long.
	(b)	Course and distance made
		good since previous noon.
	(c)	Notes on meteorological conditions (if any) which may have
		affected the mission:

DAI	LY I	WAR DIAR	ĽΥ	U.S.S.L	IBRA (AKA12)	Date:_	March 30, 1943.
4.	Bri	f of Da	y's Operatio	ns:-			
	(a)	Base Co	urseAt a	nchor		Standar	d Speed
		Positio	n in Formati	on: At	Anchor		والمرائل والمرا
	(b)	Ohenges	in course a	nd Speed			
			TIME		CHANGED		
			1553 underwa Pallikuia Ba anchorage, k	y from a y, Espin	anchorage in Litu Santo, in Segound Char	to To	
			1748 Anchore			T.C	
						TO	
	(c)	Changes	in Formatio	n:-			
			TIME		CHANGED		
		NONE					levie Levie
Ċ	(ā)	Changes	in composit	ion of U	nit:-		
		NONE					
	(€)	Summary	of Contacts				
	(f)	Brief o	f operations	of other	r Units:-		
		None					
	(E)	Importa	nt informati	on of on	n or enemy f	`orcos:	
		NONE					

DAILY WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: March 30, 1943
5. Service Ammunition	expended:-	
	IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a) 5"/51 Cal	NONE	
(b) 3"/50 Cal	NONE	
(c) 20mm AAMG	NONE	
(a) .30 Cal.	NONE	
(e) Depth Charges	NONE	

6. Summary of Important Orders received and decisions reached:
Received from Mag 21 copy of ComTransGroup, 3rd Fleet mailgram
231126 regarding priority loading of seil stabilizer.

Received Com3rd.Fleet despatch 300025, and ComTransGroup 3020555 substituting Morris for Mustin and Sterrett for Hughes upon arrival in Solomons.

7. Remarks on materials and operational features not included in

action reports:-

Continued loading cargo.

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and 874(6), USN Regs.arc not (xxxx) included.

W.B.FLETCHER, Jr., Commander, U.S. Navy, Commanding.

				DAI	LY WAR	DIARY	U.S.	S.LIBRA(A	KA12)
Ti	me Z	one Descri	otion	-11			Date Mar	ch 31,194	3
									itu Santo.
1.	(a)	Designati	on of	Major	Task For	ce or Fle	eet: CTF	32, 3rd	Fleet.
	(b)	Designati	on of	Next H	igher Ec	helon:Tra	nsGroup	, 3rd Fle	et.
	(c)	Designati	on of	Unit:_	32.4.6				
		Compositi	on of	Unit: 1	LIBR <b>A</b> CRESCENT	CITY(CTU	J)	MUSTIN HUGHES.	
2.	(a)	The opera	tion r	lan or	order (	despatch	of the	01.01.1	4 Monah
		immediate	super	ior: (b	CTU 32.	4.6 Opera	ation Or	ram 21211 der No.2-	43.
	(a)	Brief of Direction Efate and	is rega	arding !	loading	ateined the and:routed return	to Gua	dalcanal a.	via
3.	(a)	Ship's Po	sition	(LCT)	At:				
						Lat.At Ar		_2000 Lat	.At Anchor
			ong		I	ong.		Long	•
	(b)	Course _			an	d distanc	е		made
		good sinc	e prev	1ous no	oon.				
	(c)	Notes on	meteor	ologica	al condi	tions (if	any) w	hich may	have
		affected	the mi	ssion:					

DAILY	WAR DIAR	ŭ.	S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: March 31,1943.
4. Bri	of of Dag	y's Operations:		
(a)	Base Con	urse At Anchor		_Standard Speed
	Position	n in Formation:	At Anchor	
(b)	Ohenges	in course and	Speed:-	
		TIME	CHANGED	
		At Anchor		TO
			_	TO
			_	TO
			-	TO .
(c)	Changes	in Formation:-		
		TIME	CHANGED	
	None			
( a)	Changes	in composition	of Unit:-	
	None			
(€)	Summary	of Contacts:-		
	None			
(f)	Brief or	f operations of	other Units:-	
	None			
(8)	Importan	nt information	of own or enemy f	orecs:-

DAILY	WAR DIARY	U.S.S.LIBRA (AKA12)	Date: March 31,1943.
5. Ser	vice Ammunition	n expended:-	
		IN ACTION	LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
(a)	5"/51 Cal	None	
(b)	3"/50 Cal	None	
(c)	20mm AAMG _	None	
(a)	.30 Cal	None	
(e)	Depth Charges	None	

7. Remarks on materials and operational features not included in action reports:-

6. Summary of Important Orders received and decisions reached:

Continued loading Cargo.

8. Action Reports and reports required by Articles 712(2)(3) and 874(6), USN Regs. are not (xxx) included.

W.B.FLETCHER, Jr., Commander, U.S. Navy,

Commanding.

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## CONFIDENTIAL UNITED STATES SHIP LIBRA (AKA12) Thursday. April ZONE DESCRIPTION \_\_\_\_ // REMARKS "OPERATIONAL REMARKS AND WAR DIARY" 0000 - 0400 : Anchored in Segond Channel berth 22, Espiritu Santo in 15 fathoms of water with 60 fathom of chain to starboard anchor. Anchorage bearings Beacon "L" 12° T; Beacon "K" 133°T; Beacon "H" 75°T. Continued loading No.4 hatch. All other hatches loaded. Ensign D. W. CHILDS, D-V(G), USNR. 0400 - 0800 : Anchored as before, continued loading No.4 hatch. 0800- 1200 : Continued loading No.4 hatch. 1015 completed all loading. 1124 Underway in obedience to ComTransGroupSrdFleet despatch 212114 of March, 1943 in company Task Unit 32.4.6, CRESCENT CITY (C.T.U.) followed by LIBRA. Captain conning, Navigator and Executive Officer on the bridge. Standing out of Espiritu Santo (Segond Channel), on various courses conforming to the Channel and at various speeds. Av. Steam 450; Ave. RPM. 29n.J. H. MOLONEY JU.S.N.

1200 - 1600: Underway as before, various courses and speeds standing out to sea. 1215 passed through the mine field. 1235 joined by destroyer escort, MUSTIN and HUGHES, who took position on each bow. 1303 with the middle of Tutuba Island abeam to port distance 1.3 miles changed course to 354° true, S/S 15 knots, and commenced Z.Z. Plan 12 (1940 diagram) taking position 15° on port quarter of CRESCENT CITY, (guide) distance 600 yards. 1530 ceased Z.Z. 1538 with Saka# Island abeam to port, distance 4.8 miles, changed course to 307° true. 1543 changed standard speed to 15.5 knots. 1555 commenced Z.Z. Plan 12 (1940 diagram). Av. Steam 450; Av. RPM. 82.2. RPM.82.2.

Lieut. (1g) H.M. PEPPER, D-V(G) USNR.

1600- 1800: Steaming as before on base course 5070 true at S/S 15.5 knots. Av. Steam 450; Av. RPM 85.

Ensign J.J. BORDEN, D-M, USNR.

Steaming as before on base course 3070 true at S/S 15.5 knots. 1850 ceased Z.Z. 1900 Changed course to 5230 true and changed speed to 15.0 knots. Av. Steam 450; Av. RPM. 84. 1800 - 2000 :

ad C. Frome Ensign W.O. LYDIS, U.S.N.

2000-Position: Lat. 140-16' S. Long. 1660-29'E.

2000 - 2400 : Steaming as before on base course 3230 true at 5/5 15.0 knots. Av. Steam 450; Av. RPM 82.8.

Examined:

JOSEPH WEINER, Lieut. D-M, USNR. Mavigator.

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Approved: 673000

UNITED STATES SHIP LIBRA(AKA12)

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ZONE DESCRIPTION -//

REMARKS

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0000 - 0400: Steaming in formation on line of bearing 195° relative, distance 600 yards, with Task Unit 32.4.6 CRESCENT CITY (CTU and guide) followed by LIBRA. Destroyers MUSTIN and HUGHES on each bow as screen. Standard Speed 15.0 on base course 323°T, Boilers 1 and 2 in use; ship darkened and condition of readiness three; OSL5 commenced Z.Z., plan 12 (1940 diagram). Av. Steam 450; Av. HPM 82.5.

> Hungensen. Lieut. (1g)H.M. PEPPER, D-V(G), USNR.

0400 = 0800 : Steaming as before on base course 323°T, at 8/S 15.0 knots. 0558 C/S to 15.5 knots. 0700 ceased Z.Z. 0702 C/S to 15.0 and C/C to 325°true. 0706 commenced Z.Z.,plan 16 (1940 diagram). Av. Steam 450 lbs. Av. RPM 84.8

Ensign J.J. BORDEN. D-M. USNR.

0800-Position: Lat. 16°-51.5°S. Long. 164°-34' E.

0800 - 1200 : Steaming as before on base course 325° true at 15.0 knots. 1017 sighted friendly ship and escort bearing 020° True. Av. Steam 450; Av. RPM 82.5.

Ensign W.C.LYONS, U.S.N.

1200-Position: Lat. 110-09 8. Long. 1640-01 E.

1200 - 1600 : Steaming as before on base course 325° true at 15.0 knots. 1250 ceased Z.Z. 1300 C/C to 296° true. 1303 commenced Z.Z. plan 16(1940 diagram). 1327 sighted unidentified aircraft bearing 050° true; 1340 sighted friendly aircraft bearing 270° true. 1530 C/S to 15.5 knots. Av. Steam 450; Av. FPM 82.

U.S.N.

1600 - 1800 : Steaming as before on base course 296° true at standard speed 15.5 knots. 1655 sighted San Cristobal Island bearing 260° true approximate distance 40 miles. Av Steam 450; Av RPM 86.5

Tender. Lieut. (jg)H.M. PEPPER, D-V(G), USNR.

1800 - 2000: Steaming as before on base course 2960 true at standard speed 15.5 knots. 1900 ceased Z.Z. and took position in column open order. Av. Steam 450; Av. RPM 85.

Ensign J.J. BORDEN, D-M. USNR.

2000-Position: Lat. 100-08.51 8. Long. 1620-27' E.

2000 - 2400 : Steaming as before on base course 296° true, at standard speed 15.5 knots. 2113 C/C to 276° true; 2215 C/C to 270° true; 2350 C/C to 308° true. Av. Steam 450; Av. RPM. 85.5.

Eneign W.C.LYONS, U.S.M.

Approved:

ansere-eng. W.B.FLETCHER, Jr. Commander, U.S. Navy, Commanding.

Examined:

ruph Weines JOSEPH WEINER, Lieut., D-M, USNR., Mavigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP\_LIBRA (AKAL2)

Saturday 3 April

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS "OPERATIONAL REMARKS AND WAR DIARY"

OGGO-0400: Steaming in formation in column open order, distance 600 yards with Task Unit 32.4.6 CRESCENT CITY (CTU and Guide) followed by LIBRA. Destroyers MUSTIN and HUGHES on each bow as screen. Standard speed 15.5 knots, course 308° True. Boilers 1 and 2 in use; ship darkened and condition of readiness three. 0346 C/C to 270° true. Av. Steam 450; Av. RPM 85.7.

0400-0800 : Steaming as before on course 270° true at S/S 15.5 knots. 0418 C/S to 2/3(10 knots). 0443 C/C to 260° true and C/S to 15 knots. 0500 sighted light on Muga Island bearing 285° true. 0510 sighted light on Para Pile Island bearing 274° true. 0532 set condition one (General Quarters). 0539 C/C to 179° true. 0540 C/C to 269° true. 0546 secured from General Quarters, and took Debarkation Stations. 0607 C/C to 250° true and made preparation to anchor proceeding at various course, and speeds to anchorage. 0632 despetch officer bearing ship. 0647 Arc. course, and speeds to anchorage. 0639 despatch officer boarded ship. 0647 Anchored off Togama Point, Guadalcanal Island in 19 fathome of water with 45 fathom of chain to the starboard anchor on the following bearings: Beacon "A" 221.5°T.; Beacon "B" 257.5°True. 0726 all boats lowered in the water and commenced opening all hatches. 0737 U.S.S.VIREO placed PAB 6 on port side forward. 0752 set group "A" for combat discharge of cargo. Av. Steam 450; Av. RPM. 56.6.

Lt. (jg)H.M.PEPPER, D-V(G), USNR. OBOO-1200: Anchored as before, unloading cargo from all holds. O910 U.S.S.SANDS fired "Y" gun depth charge. O925 U.S.S.WARD stood in and anchored. O929 U.S.S. RAIL moored PAB 4 to starboard side. O930 commenced discharging cargo from No.3 hold into PAB 4. O954 Anchor aweigh to shift berth moving with the current. 1003 anchored in 16 fathoms of water with 30 fathoms of chain to port anchor, on following bearings: Beacon A 241 True; Beacon J 124 True. Taviu Pt.090 True. 1110 made daily inspection of all magazines and smokeless powder samples. Found condition normal. 1115 U.S.S.VIREO cast off from port side and anchored. 1128 "Condition Red", sounded General Quarters, all boats and barges cleared side. 1140 underway steering various courses and making various speeds in position astern CRESCENT CITY. Standard speed 15.0 knots with T.U.32.4.6 maneuvering as necessary to avoid sir attack. Av Steem 450: Av EPM 82 to avoid air attack. Av. Steam 450; Av. RPM 82.

Ensign W.C. Lyons, U.S.N.

1200-1800: Steaming as before on various courses at various speeds following movements of Unit Commander (C.T.U.32.4.6). 1214 all clear sounded. 1216 Secured from General Quarters. 1229 Anchored in 16 fathoms of water with 30 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor off Togama Pt., Guadalcanal Island on the following anchorage bearings: Beacom "A" 243°true; Beacon "B" 132°true. 1245 received PAB 6 alongside port side. Commenced unloading holds 1 an 2. 1410 received PAB 4 alongside starboard side. Commenced unloading holds 3 and 4.

Lt. (jg)H.M.PEPPER, D-V(G), USNR.

1800-2400 : Anchored as before. 1822 observed sunset, darkened ship.

Energy W. O. LYONS, U.S.N.

Approved:

W.B. FLETCHER, Jr. 9 . Commander, U.S. Navy, Commanding.

Examined:

bright W JOSEPH WEINER. Lieut., D-M, U.S.N.R., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP \_\_LIBRA(AKAL2)

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ZONE DESCRIPTION -13

REMARKS

"OPERATIONAL REMARKS AND WAR DIARY"

0000-0600 - Anchored off Koli Point Guadalcanal in 16 fathoms of water with 30 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following anchorage bearings:-Beacon "A" 243°True; beacon "B" 132°True. Ship darkened. Boilers #1 and #2 in use for auxiliary purposes. Unloading cargo from holds 1 and 2 into PAB 6 alongside port side and from holds 3 and 4 into PAB 4 alongside starboard side. 0409 air raid alert sounded. Ceased unloading. 0454 All clear sounded. Resumed unloading.

Lt. (jg)H. M. PEPPER, D-V(G), UBNR.

O600-1200 - Anchored as before. Discharging cargo from holds Nos.1, 2, and 4. At 0610 CRESCENT CITY underway to shift anchorage off Lunga Point. At 0655 a Task Unit of 2 CLs and 5 DDs stood in from sea and into Tulagi Harbor. At 0800 mustered crew on stations; Absentess-None. At 0801 the U.S.S.HOVEY and U.S.S. BREESE stood out from Tulagi Harbor and out to sea. At 0910 the U.S.S.WARD, SANDS and AARON WARD stood in and anchored. At 0950 3 P.C.boats and 1 net tender stood out from Tulagi Harbor and out to sea. At 1000 PAB 6 cast off from port side in tow of 2 LCVs. At 1014"condition red". Went to General Quarters. At 1032"condition green". Secured from General Quarters. At 1035 resumed discharging cargo. at 1036 made daily inspection of magazines. Condition normal. At 1145 U.S.S. WARD underway.

Ensign W.O.LYONS) U.S.N.

1200-1800 - Anchored as before. Discharging cargo from holds Mos.1, 2, 3 and 4. 1337 U.S.S. HAIL came alongside PAB4 to starboard. 1443 U.S.S. RAIL shoved off with PAB 4. 1522 U.S.S. BREESE stood in and anchored. 1605 U.S.S. VIREO underway with PAB 6 in tow. 1615 U.S.S.AARON WARD stood in and anchored. 1645 U.S.S. AARON WARD stood out. 1700 U.S.S.RAIL stood out.

Lt. (jg)H.M. PEPPER, D-V(Q), USNR.

1800-2400 - Anchored as before. Unloading No.3 hold. 1810 secured No.3 hold. 1822 ship darkened. 1850 CRESCENT CITY shifted berth. 2250 called alert. 2345 secured from alert.

Ensign D.W. CHILDS, D-V(G), USHR.

Approved: W.B.FLETCHER, Jr., J. Commander, U. S. Navy, Commanding.

Examined:

JOSEPH WEINER, Lieut., D-M, U.S.N.R.,

Mavigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP \_\_ LIBRA(AKA12)

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ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

"OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY"

OGOG-0400: Anchored between Togoma Point and Koli Point, Guadalcanal, Soloman Islands, in 20 fathoms of water, sand and coral bottom with 45 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor on following anchorage bearings. Beacon "A" 243°T, Beacon "B" 132°T. Engine room standing by boilers one and two in use. Ship darkened.

Lieut I. M. JORDAN, D-V(S), USNR.

0400-0600: Anchored as before. At 0445 commenced making preparation for getting underway. At 0531 underway steaming various courses making various speeds. Standard speed 15 knots enroute Lunga Point. Capt.at conn. Nav.on bridge. Av.9PM.84.0: Av Steam 450.

Eneign WILLIAM C.LYONE, U.S.N.

0600-1200: Steaming as before on various courses at various speeds. Captain at conn. Mav.on bridge, enroute from Togoma Point to Lunga Point. 0618 anchored off Lunga Point in 27 fathoms of water with 35 fathoms of chain to port anchor on following anchorage bearings: Beacon "F" 255°; Beacon "E" 131°; Beacon "D" 179°. 0625 CRESCENT CITY anchored. 0630 commenced discharging cargo from all holds. 0800 Mustered crew on stations. No Absentees. 0845, USS SANDS stood out. 1030 CRESCENT CITY stood out toward Tulagi. 1130 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokless powder samples. Condition normal. Av.RPM.84.0;Av.Steam 450.

Lieut. (Jg)H. M. PEPPER, D-V(G), USNR.

1200-2000 : Anchored as before. Discharging cargo from all holds. At 1201 sighted six(6) ships standing in from see and into Tulagi Harbor. At 1455 USS STERRETT stood in and anchored. At 1640 sighted 2 CLs and 5DDs standing out of Tulagi Harbor. At 1750 sectred from discharging cargo and at 1754 underway from anchorage to night anchorage with Captain at conn. Navigator on the bridge, standard speed 15 knots steaming various courses. Draft fwd.12'8",aft 23'9". At 1822 sunset. Darkened ship. At 1823 commenced steering various courses making various speeds and at 1838 anchored off Togoma Point, Quadalcanal, Solomon Islands, in 12 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to port anchor on following bearings: Beacon "A" 204°T. Beacon "B" 252°T and Beacon "J" 125°T. At 1840 secured sea detail. At 1930 Condition "Red". Av.RPM 84.0; Av.steam 450.

Eneign WILLIAM C.LYOUS, U.S.N.

2000-2400 : Anchored as before, 2030 Condition "Green".

Lieut. (jg)H.M. PEPPER, D-V(G)USNR.

Approved:

W.B.FLETCHER, Jr. Commander, U.S.Navy,

Examined:

SOSEPH WEINER, Lieut. D-M, USNR.,

Mavigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP \_\_ LIBRA(AKA12)

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0000-0400: Anchored off Togoma Point, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, in 12 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to port anchor, sand and coral bottom, with the following anchorage bearings: Beacon "A" 204°T; Beacon "B" 252°T; and Beacon "J" 125°T. Boilers 1 and 2 in use. Engine room standing by. Ship darkened and all holds secured for the night. O155 blew tubes on boilers 1 and 2. 0200 airraid alert from shore station. 0218 all clear was sounded.

BOND.J.E.MOLDNEY, U.N.

0400-0600: Anchored as before. 0445 made all preparations for getting underway. 0515 Hove short and 0525 underway for Lunga Point, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands pursuent to previous orders, Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on bridge.

Ensign J.J. BORDEN, D-M, USNR.

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O600-1200: Steaming as before on various courses making various speeds approaching anchorage. At 0607 anchored off Lunga Point, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, in 20 fathoms of water with 30 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on following bearings: Beacon 168.50T. and Beacon 178 2530T. At 0620 commenced discharging cargo from all holds. At 0622 XTU 32.4.1 stood in from sea and anchored off Kukum. At 0800 mustered crew on stations, no absentees. At 0825 submarine contact reported between Cape Esperancend Savo Island. At 0830 the USS TAPPAHANNOCK stood out from Tulagi Harbor and into Kukum. At 0830 secured working #1 hold. At 1100 made daily inspection of magazines, condition normal. Av. RPM 84.Av. Steam 450.

Ensign WILLIAM C.LYONS, U.S.M.

1200-1800: Anchored as before. Unloading holds 2, 3, 4 and 5. 1235 USS AARON MARD stood in. 1304 USS ALGORAB stood out. 1400 secured from unloading #3 hold. 1630 secured from unloading #5 hold. 1635 sighted Task Force of 3 cruisers and 5 destroyers leaving OSOOT. 1730 set special sea detail, secured from unloading. 1753 underway from Lunga Point to Togoma Point. Captain at conn. Mavigator on bridge. Steaming on various courses at various speeds.

Lieut. (jg)H.N. PEPPER, D-V(0), USNR.

1800-2400: Steaming as before, various courses and various speeds. 1820 Garkened ship. 1833.5 anchored off Togoma Pt.Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands in 17 fathoms of water, sand and coral bettom with 45 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor, on the following anchorage bearings: Beacon "A" 179°T; Beacon "B",323°T; Beacon "J",320°T. 1933 Condition "Red", Gunfire on beach1934 General Quarters, made preparations for petting underway. 1939 all stations manned and ready. Heavy AA fire from beach. 1940 AA fire noted at Tulagi. 1946 firing ceased at Guadalcanal and Tulagi. 1947 searchlights on beach turned off, 1950 searchlight pointing at target in easterly position. Shore batteries began firing. 1956 firing ceased. 2002 firing began at Tulagi on target bearing south. 2004 firing ceased. 2051 secured from General Quarters, leaving half the AA batteries manned and lookouts remaining at stations. 2331 Condition "Green" Av Steam 450. Av. RPM 28.

Lieut.I(, M. JORDAN, D-V(8), USNR.

Additional Remarks by Commanding Officer:+

Upon departure of CRESCENT CITY at 1300, Task Unit 32.4.6 dissolved. LIBRA reported to CTU 32.4.4 in ALGORAB in compliance CTF 32 despatch 050246/Apr. and CTU 32.4.6 despatch 050849/Apr. as modified Com.3rd Flt.051155/April.

Comdr. W. B. FLETCHEH, Jr., U.S. N., Comdg.

Approved:

W.B.FIETCHER, Jr. ... Commander, U.S. Navy, Commanding.

Examined:

JOSEPH MEINER, Lieut. D-M, USNR., Nevigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP \_ LIBRA (AKAL2)

Wednesday

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REMARKS

"OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY"

0000-0400 : Anchored off Togoma Point, Guadalcanal Solomon Islands In.
of water with 45 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor on following bearings:
Beacon "A" 179°T; Beacon "B" 232°T and Beacon "J" 130°T. Ship darkened. Boilers Anchored off Togoma Point, Guadaleanal Solomon Islands in 17 fathoms No 1 and 2 in use. Ships present, Various U.S. Maval and merchant ships. Ship in modified condition III.

Ensign WILLIAM O. LYONS, (J. S. N.

0400-0600 : Anchored as before. 0500 made all preparations for getting underway. 0510 set special sea detail. 0515 hove short. 0526 underway for Lunga Pt. Captain at conn. - Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. 0538 set course

Ensign D.W.CHILDS, D-V(O),

O600-1200: Steaming as before on various courses at various speeds. Captain at conn. Navigator on bridge. O605 anchored off Lunga Pt.in 20 fathoms of water with 30 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on thefollowing bearings: Beacon "E" 168°T.; Beacon "F" 257°T. Commenced unloading holds #2 and #4. O645 USS GEORGE CLYMER stood in and anchored. O800 mustered erew on stations, no absentees. 1100 made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Condition normal.

Lieut. (JEH. M. PEPPER, D-V(G), USNR. 1200-1600: Anchored as before making all preparations for getting underway.
1209 General Quarters sounded. 1213 all stations manned and ready. 1214 anchor aweigh, this Task Unit 32.4.4 underway, consisting of U.S.S.LIBRA(CTU and guide)
8.8.WILLIAM WILLIAMS; S.S.LOUIS JOLIET; S.S.DONA NATI and U.S.S.STERRETT as escor S.S.WILLIAM WILLIAMS; S.S.LOUIS JOLIET; S.S.DONA NATI and U.S.S.STERRETT as escort following movements of LIBRA, 8/S 15 knots, making 2/3 speed. 1220 C/C 114°True. 1228 C/C to 099°True. 1239 C/C 074°true. 1305 C/C to 091°true and entered Lengo Channel. 1400 U.S.S.ADHARA joined T.U.32.4.4. T.U.32.4.4 took the following formation: LIBRA, (CTU and guide), leading Column No.1, followed by S.S.WILLIAM WILLIAMS and S.S.LOUIS JOLIET, U.S.S.ADHARA leading Column No.2 followed by S.S. DONA NATI, U.S.S.STERRETT acting as screen. 1418 cleared Lengo Channel. 1445 CACTUS reported enemy planes in area. 1450 mustered crew on stations and found 54 men (ship's company) and 16 passengers (Navy enlisted) left behind at Lunga Point with all boats. 1515 sounded General Quarters, observed bomber attack on Henderson Field, Guadalcanal. Captain at Battle Conn. 1517 C/C 135° ships right to 135° true. 1519 all ships opened fire on attacking planes. 1521 ship's right to 180°true. 1522 seven bombing planes attacking from different angles. One bomb fell close on starboard bow of LIBRA and close aboard on port guarter. 1524 all ships ceased firing. C/C to 135° true. 1526 C/C to 090°. U.S.S.FARENHOLT joined this unit. 1527 received word over fighter circuit that U.S.S.KANAWEA was abandoning ship. 1545 C/S to 8.0 knots. Av.steam 450; Av.RPM.48.

Lieut. OBEPH WEINER, D-M. USMR.

1600-2000: Steaming as before course O91°at S/S 15.0 knots, steaming at 10.knots.

All hands at General Quarters. 1620 changed speed to 10 knots(55 RPM). 1634 set condition II,2nd and 4th Sections on deck. 1636 tested 3" AA guns #1,2,3 & 4.

Ammunition expended: 38 rounds 3", 1300 rounds 20mm. Casualties: None. 1637 Task force consisting of 3 cruisers and six(6) destroyers on converging course to port. 1655 Task Force 18 tested three bursts of AA ammunition. 1717 Changed course to 125°T. 126°G, 106°PSTGC. 1800 U.S.S.TAYLOR & U.S.S.MARD joined this unit. 1816 darkened ship. Upon apparture CACTUS fifty-four(54) of ship's company and sixteen(16) passengers (Mavy enlisted) and all boats were left behind. 1925 observed searchlight and AA fire in vicinity of CACTUS. 1935 observed unidentified flashes 065°T.(6). 1945 heard sircraft circling over unit. 1950 challenged sircraft found same friendly. Av steam 450. Av.RPM. 52.4.

Lieut, A.R. BARTON, D-M, USNR.

Approved: W.B. FLETCHER, Jr.

Commander, U. S. Navy, Commanding.

Examined:

JOSEPH WEINER, Lieut.D-M, USNR.,

Navigator.

U. S. N., Nexigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP U.S. S. LIBRA (AKAL2)

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2000-2400: Steaming as before on course 125°true, S/S 15 knots, 84 RPM, making 2/3 speed, 55 RPM. 2300 C/C to 090°True. Av. steam 450. Av. RPM. 55.

Lieut. Joseph Weiner, D-M, USHR.

Additional Remarks by Commanding Officer:-

1000- Upon departure Tulagi, ALGORAB(with REID as escort) became Task Unit 32.4.14.

LIBRA thereupon assumed command Task Unit 32.4.4:- LIBRA, DONA MATI, WILLIAM WILLIAMS, LOUIS JOLIET.

Additional remarks for the day's operations contained in LIBRA ltr.AKA12/AL6/Al2/(003) of April 9,1943, a copy of which is attached.

W.B. FLETCHER, Jr.

Approved:

W.B.FLETCHER, Jr., Commander, U. S. Mavy, Commanding. Examined:

JOSEPH WEINER, Lieut., D-M, U.S.N.R.,

Mavigator.

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Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif., April 9,1943.

Prom:

Commander Task Unit 32.4.4.

(Gossanding Officer, U.S.S.LIBRA)

To: Via: Gommander-in-Chief, U.S.FLEET.

(1) Commander Transport Group, Amphibicus Porce,

(2) Commander Amphibious Force, Third Floot.

(3) Commander Third Fleet. (4) Commander Pacific Fleet.

Subject:

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Reference:

(a) U.S. Navy Regulations 1920, Art. 712 and 874.

(b) PACFLT 1trs. 24CL-42 and 36CL-42.

(c) COMINGH serial 3899 of October 19,1948, and serial 299 of January 23, 1948.

Enclosuret

(A) Anti Alreraft Action Report. - Missing

(escorted by HEID) from Tulagi, I assumed command of Task Unit

(a) That Unit 32.4.4 was then composed of :

LIBRA discharging cargo at anchor off Lunga Point.

8.8. WILLIAM WILLIAMS discharging cargo at anchor off
Lunga Point.

8.8. LOUIS JOLIET discharging cargo at anchor off
Tomaru River.

8.8. DONA MATI discharging cargo at anchor off Koli Pt.

8.8. DONA MATI discharging cargo at anchor off Koli Pt.

- (b) Transports of Task Unit 32.4.1 (SOPA in HUNTER LIGHTET) crichored east of Koli Pt. TAPPAHANNOCK (T.U.36.1.3) discharging at Kukum. ADMAHA (T.U.32.4.5) loading off Tenaru.
- to take charge of T.U.32.4.4 and get underway immediately. This was followed immediately by a similar signal from the shore climal station at Lunga Point.



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1214 L - LIBRA underway. Signal sent to Task Unit to get underway immediately and follow me. Easterly courses permitting ships to join. Next to General Guarters.

1214 L - Deceived decede of Cincoac's 070025.

1218 L - Boosived decode of Commander 3rd Fleet 070004 disposing ONF 32 to withdraw all ships from Guadaleanal Area. Observed Task Unit 32.4.1 to eastward standing out of Longo Channel

1218 - Observed Task Perce 18 standing out of Tulagi and to

1220 - Each Unit 32.4.5 (ADHARA) standing to eastward for Lenge Channel.

DOMA MATI of this unit underway standing to eastward through Lenge Channel.

1250 - WHILIAM WILLIAMS and LOUIS JOLIET formed column actoun.

Bot speed 10 knots.

1300 - Duggested to ADHARA that she join my unit, thus doubling destroyer screen (I did not see WARD assigned as serven for Task Unit 32.4.5 but assumed she would join up).

1315 - ANNARA maneuvered to join fermation.

1345 - Roceived UTF 32 despatch 070155 addressed to UTH 82.4.4, ConflavAct. Sciomons, and UTU 36.1.3 for all vessels Task Force 32, Task Unit 36.1.3 and KANADNA with two dubastine chasers to propare to leave area. Orders later.

1400 - ADMANA joined formation, 1000 yards on my port box

followed by 3.3. DONA MATI.

1400 - Doctived Condr. Haval Hase Bolomons despatch 070200 that a large group of planes left BUKA at twelve twenty cim. This looked like probable attack within the hour. Docided to continue on present course to open water east of Longo Channel to provide maneuvering room and to proceed via optablished route toward Espiritu Santo and announced my intention to GTF 32 by despatch.

1420 - Cloared east end of Lengo Channel.

1430 - Gloared visual signal to GTF 31 requesting him to direct many rejoin her task unit (32.4.5 - ADHARA) now with me.

1450 - T.U.36.1.3 - TAPPAHANNOCH, FARGNHOLT, WOODWORTH OVOTCOLING

1450 - Received decode of CTF 32 despatch 070224/April directing departure Guadalcanal, Task Unit 32.4.5, KANAWEA and two gabrarine chasers and REID (from T.U.32.4.14) to join Task Unit 32.4.4 and proceed toward Espiritu Santo. Acknowledged this despatch.



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1500 -	Violatched radio to KANAWNA (my 070410) to join me Violatty east end of Lengo Channel. I desired to remain in unrestricted water and realized that KANAWNA had two to three knots speed advantage over my unit. This
	mossage cleared through radio Tulagi about 152V.
1010 -	Observed large bomb splashes and heavy AA fire in violnity of Langa and/or Koli Points.
1526 -	Observed about 9 dive bembers position angle 40 degrees,
ARCHIO CO.	bearing 170 degrees relative, sitifude about 7000 foot.
1.517	broouted ship's right to 1550 True, by emergency turn
	signal to bring maximum guns to bear.
1510 -	homy sireraft divided into two groups of about throo
-	and six or seven planes. First group apparently starting
	abback on TAPPAHANNOCK, remainder on this formation.
1510%-	Commenced firing on dive bombers attacking on startoomed
	bow. Position angle about 050, angle of dive about the
	ASSID.
15200-	Emocuted ships right 46 degrees by emergency turn olimal
	to course 180 degrees true.
About 3.0	IL- Observed near misses on port bow and just under obern
	OF TAPPAHANNOCK (very close).
1523	Bomb fell 180 feet clear of starboard bow and another
	300 feet clear of port quarter.
	Observed very near misses on ADHARA,
1525	Observed that FAREHHOLT with Combestion 12 embassed had
	joined this unit to cover rear.
1596 -	Thing left to 135 degrees by emergency simultaneous turn.
	All ships ceased firing.
1620 -	Changed course to 090 by emergency turn signal.
1527 -	Intercepted word over fighter control circuit that
	MANAMIA appeared to be abandoning ship.
1630 -	Hoted that LOUIS JOLIET was circling to right. Was
	informed that no damage had been sustained.
1848	Moved to 8 knots to permit JOLIET to rejoin and at
1620 -	loguned standard speed of 10 knots.
1680 -	Cooured from General Quarters and set Condition II.
1600-160	5- Exchange of messages with ADRARA disclosed that obo
	had three holes at water line, that pumps were holding,
	and that she could hold out to Espiritu Santo.
	Ther ships of this unit reported no serious demand.
	In view of word received about KANAMNA decided to proceed

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Changed formation course to 1280 True.
After advising Combesson 12 in FAREMENLT of ecoposition and estimated location of other units, I further advised advised him of my intentions to proceed toward Esparatu

without waiting.

1715 -1730 ---

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in reply he directed me to retain tactical command, amount of escort, and stated that he would remain (with TANGHOLT) at least until daybreak.

1800 - WWW and TAYLOR joined formation.

1818 - Hossived decode of Comairsol 070560, Looked 15700 m

2500 - Changed formation course to 0900 True.

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OSEO - Changed formation course to 1200 True.

Compesson 12 despatch 071216 included information this
thit. No despatch was made by me.

0545 - Composion 12 in FARENHOLT left formation headed to

About 1300 - Composition 12, well clear of this unit, reported condition of ADMARA for me and stating my intention of conding ADMARA to Segund Channel should the remainder of the Task Unit be directed to return to Guadalonnol for unloading.

About 2300 - Received CTF 32 despatch 072388 to proceed to

## 3. Summary of Perorts from Ships.

- (a) Only six or seven dive bombers made attack on this unit. He ship of unit reported horizontal bombing attack some formed to by Combesson 12 (possibly because of intense interest in the dive bombing attack at head).
- (b) It appears that each dive bomber probably dropped two bombs of about 100 lbs. size, certainly not ever 800 lbs.
- (c) Angle of dive 45 degrees to 50 degrees, starting about 5000 feet, bomb release about 800 to 1000 feet, and leveled off 500 to 500 feet. Nost ships report abouting.
- (d) Approach started from about starboard beam, ships then on course 1350, and bearing shifted forward to starboard bow as ships swang right to course 180.



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## (c) Demane Sustained.

adjacent ship. One near bomb miss reported. Minor

LIBRA. Two misses, 150 feet. No material damage.

MILLIAM WILLIAMS. Two near misses. No material dumage.

plane attacking. No serious material damage.

Starboard one port all at waterline, tank tops Ho.2 and No.3 holds and bulkhead between buckled, fuel cil in No.2 hold, three cargo booms broken, and splinter holes in 'tween deck area.

Glear. No material damage.

# (S) REDBONNEL CASUALTIES.

shrappel wounds lower extremities, one critical.

LIBBA. None.

MILLIAMS. None.

JULIET. None.

ADMARA. One dead, one serioualy wounded, seven

DOMA NATI. None.

(m) Bounds Pired.

A STATE OF THE STATE OF T	5"/38	3"/50	40mm	20mm
STERRETT LIBRA WILLIAMS SOLIET AVELARA DOMA MATI	73	39 3 40 ot received)	14	1800 400 1500 095

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# (h) Domane Inflicted.

PAREMHOLT reported one plane shot down. MILLIAMS
reported 20mm hits in one plane and reported that
it crashed later. DONA MATI reported hits in one
plane and that plane continued to eastward showing
mobbe and losing altitude. It appears probable that
only one plane was definitely brought down. LIMBA
reports 20mm hits in one plane, but most rounds wore
low and behind. LIBBA took three planes under fire,
MILLIAMS two, JOLIET four, DONA MATI two, ADMANA did
not report.

- (1) Condition of sea smooth. Wind East, Force 2. Thip's position Lat. 90-23' S. Long. 160-34' E.
- (j) No casualties to areament were reported by any chip. LIBRA had one 20mm jam, quickly cleared.
- (h) Performance of all ships was splendid.
- for the performance of PARENHOLT under the direction of Combesion 12. The attack developed just as Task Unit 56.1.3 was formed of the attack developed just as Task Unit 56.1.3 was formed of the attack developed just as Task Unit 56.1.3 was formed of the attack developed just as Task Unit 56.1.3 was formed of the attack developed just as Task Unit 56.1.3 was formed of the attack developed in the first protected by but one destroyer, left TAPPANANHOCK and WOODWORTH (making high acced) and took station to protect the rear of my unit. I gladly conceds the one plane brought down to FARENHOLT.

W.B.FLETCHER, Jr.

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UNITED STATES SHIP \_\_ LIBRA(AKA12)

Thursday, 8 April ,1943

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REMARKS "OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY."

0000-0400; Steaming on base course 0900T., standard speed 15 knots(84RPM)making 2/3 speed, 10 knots (55 RPM) LIBRA is CTU and guide of Task Unit 32.4.4, leading column No.1, followed by S.S.WILLIAM WILLIAMS and S.S.LOUIS JOLIET. U.S.S.ADHARA is guide, Second Section, leading column No.2, followed by S.S.DOMA MATI. Destroyers TAYLOR, WARD, FARENHOLT and STERRETT in position as screen. Boilers No.1 and 2 in use. 0830 0/0 to 1200 True. Av. steam 450; Av.RPM. 54.4.

Lieut. A.R. BARTON, D-M, USHR.

0400-0800: Steaming as before on course 120° true. S/S 15.0 knots,84 RPM., steaming at 2/3 speed. 0556 observed sunrise, lightened ship. 0600 U.S.S.FARENHOLT detached this unit and stood off to southward. Av. steam 450; Av RPM.54.3. 0800 Position: Lat. 10°-24'S.

Long. 1630-21 E.

Lieut. JOSEPH WEINER, D-M. USHA.

OBOO-1200: Steaming as before on course 120° T. 121 G, 102 PSTGC. 2/3 speed, 10 knots (55 RPM). OGOO Grew mustered on stations. No unauthorized absentees. 1152 Escort made sound contact bearing 028°T., left position to attack. 1154 made emergency turn to 174°G, 175°T. Av. steam 450; Av. RPM.55.0. 1200 Position: Lat. 10°-47' S. Long. 163°-53; E.

Lieut. A.A. BARTON, D.M. USMR.

1200-1600: Steaming as before on course 1740 true, taking evading action on sound contact made by U.S.S.STERRETT. S/S 15 knots 84,RPM., steaming at 2/3 speed. 1212 C/C to 1290 true. 1249 sighted unidentified alroraft bearing 2650 true. 1314 C/C to 1420 true, C/S to 8 knots, 43 RPM. 1316 C/S to 10 knots, 55 RPM. 1410 U.S.S.STERRETT rejoined screen after completing search. Av. steam 450. Av. RPM. 55.

Lieut, Joseph Weiner, D-M, USNR.

1600-2000: Steaming as before. 1801 darkened ship. 1830 changed course to 0900 True 091 0, 065 PSTGC. 1945 changed course to 1420 T, 143 0, 123 PSTGC. Av. steam 450. Av. RPM. 55.0.
2000 Position: Lat. 110-39' S.
Long. 1840-51' E.

Lieut. A.R. BARTON, D-M, URMR.

2000-2400 : Steaming as before on course 142°T, 143 G, 123°PSTGC, standard speed 15 knots(84 HPM) making 10 knots,55 RPM. At 2000 changes course to 150°T,151°G, 135°PSTGC, and slowed to 8 knots. At 2013 resumed speed. Av.RPM.54.2; Av.steam 450.

Ensign WILLIAM C. LYONG

W.B. FLETCHER, Jr., Commander, U. S. Mavy, Commanding.

Examined:

Joseph Weiner, Weiner Lieut.D-M, USNR.,

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CONFIDENTIAL UNITED STATES SHIP \_\_LIBRA(AKA12) April Friday 9 . 1943 Chinese

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#### REMARKS

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0000-0400 : Steaming in company with Task Unit 32.4.4 on base course 150°T. Standard speed 15 knots 84 RPM. Steaming at 2/3 speed. Formation line of section guides. LIBRA CTU., formation guide and 1st ship of section 1, with S.S.WILLIAM WILLIAMS 2nd ship , S.S.LOUIS JOLIET last ship. U.S.S.ADHARA section guide and 1st ship Section 2, with S.S.DONA NATI last ship. U.S.S.STERRETT and TAYLOR acting as screen ahead and U.S.S.WARD astern. Boilers #1 and #2 in use. Ship darkened and Condition III is set. Av. steam 450. Av. BPM.53.8.

J. BORDEN, D-M, USNR.

Energy (.J.BORDEN, D-M, USNR. 0400-0800: Steaming as before on base course 150°T, 151°G at 2/3 speed(8/8 15kts) 0503 lightened ship. 0715 0/C to 140°T, 141°G. 0716 sighted friendly patrol bomber bearing 125°T. 0745 sighted U.S.S.SIOUX bearing 102°T. Av. steam 450; Av. RPM. 55/0.

0800 Position: Lat. 130-261 S. Long. 1650-50 E. Lieut. (jg)H. W. PEPPER, D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 : Steaming as before on course 140°T. S/S 15.0 knots S4 RPM. Steaming at 2/3 speed. 0800 mustered crew on stations. No unauthorized absentees. 0812 sighted land bearing 065°T distance 40 miles (Torres Island). 0840 U.S.S.SOUIX joined this unit. 0900 C/C to 180°T. 0921 C/C to 140°T. 0935 C/C to 180°T. 1027 sighted one aircraft bearing 220°T, elevation 15°T, distance 18000 yards. All guns to the alert. 1045 all guns at ease. 1100 completed daily inspection of powder magazines and smokless powder samples, made weekly test of sprinkler system, condition normal. 1117 sighted friendly patrol plane bearing 160°T. Elevation 50. AV.Steam 460; Av.HPM. 54.3

1200 Position: Lat. 140-05 S. Long. 1660-00 E.

Steaming as before on course 180°T;181°G and 174° PSTGC. S/S 15 kts. steaming at 2/3/speed. At 1204 sighted Espiritu Santo Island bearing 143°T distance 48 miles. At 1215 U.S.S.SICUX left formation and took station off port quarter of U.S.S.ADHARA. At 1245 sighted friendly patrol plane bearing 210°T. At 1300 U.S.S.WARD made sound contact. Changed formation course to 135°T,136°G,. At 1310 C/C to 090°T & 091°G. (Emergency Turn). At 1326 changed course to 135°T, 136°G. At 1330 C/C to 180°T & 181°G. (Turn signal). At 1345 U.S.S.WARD rejoined formation having lost contact. At 1415 Changed formation course to 135°T & 136°G. At 1430 changed formation course to 090°T & 091°G. At 1525 U.S.S.WARD delivered mail to this ship. At 1540 U.S.S. MARD resumed station in screen. friendly patrol planes during watch. Av. steam 457; Av. RPM 55.0.

Eneign WILLIAMO. LYONS, U.S.N.

1600-2000 : Steaming as before on base course 046°G, 045°T. S/S. 15 knots, steaming at 2/5 speed. 1600 C/C and axis to 090°T,091°G. C/S to 8 knots 43 RPM.
1611 C/S to 10 knots.55 RPM. 1702 C/C and axis to 135°T, 136°G. C/S to 8 knots.
45 RPM. 1716 C/S to 10 knots 55 RPM. 1717 TAYLOR reported sound contact bearing 100°T. 1718 C/S to 65 RPM. 1722 C/C to 180°T,181°G. 1725 TAYLOR reported contact as false. 1726 C/S to 10 knots,55 RPM. 1734 C/C to 135°T,136°G. 1744
U.S.S.ADHARA held burial services. 1800 C/C to 091°G, 090°T. 1812 TAYLOR reported contact bearing 125°T. 1816 C/C to 046°T, 048°G. 1830 C/C to 090°T,091°G.
1943 TAYLOR rejoined formation. Av steam 450: Av. FPM. 53.0 1943 TAYLOR rejoined formation . Av steam 450; Av.RPM. 53.0 2000 Position: Lat. 140-271 S. Long. 1660-531 E.

Lieut. (jg)H.M.PEPPER, D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 : Steaming as before on course 090°T/S/S 15 knots, steaming at 2/3 speed. 2110 contacted unidentified object bearing 055°T from STERRETT, distance 14000 yds. Called all guns to the alert. 2111 sighted land (Guava Island) bearing 085°T, distance about 17 miles. 2131 STERRETT reported contact with object lost. All guns at ease. 2187 Changed course to 135°T. 2220 Changed course to 090°T.

Approved:

W.B. FLETCHER, Jr., J. Commander, U.S. Navy, Commanding.

Examined:

JOSEPH WEINER, Lieut. D-M, USNR., Mavigator.

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2000-2400 (Cont\*d) :

2230 Changed course to 135°T. 2300 Changed course to 180°T. Av. steam 450; Av. RPM. 54.0.

Additional Romarks by Commanding Officer:-

Received despatch orders from Commander Third Fleet assigning TAYLOR, REID, STERRETT to operational control Commander Transport Group as escort for LIBRA, movement to Quadaloanal departing Espiritu Santo about April 11.

con see g. W.B. FLETCHER , Jr.

Approved:

M.B.FIETCHER, Jr., Commander, U.S. Nevy, Commanding.

Examined:

JOSEPH WEINER, Lieut., D-M, USHR., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP \_\_LIBRA(AKA12)

Saturday 10 April , 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS "OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY".

OCC-0400: Steaming in company with Task Unit 52.4.4 on course 180°T and 181'G. Standard speed 15 knots, steaming at 2/3 speed. (OTU in LIBRA) Formation line of Section guides as follows: Section 1, LIBRA, W. WILLIAMS, and L. JOLIET. Section 2, ADHARA and DOMA NATI. 2DDs and 1 AT screening shead and 1 DD on station as after screen. Boilers #1 and #2 in use. Ship darkened. Condition III set. At 0212 changed formation course to 175°T and 176°G. At 0224 changed formation course to 170°T and 171°G. At 0225 sighted land on starboardbow. (Espiritu Santo Island). At 0247 sighted light bearing 208°T. at 0300energized degaussing coils. At 0325 sighted Aole Island on port bow bearing 115°T. Av.RPM 55.0. Av.steam 450.7.

Ensign WILLIAM O.LYOUS, U.S.M.

0400-0800: Steaming as before on base course 170°T.,171°G. At 2/3 standard speed.(8/8 15 knots). 0450 C/C 180°T, 181°G. 0510 sighted Tatuba Island abeam to starboard. 0528 C/C 225°T & 226°G. C/8 to 8 knots 45 FPM. 0535 C/8 to 10 kts. 55 FPM. 0541 C/C 270°T & 271°G. 0550 Section 2 took position in column astern. 0608 C/C to 314°T, 318°G. 0615 Set special sea detail. Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. Captain at comm. entering Bogacio Channel, Espiritu Santo, New Mebrides. 0622 secured condition III. 0625 C/C to 324°T & 325°C. 0639 C/C to 329°T & 330°G. 0630 Bogacio Island abeam to port distance 600 yards. O631 secured degaussing coils. On various speeds and courses conforming to channel proceeding to anchorage. O738 back 2/3 speed. O739 let go port anchor. O740 Stop. O741 Secure special seadetail. secure #1 boiler. Anchored in Segund Channel, Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides, berth 33, in 25 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to port anchor on the following anchorage bearings: Beacon "I" 231 T; Beacon "L" 284 T. Beacon "J" 332 T. Draft Fwd.11 7". Aft.23 . Av. steam 450 Av. RPM 53.5.

.BORDEM, D-M, USMR.

0900 mustered crew on stations- no unauthorized 0800-1200 : Anchored as befor: absentees.

1200-1600 : Anchored as before. At 1400 Task Unit 18 stood in from sea and anchored.

Ensign WILLIAM C.LYCO'S, U.S.M.

1600-2000 : Anchored as before.

Aeut.M.Jordan, D-V(S), USNR.

2000-2400 : Anchored as before.

0. SMAPFORD CBH CBM(AA), VG-USNR.

Additional Remarks by Commanding Officer:-

Upon approach to anchorage made arrival report for Task Unit 32.4.4 and arranged for emergency repairs for TAYLOR alongside DIXIE. Reported also condition of ships, working parties embarked and requirements.

Received, by hand, Commander Transport Group despatch 090351/April reforming Task Unit 32.4.4- Comdr.Fletcher in LIBRA, DOMA MATI, WILLIAM WILLIAMS, LOUIS JOLIET with TAYLOR, REID, STERRETT as escort. Depart Espiritu Santo local eleventh and arrive Guadalcanal local fourteenth. Orders also contain instructions for discharging and loading ships and for departure Solomons Area.

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Approved:

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Examined:

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CONFIDENTIAL Sunday 11 April , 19 43 UNITED STATES SHIP \_LIBRA (AKA12) ZONE DESCRIPTION -11 REMARKS "OPERATIONAL REMARKS AND WAR DIARY". \$\\\\000-0400 \cdot \text{ Anchored in berth 33, Segund Channel, Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides in 25 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to port anchor, on following bearings: Beacon "N" 231°T; Beacon "L" 284°T; Beacon "J" 332°T. Ship darkened. Boiler #2 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: Various U.S.Naval and Merchant ships. Ensign WILLIAM O.LYGIS, U.S.N. 0400-0800: Anchored as before. At 0615 USN.011 Barge #8 moored to starboard side. At 0700 commenced fueling ship. Draft Fwd. 11.3". Aft. 23.5". Energy WILLIAM C. LYONS, U.S.N. 0800-1200 : Anchored as before. At 1050 USN 011 barge #8 completed fueling, underway. Draft Fwd. 12'8", Aft. 23'. erda Tout LA JORDAN, D-V(S) USNR. 1200-1600 : Anchored as before. At 1225 U.S.S.ENTERPRISE, SAN DIEGO, LARDNER, and WOODSWORTH stood in and anchored. At 1300 lighted fires under No.1 boiler. At 1330 secured fires under No.1 boiler. At 1400 lighted fires under No.1 boiler at 1410 lefted safety on No.1 boiler by hand. At 1410 commenced making preparations for getting underway. Draft Fwd.12'8", Aft.23'. At 1430 lifted safety on boilers by sterm. At 1440 set special sea detail Fourth Section. At 1450 commenced heaving short. At 1454 anchor aweigh, underway, shifting berths. Captain at conn. Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 15 knots (B4 RPN). At 1500 anchored in 27 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain on deck, 200 yards southwest of berth 33, Segund Channel, Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides Islands. At 1530 stationed special sea detail first section. rides Talands. At 1530 stationed special sea detail first section.

Bos of E.Molguez, 11 5.N. 1600-1800: 1600 underway in company with Task Unit 32.4.4, LIBRA OTC and guide, 8.8.DONA NATI, W. WILLIAMS, L. JOLIET and escort destroyers TAYLOR, REID and STERRETT. Steaming on various courses at various speeds conforming to channel. Captain at conn. Navigator on the bridge. 1701 0/S to 2/3 speed(55 RPM) Standard speed 15 knots. 1706 held General Quarters. 1722 secured from General Quarters, set condition III. 1730 C/C to 090°T, 091°G. 1747 Darkened ship. Av. steam 450. Av. RPM 41.8. Lieut. (jg)H.M.PEPPER, D-V(G)USNR. 1800-2000: Steaming as before on course 090°True at 8/S 15 knots(84 RPM) steaming at 2/S speed. 1800 C/C to 355°T. 1815 destroyers took night screening stations. Av. steam 450. Av RPM 55. US.N. Bos Steaming as before on course 355°T, 3580G. Standard speed 15 knots, 2000-2400 : Steaming as before on course 355°T, 3560G. Standard exced 15 knots, ateaming at 2/3 speed. At 2201 passed Sakaw Island on port beam. Av. steam 450. Av. RPM. 55. Enelin C. Lyon Enelin WILLIAM C.LYONS, U.S.N. Additional Remarks by Commanding Officer:-1600 - Underway in compliance Commander Transport Group, 3rd Figet, despatch W. B. FLETCHER, Jr. 090351/April. W.B.FLETCHER, Jr. Commander, U. S. Mavy, reph Weines Examined: JOSEPH WEINER,

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E. S. M., Navigator.

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REMARKS

"OPERATIONAL REMARKS AND WAR DIARY".

0000-0400: Steaming in company with Task Unit 32.4.4 on course 355°T, 356°G. Standard speed 15 knots 84 RPM, steaming at 2/S speed. Formation line of section guides. LIBRA CTU formation guide and let ship in Section 1, with S.S.DONA MATI second ship. S.S.W.WILLIAMS guide and first ship of section 2, with S.S.LOUIS JOLIET last ship. USS TAYLOR and REID acting as screen shead and USS STERRETT astern. Boilers No.1 and 2 in use for steaming purposes. Ship Sarkened and condition III is set. Av. steam 450. Av. RPM 55.0 .

Ensign 7.3 Bonden, D-M, USNR.

O400-0800 : Steaming as before on course 275°T, 275°G. standard speed 15 knots, steaming at 2/3 speed. 0500 C/C to 320°T, 321°G. 0545 escort took day screening stations. 0600 C/C to 355°T, 356°G. Light ship. 0600 Toga Island bearing 020°, distance 38 miles. 0648 Saddle Island bearing 006°T, distance 30 miles. 0650 sighted friendly aircraft bearing 235°T. 0700 C/C to 320°T, 321°G.

Av. steam 450. Av. RPM.54.3.
0800 Position : Lat. 13°-43' S.
Long. 166°-184'E.

C800-1200 : Steaming as before on base course 320°T, 321°G. (511°PSTSC.) standard speed 15 knots 84 RPM, steaming at 2/5 speed. Boilers No.1 and 2 in use.

O800 C/C to 270°T. O815 mustered crew and passengers at quarters. No unauthorized absentees. O922 strange aircraft sighted bearing 200°T. 1000 C/C to 315°T.

45 RPM 8 knots. 1000 made daily inspection of powder magazines, condition normal. 1008 making 55 RPM 10 knots. 1010 USS REID exercising at firing practice.

1029 USS REID secured from firing practice. 1030 Radar contact (aircraft) bearing 180°T reported by STERRETT. 1033 aircraft identified as our own.

1100 C/C to 000°T, 45 RPM, 8 knots. 1109 making 55 RPM, 10 knots. 1121 aircraft sighted bearing 260°T. 1135 unidentified aircraft dissappeared at 180°T.

1200 Position: Lat. 13°-29'S.

Long. 165°-49'E.

1200-1600: Steaming as before on course 000°7, 001°3. Standard speed 15 knots 84 RPM, steaming at 2/3/speed. At 1245 USS STERRETT left position in screen to investigate object in water(Log). At 1300 changed formation course to 315°T, 316°G. At 1315 changed formation course to 270°T and 271°3. At 1340 USS STERRETT resumed position in screen. At 1440 went to General Quarters having sighted 11 unidentified planes bearing 180°T flying in a northwesterly direction. At 1468 secured from General Quarters. At 1500 changed formation course to 315°T, 316°G. At 1513 changed formation course to 000°T, 001°G. During watch sighted several friendly planes and 3 PBY patrol planes. Av RPM 54. Av. steam 457.5.

Ensign WILLIAM C.LYONS, U.S.M.

Steaming as before on base course 000°T, 001°G. Standard speed 15 knots, 84 RPM, steaming at 2/3 speed. 1655 USS STERRETT reported unidentified aircraft bearing 240°T. 1747 set alert on all guns. 1751 observed sunset, darkened ship. Av. steam 450. Av. RPM. 55.0.

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Ensign ( Borden, D-M, USMR.

Steaming at 2/3 speed. 1803 C/C to 315°T, 316°G. 1815 C/C to 270°T,271°G.

1825 USS TAYLOR took station astern. Av. steam 450. Av. RPM. 55.

2000 Position: Lat. 12°-46' S.

Long. 185° 200

2000 Position: Lat. 120-46 8. Long. 1650-09 E.

Approved:

W.B. FLETCHER, Jr. Commander, U.S. Navy, Commanding.

Examined:

JOSEPH WEINER. Lieut., D-M, USNR.,

Havigator.

U. S. N., Navigator.

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2000-2400: Stenming as before on base course 270°T, 271°G. Standard speed 15 knots 84 RPM, steaming at 2/3 speed. Boilers No.1 & 2 in use. 2000 changed course to 515°T, 516°G. Changed speed to 45 RPM 8 knots. 2007 making 55 RPM, 10 knots. 2107 making 55 RPM, 10 knots. 2300 Changed speed to 45 RPM, 8 knots. 2107 making 55 RPM, 10 knots. 2300 Changed course to 315°T. Av. steam 457.5. Av. RPM. 54.4.

Approved:

W.B. FLETCHER, Jr. Commander, U. S. Mavy, Commanding.

Examined:

Joseph Weiner Asut., D-M, USKR., Navigator.

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Approved: W.B.FLETCHER, Jr., Commander, U. S. Navy, Commanding.

Examined:

Joseph Weiner Lieut. D-H, William,

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9000-0400 : Steaming in company with Task Unit 32.4.4 on base course 278°T,279°G. Standard speed 15 knots, steaming at 2/3 speed. Formation line of Section Guides LIBRA leading Section I as formation guide and CTU, followed by S.S.DOMA NATI. S.S.W. WILLIAMS leading Section II, followed by S.S.LOUIS JOLIET. USS REID on star board bow. USS TAYLOR on port bow, and USS STERRETT astern acting as screen. Ship darkened and in Condition of readiness III. Boilers #1 and #2 in use. 0200 C/C to 307 T. Reduced speed to 8 knots. 0205 increased speed to 10 knots, 55 RPM. Av. stenm. 450. Av. FPM. 55.

7 7.5 NOLONE, U.S.N. , 308°4. Standard Speed 15 knots. 0400-0800: Steaming as before on course 307°T, 308°G. Standard Speed 15 knots. steaming at 2/3 speed. At 0520 set all guns on alert. At 0525 sighted Task Unit 32.6.2 on starboard quarter bearing 120°T. At 0600 USS STERRETT assumed position in forward screen. At 0606 changed formation course to 300°T, 301°G. At 0607 sighted 4 friendly planes bearing 230°T. At 0615 sunrise. Lighted ship. Reset condition III. At 0711 with Mura Island abeam to port distance 5000 yds, changed formation course to 282°T, 283°G., and formed column in line in following order:-LIBRA(Guide), M.WILLIAMS, LOUIS JOLIET and DONA MATI. C/S to 12 knots to take station as column guide. At 0725 C/S to 10 knots. Sighted several flights of friendly planes during watch.Av.RPM.55.?. Av.steam. 457.5.

0800 Position: Lat. 90-271'S.

Long. 160°-41' E. 0800 Position: Lat. 90-2718. Long. 1600-41 E.

Steaming as before on base course 282°T, 283°G, Standard speed 15 kts

OSCO-1200: Steaming as before on base course 282°T, 283°G. Standard speed 15 kts Steaming at 2/3 speed. OS15 mustered crew and passengers at quarters. No unauthorized absentees. OS17 Rus Suga Island absent to port distance 2.8 miles. OS11 C/C to 285°T, 286°G proceeding into Lengo Channel. 1045 DONA NATI left formation proceeding to assigned anchorage. Various courses conforming to channel proceeding to anchorage. 1149 Stop- let go port anchor. 1150 Anchored off Langa Point with 30 fathous of chain to port anchor on following anchorage bearings: Beacon "D" 127°T. Beacon "E" 163°T. Beacon "F" 260°T. Av. steam 450. Av. RPM. 51.8.

Ensign JJ. BORDEN,

1200-1800 : Anchored as before. At 1205 USS GILMER stood in and enchored. Discharging cargo from holds Nos.2 and 4. At 1400 secured working holds #2 & 4. At 1401 USS GILMER underway. At 1440 made all preparations for retting underway. At 1457 underway to shift berth steering various courses. Standard moved 15 anots. Captain at conn. Navigator on bridge. At 1457 set course at 070°T, 771°G. At 1505 C/C to 090°T, 091°G. At 1505 commenced steering various courses making various speeds approaching anchorage. At 1545 anchored off Togoma Point, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands in 17 fathoms of water with 30 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on following bearings: Beacon "A" 2130T. Beacon "B" 2530T. Beacon "J" 1270T. At 1630 USS TAYLOR moored to port side. At 1645 commenced fueling USS TAYLOR.

Enelen WILLIAM C.LYONS, U.S.N.

1800-2400 : Anchored as before. USS TAYLOR moored alongside post side receiving fuel. 1817 Darkened ship. 1939 completed fueling TAYLOR. Draft of LIBRA. 11 6 Forward, 23 03 Aft. 1955 TAYLOR underway from alongside. 2018 USS REID moored alongside port side. 2038 commenced fueling REID. 2259 completed fueling REID. Draft 10'11" Forward, 22'6" Aft. 2320 USS REID underway from alongside port side

Lieut. (jg)H. M. PEPPER, D-V(G), USHR.

Additional Remarks by Commanding Officer:Received Johnston upon departure (modifies his 090351) and adding GEORGE M.
BIBB to Task Unit 32.4.4.

Examined: Leaf Weeter

W.B. FLETCHER, Jr. 9 Commander, U.S. Navy, Commanding.

JOSEPH WEINER. Lieut., D-M, USMR.,

Maylgator.

U. S. N., Nurigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP \_\_\_ U.S. S. LIBRA (AKA12)

Thursday

15 April , 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

#### REMARKS

"OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY".

OCCO-0600: Anchored off Togoma Point, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands in 17 fathoms of water with 30 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on following bearings: Beacon "A" 215°T. Beacon "B" 253°T and Beacon "J" 127°T. Boiler Mo.1 and 2 in use, with main engine in standby condition. USS STERRETT moored to port side. Ship darkened(Modified) Discharging cargo from holds Nos.1, 3, 4, & 5. At COO5 commenced fueling STERRETT. Draft Fwd.10'11"; Aft 22'6". Ships present; various U.S. naval and merchantships. At OS15 completed fueling STERRETT. At OS35 USS STERRETT cast off from port side. Draft Fwd.10'3"; Aft.22'0".

Ensign WILLIAM C. LYONS, 1

O600-1200: Anchored as before. Discharging cargo from holds 1, 3, 4, & 5.
0800 Mustered crew on stations. No absentees. 0825 Received PAB 6 alongside port side. 0845 USS VIREO shoved off with PAB 6. 0900 made daily inspection of magazines. Condition normal. 1114 USS VIREO stood out.

> Local Lieut. (jg) H.M. PEPPER, D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1800 : Anchored as before. Discharging cargo from holds Nos.1, 3 & 4 and loading cargo into hold #2.

Ensign WILLIAM O.LYOMS, U.S.

1800-2400; Anchored as before. Discharging cargo from holds Nos.1, 3 and 4.
1817 darkened ship. 2015 completed unloading # 3 hold. 2020 completed unloading No.1 hold. 2115 completed unloading No.4 hold.

H.M. ALPPEN, D-V(G), USMR.

Additional Remarks by Commanding Officer:-

S.S.GEORGE M.BIBB joined Task Unit 32.4.4 in compliance orders of Commander Transport Group, Third Fleet.

Periscope reported east of Karmasiki Island at 1140 Local.

Periscope sighted west of Russell Islands at 1880 Local.

person go. W.B. FLETCHER, Jr.

Approved:

W.B. FLETCHER, Jr., 9. Commander, U.S. Mavy, Commanding.

Examined:

JOSEPH WEINER. Lieut., D-M, USIR., Mavigator.

U. S. N., Manigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP \_\_\_ LIBRA (AKAL2)

Friday 16 Avril , 19 43

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

#### REMARKS

"OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY".

Anchored off Togoma Point, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands in 17 fathoms 0000-0600; Anchored off Togoma Point, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands in 17 fathor of water with 30 fathoms of chain to the port anchor, on the following bearings: Beacon "A" 213°T; Beacon "B" 253°T; Beacon "J" 127°T. Beilers Nos.1 and 2 in use. Main engine in a standby condition. Ship darkened with 2 groups of 20mm manned. Ships present: Various U.S. Naval vessels and merchant and present to shift anche making all preparations for getting underway and at 0530 underway to shift anchorage stoming various courses making various speeds. Standard speed 15 knots. Captain at conn; Executive Officer and Navigator on bridge. Av. FPM. 43.8. Av steam 450.

Ensign WILLIAM O. I.MOVS, U.S. N.

0600-1200; Steaming as before on various courses at various speeds. Captain at comm; Mayigntor on bridge. O621 Anchored off Tenaru Beach, Guadalcanal, in 20 fathoms of water with 30 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following anchorage bearings: Beacon "C" 1320°T; Beacon "D" 207°T; Beacon "E" 262%°T. 0625 secured special sea detail. 0700 commenced leading cargo in all holds. 0800 mustered crew on stations. No absentees. 0900 made daily inspection of magazines, weekly sprinkler tests and fortnightly test of smokeless powder samples Conditions normal. As Steem 450. As RPM, 43.8 Conditions normal. Av Steam 450. Av. RPM. 43.8

Lieut. (jg)H.M. PEPPER, D-V(G), USMR.

1200-1800: Anchored asbefore. Loading cargo into all holds. At 1630 made all preparations for getting underway. At 1700 secured working all holds. At 1709 underway enroute Tulagi Harbor. Steaming various courses, standard speed 15 knots Captain at com; navigator on the bridge. At 1714 set course 020°T. 021°G. Av. RPM. 67.5. Av. steam 450.

Energy WILLIAM O.LYONS, U.S.N.

1800-2000: Steaming as before on various courses at various speeds standing into Tulagi Marbor. Captain at cons. Mavicator on bridge. 1845 moored port side to starboard side ERSKIME PHELPS in Berth A4, Tulagi Marbor. 1900 commenced discharging fuel oil into ERSKIME PHELPS. Draft 12 0" Fwd; 20 6" Aft. 1921 Condition "Red". 1949 shore AA batteries opened fire on enemy plane. 1952 shore batteries ceased firing. Av steam 450. Av.RPM.9.8.

Lieut. (JE) H. M. Deppen, D-V(G), USHR.

2000-2400: Moored port side to oil barge ERSKINE PHELPS in berth A-4, Tulagi Harbor, discharging fuel oil into ERSKINE PHELPS. Standing by to get underway. 2002 observed AA fire on Guadalcanal. 2006 firing ceased on Guadalcanal. 2105 USS TAYLOR moored starboard side to ERSKINE PHELPS. 2215 TAYLOR stood away from ERSKIME PHELPS.

Additional Remarks by Commanding Officer:-

1410 - Received Com3rdFleet despatch 160145 warning of possible air raid on

Bolomons or Papus during day. 1415 - Received ComTransGroup, SrdFlt., despatch 160004 concerning unloading cargo ships of this group.

1600 - Received despatch assigning RUSSELL to CTU 32.4.4(from 32.4.1) upon

arrival later unit about 19th. 1700 - Received warning of possible submarine southwest of Florida Island.

W.B.FLETCHER, Jr.

Approved:

W.B.FLETCHER, Jr. Commander, U.S. Navy,

Examined:

JOSEPH WEINER, Meut., D-M, USNR.,

Mavigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP \_\_ LIBRA (AKALE)

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REMARKS

"OPERATIONAL REMARKS & MAR DIARY"

0000-0400; Moored port side to oil barge ERSKINE PHELPS in borth A-4, Tulagi Harbor, Solomons Islands, with five manila lines out. Boilers Nos.1 and 2 in use. Engine room standing by. Ship darkened.

J. BORDEN, D-M, USMH. Engled

O400-D800: Moored as before fueling ERSKINE PHELPS. 6445 completed fueling ERSKINE PHELPS. Draft Pwd.11'-6". Aft.19'-10". 0530 made all preparations for getting underway. 0551 underway standing out of Tulagi Harbor at various courses and speeds. Captain at conn. Navigator on the bridge. USS TAYLOR underway and screening ahead. 0719 anchored off Tenaru Seach, Guadalcanal in 20 fathoms of water with 30 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following bearings: Beadon "D" 210°T. Beacon "E" 264°T. Beacon "F" 2772°T. 0730 commenced loading all holds. Av steam 460. Av.RPX. 59.2.

Lieut. (jg)H.M. ADPER, D-V(G)USHR.

0800-1200 : Anchored as before. Loading cargo into all holds. At 0800 mustered crew on stations. Absentees: None. At 0900 made daily inspection of magazines. Conditions normal. At 1130 finished loading cargo.

Ensign WILLIAM C. LYON, U.S. W.

1200-1600: Anchored as before. 1353 set special sea detail let Section. Captain Executive Officer and Mavigator on the bridge. Captain at conn. 1357 heaving up anchor. 1402 Alahor sweigh, underway at 1/3 speed. Standard speed 15.5 knots(87RPM) Changed speed to 2/3 standard speed. 1406 shead at standard speed, course 070°G, 069°T. 1407 mustered crew and passengers on stations. AbsentessNone. 1416 changed course to 084°T. 1432 changed course to 089°T. 1517 cleared Lengo Channel. 1518 commenced Zig Zaging on base course 105°T, Plan#S(1940 Diagrams) 1550 General Quarters. 1553 all stations manned and ready. Set Condition III, Section II. Av. steam 445. Av.RPM.82:8.

Bog'n.J.K.MOLOHEY, U.S.M.

15.5 knots. Zig Zagging in accordance with Plan #8(1940 Diagrams). 1611 ceased Zig Zagging and resumed base course. 1618 Commenced Zig Zagging in accordance with Plan #8(1940 Diagrams). 1725 ceased Zig Zagging. 1730 C/C to 123°T.124°G. 1732 commenced Zig Zagging in accordance with Plan #8(1940 Diagrams). 1735 sighted San Cristobal Island bearing 150°T, distance approx.45 miles. Av. steam 440. Av. RPM. 86.8.

Liout. (Je)H.M. PLPPER, D-V(G), USHR.

1800-2000: Steaming as before on base course 123°T. 124°G. Zig Zagging on Plan #8(1940 Diagrams), standard speed 15.5, 87 FPM. 1812 Sunset, darkened ship. #8(1940 Diagrams), standard speed 15.5, 87 RPM.

Av. steam 445. Av. FQM 86.8. 2000 Position: Lat. 90-49'S. Long. 1610-28.5'E.

J.J. BORDER, D-M, USHR.

2000-2400; Steaming as before on course 123°T. 124°G. Z/Z in accordance with Plan #8(1940 Discreams). Standard speed 15.5 knots 67 EPN. At 2000 changed course to 097°T. 098°G. At 2000 sighted Ulawa Island bearing 075°T, distance 25 miles. At 2055 changed course to 105°T. 106°G. At 2130 Passed Ulawa Island on port beam distance about 4 miles. At 2200 changed course to 118°T.119°G. Av.HPM.87.0. Av. steam 450.

Energy WILLIAM O.LYONS, U.S.N.

0. B. De to ling. W.B.FLETCHER, Jr., Commander, U.S. Mavy, Commanding.

Examined:

Joseph WEINER, Lieut., D-M, USHR.,

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CONFIDENTIAL UNITED STATES SHIP	LIBRA(AKALE)	Sunday	19	April	, 19 43
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		EMARKS & WAR DIAR	Y. 8		
DOOD-0400 : Steaming LIBRA(Guide and OTU) : Steaming at standard : Ship darkened and in Av. steam 450, Av. RPM.	and U.S.S.TAYLOR as speed. Zig sagging condition readiness	escort. Standard in accordance wit III. Boilers #1	Speed 1 h Plan # and #2	5.5 knote 8(1940 di 1n use.	BTRPM.
		Dog n. J.E. 100			
0400-0800: Steaming 15.5 knots. Zig magging Zig Zagging and resume with plan #0(1940 Dia; Av.steam 450. Av.RPM. 0800 Position: Let	ng in accordance wi ed base course. Of grams). O610 Lighte . 87.0.	th Plan#8(1940 Di 30 commenced sig d ship. 0710 C/C	agrams). zagging to 1570	0400 Cer in accord T, 158°G.	ised lance
		Lieut. () [) H.	perper	, D-V(G).	USNA.
0800-1200 : Steaming	as before on base				
0800-1200 : Steering 15.5 knots. Zig raggi ions. Absentees Mone. friendly sircraft bear and 32.4.1), bearing 1 158°G. 1110 commenced Av.RPW. 87.0.	0910 sighted frien ring 020°T. 1045 s 163°T. 1104 censed 1 sig sarging on ol	dly sircraft bear ighted friendly a tic taccine stea	ing 090° hips (Ta	T. 1020 sk Units course 18	sighted
1200 Position: Lat		Banish 3.3.	3vre	e.	
1200-1600 : Steaming 87 RPM. Z/Z in accords observation plane. As	as before on base ince with plan #8(1 v.steam. 450. Av.R	course 157°T.158°, 940 Disgrams). At PM. 87.0.	3.Standa 1236 øi	rd speed chied fri	15.5kts
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87 RPM., making standar Av. steam. 450. Av. RPM.	rd speed. Z/Z in m	course 157°T.158° coordance with pl	3. stand an #8(19	ard meed 40 Diagra	15.5kt
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1800-2000: Steaming & 15.5 knots. Z/Z in acc	s before on base o	ourse 1570T.1590G	at atan	dard prec	d.
2000 Position: Int	13°-58.5'S.	idu	Leo G	Le.	
				PPEH, D-V	
2000-2400; Stenning a standard speed. 2135 search. 2136 C/C 2250 Z/Z in accordance with in convoy. Av. steam.4	U.S.S.TAYLOR made T. 226°G. 2145 Re plan #8(1940 Diag	sound contact ber	ring 050	on. Commo	enced enced
		Enst h 3.3	BORDEN.	D-M.USMI	
Additional Remarks by	the Commanding Off	0			
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Approved: Qarra De C W.B.FLETCHI Commander, U.	ER.Jr.		R W	eine	es
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CONFIDENTIAL. UNITED STATES SHIP \_\_LIBRA(AKA12) Monday America 7 1943

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REMARKS

"OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY".

0000-0400; Steaming in commany Task Unit 38.4.15. LTBRA.CTU and mide, U.S.S.
TAYLOR escort patrolling station shead. Base course 157°T.158°G. Standard speed
15.5 knots.87 RPM. Zig magging in accordance with Plan #8(1940 Diagrams).Boilers
No.1 and No.2 in use. Ship darkened. Condition III set. Av.RPM. 87. Av.steam 450.

Enelin WILLIAM O. LYOUS, U.S.M.

0400\_0800 : Steaming as before on base course 157°T.158°G, Standard speed 15.8 knots. 87 RPM. Steaming at standard speed. Zig magging in accordance with Plan\*8 (1940 Diagrams) Bollers No.1 & 2 in use. 0400 U.S.S.TAYLOR detached this Task Unit proceeding as previously directed. 0540 sighted Espiritu Santo Island bearing 090°T, distance approx.30 miles. 0600 changed base course to 134°T. 0604 Sunrise, lighted ship. 0700 changed base course to 158°T.160°S. Zig magging on plan #2(1940 Diagrams) Changed standard speed to 15 knots, 84 RPM. on plan #2(1990 plan, 86.2. Av. steam 450. Av. RPN. 86.2. 160-34'8.

1660-39'E. Long.

0800-1200: Starting as before on base course 159 7.100 G., at bandle 15 knote. Zim naming in accordance with plan #2(1940 Diagrams). 0800 sustered Standing as before on base course 159°7'.160°G. at crew and passengers on stations. No absentees. 1100 made daily inspection of magazines and smoleless powder samples. Conditions normal. Av. dens 452.5. Av. BPM. 84.0.

ronn-Position: Lat. 170-2818. Long. 1660-57'E.

C. PEPPER, D-V(G), USUR.

1200-1600: Steaming as before on base course 159°T. 160°G. Z/Z on plan #2(1940 Diagrams). S/S 15 Inots.84 RPM., making standard speed. Av. steam. 450. Av. RPM. 84.

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1600-1800 : Storming as before on base course 159°T. 260c. Z/Z in accordance with plan #2(1940 Dingrams). Standard speed 15 knots. (84 RPM). At 1738 Sunset. Darkened ship. Set all guns on the slert. Av. steam 450, Av. BPM, 84.

> English WILLIAM O. LYON, U.S.11.

1800-2000 : Steaming as before on base course 155 1.150 5. Steaming at standard speed. Zig zagging in accordance with Plan #2(1940 Diagrams). Av. steam 450. Av. RPM. 84. 800-2000 : Steaming as before on base course 1590T.1600G. Standard speed 15kts.

Int. 190-139. 2000-Position: Long. 1679-44'E

2000-2400: Storming as before on base course 1590T.1600G., at standard speed 15 knots. Zig sagging in accordance with plan #2.(1940 Diagrams).Av.steam.450. 15 knots. Z1 Av. RPM. 84.0.

ute per . (1g) Hart PEPPER, D-V(G), USINR.

Approved:

son ou en W.B. FLETCHER, Jr. Commander, U.S. Navy, Commanding.

Examined:

DER JOSEPH WEINER, Lieut., D-M, USNR.,

Havigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP \_\_LIBRA(AKAL2)

Tuesday 20 April , 19 43

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

"OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY"

0000-0400: Steaming singly as Task Unit 39.4.15, on base course 189°T.160°G. Zig ragging in accordance with Plan #2(1940 Diagrams). Standard speed 15 knots 84 RPM. Making standard speed. Boilers #1 and #2 in use. Ship Carkened and Condition III set. 0123 sighted ship(Liberty type sargo vessel) bearing 190°T. approx.distance 8 miles. Av. steam 450. Av. RPM. 84.

> Enel my Son BORDEN, D-M. USHR.

0400-0800: Steaming as before on base course 159°T, 180°G. Z/Z in accordance with Plan #2(1940 Diagrams). Standard speed 15 knots. 84 RPM. At 0458 set sun orews on the alert. At 0525 Moon set. At 0558 Bun rise. Lighted ship. Bet Condition III. Av.RPM 84. Av steam 450. 0800-Position: Lat. 210-53'S.

Long. 168°-48.5 E. 180°G. 2/Z in accordance

OBDO-1200 : Stonming as before on base course 150°T.160°C. Standard speed 15 kts. Bteaming at standard speed. Zig zagging in accordance with Plan #2(1940 Diagrams). OBDO Changed course to 180°T.181°C. Mustered crew and passengers on stations:
No absentees. OBSS Welpole Island sighted hearing 170°T. distance approx.20 miles 1100 completed daily inspection of powder magazines and smokeless nowder samples.
Jonditions normal, 1125 Welpole Island abeam to port distance 7 miles. Av steam 480. Av. HPH. 84. 1200 Position: Lat.

200-4918. 1680-51'E. Leng.

1200-1600: Steaming as before on base course 180°0. 181°0. Z/Z in accordance with plan #2(1940 Diagrams). Standard speed 15 knots.84 RPM. Steaming at standard speed. 1200 dranged course to 168°T. 170°3. Av. steam. 450. Av. RPM. 84.

D.V(G) UBMR.

1800-1800 : Steaming as before on base course 169°T.170°C. Z/Z in accordance with Plan#2(1940 Diagrams). Standard speed 15 knots.84 RPM. Steaming at standard speed. 1600 changed standard speed to 13.5 knots.75 RPM. Condition alert set at 1726. Bun set at 1728. Darkened ship. Av. steam. 450. Av. RPM. 79.5.

1800-2000 : Steaming as before on base course 169°T.170°G., on Zig Zng Plan#2, (1940 Disgrams). Standard speed 13.5 knots.75 PPM. 1830 changed course to 199°T., 200°G. Av.steam 450. Av.RPM. 75.0.

2000 Position: Let. 240-31.5'S. Long. 1690-08' E.

ordan Lieut.L.D.JORDAN.D-V(S), USNR.

2000-2400: Steaming as before on base course 199°T.200°G., at standard speed 18.5 knots. (74PPH) Zig magging in accordance with plan#2(1940 Diaprams). 2000 changed course to 169°T. 170°G. Av. steam 457.5 Av. RPM 75.0.

Approved:

De 510 De 5.0. W.B. FIETCHER, Jr., 7. Commander, U.S. Navy, Commanding.

Examined:

JOSEPH WEINER, ieut., D-M, USNR.,

Mavigator.

U. H. N., Nevigator.

Page 24 CONFIDENTIAL UNITED STATES SHIP LIBRA(AKA12) Wednesday 21 April ZONE DESCRIPTION -11 REMARKS "OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY." 0000-0400: Steaming singly as Task Unit 32.4.15 on base course 169°T.170°G. Z/Z in accordance with Plan #2(1940 Diagrams) at standard speed 13.5 knots(75RPM) Boilers #1 and #2 in use. Ship darkened and Condition III set. Av. steam 460. Av RPM. 75.0. Ensign D.W.CHILDS, D-V(G), USNR. 0400-0800: Steaming as before on base course 169°T.170°G. 159°PSTGC.Zig Zag Plan #2(1940 Diagrams). Standard speed 13.5 knots(75 RPM). Sunrise 0559. Set condition slert 0555. Set condition III at 0700. Av. steam 452.5. Av. RPM.75.0. 0800 Position: Lat. 26°-54'S.

Long. 169°-45.5'E. Ensign CARL DOONES, D-V(G), USNR. 0800-1200: Steaming as before on base course 169°T.170°G. Zig Zagging in accordance with Flan #2(1940 Diagrams) 0800 changed standard speed to 14.5 knots(81RPM) Av. steam 452.5. Av. RPM. 81.0 270-53'S. 1690-56'E. Let . 1200 Position: Long. Marsan, D-V(B), USNA. 1200-1600: Steaming as before on base course 169°T.170°G. Standard speed 14.5 knots. (S1 RPM). Steaming at standard speed. Zig zagging in accordance with Plan #2(1940 Diagrams). Av. steam 450. Av. RPM. S1.0 HOB' H. J. E. NOLONEY U.S. N. 1600-1800: Steaming as before on base course 169°T.170°G. Standard speed 14.5 knots. SI RPM. Steaming at standard speed. Z/Z in accordance with Plan #2(1940 Diagrams). Changed standard speed to 14 knots(78 RPM) at 1600. 1715 Sunset. Darkened ship. Av. steam 450. Av. RPM. 78. Ensign D.W.CHILDS, D-V(G), USNR. 1800-2000: Steaming as before on base course 169°T.170°G. Standard speed 14 kts. 78 RPM. Zig zagging in accordance with Plan #2(1940 Diagrams) At 1630 Changed course to 199°T.200°G. Zig zagging in accordance with Plan #2(1940 Diagrams) Steaming at standard speed.14 knots. (76RPM). Av. steam. 450. Av. RPM. 76. 2000 Position: Lat. 29°-34'S. Long. 170°-06'E. Energy CARL D. JONES, D-V(G), USNR. 2000-2400: Steaming as before on base course 199°T.200°G. Steaming at standard speed of 14 knots. (75RPM). Zig zagging in accordance with Flan #2(1940 Diagrams) At 2000 C/C to 169°T. 170°G. 157°PSTGC. Av. steam. 450. Av. RPM. 78. Lieut. L. W. JORDAN, D-V(8), USNR.

Approved:

los delen W.B. FLETCHER ,Jr. , Commander, U. S. Navy, Commanding. Examined:

weigh Weiner JOSEPH WEINER Lieut., D-M, USNR., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP _LIERA(AKA12)	Thursday 22	April , 1913
	ARKS	
OCCO-0400 : Steaming singly as Task Uni Zig zagging in accordance with Plan#2(19 Steaming at standard speed, Boiler No.1 Condition III. Av. steam 450. Av. PPM. 78	940 Disgrams) Standard spe and No.2 in use, Darkened	ed 14 knots,78RFM I ship and in
0400-0800: Storwing as before on base of 14 knots. (782PM) Z/Z in accordance with of elert on all muns. 0601 Sunrise. Av 0800 Position: Lat. 310-6318.  Lobe. 1710-021E.	Pourse 169°T.170°G. at ato Plan #2(1940 Diagrams). C r.steam 450. Av.RPM.78.0.	manra speed of
OBOO-1200: Stemming as before on base ance Plan#2(1940 Diagrams), at standard Zig Zag Plan #11. Nustered crew on stating section of magazines and smokeless po 450. Av. RPM. 78.0. 1200 Position: Lat. 320-45'S. Long. 1710-13'E.	course 189°T.170°G. Zig s speed 14 knots(78RPM). O lions, absentees Yone. 090 wder samples. Condition n	accing in accord-
1200-1600 : Stenning as before on base ance with Plan 11 (1940 Diagrams) standar Av. PPN. 78.	course 169°7.170°6. Zir z	Av.Steam 450.
1800-1800 : Stemming as before on base (78 RPM). Zim sagging in accordance with Three Kings Islands bearing 140°T, distand set all puns on the alert. Av. stemm	Lieut.L.X.FORDAN course 169°T.170°G. Stan Flan #11(1940 Diagrams). nce 40 miles. 1702 Sunse	ford speed 14 kts 1630 sighted
1800-2000 : Steaming as before on base 14 knots(78RPM). Zig zagging in accordan passed Three Kings Islands about to port av.RPM.78.0.	ce with Plan #11(1940 Dia	andard speed grams). 1859
2000 Position: Lat. 340-29'S. Long. 1710-50'E.	Enelem D.W.OHILD	S.D-V(G),USMR.
2000-2400: Steaming as before on base (78RPM). Zie sagging in accordance with Av. HPM. 78.0.	Plan #11(1940 Diagrams).	ard speed 14 knot Av. steam 450.

Examined:

JOSEPH WEINER, Lieut.,D-M,USHR., Wavipator.

W.B.FLETCHER, Jr., Commander, U.S. Mavy, Commanding.

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N. Nav. 43 Page 26 CONFIDENTIAL , 1943 23 April. UNITED STATES SHIP LIBRA Friday (United Officettal ZONE DESCRIPTION - 12 REMARKS "Operational Remarks & War Diary" Steaming singly as task unit 32.4.15 on base course 169°T, 170°G.
S.S. 14 knots (78 RPM(, steaming at standard speed. Zig zaging in accordance with plan #11 (1940 Diagrams). Boiler #1 and #2 in use. Ship is darkened, and in codition of readiness III. At 0100 advanced clocks one hour to zone -12 time. Average steam 452.5 and 0000- 0400 RPM 87.0. L. M. Jordan, D-V(8), USNR 0400 - 0800 Steaming as before on base course 169°T, 170°G. Standard speed 14 kts. 78 RPM. Steaming at S.S., zig zaging in accordance with plan #11 (1940 diagrams). 0500 sighted ship (U.S.S. ADHARA) bearing 125 T. Average steam 460, average RPM 78.0 0800 position: Lat. 36-57 S,Long 172-21 E. Bos'n. J. B. Moloney, USN 0800 - 1200 Steaming as before on base course 169°T, 170°G at standard speed 14 kts (78 RPM) Z.Z. in accordance with plan #11 (1940 diagrams) U.S.S. ADHARA visible throughout watch. 0800 changed base course to 160°T, 161°G. 0800 Mustered crew on stations, no absentees. 1130 made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples and weekly inspection of sprinkling systems and made monthly powder test, conditions normal. Average steam 450, RPM 78.6 1200 position: Lat. 37-49 S, Long 172-47 E. Ens. D. W. Childe, D-V(G), USNR 1200 - 1600 Steaming as before on base course 160°T, 161°G. Z.Z. plan #11 (1940 diagrams). Standard speed 14 kts, 78 RPM, average steam 450, average RPM 78.0. Ens. C.D. Jones, D-V(G), USNR 1800 - 1800 Steaming as before on base course 1609T, 161°G; Z.Z. plan #11 (1940 diagrams), standard speed 14 kts (78 RPM), average steam 450. average RPM 78. Lt. L. M. Jordan, D-V(S), USNR 1800 - 2000 Steaming as before on base course 160°T, 161°G. Standard speed
14 kts, 78 RPM, Steaming at standard speed, zig zaging in
accordance with plan #11 (1940 diagrams). 1800 Sighted Cape Egmont
light bearing 120°T. 1856 Egmont light about to port, distance 6 miles. Average steam 450, average RPM 78.0 2000 position: Lat. 39-32 8, Long. 173-44 E. Bog'n. J. E. Moloney USN 2000 - 2400 Steaming as before on base course 160°T, 161°G, at standard speed 14 kts (78 RPM). Z.Z. in accordance with plan #11 (1940 diagrams). 2000 Changed base course to 154°T, 154.5°G. 2000 Changed standard speed to 12 kts (67 RPM). Average steam 457.5, average RPM 67.0 Ens. D. W. Childs, D-V(G), USNR

W. B. FLETCHER, Jr., Commanding Officer.

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UNITED STATES SHIP \_\_LIBRA(AKA12)

Betnyday 24,

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ZONE DESCRIPTION -19

REMARKS

"OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY".

2000-0400: Stemming singly as Task Unit 32.4.15 on base course 254°T. 154.5°G. Zig zagging in accordance with Plan #11(1940 Diagrams) Stendard speed 18 knots (67 SPM). Bollers #1 and #2 in use. Ship darkened and in Condition III. 0300 C/to 180°T.180.5 G. Dessed rig zagging. 0324 sighted Jackson Hend light bearing 207°T. 0340 C/O to 180°G. 159.5°T. 0346 C/O to 135°G. 134.5°T. Av. steam 450. Av. RPM. 87.0.

Carlo Jones

O400-0800 : Steming as before on course 135°T. 155.6°G. 8/8 10 mosts.57 RPM.
making standard speed. O415 changed course to 180°T. 180.5°G. O440 sighted land
dead shead, distance (approx)! mile. Further check showed that the light with the
characteristics of Jackson Head was Brothers light. Changed course to right.stepped engines. O445 backed 2/3. O445 stepped. O446 angines shead 1/3. O445 steadied on course 270°T. O449 shead standard, proceeded on soundings. OE17 sighted
Karori Rock light bearing 133°T. O526 sighted Baring Head light bearing 111°T.
O530 passed Karori light, sheam to mort, distance 35 miles. O601 changed course
to 065°T. O65.5°C. O613 changed course to 030°T. 030.5°G. sighted small vessel
bearing 070°T distance 5 miles. O620 changed course to 049.5°T. 050°G. O636
changed course to 074.5°T.075°G. O639 changed course to 049.5°T. 050°G. O636
changed course to 074.5°T.075°G. O639 changed standard speed to 18 knots(84EFFM)
steaming at standard. O701 changed course to 099.5°T.030°G. 0703 changed speed
to 9/8 standard, 10 knots(55 RFM). 0705 made preparations for entering port, set
special sea Setail. Captain at conn. Executive Officer and Havington on the bridge. special sea Setail. Captain at conn. Executive Officer and Mayl ator on the bridge, proceeding at various courses and speeds to anchorage. O713 Pencarrow light abeam to starboard, distance 0.5 miles. O729 Steeple Rock light abeam to cort, distance to starcoard, distance 0.3 miles. 0729 Steeple Book light abeam to cort, distance 0.5 miles. 0739 Hope Shoel light abeam to starboard, distance 0.4 miles. 0740 passed thru subscribe nets. 0757 Pilot MoLeod boarded ship. Av. stemm 455. Av. HPM. 66.B.

T. M. Jordan Leut M. JORDAN, 6-Y(8), UBIR.

DBOG-1000: Prodecing to anchorage as before. OBOS lowered the rirat tier of boats to the inters edge. OBOS anchored in the auter anchorage of Lambton Harbor, Wellington, New Zealand, is eleven fathoms of water, and bottom, with 45 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor, on the following anchorage bearings: Sommes Is. 073°T; Jerringian Pt.194°T; Mindel Pt.188°T. DBO2 anchor awaigh proceeding to Berth 4, Actes Quay. Captain, Executive Officer and Havington on the bridge Pilot MoLeod counting. DBO2 let go starboard anchor one shockle at the hawse size. OBS2 moored port side to in Berth 4.Actes Quay, Wellington, N.Z., with the following lines: S lines doubled and a wire hawser fwd.; S lines doubled and a wire hawser fwd.; S lines doubled and a wire hawser fwd.; S lines doubled and a wire hawser aft. Av.sterm 450, Av.RPK. 9.4.

1000-1200 : Moored as before. At 1015 commenced discharging cargo from all holds 1045 U.S.S. ADMARA stood in from sea and moored.

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1000-1600 : Moored as before. Unloading cargo from Nos.1,2,3,4, and 5 holds. Taking on water. Mo.2 boiler out out. No.1 boiler in use.

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1800-2000: Moored as before. 1835 completed unloading No.4 hold. 1730 completed unloading No.1 hold. 1745 completed unloading No.5 hold. 1850 completed unloading unlossing Ne.3 hold.

Earl & James Halls.

Approved:

W.B.FLETCHER, J.P. Commanding. U.S. Mavy,

Examined;

Joseph WEINER, Lieut. ,D-M, USIM. , Mavientor.

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2000-2400: Monred as before, unloading No.2 hold. 2350 completed unloading No.2 hold.

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George Commender, U.S. Navy,

Examined:

JOSEPH WEINER, Lieut.,D-M.USMR., Mavigator.

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CONFIDENTIAL. UNITED STATES SHIP \_LIBRA(AKAL2)

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ZONE DESCRIPTION -19

REMARKS

"OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY".

0000-0400; Moored as before port side to Actes Quay, Berth 4, Wellington, N.Z., with following lines, one wire bow line, one wire stern line and following 8" manila lines doubled: one forward bow spring, one after bow spring, one bow breast, one after quarter spring, one forward quarter spring and one quarter breast. Receiving telephone service and fresh water from dock. Boiler #1 in use for suxiliary purposes. Ships present U.S.S.HUNTER LIGGETT(SOPA) and various navel auxiliarios.

0400-0800 : Moored as before. 0645 British merchant ship standing in.

0800-1200 : Moored as before, 1105 commenced fueling ship. Draft Ped.91.

1200-1600 : Moored as before.

1800-2000 : Moored as before.

2000-2400 : Moored as before.

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M.B. PLETCHER, Jr., Communder, U. S. Navy, lorson 1-e Commanding.

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rollowing lines: one wi manila line doubled: on one after quarter morin telephone service and f poses. Ships present:	re bow line, one a e fwd.bow spring, g, one fwd.quarter resh water from do USS HUNTER LIGGETT	mey, Berth #4, Wellington rire stern line and the one after bow suring, or spring and one quarter ich. Boiler #1 in use for (SCPA) and various nava fueling: 11'-5" Forward	following 8" ne bow breast, breast. Receivi or numillary pur l sumillaries.
		In Dordan	-V(s), usus.
0400-0800 : Moored as	before.	Lieut. (10) H.M. PEPPE	
0800-1200 : Moored as 0930 U.S.S. MANNY stood	before. 0815 -ust out. 1015 U.S.S.	ered arew at quarters. I	No ansentees.
		Lieut. (JE)H. M. Beleve	R, D-V(G),USNR.
1200-1600 : Moored as	before.	Ensign J. B. BORDEM,	D-H, WSNR,
1800-2000 t Moored as	before.	Ansign b.W. ORILDS,	S-V(o), Uana.
2000-2400 : Moored as	before.	Ensi m D. W. OHILDS.	D-V(o), usum.

Approved:

W.B.FLETCHER, Jr. Gommander, U.S. Mavy, Commanding.

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JOSEPH WEINER, Lieut., D-M, USMR., Mavigator.

Page 31 CONFIDENTIAL Tuesday UNITED STATES SHIP LIBRA (AKAL2) April 27 ZONE DESCRIPTION -12 REMARKS "OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY". 0000-0400 : Moored port side to Aotea Quay, Berth #4, Wellington, New Zealand with standard lines. Receiving telephone and fresh water from the dock. Boiler #1 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ensign D. W. CHILDS, D-V(G), USNR. 0400-0800 : Moored as before. 0701 observed sunrise. 0730 USS ADHARA shifted 0800-1200 : Moored as before. . b-v(0) ,usne. 1200-1600 : Moored as before. At 1445 commenced loading cargo into #3 hold. 1600-2000 : Moored as before. Continued leading cargo into #3 hold. Lieut. (Jg)H. M. PEPPER, D-V(G), USNR. 2000-2400 : Moored as before. Continued loading cargo into #3 hold. Ensign WILLIAM C. LYONS, U.S.N. Additional remarks by the Commanding Officer:-Received Commander Transport Group despatch 210254, concerning loading of landing craft. 0073 De-0-0- J. W.B. FLETCHER, Jr.

Approved:

20013 De C.C. W.B.FLETCHER, Jr., Commander, U.S. Navy, Commanding.

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CONFIDENTIAL UNITED STATES SHIP AKA12 LIBRA. Wednesday 28

April . 1943.

ZONE DESCRIPTION -12

REMARKS "OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY".

OCCO-0400: Moored port side to Aetea Quay, Berth 4, Wellington, New Zealand, with following lines: One wire bow line, one wire stern line and following 8" manila line: Three lines forward and three lines aft. Boiler #1 in use for auxiliary purposes. Receiving telephone and fresh water service from dock. Ships present: U.S.S.HUNTER LIGGETT(SOPA) and various other U.S.naval ships. Continued loading cargo into #3 hold.

Energy WILLIAM C.LYONS, W.S.N.

0400-0800 : Moored as before. At 0702 Sunrise. Continued loading cargo into #3 hold.

Eneign WILLIAM O.LYONS, W.S.N.

0800-1200 : Moored as before. Continued loading cargo into #3 hold.

Lieut.L.M.JORDAN, D-V(S), USNR.

1200-1600 : Moored as before. Continued loading cargo into #3 hold. 1600 completed loading cargo into #3 hold.

Ensign CARL D.JONES, D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 : Moored as before.

2000-2400 : Moored as before.

Ensign CARL D.JONES, D-V(G), USNR.

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W.B.FLETCHER, Jr. 7 عدودون Commander, U. S.Navy, Commanding.

Examined:

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Thursday,

29, April . 19 43

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#### REMARKS "OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY."

0000-0400: Moored port side to Berth 4, Actes Quay, Wellington, New Zealand, with wire bow and stern lines, bow, breast and spring lines of 8" manila forward and stern, breast and spring of 8" manila aft. Receiving fresh water and telephone service from dock. Boiler #2 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS HUNTER LIGGETT(SCPA), USS ADHARA and various merchant vessels.

Fall D. JONES, D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 : Moored as before.

Ensign CARL D. JONES, D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 : Moored as before.

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1200-1600 : Moored as before.

alle Lieut. (jg)H. M. PEPPER, B-V(G), USNR

1600-2000 : Moored as before.

JORDAN, D-V(S), USMR.

2000-2400 : Moored as before.

Lieut. (jg)H.M.PEPPER, D-V(G), USNR

Additional Remarks by the Commanding Officer.

Received Commander Transport Group despatchs 272327/April regarding loading and departure and 282338/April concerning additional items to be loaded.

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Approved:

W.B. FLETCHER, Jr., Commander, U.S. Navy, Commanding.

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			Lieut.(jg)H.M.PEP	PER, D-V(G), USNR.
0400-0800 :	Moored as	before.	- Augens	2
0800-1200 :	Moored as	before	Lieut. (jg)H.M.PEP	PER, D-V(G),USNA.
	and the same		Lieut.L.M.JORDAN,	D-V(S),USNR.
1200-1600 :	Moored as	before.		
			Ensign D.W. CHILDS	, D-V(G),USNR,
1200-2000 ;	Moored as	before.	008	0-
			Ensign J.J. BORDEN	, D-M, USNR.
2000-2400 :	Moored as	before.		1.//
			Ensign D. W. CHILDS	, D-V(G),USMR.

W.B.FLETCHER, Jr., Commander, U.S.Navy, Commanding.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION \_-12

REMARKS "OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY".

0000-0400: Moored port side to berth #4, Aotes Quay, Wellington, New Zesland, with wire bow and stern lines and three 8" manila lines fore and aft, doubled up. Receiving fresh water and telephone service from the dock. Boiler #2 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present. USS HUNTER LIGGETT (SOPA), USS ADHARA and various merchant and district craft.

Ensign D. W. CHILDS, D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 : Moored as before. 0410-lit off #1 Boiler.

Ensign D.W. CHILDS, D-V(G), USNR.

O800-1200: Moored as before. O800 set special sea detail and made all preparations for getting underway. O805 Pilot D.M. Todd aboard. O815 commenced taking in all lines. Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. O837 all clear of dock. Underway. Pilot Todd conning. Various speeds and courses proceeding to anchorage. O850 let go starboard anchor. O857 Pilot left ship. Anchored in 11 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following anchorage bearings: Halswell Point 119 T. Jerning Haten Point 168°T. Sommes Is. O75 T. 1042 commenced heaving up anchor. 1053 anchor aweigh. Underway on various courses at various speeds conforming to channel. Captain at conning, on various courses at various speeds conforming to channel. Captain at conning, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 15 knots. 1113 Degaussing officer aboard, Lieut. Mains. 1117 commenced making north run on degaussing range off Sommes Island. Av. steam 450. Av. RPM. 32.5.

Englan J.J. BORDEN, D-M, USNR.

1200-1600 : Steaming as before on various courses on degaussing range, steaming at 2/3 standard speed. 1355 completed degaussing runs and Lieut.Mains, Degaussing officer, left ship. 1418 commenced calibrating Radio Direction Finder with USS HUNTER LIGGETT as transmitting ship. 1525 completed calibrating of Radio Direction Finder. 1531 proceeding out of harbor on various courses and at various speeds
1542 proceeding at standard speed. 1545 General Quarters. 1551 secured from
General Quarters and set Condition III. 1557 C/C to 200°T. 1558 energized degaussing coils. Av steam 450. Av.RPM. 42.2.

Lieut.L.M.JORDAN, DAV(8), USNR.

1600-1800; Steaming as before on base course 200°T., at standard speed 15 knots, (84 RPM). 1602 0/0 to 197°T. Pencarrow Lt.abeam to port, distance 600 yards. 1612 0/0 to 255°G, 254.5°T. 1633 0/0 to 287°G, 288.5°T. 1708 0/0 to 000°G,359.5°T. 1728 darkened ship at sunset. 1756 passed Brothers' Islands Light abeam to port distance 2.7 miles. 1759 sighted Jackson Head bearing 307°T. Av.steam 450. Av. RPM. 84.

Ensign CARL D. JONES, D-V(G), USNR.

Eneign D. W. CHILDS, D. V(C), USIR.

1800-2000; Steaming as before on base course 000°G, 159.5°T. Standard speed 15 knots. (84 RPM). 1805 sighted Stephen Island Light bearing 311°T. 1820 passed Jackson Head light abeam to port, distance 8 miles. 1840 C/C to 335.5°G., 335°T. Av. steam 450. Av. RPM. 84.

2000 Position: 400-33.5' 8. Lat. Long. 1740-18 E.

V. U.B.N. Bos n. J. B. MOLONEY,

2000-2400 : Steaming as before on base course 335°T, 335.5°G., at standard speed 15 knots(84 RPM). 2000 passed Stephen Island light abeam to port, distance 15 mile Av. steam 450. Av. RPM. 84.

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UNITED STATES SHIP \_\_ LIBRA (AKA12)

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"OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY".

Additional Remarks by the Commanding Officer:

1600 - Took departure Pencarrow Head en route Noumea, N.C., in compliance Commander Transport Group despatch 272327/ April. Sent departure report 302359/April reporting estimated position daylight May 4, and estimated time arrival.

W.B. FLETCHER, Jr.

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Examined:

JOSEPH WEINER, Lieut.,D-M, U.S.N.R., Navigator.

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Page 3. 07798 CONFIDENTIAL Sunday UNITED STATES SHIP LIBRA (AKA12) May . 19 43 ZONE DESCRIPTION -12 REMARKS "OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY" 0000-0400: Steaming singly on base course 335°T,335.5 G., at standard speed 15 knots(84 RPM). Ship darkened, Condition III set. Boilers 1 & 2 in use. 0022 sighted Egmont light bearing 019°T, distance about 16 miles. 0102 with Cape Egmont light abeam to starboard, distance 9.5 miles, changed course to 340°T, 340.5 G. 0237 sighted flare bearing 140°T. Av. steam 455. Av. RPM. 84.0. Lieut.L.M.JORDAN, D\*V(S), USNR.

O400-0800: Steaming as before on base course 340°T, 340.5 G., at standard speed
15 knots(84 RPM), 0400(Moonrise) commenced zig zagging in accordance with plan
#11(1940 diagrams) 0607 set guns on the slert. 0707 observed sunrise. Lighted ship. Av. steam 458. Av. RPM. 84. OBOO Position: Lat. 370-43'S. Long. 1720-43' E. Ensign CARL D. FONES, D-V(G), USNR. OBOO-1200 : Steaming singly as before on course 340°T, 340.5° G. Steaming at standard speed 15 knots (B4RPM) in accordance with zig zag plan #11(1940 diagrams) OBOO Changed standard speed to 13.5 knots(75 RPM) 1043 ceased zig zagging. Resumed base course 340°T, 340.5 G. Av. steam. 450. Av. RPM. 75.

1200 Position: Lat. 36°-55.5' S.
Long. 172°-19.5' E. Board.J.Z.MOLONZY./U.S.N. 1200-1600: Steaming as before on base course 340°T. 340.5 G.at standard speed of 13.5 knots (75RPM). Av. steam. 450. Av. RPM. 75. Ensign D.W. CHILDS, D-V(G), USNR. 1600-1800 : Steaming as before on base course 340°T,340.5°G, at standard speed of 13.5 kts. (75 RPM).1749 observed sunset darkened ship, set all guns on the alert. Av. steam 450. Av. RPM.75. Lieut. L. MCJORDAN, D-V(8), USMR. 1800-2000 : Steaming as before on base course 340°T, 340.5°G., at standard speed 13.5 knots(75 RPM). 1849 Secured from condition alert. Av. steam 450. Av. RPM.75. 35°-09.5' S. 2000 Position: Lat. 171°-26.5' E. Long. D. JOHES, D-V(G), USNR. 20-2400: Steaming as before on base course 340°T, 340.5°G., at standard speed 13.5 kts. 75 RPM. Av. steam 450. Av. RPM. 75. Bos 'A.J. E. MOLONEY, U.S. M.

Approved:

W.B. FLETCHER, Jr. Commander, U.S. Navy, Commanding. Examined:

JOSEPH WEINER, Lieut., D-M, USITR., Navigator.

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		Ensign D.W.	,00	CC	
0400-0800 : Steaming as of 13.5 knots. (75 RPM). (1940 Diagrams). 0610 of lighted ship. Av. steam 0800 Position: Lat.	ofice of the commence of the called all gun or 450. Av. RPM. 75.	course 340°T, 340 zig zagging in accews to alert. 07	.5°G, at cordance 10 observ	standard with Plan ed sunri	speed #17,
Long.	170-18. E.	Lieut.LOW.	JORDAN, D	-v(s),us	NR.
0800-1200 : Steaming at 13.5 knots.(75 RPM). Zig Av. steam 450. Av RPM.75	g zagging in acco	course 340°T, 341° rdance with Plan	G. at st #17(1940	andard s Diagrams	eed).
1200 Position: Lat Long.	31°-46!5 8. 169°-59' E.	60.0	A Que		
		Ensign CAR	D. JOHES	. D-V(G)	, USNR.
1200-1600 : Steaming at (75 RPM). Zig zagging is retarded one hour to con	n accordance with	Plan #17,(1940 Die zone. Av. steam.	iagrams).	1400 Clo	nots, ocks
		Bos'n.J(E/	Y		- 1
13.5 knots (75 RPM). Zig 1706 Sunset. Ship darker	zagging in accor	dance with Plan #	17(1940 D	lagrams).	
		Ensign D.W	.CHILDS,	D-V(G),U	SNR.
1800-2000 : Steaming at 13.5 knots(75 RPM). Zig 1830 ceased zig zagging 2000 Position: Lat.	g zagging in acco	rdance with Plan	#17(1940	Diagram).	peed.
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Approved: W.B.FLET Commander, Command	CHER,Jf., U.S.Navy.	mined: JOSEPH Lieut. D-M	WEINER,	Jein 8.8.8.8	

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13.5 knots(7	5RPM). 051 ith Plan #1 0. Av.RPM. n: Lat.	before on bas 4 set all guns 7(1940 Diagram 75. 270-201 S. 1680-16'E.	e course on aler	340 T, 341 T	G., at st menced s cured fr	andard sp ig zaggin om alert.	eed of g in
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13.5 knots (	75 RPM). Zi	before on bas g zag Plan #17 ted USS HUMPHF	e course	340°T.341°G	.,at sta	ndard spe	ed of
1200 Position	n: Lat. Long.	26°-30'S. 167°-52'E.		JAN Lieut.L.M.Jon	Adam, D-		R.
1200-1600: of 13.5 knot Av. steam. 45	s(75 RPM) z	before on basing zagging in	e course accordan	338°T. 339°	#17(194	andard sp O Diagram	eed
Sunset. Dark At 1726 chan	). Zig zagg ened ship. ged to 1/3 ged to 2/3	before on bas ing in accords Set guns on th speed(Reason: speed. At 1733	nce with e alert. Lost ste	Plan #17(19 At 1725 ch am pressure	40 Diagr anged to due to w	ams). At 2/3 speed ater in o	1721
				aviel.	AM G.LYO	Lyone 118, U.S.N	
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2000 Position	n: Lat. Long			Bos'n.J.E. No	ONEY, U	. <del>8.</del> 111.	
2000-2400: 13.5 knots.	Steaming as 2002 Chang	before on bas	e course 35°T, 33	338°T, 338.	5°G, at	standard Av. RPM.	speed 75.
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				Lieut.(jg)H.	M. PEPPER	, D=V(G),U	SNR.
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Approved:	W.B.FLETCH ommander, U Commanding	ER,Jr.,	Examined:	JOSEPH WE Lieut., D-M, Navigator	USNR.,		Vasifetor.

Page 6. CONFIDENTIAL UNITED STATES SHIP \_\_ LIBRA (AKA12) Wednesday 5 (Date) May . 1943 ZONE DESCRIPTION -11 REMARKS "OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY! 0000-0400: Steaming on base course 335°T, 335.5°G, at standard speed 13.5 knots (75RPM). Boilers #1 and #2 in use. Ship darkened and condition III set. USS HUMPHRIES acting as escort and screen. Ensign /J.J. BORDEN, D-M. USNR. O400-0800; Steaming as before on base course 335°T,355.5°G, at standard speed 13.5 knots(75RPM), at 0915 changed course to 000°T, 000.5°G. At 0525 sighted land bearing 020°T, distance about 25 miles. At 0526 set all guns on alert. at 0527 sighted 1 DD and 1 AT bearing 030°T. At 0553 sighted Amedee Light House bearing 037°T,distance 15 miles. At 0554 changed course to 035°T, 035.5°G. At 0603 sighted friendly patrol plane. At 0615 energized degausing coils. At 0621 Sunrise. Lighted ship.Secured all guns from alert. At 0645 set special sea detail. Commenced steering various courses. Captain at the conn. Navigator on bridge, making all preparations for entering port. At 0704 passed through Bulari Northern Passage. At 0711 passed Amedee Light abeam to port, distance 875 yards. At 0714 secured from condition III. At 0718 slowed to 1/3 speed passing mine sweeper. At 0719 changed to standard speed 13.5 knots. Sighted various U.S.naval ships in watch. Av, steam 452.5. Av.RPM.74.5. avelian a Lyon Ensign WILLIAM C.LYOMS, U.S.M. 0800-1200: Steaming at 13.5 knots(75RPM) at various courses to conform with channel. 0806 ahead one third speed. 0812 stopped. 0825 steaming at various courses and speeds in proceeding to anchorage. OSIS steaming at various courses and speeds in proceeding to anchorage. OSIS anchored in Berth A-12, Great Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia in 5g fathoms of water with 3Q fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following anchorage bearings:BMX 357g T; BNJ 301 T. Chimney 110°T. 1033 commenced making preparations for getting underway. 1115 set special sea detail. 1123 underway at standard speed of 15 knots. Captain conning, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. Steaming at various courses and speeds in approaching Berth #6 Nickle Docks. Av. steam 450. Av. RPM. 27.8. n.J.E. NOLONEY, D.S.N. 1200-1800: Underway from berth A-12 approaching Nickle Dock. 1306 moored port side to pier Six, Nickle Dock, Noumea, New Caledonia with seven lines doubled. 1500 commenced unloading cargo from holds #3 and #4. Av. steam 450. Av. RPM. 20.9 Morlan Lieut.L.M. JORDAN, D-V(8), USNR. 1600-2000: Moored as before. Unloading holds #3 and #4. 1800 secured from unloading hold #4. epper. (jg)H.M.PEPPER, D-V(G), USNR. 2000-2400: Moored as before. Unloading Hold #3. Lieut. (jg)H.M. PEPPER, D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

los ocala W.B.FLETCHER, Jr., Commander, U.S. Navy, Commanding.

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JOSEPH WEINER,

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UNITED ST		IP_LIBRA(	AKA12)	Thursday	(Date)	May	, 1943
ZONE DESCRIPTION	-11	• OPER	REMAR	KS KS & WAR DIARY			
occo-0400: standard 8" boiler in u	manila	lines fore	and aft. Un	ckle Dock, Noum loading cargo f	ea, New rom #3 h	Caledonia cold. No.	, with
				Lieut. (JE)H	W. Pape	R, D-V(G)	,USNR.
0400-0800: stood out.	Moored	as before.	Unloading ca	rgo from #3 hold	0645	USS SARA	LTOGA
0800-1200:	Moored	as before	unloading car	Lieut, (jg)H		R, D-V(G)	,USNR.
				~90	r Ban	V(S), USN	IR.
1200-1600:	Moored :	as before.	Unloading c	argo from #3 he	18. 18.	-ds	
				Lieut. (Jg)J	J, BORDE	м, D-м, t	SNR.
1600-2000:	Moored a	as before.	Unloading ca	rgo from #3 Hol	1.	.,,,	
				Lieut. (jg)D	W. OHILD	3, D-V(G)	,USNR.
2000-2400:	Moored a	as before.	2000 comple	ted unloading #	3 hold.		
				Licut. (jg)D	W. CHILD	8,D-V(G)	USNR.

W.B.FLETCHER, Jr.; Commander, U.S. Navy, Commanding.

Examined:

Joseph W \_einer JOSEPH WEINER, Lieut., D-M,U.S.N.R., Navigator.

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UNITED		LIBRA (AKA12)		Friday	7 (Date)	May (Month)	, 19 <u>43</u>
ZONE DESCRIPT	ION11		EMARKS		RY".		
standard 8	Moored por manila lin ip darkened.	t side to Pier es out fore ar	r Six,Nickle nd aft. No.	Dock, No. 1 boiler	in use fo	r auxiliar	y pur-
tions for	getting unde	before. 0400 rway. 0621 cs ridge. Execut lous speeds oc , Dumbes Bay, thoms of water 2.5°T; Bescon	est off all	#2 boiler	otain, Ex	made all p	ficer,
				Lieut.(j	3 3 . BO	Bords RUEM, D-M,	USNR.
0800-1200; sprinkler	Anchored a tests were m	s before. 103 ade. Condition	O Fortnight		UV		
				Lieut. ()	g) D. W. CHI	LDB,D-V(G)	,USNR.
1200-1600:	Anchored a	s before.		Lieut. (j	S. N. BEE	RY,D-V(G),	USNR.
1600-2000:	Anchored a	s before. 172	24 Darkened		nPene	w, Per,d-v(g)	,USNR.
2000-2400:	Anchored a	s before.		Ida Lieut. (Je	ncego	PER, D-V(G)	,USNR.
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Approved:	W.B.FLETCH Commander, U	ER, Jr. 9	Examined:	Joseff Lieut.,	PH WEINER D-M, U.S Igator.		er Navigator

CONFIDENT UNITED S	TIAL TATES SHIP _	LIBRA(AKA	112)	Saturday	8 (Date)	May (Month)	, 1943
ZONE DESCRIPTION	DN11		REMARK TIONAL REMAR	S KS & WAR DIA	RY".		
chain to the Beacon "C" Various na	Anchored in he port ancho , 0590T; Beac val and merch	Berth #8, or in 9 fat on "B" 352 ant ships	Dumbea Bay home of wat 2.5°T; Beacon present.	, New Caledo er on the fo n "A",256°T.	nia with llowing boiler	45 fathon bearings:- #2 in use	s of
				Lieut.L.	M.JORDAN	,D-V(S),US	NR.
0400-0800:	Anchored as	before.		4	20		
				Lieut.L.	NORDAN	,D-V(8),US	NR.
0800-1200:	Anchored as	before.			0 0		
				Lieut.(j	S S.N.BE	HY, D- (G)	, USNR.
1200-1600:	Anchored as	before.		Ensign C	el D.	Jones ES, D-V(G)	,USNR.
1600-2000;	Anchored as	before.	1726 Sunse	t. Darkened	ship.		
				Lieut.()	<b>₽73,3.</b> ∃01	REEN, D-M,	USNR.
2000-2400:	Anchored as	before.		Ensign C	ARL D.JO	Jones DES, D-V(G	),USNR.
			1.5	0	6 67	/	
Approved:	W.B.FLETC Commander, U Commandin	HER, Jr.,	Examined:	JOSEPH Lieut.,D- Navigat	WEINER, M, USNR.	v. e. v., v	authain.

CONFIDENTIAL UNITED STAT	ES SHIP	LIBRA(AKA12)	Sunday	9	May (Month)	, 19_4
ZONE DESCRIPTION	- 11	OPERATIONAL REMARK		ARY		
0000 - 0400	Anchored in fathoms of as follows: S.H. 325°T.	berth 8 Dumbea Bay water. 45 fathoms Beacon "C" 0390T.; Number 2 boiler i	n use for au	iliar;	oon "A" 256 y purposes.	oT,;
			0. D. Jo	nes, En	eign D-V(G)	,USNR
0400 - C800	Anchored as	before, 0616 Obser	68. Q	mee	t light shi sign D-V(G)	
0800 = 1200	Anchored as U.S.S. SAN anchored in	before. 1100 U.S. DIEGO, U.S.S. CASE the harbor.	s. SARATOGA, and U.S.S. K	U.S.S ING ST	SAN JUAN	
1200 - 1600	Anchored as	before.	H. M. Pe	Oper L	t.(jg),UBNI	₹
1600 - 2000	Anchored as	before.	/tu H. M. Pe	Peril	le. t.(jg),USNI	₹
2000 - 2400	Anchored as	before.	H. X. Pe	Cert	e.(jg),uski	₹

W. B. FLETOHER, Jr., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

JOSEPH WEINER, Lieut. D-M, U.S. NB. NEWSGOTON.

Approved:  **OPERATIONAL REMARKS**  **OPERATIONAL REMARKS**  **OOCO-04001**  **Anchored in berth 8, Dumbea Bay, Nounea, New Caledonia with 45 fat of chain to the port anchor in 9 fathons of water on the following anchorage ings: Beacon "8", 352.5"; Beacon "C", 039°T; Beacon "A" 256°T. "Z Boiler in use for auxiliary purposes.  **C400-08001**  **Anchored as before, 0500 made all preparations for getting undern various courses at various speeds. Standard speed 15 knots. Captain at conn. It gator on the bridge. Standard out of Dumbea Bay for Port Nounea. 0602 Anchored as no fathoms of water, 30 gathoms of chain to the starboard and 15°C tolonals bourdage! Fit. Embert 351.7; Beacon "Leiuri 11°05" Pad. 20°05. 10°C 24 moored alongside port side. Draft before fueling 11°05" Pad. 20°05. 10°C 24 moored alongside port side. Draft before fueling 11°05" Pad. 20°05. 10°C 24 moored as before. 0945 Yo-24 cast off port side. 1160 USS TALAKAM underway. Draft after fueling ship: 11°10" forward, 21°06 aft. 1160 USS TALAKAM underway. Draft after fueling ship: 11°10" forward, 21°06 aft. 12°C 26°C 26°C 26°C 26°C 26°C 26°C 26°C 2	UNITED S		LIBRA(AXA12)	Monday	10 (Date)	May (Maski)	, 19_4
ings: Beacon "B", 552.5T; Beacon "C",0399T; Beacon "A" 256°T. #2 Boller in use for auxiliary purposes.  Lieut.(jg)H.N.P\$FFER, D-V(3),USI  0400-0800; Anchored as before. 0500 made all preparations for getting under oxidos outrees at various speeds. Standard speed 15 knots. Captain at conn. jigator on the bridge. Standing out of Dumbea Bay for Port Nounea. 0552 Anding out of Dumbea Bay for Port Nounea. 0552 Anding out of Dumbea Bay for Port Nounea. 0552 Anding out of Dumbea Bay for Port Nounea. 0552 Anding out of Dumbea Bay for Port Nounea. 0552 Anding of Note of Port Nounea. 0552 Anding of Port Semaphore Odd.  0705 Y0-24 moored alongside port side. Draft before fueling 11'35 *Paid 20'55*  10800-1200; Anchored as before. 0945 Finished fueling ship. Commenced loading cargo of boats and vehicles. 0949 Y0-24 cast off port side. 1150 USS TALANAM underway. Draft after fueling ship: 11'10" forward, 21'03" aft.  1200-1600; Anchored as before. At 1300 oil barge Y0-24 moored alongside port side. At 1320 commenced fueling. At 1410 Toil barge Y0-24 moored alongside port side. At 1320 commenced fueling. At 1400 finished fueling. At 1410 Y0-24 can off. Draft after fueling 12'6" forward; 22'04" aft. Total amount of fuel received 66,948 Gals.  1600-2000; Anchored as before. Loading all hatches.  Lieut.(jg)S.N.BEERY, D-V(G),USN 2000-2400; Anchored as before. 2105 No.4 hold secured. 2150 No.5 h	ZONE DESCRIPTIO	-11			X.		
0400-08001 Anchored as before. 0500 made all preparations for getting under 0445 out in No.1 Boller. 0530 Set special sea detail. 0553 underway. Steaming various courses at various speeds. Standard speed 15 knots. Captain at comm. 1 getor on the bridge. Standing out of Dumbes Bay for Fort Noumes. 0602 Anchored as fathoms of water. 30 fathoms of chain to the sarboard are on the following benrings: Pt.Lambert 351 T; Beacon II 300 T; Semphore 0440 0755 YO-24 moored alongside port side. Draft Beacon II 300 T; Semphore 0440 0755 YO-24 moored alongside port side. Draft Mrs. 2018 Fad. 2018 Lieut. (Jg)R.M.FSFPER, D-V(G), USN 0800-1200; Anchored as before. 0945 Finished fueling ship. Commenced loading cargo of boats and vehicles. 0949 YO-24 cast off port side. 1150 USS TALAMAM underway. Draft after fueling ship: 11'10" forward, 21'06" sft. 150 USS TALAMAM Lieut. (Jg)S.M.BEERY, D-V(G), USNR 1200-1600; Anchored as before. At 1300 oil barge YO-24 moored alongside portside. At 1320 commenced fueling. At 1400 finished fueling. At 1410 YO-24 car off. Draft after fueling 12'6" forward; 22'04" aft. Total amount of fuel received 66,948 Gals.  Lieut. (Jg)S.M.BEERY, D-V(G), USNR Lieut. (Jg)S.M.BEERY, D-V(G)	ings: Beaco	n "B".352.5	berth 8, Dumbes	Bay, Noumea, New is of water on the 19 <sup>o</sup> T; Beacon "A" 2	Caledoni followin 56 T. #2	Boiler in	use
October of various operators. Osso Set special sea detail, 0553 underway. Steaming various courses at various speeds. Standard speed 15 knots. Captain at conn., 1gator on the bridge. Standing out of Dumbea Bay for Fort Noumea. 0652 Anche in Fort Noumea. 0655 YO-24 moored alongside port side. Draft before fueling 11.75 Prof. 064. 0755 YO-24 moored alongside port side. Draft dueling ship. Commenced loading cargo of boats and vehicles. 0949 YO-24 cast off port side. 1150 USS TALAMAM underway. Draft after fueling ship: 11.10 forward, 21.06 sft.  Lieut. (Jg)S.N.BEERY, D-V(d), USNR.  1200-1600: Anchored as before. At 1300 oil barge YO-24 moored alongside portside. At 1320 commenced fueling. At 1400 finished fueling. At 1410 YO-24 car off. Draft after fueling 12.6 forward; 22.04 aft. Total amount of fuel received 66,948 Gals.  Lieut. (Jg)S.N.BEERY, D-V(G), USNR.				Lieut. (jg)	H.M. PEPPE	R, D-V(G)	, USNA.
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W.B.FLETCHER, Jr., JOSEPH WEINER, Commander, U.S. Navy, Lieut., D-M, U.S. N.R.,	Approved:	W.B.FLETCHEI	I.Jr.	/ JOSEPH Y	WEINER,		

UNITED S	TATES SHIP	LIBRA(AK	A12)	Tuesday	21 (Date)	May (Messia)	. 1943
ZONE DESCRIPTION	ON11	"OPER	REMA	RKS EMARKS & WAR DIA			
351 T; Bead	of chain to con"L" 330°T; curposes. Le	n Port Nou the starb	mea, New (	Caledonia in 6 for on the follow, 064.5°T. Boil is. 0015 secure	athoms o	ings: Pt	Lambert
				Lieut.	JED. W. C	HILDS, D-V	(G), USN
0400-0800; #3 hold.	Anchored as	s before.	0410 lit	off #2 boiler.			
				Lieut. (	g) D. W. OH	IILDS, D-V	G),USNR
underway. on various General Que C/C to 300 sagging in sumed base plan#40(194	Captain and courses at a arters, set o T, 300°PSTG accordance course 300° 40 Diagrams)	Navigator various sp condition 0, standar with plan T, 300°G. Av. stes	on the breeds. 09: III. 0934 d speed 1: #40(1940 c 1125 resum 450. A	completed preparidge. Captain a lib General Quart passed through knots(84 RPM). ilagrams). 1011 amed zig zagging v.RPM.80.1.	ers. 092 Bulari F 1000 co	0815 und 22 Secured 22 Secured 23 Secured 23 25 Secured 25 25 Secured 25	lerway l from 1942 Lig-
				Lieut.L.	JOHDAN.	D-V(8),	ISNR.
1200-1600: (84 RPM).	Steaming as Zig Zagging p	s before o plan #40(1	n base con 940 Diagra	Lieut. (J	0. AV.F	lard speed PM.84.	
Zig zaggin	g in accordan	nce with p	lan #40(1	urse 300°T &G.as 940 Diagram). 1° Av.RPN. 84.	734 Sunse	rd speed :	15 knote ned ship
					()H.M.PE	PER,D-V(	
Zie zpecin	g in accordant steam 450.	nce with r	lan #40(1	urse 300°T &G. : 940 Diagram). 18	334 secui	red guns :	from
	20.16			Lieut. (j	D.W. OH	LDS, D-VI	J),USNR.
Zig zaggin 327°T, 327	Steaming a g in accordance G. Changed ram). Av. ste	nce with p speed to 1	lan #40(1 4.5 knots	urse 300°T, at 940 Diagrams). : (BlRPM), Changed	zig zag	plan to	se to plan#17
				Lieut.L.	LJORDAN	D-V(S),U	SNR.
Additional	Remarks by	the Commar	ding Offi	cer:-			
Group 1023	Transport Gr 45/May design	oup despat	tch 101413	te west of New /May. 1430 Rec ith WARD and fo oading and retu	elved Cor rming Tar	mdr.Trans sk Unit 3 umea.	port
Approved:	W.B.FLETC Commander, Commandi	U.S. Navy	Examin		MER, CO. U. B. N. R.	ies	Vasifstor.

UNITED		LIBRA(AKAL2)	Wednesday (bay)	12	May (Monte)	, 19 <u>43</u>
ZONE DESCRIP	TION -11	REM	IARKS REMARKS & MAR DIAR	Y".		
(81 RPM).	On sig sag ol	an #17(1940 Diag	rse 327°T & G.,at s rams) Under Boiler 450. Av.RPM. 81.	No.1 an	d. #2. Shi	p dark-
			Lieut, (jg), J.	J. BORDE	M, D-M, U	SNR.
0700 Chang	zagging in a ged base cours tion: Lat.	e to 000°T & G.	course 3270 & G.,s lan #17(1940 Diagra Av. steam 450. Av.RF Lieut.(jg)H.M.	t stand m). OSS M. 81.	ard speed 9 Light s	14.5 hip.
plan#17(19	Steaming as 340 Diagram) at v. Steam 450. A tion: Let. Long.	standard speed .	course 000°T & G. Z 14.5 knots.(SLRPM).	1010 8	ecured de	gaussin
plan #17(1 base cours Z/Z plan 1 12 miles. secured.	1940 Diagram) se to 015°T & to Plan #12(19 All guns call 1400 formed T	at standard speed G., changed stand 40 Diagrams) 133 ed to alert. 134	course 000°T & G. Z d of 14.5 knots. (8 dard speed to 15 kn 5 sighted unknown v 4 vessel identified 1418 USS WARD too	(Z in a lRPM). lots.(84 essel, as USS k stati	ccordance 1230 chan RPM), ch distance WARD. Al on ahead	with aged anged about ert as
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			Lieut. (jg) J.O	. BORDEN	, D-M, US	NR.
1800-2000; Zig zaggir	Steaming as	before on base nce with Plan #12	course Ol5 <sup>O</sup> T & G.,a .(1940 Diagrams) Av	t stand	ard speed	1 15 kts
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			Lieut. (jg)D.W.	CHILDS,	D-V(0),	SNR.
Approved:	W.B.FLETCH Commander, U	ER, Jr.	JOSEPH WEI	INER.	ines	

UNITED STATES	SHIP_L	IBRA(AKA12)	Thursday.	13 May	, 19 <u>43</u>
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guide, and USS MAR at standard speed	D acting of 15 km	mpany with Tas as escort and ots. (84RPM).on	Unit 32.4.5, cons screen patrolling base course 015°T . Av. steam 450. Av	isting of LIE station chead & G.Boilers 1	. Steaming
			Lieut.L.J.JCR	DAVE D-V(8) I	SVB
(84RPM). 0530 comm	enced zi ted ship	g zagging in a . 0700 changed	ourse 015°T & G, at coordance with Plan base course to 020	standard spe #11(1940 Die	ed 15 knot
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	Done.	100 -00 11	Lieut. (jg),J.	J. BORDEN, D-	. USNR.
0800-1200: Steami: 15 knots. Z/Z plan at 090°T. 1157 US 1200 Position:	8 WARD r	eported strang	ourse 020°T,202.5°G 0838 Friendly aircr e plane at 170°T.	, at standard aft(Liberator Av.steam 450.	speed )sighted
	mong.	100 -10 2.	Lieut. (jg)H.M	Medodo o 11/1	THOMB
15 knots. Z/Z in a ified as Kewanaski yards off starboar ing. 1207 turned b base course 020°T. 20mm KG.expended 6: 1940 Diagrams). 15 clouds. 1350 USS	coordanc 97, bear 1 bow an hard lef 1214 se 2 rounds 46 Unide MARD sig	e with plan#11 ing 2100T, dro d quarter. So t. 1208 turned cured from Gen . No casualti ntified plane	ourse 020°T, 020.5° (1940 Diagrams). 12 pped three bombs, wh unded General Quart hard right. Ceased eral Quarters. 3" s es. 1216 resumed z sighted bearing 085 ontact at 224°T. 13	of Enemy plantich landed above and comme firing. 1210 hells expende ig zagging Plot- disappear	e, ldent- out 1500 nced fir- resumed d 7 rounds an #11,
contact lost at 15	miles.		1/	10001	
			Lieut. (jg)D.W		
plan #11, (1940 Dia	grame),a 96.5 G.	t standard spe- 1751 darkened	ourse 020°T,020.5°G ed 15 knots(84 RPM) ship. Set guns on t	. 1740 change	dance with d base
			Lieut.L.M.JOR	DAN D-V(B) 119	NT -
1800-2000: Steaming ance with plan #11 Av.RPM. 84.	ng as be (1940 Di	fore on base c agrams)Standar	ourse 296°T.297°G. d speed 15 knots.84	Zig zagging i	n accord-
2000 Position:	Lat. Long.	10°-52½'S. 163°-24'E.	20	Bords	~
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			Lieut. (jg)H.M	PEPPER, D-V(G	),USNR.
Additional Remarks	by the	Commanding Off	icer:		
97. 1300 received Position 110-07'S.	164°-29	atch reporting	eporting attack by attack by twin eng ived report of SM a 0432/May directing	t 1008 161°E. LIBRA unload	: 1230L. (By DF fix
			W.B. FLET	CHER, Jr.	
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# ANTI-AIRCRAFT ACTION BY SURFACE SHIPS.

Loc	ation of Ship Let 100 All Long 1630 10 U.S.S.LIBRA (AKSS)
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	Repel Attack First - then collect data for this report!  Do not "gun deck" this report- if data cannot be estimated with reasonable accuracy enter dash in space for which ho data is available.  These sheets are to be filled out immediately after action is
	completed with data available from ship's log, memory, and consultation with ship's officers. Information is essential in order that the effectiveness of our equipment can be determined. Where data is of doubtful accuracy fill in with genera terms. The obtaining of this information must not be allowed in any way to adversely affect the handling of equipment durin action.
1.	Surprise attack (Yes or No) _ No
2.	Hethod picking plane up (Radar, binoculars, naked eye) (If by Radar state type of set
3.	Range plane was picked up (50 miles, 30 miles, 10 miles, less 5 miles) 5 miles.
4.	Number of planes_ one
5.	Type of plane (Fighter, scout, dive-bomber) Mitsubishi 06 Type of attack Morisontal
6.	Speed & altitude (High and fast, intermediate and fast, low and fast, high and slow, intermediate and slow, low and slow,
7.	Guns firing 4 Size Mumber 1
8.	Ammunition expended 3.7 rounds: 20mm, 62 rounds.
9.	Percent service allowance expended 3"85; 20mm, .001.
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11.	Approximate time of first hits no hits
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13.	Approximate position angle open fire
14.	Approximate position cease fire
15.	Approximate bearing first shot
16.	Approximate bearing last shot 2000 Relative
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17.	Approximate range first shot 160 years
18.	Approximate range last shot
19.	Approximate altitude of bomb releaseType bomb
20.	Approximate range torpedo release Size of torpedo
21.	Hits on ship none Was ship strafed 50 Size Gun
22.	Number near bomb misses 3 Casualties from near misses per
	Planes shot down 1 Sure 1 Possible 1 Damaged 1  By what size gun 1  Details of Damage to target by gunfire if available
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25.	Performance of ammunition(Excellent, good, bad, poor)
26.	Pattern sizes (Large, small excessive)
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	(b) Show relative position of sun.
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CONFIDENTIAL UNITED STATES SHIPLIBRA(AKA12)	Friday	14 (Date)	May , 1943
ZONE DESCRIPTION -11 REMA			
6600-0400: Steaming in company with Task Z/Z in accordance with Plan #11(1940 D).Li as escort and screen patrolling station and (84RPM). Boilers #1 and #2 in use. Ship da Z/Z and resumed base course. Ollo sighted tance about 10 miles. O216 sighted Allitt 0220 changed course to 276°T,277°G. O246 12 miles. O255 Alliti Is. abeam to port d bearing 203°T and Bio Is.bearing 224°T, diport distance 6 miles. Degaussing coils expressions.	bra OTC and guid lead. Steaming at trkened. Condition i San Cristobal I i Is. bearing 251 sighted Ulawa Is listance 5 miles.	t stands on III s is. bear or, dist objects objects	USS WARD acting rd speed 15 knote et. 0100 ceased ing 240°T, disance 6 miles. or distance ighted Ugi Is.
Av. RPM. 84.	/\	116	1.61
O400-0800; Steaming as before on base could knots (84PPM). Boilers #1 and #2 in use. O545 commenced Z/Z in accordance with Plan alcanal Island bearing 340°T, distance aboplane bearing 200°T, challenged same. 0622 plane passed out of sight bearing 200°T chaircraft bearing 050°T, Challenged. 0644 sighted Nura Island bearing 305°T distance course to 302°T, 303°G. 0749 sighted Flor 30 miles. 0800 ceased Z/Z on course 277°T 0800 Position:  Lat. 09°-33½ S. Long. 160°-53 E.	rse 276°T,277°G, 044°C changed co #11(194°C Diagra put 28 miles. Oc c observed sunris mallenge unanswer ighted two plane about 22 miles. ida Igland beari c, 278°G. Av.ste	at star burse to im). 0556 318 sight se. Light red. 06- 18 bearing 0715 ang 31000 am 450.	309°T, 310°G. D sighted Guad- ted unidentified ted ship. 0625 40 sighted one ng 229°T. 0652
OBOC-1200: Steaming as before on base course 10810 Changed course to 306°T. Commenced 21 ceased Z/Z on course 295°T. 0835 Changed Rua Sura Island abeam to port distance 1 m 1010 changed course to 269°T,270°G. 1014 distance 3 miles. 1048 changed course 260 protecting to anchorage. 1113 anchored of in 25 fathoms of water with 30 fathoms of ings: Beacon "E" 227°T; Beacon "F" 267°T; RPM. 76.4.	rse 277°T. S/S of Zag Plan #11(1 course to 329°T, ile. 0853 chang passed Pari Pile oT, 261°G. Vari f Lunga Pt., Guad chain to port an Beacon "D" 148°T	of 15 km 940 Dia; 330°G. sed course abeam ous special canal chor on Av.s	ots.84 RPM. gram) 0832 0849 Passed se to 286 T,2870 to starboard eds end courses ,Solomon Islands following bear- team 450. Av.
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1200-1600: Anchored as before. Unloading completed unloading.	Hu	People	
1600-2000; Anchored as before. Unloading made all preparations for getting underway	cargo from holds	#1. 2.	3 and 4. 1645

standard speed 15 knots standing towards Tulagi. Captain at conn. Navigator on bridge. 1706 completed unloading #4 hold. 1851 anchored in Tulagi Harbor in northeastern edge Berth #5 in 27 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor on following anchorage bearings: FR 060°G. Beacon "E" 332.5°G. Tan.207°G. Tan.306°G. 1903 received USS WARD alongside port side for fueling. Draft fwd. 12'00" Aft. 20'10". 1945 commenced fueling USS WARD. Av. Steam 450. Av. RPM. 74.4.

Lieut. (jg)H.M. AEPPER, D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400: Anchored as before. Continued fueling USS MARD. 2116 short circuit in battery #3 hold started small fire which was put out with no damage. 2345 searchlight observed over Guadalcanal Island.

Lieut. (jg)D.W.CHILDS, D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

W.B. FLETCHER, Jr. Commander, U.S. Navy, Commanding.

Examined:

SOSEPH WEINER, leut. , D-M, U.S. N.R. ,

Navigator.

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REMARKS "OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY".

Additional Remarks by the Commanding Officer:

About 0200 received report of enemy submarines by direction finder at 1124 Z in position 09°-30' S; 164° E., and at 10°S, 160°E. This latter position possibly the one reported previously at 10°S, 161°E. CROSBY with SS MATTHEW THORNTON reported at 140210 that they had been bombed by high level plane in Lat. 10°-45' S, Long. 164°-10' E., at 1039 local time.

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Approved:

W.B.FLETCHER, Jr. J. Commander, U. S. Navy, Commanding.

Examined:

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## REMARKS

"OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY".

0000-0400; Anchored in Tulagi Harbor in 27 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor on the following anchorage bearings: FR.060°G., Beacon "E" 332°T, E.Tan.Tulagi Is. 206°T, N.Tan.Tulagi Is.306°G.S.H. 160°G. Ship darkened and boilers #1 and #2 in use for auxiliary purposes. #5,6 and 9 20mm batteries manned. 0305 completed fueling USS WARD(86,000 gals) Draft after fueling: Fwd.11'10"; Aft. 20'09".

Lieut. (jg) . J. BORDEN,

0400-0800: Anchored as before. 0425 made preparations for getting underway. 0430 set special sea detail. 0442 USS WARD cast off. 0455 Anchor aweigh, Captain at the conn. Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge, proceeding at various courses and speeds conforming to channel. 0512 passed thru submarine net. 0521 changed course to 201°G, 200°T, heading for anchorage off Lunga Point. 0636 anchored off Lunga Point in 25 fathoms of water, with 30 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on following anchorage bearings: Beacon "F" 267°T. Beacon "E" 209°T; Beacon "D" 158°T. 0640 commenced discharging cargo from #1 and #3 holds. 0645 commenced discharging cargo from #2 hold. commenced discharging cargo from #2 hold. 0733 completed unloading No.1 hold.

L. E. JORDAN, D-V(S), USNR. Lieut.

OSOO-1200: Anchored as before. OS20 completed unloading #2 hatch. OS35 commenced loading number one hatch. O900 completed unloading #3 hatch. O910 commenced loading number three hatch. O950 commenced loading No.4 hatch. 1010 commenced hoisting boats aboard No.2 & 5 hatches. 1049 received USS BALLARD alonside port side. 1059 commenced pumping fuel to BALLARD. Draft Fwd. 10'9"; Aft 21'4". 1155 completed loading number four hatch. Boats aboard and secured on No.5 hatch.

Garl D. Jones, D-V(0), USNR.

1200-1600; Anchored as before. 1215 completed loading hatch #2. 1305 completed loading No.4 and No.1 hatches. 1315 completed loading Hatch #3. 1320 USS TITANIA standing out. 1530 completed fueling USS BALLARD. Delivered 61,400 gals. Draft after fueling: Fwd. 9'8"; Aft. 22'03". Made all preparations for getting underway. 1545 USS BALLARD underway from alongside port side. 1546 Underway. Captain at conn. Navigator on bridge. Steaming on various courses at various speeds standing out of anchorage. Standard speed 15 knots. 1552 ahead standard. Av. steam 450. Av.RPM. 58.1.

Lieut. (Jg)H.M. PEPPER, D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000: Steaming on various courses at standard speed standing out of Lunga anchorage in company with USS WARD. 1622 Changed course to 091°G,090°T. Entered Lengo Channel. 1651 Pari Pile abeam to port distance 3 miles. 1700 passed Nugu Is. abeam to port, distance 6 miles. 1713 passed out of Lengo Channel, charged course to 104°T,105°G. Commenced zig zagging in accordance with Plan #11(1940D) Av. Steam 450. Av. RPM. 84.

090-3218. 2000 Position : Lat. 1610-034 E. Long.

Lieut. (jg)H.M.PEPPER, D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400: Steaming as before on base course 121°T, 122°G. Z/Z in accordance with Flan #11 (1940 Diagrams), at standard speed 15 knots(34FPM).2000 changed standard speed to 16 knots(90 RPM). 2123 USS WARD signalled plans picked up by radar bearing 215°T. All guns were put on the Ahert. 2130 USS WARD lost contact. 2209 passed Maramasike Island abeam to port distance 5 miles. 2210 changed course to 100°T, 101°G. 2230 sighted Ulawa Island bearing 080°T. Av. steam 450. Av. RPM. 89.9.

Lieut. (jg/D. W. CHILDS, D-V(G).USNR.

Approved:

arober en W.B. FLETCHER, Jr. Commander, U.S. Navy, Commanding.

Examined:

JOSEPH WEINER, ieut.,D-M,U.S.M.R., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP \_\_LIBRA(AKAL2)

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REMARKS

"OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY".

## Additional Remarks by the Commanding Officer:

1300 Task Unit 32.4.17 (TITANIA -STACK) departed from Koli. This unit permitted to proceed independently in order to preclude a forty-eight hour delay in carrying out the remainder of their schedule which would be caused by any further delay in departure.

1500 cleared departure report for this unit (TU 32.4.5) and at 1545 cleared cargo loading report.

No information concerning air cover received.

W.B. FLETCHER, Jr.

Approved:

W.B.FLETCHER, Jr. Commander, U. S. Navy, Commending.

Examined:

JOSEPH WEINER, Lieut.D-M, U.S.N.R., Navigator.

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Page 19 CONFIDENTIAL UNITED STATES SHIP \_LIBRA(AKAL2) Sunday, , 19 43 16 ZONE DESCRIPTION -11 REMARKS "OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY". OCCO-0400: Steaming as before in company with Task Unit 32.4.5 consisting of LIBRA, CTU and guide and USS WARD acting as escort and screen, on base course 100°T, 101°G., at standard speed of 16 knots (90RPM). Z/Z in accordance with plan #11(1940D). Ship darkened and condition III set. 0004 Ulawa Island abeam to port; distance approx. 5 miles. 0010 changed course to 117°T, 118°G. 0110 challenged by aircraft bearing 325°T. 0243 observed moonset. Av. steam 450. Av. RPM. 90. Lieut.L. L. JORDAN, D-V(S), USNR. O400-0800: Steaming as before on base course 117°T, 118°G., at standard speed of 16 knots. Zig sagging in accordance with Plan #11(1940D) 0614 Light ship. 0658 changed course to 124°T, 125°G. Av. steam 450. Av. RPM. 90. 0800 Position: Lat. 10°-52'S. 1630-521 E. Long. Lieut. (JE) H. M. PEPPER, D-V(G), USNR. 0800-1200: Steaming as before on base course 124°T, 125°G. At standard speed of 16 knots(90RPM).Zig zagging in accordance with plan #11 (1940D) 0805 sighted one unidentified aircraft bearing 210°T. All guns on alert. 0809 Aircraft passed out of sight. Ordered guns at ease. 0837 signal from WARD that strange aircraft bearing 100°True. Sounded General Quarters. 0838 commenced firing on unidentified ing 100°True. Sounded General Quarters. OB38 commenced firing on unidentified aircraft bearing O85°T. O839 ceased firing. Aircraft identified as being friendly. 10 rounds 3"/50 cal. - 180 rounds 20mm expended. O900 changed base course to 193°T, 194°G. 1015 sighted object, apparantly plane, bearing 300°T. All guns on alert. 1022 all guns at ease. Av. steam 450. Av. RPM. 90. 1200 Position: Lat. 11°-42'S. 1630-52 E. Long. Lieut. (jg) A. BORDEN, D-M, USMR. 1200-1600: Steaming as before on base course 193°T. Zig zagging in accordance with plan #11 (1940 Diagrams) at standard speed of 16 knots.(90RPM). 1239 aircraft sighted bearing 120°T. 1252 General Quarters, taking necessary action to evade high level bombing attack by single plane. 1253 bomb dropped USS WARD, 1000 yds. ahead of LIERA. 1258 resumed Z/Z, plane out of sight but reported to be in the vicinity by WARD. 1329 escort reported contact definitely lost; secured from General Quarters. 1344 escort reported plane bearing 000°T. General Quarters; plane sighted bearing 340°T, taking necessary evading action. 1353 resumed Z/Z. Plane out of sight. 1416 Set condition III, Sections 1 & 2. 1555 set condition III. Av. steam 450. Av. RPM. 90. WEINER, D-M, U.S.N.R. Lieut. JOSEPH 1680-1800: Steaming as before on base course 193°T,194°G, standard speed 16 kts. (90RPM). Z/Z in accordance with Plan #11, (1940 Diagrams) Boilers 1 and 2 in use. 1749 Observed sunset, darkened ship, set guns in condition of alert. Av. steam 450. Av. RPM. 90. Lieut.LCA.JORDAN, D\*V(S), USNR. 1800-2000: Steaming as before on base course 193°T, 194°G, at standard speed 16 knots. (90RPM). Zig zagging in accordance with Plan #11(1940 D) 1830 changed course to 163°T, 164°G. Av. steam 450. Av. RPM. 90. 2000 Position: Lat. 130-36½'S. Long. 163°-25½'E. Lieut. (jg)H.M.PEPPER, D-V(G), USNR. 2000-2400: Steaming as before on base course 163°T, 164°G. Z/Z in accordance with Plan #11 (1940Diagram)at standard speed 16 knots. 2000 changed base course to 193°T,193.5°G.Continued Z/Z on plan #11. Av.Steam 450. Av.SPM.90. Examined: Lieut. (Jg. J. BORDEN. D-N. BUTS Dece Co Approved: W.B.FLETCHER, Jr. D JOSEPH WEINER, em

U. S. N. Navigator.

Lieut.D-M, USNR., Navigator.

Commander, U.S. Navy, Commanding.

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CONFIDENTIAL UNITED STATES SHIP LIBRA (AXAL2) Monday . 19 43 17 May ZONE DESCRIPTION -11 REMARKS "CPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY". 0000-0400: Steaming in company Tack Unit 32.4.5, LIBRA, CTU and guide, USS MARD acting as escort and screen on base course 193°T, 193.5°G., at standard speed of 16 knots(90RPM). Z/Z in accordance with Plan #11(1940D) Ship darkened and Condition III set. Boilers #1 and 2 in use. Av. steam 450. Av. RPM. 90. Lieut. (Jg) D. W. CHILDS, D-V(G), USNR. 0400-0800: Steaming as before on base course 193°T,193.5°G, at standard speed of 16 knots(90RPK). Z/Z in accordance with Plan #11(1940 Diagrams). 0525 set all guns in condition alert. 0623 observed sunrise, lighted ship. 0700 changed base course to 185°T, 185.5°G. Av. steam 450. Av. RPM. 90.
0800 Position: Lat. 16°-37'S. 1620-40'E. Long. excoa. M/JORDAN, D-V(S), USNR. Lieut. 0800-1200: Steaming as before on base course 185°T, 185.5°C., at standard speed of 16 knots. Zig zagging in accordance with Plan #11(1940 D). Av. steam 450. Steaming as before on base course 1850T, 185.500. Av. RPM. 90. 170-39118 1200 Position: Lat. Long. 1620-327 E. Lieut. (jg) H.M. PEPPER, D-V(G), USNR. 1200-1600; Steaming as before on base course 185°T,185.5°G. Z/Z in accordance with plan #11(1940Diagrams), at standard speed 16 knots (90RPM). 1320 changed base course to 177°T,177.5°G., continued 2/Z Plan #11. Av. steam 450. Av.RPM.90. Lieut. (jg) J. BORDEN, D-M. USNR. 1600-1800: Steaming as before on base course 1770T, 178°G. Z/Z in accordance with plan #11 (1940 Diagrams) at standard speed 16 knots (90RPM). 1730 changed base course to 147°T, 148°G. 1742 Sunset-Darkened ship. Set all guns on alert. Av. steam 450. Av. RPM. 90. Lieut. (jg) D.W. CHILDS, D-V(G), USMR. 1800-2000 : Steaming as before on base course 147°T, 148°G, atstandard speed of 18 knots(90RPM). Z/Z in accordance with plan #11(1940 Diagrams). Av. steam 450 AV. RPM. 90. 190-3315. 2000 Position : Lat. 1620-51% E. Long. MCJORDAN, D-V(S), USNR. 2000-2400: Steaming as before on base course 147°T, 148°G, at standard speed 16 knots (90 RPM). Zig zagging in accordance with Plan #11 (1940 D.) Av. steam 450. Av.RPM. 90. H:M. PEPPER, D-V(G), USNR. Lieut. (jg)

Approved:

amore en W.B. FLETCHER, Jr. Commander, U.S.Navy, Commanding.

Examined:

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CONFIDENTIAL UNITED STATES SHIP _LIBRA(AKALS)	Tuesday	18	MAY	. 19_43
ZONE DESCRIPTION REMAR		ARY"		
0000-0400: Steaming in company with Task Unius MARD acting as escort and screen on basespeed 16 kts(90FPM). Zig zagging in accordant Boilers #1 and " in use. Ship darkened and course to 125°T,124°G, continued Zig zag Pla	e course 147°T nce with Plan condition III an #11. 0340	,148°G, #11(1940 set. 0	at standa Diagrams 230 chang	rd ).
	Lieut. (jg)	450	els-	D
0400-0800: Steaming as before on base course plan #11(1940 D) at standard speed of 18 knowledge to 18 course guns from aler 126°C. Av. steam 450. Av. HPN. 90. 0800 Position: Lat. 210-43°S.	e 125°T, 124°6. te(90RPN). 052	Z/Z in 3 all su	accordance	e with
Long. 1650-10'E/	人	06	ill	
2000 2000 - 20	Lieut.(JE)D.W			
0800-1200: Steaming as before on base course (90FPM). Z/Z in accordance with Plan #11(19challenged and answered properly. 1045 sight and answered properly. 1128 sighted 4 aircriti40 plane circled ship. Challenged and answered 90.	40D) 1003 sigh ted 4 vessels raft bearing 1	ted plan bearing 03°T, el	e bearing 212 <sup>0</sup> T,cha evation 7	305°T,
1200 Position: Lat. 220-20'S. Long. 1860-06'E.	The	ndon		
	Lieut. L.N.	RDAN, D-	V(S), USN	R.
1200-1800: Steaming as before on base course plan #11(1940D) at standard speed 16 knots. house bearing 115°T.Distance 20 miles. 123°135°T, 135°G. 1307 Changed course to 99°T, Captain at the conn. Navigator on the bridge Passage. 1326 passed Amedee Lighthouse aberentrance Port Noumea, New Caledonia in 10 fachain to the starboard anchor on the follow: 039°T.; Beacon "S" 526°T.; Beacon "X"137°T. Scout boats. 1540 H.H.S. VICTORIOUS stood out	(90RPM). 1208 4 ceased Z/Z a 100°G. 1310 s e. Steered 050° am to port. 14 athoms of wate ing bearings: ecured special	sighted nd remains et speci True th 20 anchor with 4 Mickle W	Amedee Is ned on co al sea de rough Bul red off L 5 fathoms orks Chim all and h	.Light- urse tail ari ittle of ney
		UC	hild	
1000 0000	Lieut. (Jg)D.W			
1600-2000: Anchored as before. 1600 made al. 1602 anchor aweigh. Underway on various courto moor alongside USS PASIG to fuel. 1640 1 #42, Dumbea Bay, New Caledonia with standard Beancon "I" 070°C.; Beacon "O", 117°C. Beacon from USS PASIG. 1718 Sunset. Darkened ship Aft. 20°6". Av. steam 450. Av. RPM. 44.4.	rses at variou Moored port sid d lines out on "P" 141°3. 1	s speeds de to US the fol 703 comm e fuelin	shifting S PASIG,B lowing be enced fue g Fore 9'	berthe erth erings: ling 6";
والمراجع والمراجع والمراجع المراجع	0-0	The second second second second	D-M, USM	м.
2000-2400: Moored as before. Receiving fue:	Lieut. (ig) D.W	IG. CHILDS,	6-v(a), vs	NR.
Additional Remarks by the Commanding Officer	r:-	11 4		
At 1400, upon arrival Noumea, Task Unit proceed independently.	32.4.5 dissol	ved, MA	FD direct	ed

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UNITED 8	TATES SHIP	LIBRA(AKA12)	Wednesday (Day)	19 (Date)	Me,y (Meets)	, 1943
ZONE DESCRIPTION	on11		ARKS EMARKS & WAR DIA	ARY".		
#52, Dumbea	a Bay, Noumea	side to USS PASIC , New Caledonia. having received or d.12'9"; Aft. 20'6	G with 6 - 8" li	ines doubl	g fuel. O	130
			Then 710	44	Chile	Cuana.
detail. 06 conn. Execu #8, Dumbea on the foll	345 singled up ative Officer Bay, with 45 lowing bearing	efore. 0500 lit of all lines. 0653 and Mavigator on fathoms of chain gs: Beacon "C" 038 ed No.1. boiler.	off No.1 Boiler. 3 Underway, to F	. 0630 se Berth #8. 712 let go chor in 8 F" OSl <sup>o</sup> T;	et special Captain a	sea at the in berth of water 107°T
0800-1200:	Anchored as	before.	Lieut.(jg)	D.W.CHIL	DS,D-V(0)	,USNR.
			Lieut. ()6	J.J. BORDE	M, D-M,US	NR.
1200-1600: #1 and #4.	Anchered as	before. 1330 con ted discharging ca	argo from No.4 i	hold. Derdan	o from hole	
1600-2000:	Anchered as	before. Finished	d discharging ca	M. Book	J	
2000-2400:	Anchored as	before.	8	No Boss	W. WA	VALUE .
			Lieut.(jg)	S.B. SEER	, D-V(G),	USNR.

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UNITED S		LIBRA(AKALE)		Thursday	20	May (Meeks)	_, 194
ONE DESCRIPTION	ON11		EMARI	KS RKS & WAR DIAR	Y".		
0000-0400: fathoms of Beacon "F" purposes.	Anchored chain to the OSLOT; Bear	in Dumbea Bay, ne port anchor con "G" 107°T;	Noumea, on the f SH 358.6	New Caledonia Cllowing beari OT. Boiler #2	in bertings: Ber in use :	n #8 with noon "C" ( for auxil:	45 38.5° lary
				Lieut. (35)	1.50	PER, D-V(G	,usna
0400-0800:	Anchored (	as before.		Lieut.(jg)	Olf o	PER, D-V(O	, USMR
0800-1200:	Anchored	as before.		Lieut.(jg)	A. Ston	M. D-V(0	, USNR
1200-1600;	Anchored a	as before.		Eneign CAFL	D. J. D.	3, D-V(G)	USNR.
.600-2000;	Anchored	as before.		Lieut.(jg)	C C C	DS, D-V(0	,USNR
2000-2400:	Anchored a	as before.		Garl Eneign CARL	DOOME	ee) 3, D-V(G)	, USNR.
Approved:	den de W.B.FLETC Commander, Commandin	CHER, JES, U. S. Navy,	Examined:	JOSEPH WEI Lieut.,D-M, Navigator.	NER,	einer v.s.r.,m	elfsior.

Page 25 CONFIDENTIAL Friday (Day) UNITED STATES SHIP \_ LIBRA(AKA12) , 1943 ZONE DESCRIPTION \_\_11 REMARKS "OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY" 0000-0400: Anchored in Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia in Berth #8 with 45 fathoms of chain to the port anchor in 8 fathoms of water on the following anchorage bearings: Beacon "C" 032.5T; Beacon "F" 081°T; Beacon "G" 107°T,; SH 358.6°T. No.2 boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. D-V(G), USMR. 0400-0800 : Anchored as before. Engian CARL JOMES, D-V(G), USNR. 0800-1200 : Anchored as before. 0825 USS CUSHING stood in. 0935 USS TITANIA stood out. 1130 USS TALAMANCA stood in. Lieut. (jg) D.W. CHILDS, D-V(G), USNR 1200-1600: Anchored as before. EPPER, D-V(G), USMR. 1600-2000: Anchored as before. 1721 Darkened ship. Lieut. (Ag) D-Y(G) . USNR 2000-2400: Anchored as before. D-V(G), USNR. Additional Remarks by the Commanding Officer:-Upon receipt of Commander Transport Group, South Pacific 200014/May LIBRA reported to CTF 32 for operational control. 1500 Received CTF 32 mailgram 200342/May concerning loading at Noumea and prospective movements. W.B. FLETCHER.Jr.

Approved:

arro oche W.B. FLETCHER, J. Captain, U. S. Mavy, Commanding.

Examined:

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Navigator.

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ZONE DESCRIPT	rion_ = 11_	"OPERATIONAL PEMARK	SKS S & WAR DIARY"			
0000-0400	water with 45 bearings: - be	erth #8 Dumbes Bay, fethoms of chain t scon "C" 032.50T; b boiler in use for	o the port ancho	ron	the follow on "G" 107	ing
			Lt. (Je) H.	KS FE	/ PPER,D_V(G	)USNR
0400-0800	Anchored as b	efore. 0621 Li ght	1 /	LP FE	PFER, D-V(O	JUSNR
0800-1200	Anchored as b	efore. 1180 USS PR ADAMS, USS BAGLEY,	AND USS MUSFORD	stood	in.	
1200-1600	rounds of 3"	efore. 1215 HMS EN end 2,100 rounds of 8 underway. USS Mo 500 USS BAGLEY and	20mm emmunition CALLA stood out.	145	l hetch.	
			Lt.(jg) D.	W. CH	ILDS, D-V(G	USNR
1600-2000	Anchored as b	efore.		Johns	ري 5_V(ق)USN,	Ħ
2000-2400	Anchored as b	efore.	Lt.(jg) D.	W. CH	ILDS, D-V(0	วบรพล
Additional	Remarks by th	e Commending Office	r.			
for transp	ortation. 163	roup Despatch 21033 00 Received Port Di 0630 May 23rd.	1/May to embark rectors despatch	28 en	listed (bo	nt crew
			W. B. FLTC	HER, J	Ž. '	
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Approved:	J2373.De	Examin	od: Josep	ch	Weis	Ter
	W.B.FLET Captain, U	CHER.Jr.	JOSEPH WE Lieut., D-M, Navigator	USNR	.,	. Navigator.

CONFIDENTIAL UNITED STATES SHIP LIBEA(AKA12) Sunday 23 May , 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION \_\_11

REMARKS

OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY".

0000-0400: Anchored in Berth 8, Dumbea Bay, Nounea, New Caledonia in 8 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to port anchor on the following bearings: Beacon "C" 052.50T; Beacon "F" 0810T; Beacon "G" 1070T. SH 0340T. Ship darkened. Boiler #2 in use for auxiliary purposes. 0300 lit off No.1 boiler.

Lieut. (jg) D.W. CHILDS, D-V(G), USNR.

O400-0800: Anchored as before. 0545 made all preparations for getting underway. Set special sea detail. 0615 Underway on various courses and speeds. Captain at the conn. Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. 0658 moored port side to Nickle Works dock Berth #7, with six 8" lines doubled up. 0710 Secured #2 boiler. Av. Steam 450. Av. RPM. 28.1

Lieut. (Jg) D. W. CHILDS, D-V(G), USKR.

0800-1200: Moored as before. 0835 commenced loading #5 hold. 0900 commenced loading #1 hold. 0925 commenced loading #2 and #3 holds. 1000 commenced loading #4 hold.

Eneign FRED T. BAHUES, D-V(8), USNR.

1200-1600: Moored as before. Taking on cargo in all holds.

Ensign CAPL D. CONES, D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000: Moored as before. Taking on cargo in all holds.

Ensign CA-L D. CONES, D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400: Moored as before. Taking on cargo in all holds.

Ensign CARL D. MONES, D-V(9), USNR.

Approved:

W.B. FLETCHER, Jr., Captain, U. S. Navy, Commanding, Examined:

Joseph Weiner, Lieut., D-M, U.S.M.R.,

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ZONE DESCRIPTION \_-11

### REMARKS

"OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY".

0000-0400: Moored to Moumes Mickle Morks Dock #7, port side to with standard mooring lines out. Loading hatches #1, #2, #3, #4 and #5. Boiler #1 in use for auxiliary purposes.

Engign FFED T. BAHMES, D-V(S), USNE.

0400-0800: Moored as before, Completed loading #5 hold. Continued loading #1,#2,#3 and #4 holds.

Ensign FRED T. BAPMES, D-V(S), USNR.

0800-1200: Moored as before. 1125 USS SAN JUAN stood in from sea. 1125 completed loading #4 hold. 1140 completed loading #1 hold.

Lieut. (jg)H.M. PEPPER, D-V(0), USNR.

1200-1800: Moored as before. Continued loading #2 hold. Completed loading #3 hold at 1230.

Lieut. (Jg)S.M. SZERY, D-V(6), USNR.

1600-2000: Moored as before. Continued loading #2 hold.

Lieut.L.M.GORDAN, D-V(3), USNR.

2000-2400: Moored as before. Continued loading #2 hold.

Lieut.L.M(JORDAM, DEV(S), USMR.

Additional Remarks by the Commanding Officer:-

0930 Received CTF 32 Movement Order AS-43. Upon departure LIBRA joins Task Unit 32.8.1 .

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Approved:

W.B.FLETCHER, Jr., O Captain, U.S. Navy, Commanding.

A Examined:

Joseph Weiner, Lieut., D-M, USNR.,

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UNITED STATES SHIP	LIBRA (AK	112)	Tuesday	25 IDatel	Nay (Moont)	, 19.43
ZONE DESCRIPTION -11	*OPER	REMAI	RKS MARKS & WAR DI	CARY".		
0000-0400: Moored port standard 8"manila line hatch.	side to des. Boiler	ock #7, No 1 in use	umea, New Caled for auxiliary Lieut. (jg)	purposes	. Loading	No.2
0400-0800: Moored as h	efore. 043	50 complet	ed londing #2	hatch.	0500 cut 1	n #2
Boiler. 0545 made all 0607 Underway. Captain courses at various spe to anchorage in Dumbes port anchor at the wat 255°G; Beacon "B" 333°	preparation at Conn. I eds, standar Bay in 8 1	ons for ge lavigator of speed l athoms of	tting underway on the bridge, 5 knots, stand water with 45 lowing anchors Av. steam 450	steaming out fathoms age bearing. Av. RPM	epcial sea g on vario of Great F of Chain ngs: Beaco	detail ous loads to the
			Lieut. (jg)	H. H. PH	POL, D-V(G)	,usiin.
0800-1200: Anchored as	before.			San B		
			Lieut. (jg)	5.N.BEE	RY, D-y(G)	USNR.
1200-1600; Anchored as	before.	.335 USS P	REBLE standing	والمراسات		
			Ensign CA	5.00	S,5-V(0),0	JSNR.
1600-2000: Anchored as	before.	1823 Obser				
			Ensign FRI	7/3a	med ES, D-V(S)	, USNR.
2000-2400: Anchored as	before.		bar	e Dy	ones	
			Ensign CA	al d.Jok	3, D-V(G)	, user.
Approved: W.B.FLETC Captain, U. Command:	HER, Jr., O	Examin	/ JOSEPH	WEINER, M, U.S.N.		e.

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UNITED	STATES SHIP	LIBRA(A	KA12)	Mednesday (Lay)	26 (Dwa)	May	. 19_4
ZONE DESCRIPTI	ON11	"OPE	REMA	RKS EMARKS & WAR DI	ARY".		
0000-0400: 8 fathems of edge, to por Anchorage	Anchored as f water, send t anchor. Sh cearings: Bea	before i and cors ip darken con "A" 2	n berthl?, l bottom w led. Boiler 550T; Beac	Dumbee Bay, No ith 45 fathons #2 in use for on "B" 333°T; Be	umea, Net of chain auxiliary eacon "C	to the war purposes	a in ters
				Ensign CATL	D. 90.1.5	D-V(0),U	BMR.
0400-0800: in.	Anchored as	before .	0323 obse	ed sunrise.	~		
0800-1200:	Anchored as	before.					
				Final FRE	T. BARITE		USNR.
1200-1600:	Anchored as	before.		Lieut.L.Y.	ORDAN, I	- <b>V(</b> 8),Usk	R.
1600-2000:	Anchored as	before.	1720 dark	Lieut. (jg)	Leppe	, A,D-V(0),	USMR.
2000-24001	Anchored as	before.		Hul Lieut. (jg)		R,D-V(G),	
Additional	remarks by th	he Jomman	ding Office	er:-			
1630	Received CTF	despatch	250524/Ma;	y - sortie orde:	re, Tesk	Unit 32.8	.1.
				W.B. FLETC	HER,Jr.		

W.B. FLETCHER, Jr., Captain, U.S. Navy, Commanding.

Examined:

JOSEPH WEINER, Lieut., D-M, USNR., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP. LIBRA (AKA)	.2)	Thursday	27 (Deta)	May (Moon)	, 1943
	REMAR	RKS ABKS AND WAR D	IARY".		
0000-0400: Anchored in berth 17, of water, sand and coral bottom, to the port anchor on the followin "B" 3530T; Beacon "C" 0190T. Ship	with 45 f	athoms of chai	n to the Beacon "	nia in 8 f unter's 6 A" 255°T;	athoms dge, Beacon
		Lieut.L.	SONDAN,	D-V(87, 1	ISMR.
0400-0800: Anchored as before. C MAURY stood out. 0650 USS SAN JUA stood out. 0750 USS PRES.ADAMS un	0620 USS N, USS S nderway.	0735 USS PRES	.JACKSON	underway.	
		Lieut.L.K	JORDAN,	D-V(S),US	BNR.
0800-1200: Anchored as before.		, In	Ren	ae.	
1200-1600: Anchored as before. 1	545 USS	Lieut.(jg	)H.N.AEP	PER,D-V(0)	,USNR.
				Sign, D-M, 1	Tave
			0		
1200-2000: Anchored as before. I sunset. Darkened ship.	.600 USS	JOHN PENN stoo	a in. 1	725 obsert	red.
		Lieut. ()E	15.W. OH	LDS, D-VIO	), USNR.
2000-2400: Anchored as before.			11 1	01.	,
		Lieut.(jg	TD. W. OHI	LDS, D-VIC	), USNR.
Additional Remarks by the Commandi	ing Offic	er:			
0845 : Received CTF 32 despatch intil further orders.	261955 de	laying sailing	of Task	Unit 32.8	1.1
1800 : Received CTF 52 despatch 2 control of ComTransGroup t	270802 st today (27	sting that ALO	ORAB , L	IBRA pass	to
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Approved: deen de e a	Examin	JOSEPH	WEINER,		
Commanding			ator.		Vapiestor.

CONFIDENT	IAL TATES SHIP	LIBRA(A	K.12)	Friday	28 (Deta)	Неу (Мона)	_, 19_43
ZONE DESCRIPTIO	N 11	OPERATIONE!	ARKS.	WAR DIAR	Y		
0000-0400	water with 4	berth #17 Dumb 5 fathoms of c arings: Beacon d and boiler #	hain to por	t anchor	on the	following Bescon C 01	
			J. J.	BONDEN,	Lt.(Js	),D_M,USNR	.E - E
0400-0600		before. 0630 730 USS STANLE		Borda		ESIDENT ADA	
0800-1200	TOTAL METERS AND THE STREET	before. 0815 NDER stood out		and FOMA	LHAUT	stood in.	
			₽. W.	CHILDS,	Lt. CJE	),D=V(0),U	SNR.
1200-1600	anchored as	before.	5. N.	SM. BEERY, L	99A4 E. (Ja)	,p_v(G),US	ra.
1600-2000	Anchored as	before. 1723		10		ship. ),D_V(G),U:	SNR.
2000-2400	-nchored se	before.	H. M.	PEPLEN	00. ·	.D_V(0).UBI	TR.

W. B. FLETCHER, Jr., Copt., USN, Commending Officer. Examined:

Joseph Weiner JOSEPH WEINER, Lieut. D.M., USNR

G. S. W. Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP _LIBRA(AKA12)	Saturday 29 May , 1943
	MARKS
0000-0400: Anchored in berth 17 Dumbe of water with 45 Inthons of chain to t bearings: Beacon "A" 255°T; Beacon "B" and Boiler No.2 in use.	es Bay, Nounes, New Caledonia in 8 fathoms the port anchor on the following anchorage 5330T; Beacon "O" 6190T. Ship carkened  Thordan Lieut.L.H.JCRDAN, D*V(S), USHR.
0400-0800: Anchored as before.	Promlan Lieut, L.M. JORDAN, D-V(8), USNR.
0800-1200: Anchored as before, 1048 in. 1120 USS CHAVEN, DUNLAP, FAMMING, Ming in.	USS SARATOGA, SAN JUAN, SAN DIEGO, standing AURY, PATTERSON, CASE, DRAGO, PRES. FOLK stand-
	Lieut. (JE) S. N. BEZRY, D-V(O), USRR.
1200-1600: Anchored as before. 1525	USS MAYFORD standing in.  Fiel Lames  Eneign Fred T. MARKES, D-V(S), USNR.
1600-2000: Anchored as before. 1724	observed sunset and darkened ship.
	Enelen CA'L D. JOMES, D-V(G), USNR.
2000-2400: Anchored as before.	
	Shelm CA L D. JOHES, D-V(G), USNR.
Additional Remarks by the Commanding C	fficer:-
ern Section JOHN FEMM - CTU-,	m 282345 Mey, forming Test Unit 52.3.1 SFA, MONOGAHELA, PATTERSON, TALBOT) (North- TRYON HOPKINS, KILTY, JENKINS). Also unloading, and return instructions.
2130 : Received ALGORAB - ComSouthern	Section - sortie orders.
2346 : Received OTF 32 Movement order	A7-43 which supercedes his A8-43.
	W.B. FLETCHER, Jr.
Approved: W.B. FIRTOHER, Jr. J. Captain, U. S. Navy, Commending.	Examined: Joseph Weiner, Doseph Weiner, Litut., D-H, U.S. N.R., Navigator.

Approved:

M.B.FLETCHER, Jr. 9 Captain, U. S. Navy, Commanding.

UNITED STATES SHIP LIBRA (AKALS		Sunday	30	Offento	. 19 <u>43</u>
	REMAR	KS RKS & WAR DI	ARY".		
0000-0400: Anchored in berth 17, fathoms of unter, coral and sand be water's edge, out to Fort anchor. "B" 333 T; Beacon "C" 019 T. Boild darkened. 0020 cut in Mo.1 boiler	ottom with Anchorage	forty-five	eacon "A"	f chain t	o the eacon hip
0400-0800: Anchored as before. Of 0530 set special sea detail. 0602 mailgram 282345 of May. Daptain a the bridge, standard speed 15 knot courses, conforming to channel. A	underway t the Conn s(84 RFM).	in accordance , Executive ( proceeding)	e with Co Officer a at variou	TransGro	tor on
		Tien	Jodan	-V(S), US	MB.
OBCO-1200: Steaming as before on of channel. Captain at the Conn, I to standard (15 knots) OBCO Tabu He light abeam to starboard, distance ern Passage. OSCO set base course #38(1940 Diagrams). Formed cruising in left column, LIBRA right column forming Task Unit 52.8.1. 1003 che Av.RPN 46.1.	Navigator sef light 900 yards 307°T, 30 g disposit , PATTERSO	urses at varion the bridge abeam to star . 0861 Pass 7.5°G. Committee of 2 colons M and TALBOT	lous spec s. 0812 rboard. ed the ro sneed sig umns, ALG screenin	ds standi changed s 0824 Amed ugh Bular zagging oras, nono g formati	ng out peed ee 1 North on Plan NGAHELA on,
1200 Position: Lat. 220-0- Long. 1650-41		il(	1.000		
1200-1600: Steaming as before on a accordance with Plan #38(1940 Diago TALBOT made radar contact on siron at battle practice. 1430 TALBOT made Av. steam 450. Av. FPM. 87.8.	rams), sta aft bearin ade radar base cours andard spe	ndard speed 1 g 290 T. 13 contact on a Lieut.(jg) se 305 T, 455 sed 15 knots	.5°G. Zig LS knots( 23 MONONG Lreraft S F.BORDE 5°G. Z/Z (84RPM).	sagging S6 PPM). AHELA exceeding O2 M, D-M, U	in 1212 ercised 5°T. SNR. dance
		Lieut. (35)	D. W. OHILL	L. (2)	USNR.
1800-2000; Steaming as before on 2/2 plan #38(1940 Diagrams), at stain and page 2000 changed base course and axis 2000 Position: Lat. 200-5 Long. 1840-00	andard spe 05°T, 305. to 316°T, 6' S.	e 305°T, 305 ed of 15 kno 5°G. 1830 s 316.5°G. Av.	.5°3.,in bs(84RPM) soured gu steam 450	accordanc . 1800 c	e with eased . lert. 87.4.
2000-2400: Steaming as before on 15 knots. Av. steam 450. Av. RPM.	base cours		.50G, at	standard	speed. a

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Joseph Weiner Joseph Weiner, Lieut., D-M, USMR., Envigator. E.S.M.

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UNITED STA	TES SHIP	LTBRA (AKALS	2)	Monday	31 (Date)	Means	, 19 <u>43</u>
ZONE DESCRIPTION_	-11		REMARK	KS & WAR DIA	ERYO.		
0000-0400: St at standard spa and MONONGAHEL formation ahea Ship darkened	eed 15 km A in left L. ALGOR	company wit ots(84RPM) i column, LIM	th Task Uni in cruising SPA right o	t 32.8.1 on disposition olumn, PATTE Steaming und	base cour of two o	DALECT so	LGORAB
				Lieut. (je)	J. BORDE	I, D-M. U	SMR.
0400-0800: St 15 knots (84 M commenced 2/2 changed base c 0537 Set all p 0700 changed base 11940 Diagrams 0800 Position:	PM). 040 in accord ourse and uns on th ase cours ). Av. St. Lat.	O changed be ance with pl axis to 356 e alert. Of e and axis t	tse course Lan #38(194 30T, 356.50 337 Secured to 0160T, 0 7.5PM 86.5.	516°T, 316; and axis to 0 Diagrams). 3. 0505 res from the al	60G at 8 3360T, 38 0457 ces sumed Z/Z	tandard s 3.5°G. o msed Z/Z. plan #38(	peed 0414 0500 1940 D).
				Lieut. (jg)	4 600	Lucia	Hairb
0800-1200: Stance with plan 0905 changed c (1940 Diagrams 1200 Position:	955 (194) ourse and Av.ste	0 diagrams). exis to 026 em 450. Av. 180-26! S	Steaming or and Gyr. RFN. 87.5.	016°T and 0 at standard o. 0907 ohe	yro, zig	sagging i	n accord
	Long.	1620-18' 5	••	-Fai	Dadam		
				Lieut.L.M.	PLDAN, D-	(S), USH	R.
1200-1600: Ste accordance with craft bearing clear. Av. ste	n Plan #1:	2(1940 D). stance 28 mi	1235 PATTE Lles. 1241	RSON reports	d radar o	ontact wi	th sir-
				Lieut. (Jg)	when	D-17761 T	emp
1600-1800: 500 #12(1940 Diagra	earling ac	before on t	ase course	026°T and 6	yro, zig	agging o	n plan
				Lieut. (19)	100	-0 -	
1800-2000: Storf 15 knots (84 Z/Z and resume accordance with 2000 Position:	A base co	Z in accord	dance with Secured fr rans). Av. S.	025°T and 0 plan #12(194 om alert. 1 steam 450.	yro at sta 10 Diagram 1936 commer Av. FPM. 87	undard sp s) 1835 c nced Z/Z .4.	eed eased in
	2000			Lieut. (jg)	D. C. J.	La Since	Tann
2000-2400: Sta	ots (84 R	PM). Zig zag	case course	026°T and	yro, stea	aing at s	tandard
Av. steam 450.	Av. PPM.	86.8.		- 100	oda-		

Approved:

W.B.FLETCHER,Jr. Contain, U. S. Navy,

Examined:

JOSEPH WEINER, Lieut.,D-M, USNR., Navigator. U.S.

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UNITED STATES SHIP \_\_\_\_\_ (ANALS)

Tuesday,

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REMARKS

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0000-0400: Steaming in company with Task Unit 32.8.1, cruising disposition two columns, ALOURAS and HOMOMGAMELA in column one, LIBRA in column two, FATTERSON and TALBOT corconing formation. Base course 026°T and G. steaming at standard speed 15 knots. Min sagging in accordance with Flam #12(1940 Diagrams). Ship darkened. Boilers Fo.1 and 2 in use. Av. steam 450. Av. RPM. 86.9.

Lieut. (jg)H.H.PERPER, D-V(G), USNR.

(Date)

0400-0800: Steaming as before on base course 020°T and 0. Steamard speed 15 knots. (84 RPR). Zig magging in accordance with Flan #12 (1940 Diagrams). 0517 Sunrise. Light ship. 0535 strange ship sighted bearing 040°T. 0541 changed standard speed to 14 knots(78 RPM). 0545 five planes alghted bearing 350°T, friendly. 0545 sighted two DBs and cargo vessel bearing 070°T, distance approx. 15 miles, friendly. 0702 changed base course to 048°T and G. Commenced migranging in accordance with Flan #12(1940 Diagrams). 0702 sighted friendly aircraft carrier and four escorts bearing 040°T, distance approx.16 miles. Av. steam 450.Av. EPM 85.5. 0800 Feeltion: Lat. 12°-56'S. 1640-51 | 2. Long.

Lieut. (jg) A. Schmitz. In., Usur.

OBCO-1200: Steaming as before on base course 046°T and A. Z/Z in accordance with
Flan #12(1040 Biagrams) at standard speed 14 knots. (79 FPM). OBSO ceased Z/Z and
resumed base course. OBS1 changed base course and axis to 016°T and G. OBS2
sighted USS JIMM PERM, TRYON and one DD, one APD and one DMS bearing OS1°T on the
horizon. OB42 commenced Z/Z in accordance with Flan #12(1940 Diagrams). OB1?
changed standard speed to 15 knots(s4 MPM). OB19 ceased Z/Z and resumed base
course. OB21 changed base course to 550°T and G. OB23 changed base course to
335°T and G. OB40 formed in column astern of USS ALGORAB, MINIOMAMELA astern of
LIBRA on base course 335°T and G. OB42 changed course to 345°T and G. OB50
changed course to 355°T and G. 1008 changed speed to 10 knots. 1015 joined the Northern
part of Task Unit 35.8.1. Task Unit 32.8.1 now consisting of USS JOHN PENN(CTU
and Guide) and TRYON in the first section, ALGORAB, LIFFA and MONOMGANILA in the
second section. Export consisting of MCPRINS(Commiscort), PATTHRSON, JUMNINS,
TALBOT and KILTY. 1015 changed standard speed to 15.5 knots(S7EPM). Changed
base course and axis to 325°T and G. 1023 commenced Z/Z in accordance with Plan
#39(1340 Diagrams).1155 Received guard mail on starboard quarter from USS KILTY.
Av. steam 450. Av.RPM 83.3. Lieut. (j Av.steam 450. Av.RPM 83.3.

120-11' S. 1200 Position: Lat. 164°-39' E. Long.

1200-1600; Steaming as before on base course 325°T and G, steaming at standard epeed of 15.5 knots(S7 HPM). Zis sagaing in accordance with Plan #39(1940 D.) 1221 changed course and axis to 327°T & G. Av. steam 450. Av. RPM. 83.9.

Proportani Lieut.L. Mordan, D-V(8), USUR.

1600-1800: Steaming as before on base course 327°T and 0,at standard speed 15.5 knots, zig magging in accordance with Flam#39. 1748 Darkened ship. 1750 coased sim sameing and resumed base course. Av. steam 450, Av. RPM. 83.6.

Lieut. (JE)H. P. PEPPER, D-V(O), USIN

1800-2000: Steaming as before on base course 327°T and G., Zig magging in accordance with Plan #30(1940 Diagrams), at standard speed 15.5 knots. 1800 changed base course to 297°T and G. Changed speed to 13 knots.(725PM). 1810 commenced zig magging in accordance with Plan #39, resumed standard speed 15.5 knots.(878PM) Av. steam 450. Av. EPM. 82.6.
2000 Position: Lat. 10°-46'S.
Long. 163°-20'E. Lieut.(167, 30RDEM, D-M., USBR.

Approved:

M.B.FLETCHER,Jr., 51501 Crotain, U. S. Navy,

Commanding.

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Mavigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP	LIBRA(AKALE)		Tuesday	1 (Date)	JUNE (Month)	. 1953
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2000-2400: Steaming as 18.5 knots.(87 RPM). 2/ hanged standard speed t	2 in accordance to 14.5 knots (78	with pla	in #39 (196 Av. steam	o Dingra 450. Av	me). 200	2.
		Li	eds. (3g) 2	.W.OHILD	5, 3-V(6)	, VSNR
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Approved: Qarya & C. W.B.FLETO Captain, U. Command	Exam	uined:	Joseph Lieut.,D-	l w	einer	

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QQQQ-QQQQ: Steaming in company with Task Unit 32.8.1 on base course 297°T and G. Zig Zagging in accordance with Plan #39(1940 Biagrams). Task Unit disposed in two columns. USS JOHN PENN(CTU and GUIDE) and TRYON in right column; ALGORAS, LIBRA and NONONGAMELA in left column. LIBRA second ship in left column. Escort consisting of USS HOPKINS(ComEscort), PATTERSON, JENKINS, TALBOT and EILTY. Steaming at standard speed of 14.5 knots(78RPN). Boilers No.1 and 2 in use. Ship darkened. Condition III set. Interval 1000 yas, distance 600 yards. 0300 cased zig zagging and resumed base course. 0303 changed course to 274°T and G. Sighted Alliti Is. to port, bearing 240°T. 0322 commenced Z/Z on plan #39(1940 Diagrams) 0327 Alliti Island abeam to port, distance 4 miles. Av. steam 450. Av. RPM. 78.7.

T. P. Sordan, D-V(s), USMR.

0400-0800: Steering as before on base course 274°T and G. Zig Engring in accordance with plan #30(1940 Diagrams) 0405 Energized decousing coils. 0427 Bio Is. about to port, distance 5.5 miles. 0532 ceased zig Engring and resumed base course. 0533 Changed course and axis to 309°T and G. Cape Recherche, San Cristobal Is. about to port, distance 11 miles. 0562 commenced zig Engring in accordance with plan #39(1940Diagrams). 0627 Sunrise. Light ship. 0637 Guadalcanal Island bearing 230°T., distance 23 miles. 0735 Changed course and axis to 318°T and G. Changed standard speed to 15.5 knots(347FM). 0755 Halapa Is.about to port, distance 11 miles. Av. steam 450. Av. FM. 50.9.

0800 Position: Lat. 99-41' S.
Long. 161°-03' E.

H. M. Palpar, D-V(G), USHR.

OSOC-1200: Steeming as before on base course 318°T and G. Zig sagging on plan #38(1940 Diagrams). Steeming at standard speed 15.5 knots(84 RPM). OSS4 changed base course and axis to 335°T and G. OSS5 sighted Nura Island bearing 350°T, distance approx. S miles. OS22 passed Nura Island abeam to port, distance 3.5 miles. OS28 occased zig gamming and remained on course 217°T and G. OS34 changed course and axis to 275°T and G. Changed speed to 13 knots(72 RPM). OS42 resumed rig sagging on Plan #39(1940 Diagrams) OS50 Changed speed to 15 knots(84 RPM). 1000 sighted Rus Burs Island bearing 250°T and G., approx.distance 7.5 miles. 1018 passed Rus Sura Island abeam to port, distance 3.5 miles. 1021 ceased Z/Z and returned to base course. 1034 commenced Z/Z on when #39(1940 Diagrams). 1050 sighted three ships bearing 340°T. 1105 ceased Z/Z. 1108 changed base course to 235°T and G and changed to 1/3 speed. 1110 formed in single column as follows: USS JOHN PENN, TRYON, ALBORAB, LYBDA, and MONCHGAMELA. 1115 changed course and axis to 272°T and G 1120 changed speed to standard 15 knots. 1125 passed Nuga Island abeam to starboard, approx.distance 6 miles. 1127 Changed speed to 18 knots(67 NPM). 1138 changed speed to 15 knots(64 RPM). 1148 Entered Lengo Channel. 1146 passed Pari Pile abeam to starboard, distance approx.3.5 miles. Av. steam 450. Av. TPM. 79.9.

Lieut. (190.J. BORDEN, D-M, USMR.

1200-1500: Steaming as before on various courses and various speeds standing through Lenge Channel. Captain at Conn. Mavigator on the bridge. 1241 anchored off Metapen River, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands in 19 fathoms of water with 35 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following bearings: Beacon "J" 192°T; Beacon "K" 133.5°T; Beacon "A" 261.5°T. 1241 commenced lowering all boats. 1314 commenced unloading #3 hatch. 1325 commenced unloading #5 hatch. 1335 commenced unloading #2 hatch. 1340 commenced unloading Eatones #1 and #4. Av. steam 450. Av.PPM. 20.5.

Lieut. (Jg)H.M. PEPER, D-V(O), USMR.

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as Boule W.B.FLETCHER, Jr., Captain, U. S. Navy,

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Examined:

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CONFIDENTIAL UNITED STATES SHIP \_\_LIBRA (AKA12)

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1600 -2000: Anchored as before. 1606 Underway to shift berth. various courses at various speeds. Captain at conn. Navigator on the bridge.

1722 Anchored off Tago as Feint in 21 fathoms of water with 31 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following bearings:- Beacon "J" 1250T; Beacon "A" 1700T; Beacon "B" 2310T. Continued unlosding cargo from all holds. 1803 observed sunset. Darkened ship. 1834 USS TALBOT alongside port side to receive fuel. 1845 commenced fueling USS TALBOT. 1850 Secured from unloading holds \$1,4 and 5.

Av. steam 450. Av. PPW. 15.5.

Lieut. (10)H.K. PEPPER, D-V(6), USMR.

2000-2400: Anchored as before. Unloading holds #2 and #3. Fueling USS TALBOT alongside port side. 2108 completed fueling USS TALBOT.(50,300 gals.) 2130 secured from unloading #3 hold. 2145 USS TALBOT underway from alongside port side. 2250 USS KILTY alongside port side to receive fuel. 2320 commonced fueling USS KILTY.

5-V(G), USMR.

Approved:

W.B.FLETCHER, Jr., Captain, U. S. Navy, Commanding.

Examined:

W Weines JOSEPH WEINER, leut.,D-M, U.S.M.R., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP LIBRA (AKALE) Thursday -(Date) . 19 43 ZONE DESCRIPTION \_-11 011325 REMARKS "OPERATIONAL RELATES & MAR DIAMY". 0000-0800: Anchored in Berth 55 off Tagona Point, Guadalcanal, Bolomon Islands in 21 fathoms of unter with 51 fathoms of chain to the port anchor, on the following anchorage bearings: Beacon "J" 125°T; Beacon "A" 170°T; Bencon "B" 531°T; Ship's Head 240°T. Discharging cargo from No.2 hatch. Boilers 1 and 2 in use. Ship in modified darkened condition with combat cargo handling crews on stations. 0100 completed fueling USS FILTY(27,300 Gals). Braft forward 121-00". Aft.201-06" 0200 USS FILTY bast-off from slongeids. 0600-1200: Anchored as before. 0620 USS ALGORAB underway to shift berths. 0630 commenced unloading #3 hold. 0645 commenced unloading Holds #1, 4 and 5. 1030 completed unloading hold #5. 1046 completed unloading #4 hold. 1100 USS MERCURY CASSIOPEIA, OMIN, CHRVALIER and 2 merchant ships standing in-(T.U.S2.8.4) tulepper. 1200-1600: Anchored as before. Unloading Holds #1, 2, and 3. 1235 completed unloading No.3 hold. 1838 USS THYCK underway for Lunga Point. 1400 completed discharging cargo from #2 hold. 1888 completed discharging all cargo. Hakewe all preparations for getting underway. THE FERRER, D-V(G), USING. 1600-1800: Anchored as before. 1647 Set special sea detail. 1655 Underway. Captain at conn. Havigator on the bridge, steaming on various courses at various special Standard speed 15 knots) standing out of anchorage in company with USS JOHN PENN(CTU SD.S.11). LIBRA in position astern of JOHN PENN. Task Unit screens by USS JENKINS, TALBOT and KILTY. 1712 Ahead standard speed. 1721 entered Lengo Channel. 1742 Beacon "N" abeam to starboard, distance 1.6 miles. 1745 Pari Pile Ls. abeam to port, distance 5.5 miles. 1750 set condition III. 1755 Nugu Is. abeam to port, distance 6.5 miles. Av.steam 450. Av.RPM. 41.5. Task Unit screened Lieut. (JE)H.M. DEPPER, D-V(G), USHR. 1890-2000; Sterning as before on various courses conforming to channel at standard speed 15 knots(64 RPM), in company with Task Unit 32.8.11. 1802 Sunset. Darkened ship, 1803 changed course to 090°T and 5, 1805 cleared Lengo Channel, 1850 USS THYON took position in column astern of LIBFA. 1837 changed course to 070°T and 5. 1746 changed course to 090°T and 5, Base course. 1851 commenced zig tagging on plan #17(1940 Diagrams), changed standard speed to 15.5 knots. 1908 observed searchlights on Guadalcanal Island. 1938 cessed mig tagging and resumed base course. 1942 changed course and axis to 123°T and 3. 1982 commenced zig tagging on plan #17(1940 diagrams). Av. steam 450. Av. RPM. 76.9. 2000 Position:

Lat. 90-26'S.

Long. 160°-50% E. Byla D-M, USHR. Lieut. (jg 2000-2400: Steering as before on base course 183°T and G, at standard speed of 15.5 knots (87 FPM). Z/Z in accordance with Plan #17(1940 Diagrams). 2009 change speed to 16 knots (90 RPM), 2010 changed to Zig zag plan #12(1940 Diagrams). 2004 changed course and axis to 998°T and G. Av.Steen 460. Av.RPM. 88.6. Lieut. (10) Joseph Weiner, wars serene A . Examined: Approved: M.B. FLETCHER, Jr. . (

Acut., D-M, USMA., Havinator.

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Additional Remarks by Commanding Officer:-

At 1400 received turning to be prepared for possible enemy air raid between 1500 and 1900.

At 1645 in compliance CTF 32 serial 00285 and CTU 32.8.1 despatch 080130/June, detached Tack Unit 32.8.1 and formed Task Unit 32.8.11 composed of JOHN FERM (CTU), TRYON, LIBRA, JERKINS, KILTY, TALBOT.

W.B.FLETCHER, Jr.

Approved:

W.B. FIETCHER, Jr., Josephan U. S. Navy, Commanding.

Examined:

Joseph Weiner Joseph Weiner, Jeut., D-M, USMR., Havigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP	Friday	4 (Date)	CMonto	. 19.43
ZONE DESCRIPTION _=11 REM	ARKS	HARY".		
0000 -0400: Steaming in company with TUSB JOHN PERMICOTO and Guide), LIBRA and sisting of JUNINIS ahead, MILTY starbos 098 T and G, steaming at 16 knots (80 Figure 2007) and Guide of the starbing at 16 knots (80 Figure 2007) and the starbing at 16 knots (80 Figure 2007) and the starbing at 16 knots (80 Figure 2007) and the starbing at 16 knots (80 Figure 2007) and the starbing and the starbing in accordance is starbing resumed base course. Olof about 5 siles. O200 changed course to to 118 T and G. O304 commenced in zero Av. steam 450. Av. FFM. 88.88.	PM), standard sp (1940 Diagrams) (1940 Diagrams) (1940 Diagrams) (1940 Diagrams) (1940 Diagrams) (1941 Diagrams) (1942 Char (1942 Char (1942 Char (1943 Char (1944	sor port be beed 15.8 1 . Boilers is a sagel aged course 40 Diagram and abeam 240 changed ice with pi	me. Dase mots(87 Ris No.1 and Ing resumes to 1180T and Ing resumes to 1005 to port, I course as inn #12,(1)	course PM). 2 in 6 base and G. ceased fistance nd axis 9400).
	Lieut.L.C	Jordan, D.	-V(s), Usu	я.
0400-0800; Steaming as before on base of knots, sig sagging in accordance with pahip. 0715 USS TRYON took position base of Av. steam. 450. Av. TPN. 90.4. 0300 Position: Let. 100-41'S. Long. 1039-38'E.	earing 270° relat	Ive Tron	ndard speed invise. L the mide.	
DB00-1200: Steaming as before on base knots (87 FPH), steaming at 16 knots (90 plan #12(1940 Diagrams). 0915 sighted (challenged - no reply). 1015 cgased r 1019 changed course and axis 148°T and ance with plan #12. Av. steam 450. Av. 1200 Position: Lat. 110-21'S. Long. 1640-184'E.	course 118 <sup>0</sup> T and RPM). Zig zagg aircraft bearing tig zagging and to 3. 1027 comment	G, etand ging in as g 151°T,di resumed ba sed sig sa	ard speed : cordence w stance 5) co course. gging in a	15.5 1th iles. ccord-
1200-1800: Stenning as before on base of standard speed 15.5 knots (87FPM). 21g grams). 1202 changed to his sawring planes, benying 22097. 1507 sighted To Av. steam 450. Av. FM. 91.2.	course 145°T and zagging in accou lan #16(19400).	G., at 10 rdance wit 1805 simh	knots(90E h plan #12 ted two fr	lendly
	Lieut, (jg	D.W. OHILD	s, 1-V(a),	USMH.
1800-1800: Stending as before on base of ance with plan \$15 (1940 Diagrams), at knots.(87 TPM). 1600 changed to sig as darkenel ship, set guns in condition of	18 knote (90 RF) ag plan #39 (194 Calert. Av. ste	M). Standa 9 Dingrand An 450. Av	rd speed 1	5.5 nset.
1800-2000: Stemming as before on base accordance with plan #39, standard spec 1803 changed course and axis to 180°T a 2000 Position:  Let. 150-00:5.  Long. 1680-00:5.	course 148°T and 15.5 knots, send G. Av. steam	teaming at	anguing in	90RPM)
2000-2400: Stoaming as before on base ance with plan #39 (1940B) Standard spec 2220 USS TRION with 1 DD, USS JENKINS as previously directed. Av. etc. 447. Av.	course 1500g an	0 G. Zic s	n inc in	necond
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KILTY screening she Standard speed 15.5	g in company Tesk Un ,LIBRA second ship, nd. Steaming on bas- knote(87 RPK). Z/Z ition III set. Boile	it 32.8.11; forma distance 500 yard e course 150°T an in accomings wi	tion in a s. USS TA L G, at 1 th Flan	LECT and    G   mots(9)  SS(1040 b	USS DRPM). ieureme
		Lieut.(jg/	14	Child	
(87RPM). OBIS call O708 changed base o	g as before on base ( 1940 Diagrams), at 10 ed all guns to slert, ourse and sxis to 230 tance 1000 yards. O' position slowed to at 87.4.	course 180°T and 8 knots(90FPK), a . 0618 observed 5°T and 3. 0705 710 changed stand tandard speed of	0.,zig me tendard s sunrise,i took poni	med 18.8 ighted shi	knote. ip. relativ
0800 Position:	Let. 15°-25' 1 Long. 184°-40' E		Dream		
nmoe with Plan #59	g as before on base ( 1040 D), steaming at #30 and commenced at v.Steam 450. Av.RPM. Lat. 162-06!	standard speed 1	Spots.	1000 cesi	bed
1200 rosition;	Long. 1839-581	· (ohn	Danal	A. 35-V(6),	
#16,(1840 Diagrams) bearing 2100T, pass	as before on base of stendars of out of eight to He or 255°T, distance St	course 235°T and ord speed 15 knots orthwestward. 12	0, 215 20 . 1247 2 57 UBS 23	infing on b	Plan une radar
		Lieut. (3)	Y93 -	fr. 3	P.
1800-1800; Steamin 18 knots(84 RPM), Z Av.RPM.82.5.	z as before on base of z in accordance with	bourse 235°T and on Plan #16(1940D1)	3, at sta	Av. steam	150.
		Lieut. (ig)	O. W. OHILL	s, D-V(G),	SUN.
15 knote(84RPM). Zi formed column agter in accordance with	g as before on base of tagging in accordant n of JOHN PENN, distriction #17(1940 Diagram Lat. 170-0018. Long. 1620-291E.	nce with Flan #18 ance 500 yards. C ms). Av.eteam 450	(1949 Dia	THE STATE OF THE S	1800
		Lieut.I.MC	OFDAM, I	-v(s), us	IR.
15 knots. Zig magg	g as before on base of ing in accordance with mied base course. 22 sampling in accordance PM. 82.6.	th <b>Plan</b> #17(1940 . 200 Changed cours	Diagrams) to 180	21,50 or	ensed
		Lieut.(Jg)	H. W. W.	ia, 5-∀(G)	, USNR.
Approved: 20073	Section of Exe	smined: Jose	ph c	veiner	,

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UNITED STATES SHIP	LIBRA(AKA12)	Sunday	(Date)	June	_, 19 <u>13</u>
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0000-0400 Stemming in com JOHN PERM, 0.2.0. and puid scring as encort, screening accordance with plan #1? () at standard space under bot 0350 dessed 2.2. an resum	e, LIBRA in column er on such bow. Base 1940 Diagrams) Stanta	tern 800 ya course 1800 re speed 15	r A G, s	og And Hi Le Logela Skoppi et	LTY g in
0400-0800 Stemin as ber	Lt.	04	BOHDSH,	D-11, VSITE	
84 PPN. Z.Z. in mesordance axis to 16502 85. 0610 Re- on the alert. 0006 Secure Av. NPN 85.4.	s with dan #17 (1940) suped 5.2. In species a from elect and set	Discreme). noe vith ol condition I	0400 - en #17. II. Av.	hanged on 0558 Al Buern 650	urse sr 1 uns
USOO position: Lat. Lang. 1	00°-115'S 162°-385'S It.	(10) 4.4.	Chr.	-7(G) ,USH	R
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1830-1800 lere in se bef (84 MFR) 2.2. in seconda nei ship, sil summ slert. Av.	e with plan #ld (1940	1769 CU	nerves r	ulest, de	rnots,
1899-2000 Stonal or but		(3/17/2:	Sura	-H, Willia	note
(84 MPK) Z.Z. in moustained column 1800 coletive from with plan #17 (1940). 182 2000 Position: Lot.	e with len #16 (194) suide. Elstence 600 c	District).	1800 F	C. in nec	
2000-2000 Storming as bef with zig zeg plan #17 (194 1 and 2 in use for steemin course. 2200 Thinged base accordance with plan #17.	g purposes. 2150 Cas course to 130°T &G.	2210 Resum	sing res	umed base agging in	
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COMPIDENTIAL. , lg43 LIBRA(AKALE) UNITED STATES SHIP Monday June (Date) Pine. (Musta) ZONE DESCRIPTION \_ - 1.3 REMARKS "OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY" 0000-0400 Specific in company with Task Unit 39.8.11 USS JOHN PERM, OTC and guide leading ship in column, LIBRA, second ship in celtion, 600 yards aftern. USS TALBOT and KTLTY sercon. On base course 130°TAG, als anguing on plan #17 (1940 diagrams), attanting at 15 anots, standard speed. Boilers 1 and 5 in use. Ship derkened, condition III set. Av. Steam 450, Av. RPH 57.8 0400-0800 Stemming as before on base course 18007&3 at standard speed 15 knots, Z.Z. in accordance with plan #17 (1900 diagrams). 0800 Gensed Z.Z. resumed base course. 0800 changed course 08007&6. 0808 changed curse 08007&6; consensed Z.Z. plan #17. 0651 Cheerved suprise, lighted ship. 0650 Took position 900 Dordan relative bomeln on sort side guide, distance 1000 0800 Position: Lat. 220-40:3 Long. 1660-11:2 Long. 0800-1200 Stonning as before on best course 50 793 at standard seed to knots (84 PPN) Z.L. in secondance with clan #17 (1840 algrana). 0810 lighted Ausdee Light bearing 500TEG distance 15 allse. 815 Inswitted Assured. 0820 Light bearing 50°TLG distance 10 miss. Sid inswitted degenering coil. GGCO changed to 1.0. then gGB (1940). 5000 Formed setera of USS JOHN FULL bearing 180° Relative, tending at various speeds on various courses to make entrance through bulari pendage. 500 Set special ses detail and sais all proparations for entering 50°TL. In this set the command Nevigator on the bridge. 50°L Panced through Sulari pendage and proceeds at various courses and speeds to anchorage. 50°S? Passed Amedes Light absent to bort, distance 10°S0 yards. 50°S0 Passed treak absent to bort. 50°S0 Secured degaussing coils. 1111 Anchoral in Sarthama 20°C bears to bear to bort. 10°S0 Secured degaussing coils. 1111 Anchoral in Sarthama of black to the starburgh anchor on the following bearings: "Beacon "0" 50°C. Beacon "H" 55°C. Beacon "A" 50°C. Secured Sarthama 45°C. Av. 50°C. 1110 Secured associal ses detail. 1110 Secured #1 Bollar. AvStend 45°C. Av. 50°C. a Child -----200-1800 Anchored of defore, 1916 USS PRESIDENT STINECT, HAYDS, AND S. COANLEY, FARESTICLY, BUCHAMAN, McCALLA, one TALPOT underway and stook out. 1.000 AM, 0-V(6), USUR. 1600-2000 Anohored as before. Xxdan (3), US 5. 2000-2400 Anchored as before. rdan DAV(S), USHA Additional Reserve by Commanding Officer:
1000 In secretaria Off 30 devenant order A7-43 and CTV 38.8.1 despatch 032220
Task Unit 30.8.11 despited.
1600 Received Confrancoroup mailgram 09.888/June regarding loading to commande June 3. con De co W. B. FLATCHER, Jr. Weener Approved: Examined: W. E. FLATCHER, Jr. Copt. USB, Commending Officer, CBEPH & iout.D-M.USER U. R. N. Namigator.

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2000-2400:	Moored as	before.	2030 Secure	d from loading	hold #5.		
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Approved:

W.B.FLETCHER, Jr. / Captain, U.S. Navy, Commanding.

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LIBRA(AKA12)

Thursday

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ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

"OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY"

0000-0400 Moored port side to Mickle Dock #7, Mounea, New Caledonia, with standard 8" manile lines. Loading cargo in holds 1, 2, 3, and 4. Boiler #1 in use for suxiliary purposes. 0120 secured loading holds 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Lt. (JE) H. MI EPPER, D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before. 0500 Cut in number 2 boiler.

Lt. (JE) H. M. PEPER, D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before. 0810 Commenced loading #1 and #2 holds. 0820 USS MUGFORD underway. 0825 USS BAGBY underway. 0830 Commenced loading #3 hold. 0847 USS FULLER standing in. 1020 USS CIMMERON standing out. 1023 USS RENSHAW standing in. 1055 RADFORD standing in. 1110 ALDERBARAM standing in. 1155 Secured loading #3 hold. 1100 Commenced loading cargo in holds #4 and #5.

Lt. L. M. SCHDAN, D-V(S), USNR

1200-1600 Moored as before. 1215 Completed loading at Nickle Dock #7 and commenced making all preparations to shift berth. 1220 Completed taking on fuel from Y.O. 44, received 8,434 gallons of diesel cil. 1237 Cast off all lines. 1240 Underway to change berth from Nickle Dock #7 to port side of USS CALAMARES, proceeding at various speeds and courses. 1323 Moored starboard side to USS CALAMARES in berth A-5, Great Roads, Moumea, New Caledonia in 6 fathoms of water with standard mooring lines. 1416 Commenced loading #3 hold.

Ens. C. D. JANES, D-V(0), USINA

1600-2000 Moored as before. 1720 USS SAN JUAN, SAN DIEGO stood in. 1721 Coserved sun bet, darkened ship. 1730 USS SELFRIDGE and CRAVEN stood in. 1945 Secured loading in #3 hold, commenced loading in #5 hold.

Ens. F. T. BARNES, D-V[S], USER

2000-2400 Moored as before. 2220 Secured loading #5 hold.

Ens. O. D. COMES, D-V(G), USIR

Approved:

W. B. FLETCHER, Jr., Capt., U. S. M., Commanding.

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JOSEPH WEINER, Lieut., D-M, USNR

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UNITED STATES SHIP \_\_\_\_\_ LIBRA(AKA12)

Friday

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REMARKS

"OPERATIONAL REMARKS AND WAR DIARY"

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to the USS CALAMARES berth A5, Great Hoads, Noumea, New Caledonia in 6 fathoms of water with standard mooring lines, ship in modified darkened condition and boiler #1 in use.

ns. C. B. JONES, D-V(G), USHR

0400-0800 Moored as before. 0500 Set special sea detail and made all preparations to get underway. Captain at the common Navigator on the bridge 0537 Let go port anchor in borth A5 with 20 fathoms of chain to water's edge with following bearings Beacon'J 1890T, Semaphore Station 1030T, Chimmney 0920T. 0600 Let go lines to USS CALAMARES. 0602 CALAMARES underway. 0604 Veered chain to 30 fathoms at water's edge. 0631 Observed sunrise. 0640 USS HENLEY standing out. 0655 USS FAMILING standing in. Japane 1

Ens. F. T. BARNES, D-V(S), USMER

0800-1200 Anchored as before. 0805 USS DUNLAP shifted berth. 0855 USS SWALLOW shifted berth.

Lt. L. M. JOPDAN, D-V(S), USHR

1200-1600 Anchored as before. 1210 USS RENSHAW standing out. 1445 USS KILTY underway. 1535 General Quarters on signal "Condition Yellow". 1550 Set condition II.

L. M. JOHDAN, D-V(S), USHR

1600-2000 Anchored as before. 1640 Commenced loading cargo in No. 5 hatch. 1825 Condition "Red". 1850 Secured from Condition II.

Lt. (jg) H. M. PEPPER, D-V(G), USNR

2000-2400 Anchored as before. 2345 Finished loading cargo in No. 5 hatch.

Lt. (jg) H. M. PEPP R, D-V(0), USNR

Approved:

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	Lt.	L. IN JORDAN,	D-V(S)	,USMR	
400-0800 Anchored as befo	ore. 0805 Finish	. 0			holds.
	Lt.	L. JOHDAN,	D-V(S)	, USHR	
900-1200 Anchored as beforeparations for petting unonn, Navigator on the brid 016 Anchored in berth Ale ater with 50 fathoms of chearings, Beacon "X" 3280T, v.Steam 450, AVPPH 15.6.	nderway. 1000 Un lge, steaming on v 2. Great Ronds, No main to the port a Beacon "L" 1830T	derway to shift erious courses umes, New Caled nchor on the fo	berth at var lonia, llowin	. Captai ious spec in 5 fath g enchore	n at ds. oms of ge
00-1600 Anchored as bero	ore. 1435 HMS LE	ANDER, USS WARF			
SS DYSON, USS CLAMTON, USS	S SCUTHARD, SS BRA	ZIL stood in.	1	/	
	Lt.	(Jg) D. W. OHIL	55, 5-	v(G), USNR	
500-2000 Anchored as befo	ore. 1719 Observ	ed sunset, dark	ened a	hiy.	
	Lt.	(Jg) J. J. BORI	EN, D-	M, USUR	
000-2400 Anchored as befo	ore.	100	2/1	2	
	Lt.	(jg) D. W. CHII	.D8, D-	V(G), UBNA	
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REMARKS

"OPERATIONAL REMARKS & MAR DIARY".

0000-0400: Anchored in berth A-12, Great Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia in five fathoms of water with 30 fathoms of chain to port anchor, on the following anchorage bearings: Beacon "K" 328°T; Beacon "L" 183°T; Beacon "M" 215°T; SH 082°T. Ship darkened and boiler No.1 in use for auxiliary purposes.

1000 Lieut. (jg) J.J. BORDEN, D-M, USMR.

0400-0800: Anchored as before. 0700 USS GRIDLEY, STANKAY and CHAVEN stood out. 0720 USS NORTH CAROLINA underway, standing out.

Lieut. (jg)D. W. OHILDS, D-V(O), USNR.

0800-1200: Anchored as before. 0820 USS KILTY stood out of dry dock and anchored. 0900 USS MARRINGTON stood out. 1110 USS KILTY stood out.

Lieut. (Jg) J.J. BORDEN, D-M, USNR.

Anchored as before. 1225 USS WARRINGTON stood in. 1300 lit off #2 1200-1600: boiler. 1317 USS SELFRIDGE underway. 1500 Ship's boats hoisted aboard. 1500 commenced making all preparations for getting underway. 1545 set special sea detail. 1556 Underway. Set standard speed 15 knots(84RPK). Captain at the Conn. Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. Various courses and speeds leaving Great Roads. Formed Task Unit 32.4.6, LIBRA - WOODWORTH.

Lieut. (jg) S.M. BEERY, D-V(0), USNR.

1600-1800: Steaming as before at various speeds and courses conforming to the channel, proceeding to sea via North Bulari Passage. Standard speed 15 knots(84RPK). 1601 USS WOODWORTH underway. 1652 USS WOODWORTH took position ahead as escort. 1708 Passed wreck abeam to starboard, 1709 sounded General Quarters. 1719 secure from General Quarters and set condition III. Set the alert on all gums. Darkened ship. 1725 passed Amedee Light to starboard; distance 1000 yards. 1732 passed through Bulari Passage. 1745 set course 180°T and G. Commenced zig zag according to Plan #14(1940 Diagrams). Av. steam 450. Av. RPM. 77.4.

Lieut. (Jg)D. W. CHILDS, D-V(G), USNR.

1800-2000; Steaming as before on base course 180°T and G, zig zagging in accordance with Plan #14(1940 Diagrams), at standard speed of 15 knots (84 RPM). Ship darkened and in condition of readiness III. Av. steam 450. Av.RPM. 80.95. Lat. 2000 Position:

230-03' S. 1660-24' E. Long.

M.JORDAN, D-V(S), USNR.

2000-2400: steaming as before on base course 180°T and 0, Zig zagging in accordance with plan #14,(1940 Diagrams), at standard speed 15 knots (8475%). 2030 changed course to 135°T and G. 2230 USS MOODWORTH reported radar contact bearing 160°, distance 7 miles. 2238 sighted merchant ship with PC escort bearing 200°T. 2315 changed course to 095°T and G. Av. steam 450. Av. RPM. 84.0.

Lieut. (jg) H.M. PEPPER, D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

31773 Dec. C. L. W.B. FLETCHER, Jr. Captain, U. S. Navy, Commanding.

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Mayigator.

N. Nav. 48 Page 17 UNITED STATES SHIP LIBRA(AKA12) . 19 43 Monday June ZONE DESCRIPTION\_ - 11 "OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY" QCCC-0400 Steaming in company with Task Unit 32.4.6 - Libra OTC and Guide. Woodworth acting as escort and screening shead. Base course 095°T&G, standard speed 15 knots (84 RPM). Zig zagging on plan #14 (1940 Diagrams). Boilers #1&2 in use. Ship darkened and condition III set. 0215 Changed base course to 0380 T&G. 0250 Woodworth reported submarine contact, took evasive action, all guns called to the elect. 0252 Steadied on course 3300 T&G. 0258 Changed course to 0000 T&G. 0300 Resumed base course and sig asg plan #14. 0302 Woodworth reported contact as false. Av. Steam 450, Av. RPM \$4.0 Lt. (Je) J. J. BORDEN, C400-0800 Steaming as before on base course 0380740 at standard speed 15 knots (64 RPM). Zig zagging in accordance plan #14 (1940 Diagrams). 0626 All suns set on alert. 0626 Secured from slert. 0700 Changed base course to 0320740; speed to 18 knots (90 RPM); Zig zagging plan to #11 (1940 Diagrams). Av. Steam 450, Av. RPM 85.3. CHILDS, D-V(0), USMR Lt. (1g) D. 1680-24 'E Long. OSOO-1200 Steaming as before on base course O320753, stendard speed 15 knots (84 RPM), steaming at 16 knots (90 RPM), zig zagging in accordance with plan #11 (1940 Diagrams). O930 Sighted land bearing 1260T, Welpole Island, distance approximately 20 miles. Av. Steam 450, Av. RFM 90.0. 1200 Position - Lat. 210-5815 L. M. JORDAN, D-V(S), USNE Long. 1680-57'E 1200-1600 Steaming as before on base course 0320T&G at 16 knots (90 RPM), standard speed 15 knots (84 RPM). Zig zagging in accordance with plan #11 (1940 Diagrams). 1300 Changed course to 3470T&G. Av.Steam 450, Av.RPM 30.0. Lt. (jg) H. M. PEFFER, 5-V(5), USNR 1600-1800 Steaming as before on base course 347°T, 348.5°G, at standard speed 15 knots. Meking 15 knots (90 RPM). Zig zegging in accordance with plan #11,(1940 Diagrams). Av. Steam 450, Av.RPM 90.0. Lt. (jg) J. J. BORDEN, D.M. USMR 1800-2000 Steaming as before on base course 3470T, 348.50G at standard speed 15 knots, Making 16 knots (90 RPM) Zig magging in accordance with plan #11 (1940 Diagrams). 1812 Secured guns from slort. Av. Sterm 450, Av. RPM 90. 2000 Position - Lat. 190-596'S Long. 1680-37 'E Lt. (JE) D. W. CHILDS, D.V(S), USMR 8000-2400 Steaming as before on base course 347°T, 348.5°G, standard speed 15 knots (84 RPM), steaming at 16 knots (90 RPM), zig zegging in accordance with plan #11 (1940 Disgrams). Av. Steam 450, Av. RPM 90. Incordan W. JORDAN, D-V(B). USMR

Approved: don see en W. B. FLETCHER, Jr. 7 Captain, U. S. Navy. Commanding.

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Lt.(jg) H. M. FEPPER, D.V(G), USNR

0400-0800 Steaming as before on base course 3470T, 346.50C, at 16 knots (90 RPM) standard speed 15 knots (34 RPM). Zig magging on plan #11 (1940 Diagrams) 0480 Energized degausing coils. 0520 Sighted Efate Island bearing 110°T, distance about 15 miles. 0537 Changed base course to 045°T, 044.5°G. 0602 Changed base course to 0900T, 089.5°G. 0611 Changed base course to 105°T, 104.5°G. 0617 Observed Sunrise, lighted ship. 0620 Sighted friendly sircraft bearing 335°T. 0636 Cessed mig magging, remained on course 115°T. 0638 Changed course to 150°T. Woodworth released to carry out special instructions. 0645 Set Special Sea Detail, entering Undine Bay, Efate Island, New Hebrides, various speeds and courses conforming to channel entering harbor. 0702 Pilot Lt(jg) GARRETE aboard. 0721 Passed north tangent of Verso Island about to starboard, distance 500 yards. Av. Steam 450, Av. SPM 79.3.

LE. (JE) J. J. SORDEM, D-M, USICE

OBOG-1200 Steaming as before at various speeds and courses conforming to the Channel, proceeding to anchorage. Standard speed 15 knots (84 RPM). OBIO Anchored in Palso Bay, Efste, New Hebrides in 17 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following bearings:- Beacon "A" O660T, beacon "B" 105.50T, beacon "C" 1850T, beacon "D" 2570T; ship heading 1320T. OBII Secured main engines and special sea detail. 1050 Commenced loading #1 hold.

Lt.(je) b. W. CHILDS, D.V(S), USNA

1200-1600 Anchored as before. 1415 Secured loading #3 hold.

DE. L. S. JORDAN, D-V(S), USNR

1500-1800 Anchored as before. Loading cargo on #1 hold. 1535 Secured from loading #1 hold. 1640 Made all preparations for getting underway. 1657 Underway, Captain at conn, Navigator on the bridge, steaming on various courses at various speeds, standard speed 13 knots (72 RPM) standing out of Undine Bay, YMS 98 sweeping channel shead. 1711 Set Condition III. 1718 Darkened ship. 1737 Changed course to 2709T&G. 1742 Changed speed to standard. USS WOODWORTH joined and took screening position shead. Av. Steps 450, Av. RPM 34.0.

Lt. (Je) H. W. PEPPER, D-V(O), USNR

1800-2000 Steaming as before on base course 270°T&G at stendard speed 18 knots (72 RPM). 1800 Commenced zig zegging in accordance with plan #11 (1940 Diagrams) 1830 Sighted two white flares bearing 280°T. 1845 Changed base course to 000°T&G, continued zig zegging plan #11. 1907 Sighted one white flare bearing 280°T.

Lt.(JE) J. J. BORDEN, D-M, USNR

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2000-2400 Steaming as before on base course OCOPTAG at stendard speed 13 knots (72 RPM). Zig zagging in accordance with plan #11 (1940 Diagrams). 2145 Sighted Epi Island bearing C45°T; distance 9 miles. 2245 Passed Epi Island abeam to sterboard, distance 5 miles. 2300 Sighted Malekula Island bearing 305°T; distance 13 miles. 2345 Sighted Accorder Island bearing 000°T; distance 11 miles. Av. Steam 450, Av.RPM 72.0.

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Approved: was sere-en W. B. FLETCHER, Jr., Captain, U. S. Navy, Commanding.

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## REMARKS

"OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY"

OCCO-0400: Steaming in company with Task Unit 32.4.6, LIBPA,OTC and guide, WCODWORTH as escort screening shead, on base course 000°T & G, standard speed 13 knots (72 RPM), zig zagging in accordance with plan #11(1940 diagrams) with boilers No.1 and 2 in use. Ship darkened and condition of readiness III set. 0000 changed base course to 320°T & G. 0105 passed N.W. tangent of Ambrim Island, abeam to starboard, distance 7 miles. Av. Steam 455. Av. RPM. 72.

Lieut. L.M.JORDAN, D-V(S), USNR.

0400-0800: Steaming as before on base course 320°T & G. Zig zamming in accordance with plan #11, at standard speed 15 knots. 0430 changed course to 050°T&G. 0505 changed course to 294°T&G. 0530 changed course to 320°T&G. Ceased zigzagging. Set special sea detail. 0544 Changed course to 339°T. 0551 Tutuka Labean to starboard, distance 0.3 mile. 0553 Bogacio I abeam to port distance 0.2 miles. Entered swept channel, Captain at conn, lavigator on the bridge, steaming on various courses at various speeds to conform to channel. 0600 Secured Condition III. 0615 Passing through not entrance. 0648 Anchored in berth #5, Essiritu Santo, New Hebrides in 15 fathoms of water with 80 fathoms of chain at the water's edge to the starboard anchor on the following bearings:-beacon "E# 0290T; beacon "D" 111°T; beacon "G" 263°T; beacon "F" 168°T. 0710 Secured special son detail. Av.Steam 450, Av.RPM 58.8.

Lt. (JE) H. M. POPPER, D-V(S), USHA

0800-1200: Anchored as before. 0800 USS TAYLOR underway. 0950 USS WOODWORTH underway. 0957 USS PATHFINDER shifted berth. 1115 USS MERGURY underway. 1145 Received oil barge YO 20 alongside port side.

Ens. C. Johns, D-V(G), USHR

1200-1600: 1207 Commenced taking on fuel oil. Anchored as before. 1345 Completed fueling from YC 20 amount of fuel received 50,694 gallons. 1355 YO 20 got underway. 1415 MOJAVE and REMSHAW stood in. 1450 FLETCHER underway. 1430 Commenced loading cargo in #1 hold.

Ene. F. T. BARNES, D-V(S), USNR

1600-2000: Anchored as before. 1615 USS CHICKASAN stood in. 1625 USS HCVEY underway. 1640 USS RENSHAN underway. 1729 Sunset, darkened ship. Working cargo #1 hold intermittently throughout the watch.

Lt. (jg). J. J. BORDEN, D-M, USNR

2000-2400: Anchored as before, continued loading #1 hold.

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N. Nav. 43 21 Page\_ CONFIDENTIAL UNITED STATES SHIP \_\_\_\_ LIBRA (AKA12) Thursday 17 June . 19 43 (Distal (Month) ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11 REMARKS "OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY" 0000-0400:- Anchored in Berth #6, Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides in 15 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to water's edge to starboard anchor on the following bearings:- beacon "E" 0290T; beacon "D" 1110T; beacon "O" 2830T; beacon "F" 1680T. Boiler #1 in use. Continued loading #1 hold. Ship in modified darkened condition. Fue Dames Ens. FRED. T. BARNES, D-V(S), USNR 0400-0800:- Anchored as before. Continued loading #1 hold. 0545 Condition "Yellow" signalled from ashore. Darkened ship, secured loading #1 hold. 0610 Condition "Green" signalled from shore. Commenced loading #1 hold. tus -Jan -Ens. FRED. T. BARNES, D-V(S), USNR OSCO-1200:- Anchored as before. Continued loading #1 hold. 0900 Communed loading #3 hold. 0910 HMS LEANDER stood in. 0930 Communed loading #4 hold. 1000 USS JENKINS stood in. 1115 Commenced loading 8,100 rounds of 20 mm A.A. smmunition. D. 4. CHILDS, D-V(G), USNR 1200-1600:- Anchored as before. Londing holds #1, #3, and #4. 1 cpps D-Y(O), USMR 1600-2000:- Anchored as before. Loading holds #1, #3, and #4. 1650 USS FINKNEY stood in. 1915 Secured loading all holds. Marken JORDAN, D-V(S), USHR 2000-2400:- Anchored as before. M. Jordan, D-V(S), USIR

Approved: W. B. FLETCHER, Jr. Captain, U. S. Nevy, Commanding.

Examined:

Joseph Weiner JOSEPH WEINER, Lieut.D-M, USNE, Mayigator.

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UNITED 8	ENTIAL STATES SHIP	LIBRA(A	AKA12)	Friday	16	June	. 19_4
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0400-0800:	Anchored as	before.	0607 Obse	Lieut. (jg)H	light ship		
0800-1200:	Anchored as	before.		Lieut. L.M.	Cordan, D.	) -v(s),usm	R
1200-1600: in to ancho	Anchored as	before.	1487 U.S.	Elieut.(jg)	2018	rela	
1600-2000;	Anchored as	before.	1730 Suns	Lieut.(jg)		s, is-v(or	,usna.
2000-2400;	Anchored as	before.		Lieut.(jg)	J.J.BORDE	र, केन्स्र, चा	SITE.

Approved:

W.B.FLETCHER, Jr., Captain, U.S. Navy, Commending.

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Page 23 CONFIDENTIAL UNITED STATES SHIP \_\_ LIBRA (AKALE) June Saturday . 19 43 19 ZONE DESCRIPTION -11 REMARKS "OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY". 0000-0400; Anchored in berth #6, Segund Channel, Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides in 15 fathoms of water with 50 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor on the following anchorage bearings: Beacon "E" 029°T; Beacon "F" 168°T; Beacon "G" 283°T. Ship darkened and boiler No.1 in use for auxiliary purposes. Carreten 0400-0800; Anchored as before. 0640 U.S.S.McKEAN and U.S.S.FLETCHER stood out. 0710 U.S.S.STRONG stood in. Lieut. (jm) 0800-1200: Anchored as before. 1200-1600: Anchored as before. Eneign C.D.JONES, D-V(C), USNR. 1600-2000: Anchored as before. 1645 French destroyer MAURICE CHEVALIER under-WBY. -V(O), USMR. 2000-2400; Anchored as before. D-V(O).USNR. Additional Remarks by Commanding Officer: Received Commander Transport Group, South Pacific despatch 181100/June to form Northern Section Task Unit 38.8.3 ( MOODWORTH, JEMKINS as escort) proceed on June 22 and rendezvous TU 32.8.3. W.B. FLETCHER, Jr.

Approved:

W.B.FLETCHER, Jr., Ceptain, U. S. Navy, Commanding.

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JOSEPH WEIMER Lieut. D-M, USNR., Navigator.

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0400-0800:-	Anchored as	before. 0650 USS	a.	ding or	it to sea.	0715
0800-1200:-	Anchored as	before.	(Jg) S. H. BEI			
1200-1600:-	Anchored as	before.	TRED. T. BAF		•	
1600-2000:-	Anchored as		(JE) D. W. CHI	168, B	V(G), USMR	
2000-2400:	Anchored as		fred 11	Sarm	-√ - <b>V</b> (≤), USUR	
		Ens	s. FRED. T. BAI	WES, D-	-V(S),USNR	114

Approved: W. B. FLETCHER, JT., Captain, U. S. Navy, Commanding.

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JOSEPH WEIMER, Lieut. D-M, USER,

UNITED STA	TES SHIF	LIBRA	(AKA12)		Monday	07 (Date)	June	. 1943
ZONE DESCRIPTION	- 11	"OPERATION	REM AL REMA	ARKS RKS & MAR	DIARY"	.).	- + + 1	
0000-0400:	in 15 fa	i in berth # thoms of wa on the follo 'r" 1580T, b	ter, wi wing an eacon "	th 60 fati chorage be ge 2830T.	nons of clearings: Ship der	main to Beacor rkened	the stark	r #1
				Lt.(jg)	D. W. CHI	LDS, D	V(G),USNR.	
0400-0800:-	Anchored	l as before.						
				Ene. FRE	o. f. bari	128, D-	v(s),usm.	
0800-1200:	0920 US	ne before. 28 ALDEBARAN 1032 USS M	stood	in to and	hornine. W	th VSS 5 USS 1	NICHOLAS	2.2
1200-1600:-	Anchored USS PATE	l as before. FINDER stan	1356 Sing ou	LCI 62 m		ngeide	to port.	1523
1600-2000:-	Andiored	l as before.	1797	146	A-1 //DE		od ship.	
2000-2400:-	Anchored	las before.		Lt. L. M	John dan	D-7(S)	Jusua.	

W. B. FLETCHER, Jr., G. Captain, U. S. Navy, Commendant.

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N. Nav. 43 Obs. 3726 Page 28 UNITED STATES SHIP LIBRA (AKA12) Tuesday . 1943 22 ZONE DESCRIPTION -11 REMARKS "OPERATIONAL REMARKS & MAR DIARY". 0000-0400: Anchored in berth #6, Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides, in 15 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of Chain to starboard anchor on the following bearings: Beacon "E" 029°, Beacon "F" 168°, Beacon "3" 283°. Ship darkened and boiler No.1 in use for auxiliary purposes. Verious naval and merchant ships present. The undaning (8), USMR. 0400-0800: Anchored as before. ORDAN, D-V(S), USNA. OBCO-1200: Anchored as before. 1050 cut in #2 boiler. 1130 set special sea detail. Made all preparations for getting underway. 1136 USS JEMKINS underway. 1150 USS WOODWORTH underway. 1152 Underway in compliance ComTransGroupSoPac. 181100/June, formed Northern Section Task Unit 32.8.3, LIBRA (Unit Commander) escarted by JEMKINS and WOODWORTH. Captain at conn. Mavigator on the bridge, steaming on various courses at various speeds standing out of Segund Channel. Lieut. (jg)H.M.PEPPER, D-V(3), USNR.

1200-1600: Steaming as before on various courses at various speeds conforming to Segund Channel. 1210 passed through submarine nets. 1234 Bogacio Island abeam to starboard, distance 800 yards. 1237 energized degaussing coils. 1242 changed course 090°T, 089.5°G. 1246 commenced zig sagging plan #8(1940 Diagrams) 1300 changed base course to 045°T, 044.5°G. 1309 set condition III. 1330 changed base course to 000°T, 359.5°G., continued zig sagging on plan #8. 1338 secured degaussing coils. 1450 assed Aom Island abeam to starboard distance approx. 25 miles. Av. steam 450. Av. RPM. 81.0. Lieut. (Jgd. Bonber, D-M, USNR.

1600-1800: Stenming as before on base course 000°T & 359.5FG, at standard speed 15 knots. (84RPM). Zig zagring in accordance with Plan #8(1940 Diagrams). 1636 changed base course to 310°T, 309.5°G. Changed to standard speed of 14.5knots, (81 RPM). 1730 sunset. Darkened ship and set all guns on the elect. Av. steam 450 Av. FPM. 81.9.

Lieut. (jefo. W. OHILDS, D-V(9), USNR.

1800-2000: Steaming as before on base course 310°T,309.5°G, at standard speed of 14.5 knots (81 FPM). Zig zagging in accordance with Plan #8(1940 Diagrams). 1800 passed northern tip of Gaua Island to starboard, distance about 10 miles. 1830 secured guns from slert. Av. steam 450, Av. RPM. 81.0.

14°- 19' S. 166°- 43' E. Lat. 2000 Position: Long.

DAN, D-V(S), USNR.

2000-2400: Steaming as before on base course 310°T, 309.5°G, at standard speed 14.5 knots. Zig tagging in accordance with Plan #8(1940 Diagrams). 2005 changed speed to 14 knots. 2120 sighted convoy dead shead, distance 4 miles, on parallel course. 2147 ceased zig zagging. 2157 changed course to 300°G. 2200 resumed base course. 2224 commenced zig zagging on plan #8. Av.steam 457. Av.FPM.78.1.

Lieut. (Jg)H.R.P PPER, D-V(0), USNA.

Approved:

W.B. FLETCHER, Sr. Captain, U. S. Mavy, Commanding.

Examined:

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UNITED STATES SHIP	LIBRA(AMALE)	Wednesday 1949	25 (Date)	June (Mess)	, 1943
ONE DESCRIPTION	REMA	RKS REMARKS & MAR DIA	gy#		
2000-0400: Steaming in and Guide. Escorted by Standard speed 14.5 kno on plan #8(1940 Disgram Av.RPM. 78.0.	company with North JENKINS and WOODW ts. Steaming at 14	ern Section Task to RTH on base cours knots under boils	Init 32. se 510°T rs #1 & is set	2. 21g 2. Av. stee	zegging m 458.
0400-0800: Steaming as Standard speed 14.5 kms 0521 Set alert on all a sisting of USS ALGCRAB, TALBOT, KILTY, McKEAN. standard speed to 16 km zig zag plan to #11(194 changed base course to 0800 Position: Let. Long.	ts (81 RPM). Zig : una. 0805 sighted TRYON, FULLER, JOHN 0814 changed base ots (90 RPM). 0821	ree 310°T, 309.5°C tagging in accords Task Unit 32.8.3°C PENN(CTU), escor course to 335°T, secured from the 1 base course to 3 v. steam 450. Av. 1	t use with southern t use of 334.5°d alert. Southern PM 83.1	thets(78 m plan #8 m Section WIN, PAT Change 0645 charge 05.503.	RPM). (1940D) ) con- TERSON, d nged 0750
		Lieut. (jg) D.			
0800-1200: Steaming as since with plan #11(1940) 0802 changed standard a 329.503. O814 changed \$2.8.3 now consisting of first column; USS ALGORGHIM, (Comescort); USS FOREIT CAPTER CHEMANGO, 9 miles. Friendly plan 1025 USS KILTY came alc Av. RPM. 80.9.	Diagrams), stearing peed to 15 knots (% sig mag plan to #30 f USS JOHN PEHN, OTO WAS AND TERSON, KILTY, TALKING on plan #39(194 end four escorts tes in the air. 100	ng et standard spe 1 RPM). 0805 char 3 (1940 Disgrams). 2 and guide, USS I scond column, escon 30T, JEMKIMS, MOOI 40Diagrams). 0855 to port bearing 26 00 changed course	ed 16 km sed cour 0815 j TULLER and t consi MORTH and sighted 5007, di to 3250	note (84 R ree to 33 bined Tas ad LIBPA stance of ad MoKEAN friendly stance ap T. 337.50	PM). OPT, E Unit in USS air- prox.
		Lieus Line	roon	<u> </u>	
1200-1600: Steaming as 15 knots, sig sagring 1 #21. 1237 sighted frie sumed base course. Av.	n accordance with y	rse 338°T,337.58, plan #39. 1203 of port. 1552 ceased 81.8.	at stan	iard spee ig ang to sing and	0 of plan re-
		Lieut. (je)H. H.	Mr.	5_V(6).US	IR.
1600-1800: Steaming as #21(1940 D), at atandar 1612 commenced sig sags	d speed 15 knots	ree 332°7, 337.8° (84PPM). 1600 Cha 752 Sunset, darker	d. Zig inged co ied ship	tagging o urse to 2 . Av.ste	n plan 96 T am 453.
		Lieut.(je)/9/3	ROBDE	Jan 11811	9.
1800-2000: Steaming as 15 knots (84 RPM). Zig Deneral Quarters. 1900 energized descussing of 450. Av. RPM. 80.5.	secured from General	urse 296°T, 195.5° nce with plan #210 al Quarters and se	0, at a (1940D).	tandard s 1800 so tion III.	peed unded 1915
2000 Position: Lat	10°-39.5' S. 162°-58' E.	/	120	1.11	
2000-2400: Steaming as noe with plan #21(1940) course to 304°T,303.5°O ATTERSON lost contact.	D). At standard spe . 2013 USS PATTERSO 2020 Right emerge	ed of 15 knots(84 M made 8/M contact new turn. 2026 L 303.50G. Av.	RPM). 20 t and at eft emer	10 change tacked. 1	017
Approved: @ers out.	Exami	ned: Lieut. L. Moo	Wein		н.
W.B.FLETCHE Captain, U.S. Commanding	Mavy,	JOSEPH MEIN Lieut.,D-N, U Navigator.		U. S. N., No.	olgador,

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ZONE DESCRIPTION \_ -21

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"OPERATIONA" REMARKS & WAR DIARY".

0000-0400: Steaming in company with T.U.32.8.3 on base course 304°T, 303.5°G, at 0000-0400: Steaming in company with T.U.32.8.3 on base course 5040T, 303.500, at standard speed 15 knots. Zig magging in accordance with plan #21. USS JOHN PENN, OTO and Guide, FULLER and LIBRA in first column. ALCORAS and TRYON in second column. Formation screened by USS GWIM, KILTY, McKEAM, WOODWORTH, PATTERSON, TALBOT, JENKINS. Ship darkened, boilers 1 and 2 in use. Condition III set. 0026 ceased zig magging. 0030 changed course to 2700T,289.506. 0040 commenced mig magging on plan #21. 0040 mighted Ulawa Island bearing 3080T, approx.distance 20 miles. Sighted Aliiti Island bearing 2510T, approx.distance 17 miles. 0100 Ulawa Island abeam to starboard, distance 12 miles. 0127 changed course to 2800T,279.50G. 0157 Aliiti Island abeam to port, distance 6 miles. 0300 mighted Marmasike Island bearing 3360T, approx. distance 19 miles. 0356 ceased mig magging and resumed base course. Av. steam 458. Av. PPM. 30.8.

Lieut. (jg)H.M.PEPPER, D-V(G), USBER.

0400-0800: Steaming as before on base course 280°T, 279.5°G, at standard speed
15 knots. (84 RPM). 0400 changed course to 309°T, 308.5°G. 0410 commenced zig-zagging on plan #21. 0500 sighted Guadalcanal Island bearing 270°T. 0520 sighted
Melaita Island bearing 350°T, distance approx.17 miles. 0631 sunrise. Lighted ship 0650 sighted NUPA Island bearing 284°T, distance approx.17 miles. 0651 sunrise. Lighted ship zig zag plan to #39(1940 D). 0734 sighted Rue Sura Island bearing 279°T, distance approx.20 miles. 0740 sighted Florida Island bearing 320°T, distance approx.38 mi. Av. steam 452. Av. PPM. 81.3.

Lat. 0800 Position: 90-2815 Long. 1600-54'E/

Long.160°-54'E/

Lieut. Gof. J. BCRDEN, D-N, USMR.

Stonming as before on base course 309°T, 100°G, at standard speed of OSCO-1230: Stonming as before on base course 500°T,30°C, at standard speed of 15 knots(86 RPM). Tig ragging in accordance with plan #39(1940 D). 0806 ceased rig rag and resumed base course. 0808 changed base course to 285°T, 284.5°G. 0810 resumed Zig rag. 0820 passed Fura Island abeam to port, distance 5 miles. 0900 changed base course to 270°T, 289.5°G. 0915 Passed Rus Sura Islands abeam to port, distance 5.5 miles. 1000 changed base course to 280°T,279.5°G. 1020 sounded General Quarters. Seased Zig rag and proceeded on various courses at various speed proceeding to Koli Print, independently, on signal from Task Unit Commander. 1115 stopped at Koli Point to lower LIV boats. Secured from General Quarters, took Debarkation stations. 1127 proceeded to Lunga Point. Av. steam 450. Av. PPM, 78.9.

Lieut. ( ) A. W. Chilles, 1-V(6), USMR.

1200-1300: Stanning as before, standing in toward Lunga anchorage. 1206 anchored off Lunga Point, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, in 28 fathoms of unter with 30 fathoms of chain at the unter's edge to port anchor on following bearings: Beacon "D" 268-9; Beacon "E" 2220G; Beacon "F" 1450G. 1203 all LOM(3) lowered to unters edge. 1230 commerced unloading Hold #3. 1253 commerced unloading Hold #5. 1253 commerced unloading hold #5. 1300 commenced unloading Hold #2. 1328 commerced un-Storming as before, standing in toward Lunga anchorage. 1906 anchored loading hold #4.

t. ( ) = 1 H. 11 POPPER, 15-V(0), USIN.

1800-2000: Anchored as before. 1812 observed sunset. 1815 Secured discharging cargo from batches #1 and #3. 1825 secured discharging cargo from batches #2 and #5. 1833 secured discharging cargo from batch #4. 1853 3/M contact by CROSBY off Kell Point, attack made with depth charges. 1915 3/M contact by CROSBY lost.

A for for D-V(S), USNR.

2000-2400: Anchored as before.

Man D-V(8), USHR.

Approved:

Examined:

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UNITED STATES SHIP

LIBRA (AKA19)

(Month)

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ZONE DESCRIPTION

REMARKS

"OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY"

0000-0400:- Anchored off Lunga Point, Gusdelcenel Island, Solemon Islands in 26 fethoms of water with 30 fethoms of chain out to port anchor on the following bearings:- Beacon "E" 2220G; beacon "D" 2660G; beacon "F" 14503. Skip darkened. Boiler #1 and #2 in use for general purposes. DOOS Condition "Yellow" over Gusdelcenel. 0008 Condition "Green". Skin darkened.

D. W. Childs

0400-0800:- Anchored as before. 0416 Condition "Red". 0500 Condition "Green". 0829 Commenced unlocking betches #2, and #4. 0631 Commenced unlocking batches #1 and #5. 0740 Commenced unlocking batch #3.

0300-1000:- Anchored as before. Unloading cargo from all hatches. 0018
Completed unloading #2 hold. 0840 USS FLETCHER, PATTERSON, MODFORTH and SWIN
stood in and took screening stations. 0910 USS PAWLES stood out. 1040 PT 158 Completed unlocding #2 hold. Note stood to the stood out. 1040 F stood in and took screening stations. 0910 USS PANNEE stood out. 1040 F stood in and took screening stations. 0910 USS PANNEE stood out. 1040 F s

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1800-1800; Anchored as before, discharging carpo from #1, #3, #4, and #6 hatche 1805 Completed unloading sarge from #5 hold at Lunga. 1800 Completed unloading #4 hold at Lunga. 1815 Condition "Red" Russell Islands. 1885 Ende all preparations for gatting underway. 1841 Gameral Quarters, Air attack expected, all stations manned and ready. 1848 Condition "Green", secured from General Quarters, veered to 30 fathoms of chain, port anchor. 1412 TALBOT reported sound contact. 1430 Completed unloading #1 hatch at Lunga. 1481 Completed unloading provisions from #5 hold. 1830 Set Special Sec Detail, made all preparations for esting underway. #3 hold completed unloading for Lunga. 1902 Underway for Keli Point at verice courses and various speeds, Saptain at the conn, Nevisator on the bridge. 1738 Anchored berth 66 off Keli Point, Jundal-canal Island, Solomon Islands in 17 fathoms of veter with 50 fathoms of chain to the water a care to the starboard anchor on following anchorage bearings: Bescon "B" 2369T; beacon "A" 1399T; beacon "J" 1139T, ships head 131 T. Av. Steam 650, Av. RFN 60.2.

Anchored as before. 1811 Observed Sunset, darkened chip. 1908 USS ALGORAB underway.

2000-2400:- Anchored as before.

Approved: W. B. FLETCHER, Jr., Captain, U.S. Navy, Commanding.

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0400-0800: Anothered as	harran Odde son	Lieut.(jg	8.16.92	Dr, D-V(3	),USUA.
0552 Condition Green.	ortore. Week com	James Gold JA			
0600-1200: Anchored as and 5 Matches. At 0738 Russells. 0925 Comple Russells. At 1030 comple 32.8.3 composed of USB 1120 completed unloading	completed unloading to.l ted unloading No.l leted unloading can JOHN PENN, TAYON, I	ng Mo.8 hold. Di hold. At 0938 o rgo from Mo.3 Hol FULLER and escort	018 conditionalities At	Mition Red on Green at 1100 Task	at t Unit
		<b>阿里</b> 五元	€. C	(c)	达) , vs:
1900-1900: Anchored as commerced loading #4 ha	before. 1590 com	enced loading he	14 <i>a #</i> 2	and #5.	1.650
		Liout. (jg)	(.W. FAM)	PER, 0-V(0)	, USMR.
1900-2000: Anchored as from loading. 1830 Hole Point.	before. 1800 Darl is #4 and #5 secure	tened ship. 1810 ed. USS ALGORAD	Holds shirted	#1 and 2 berthe to DS, D-V(0	secured o Koli
2000-2400: Anchored as	before.	Lieut.(2g)	5. W. OH	ILDS, D.V.G	L, ), USMR,

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ONE DESCRIPTION	- 11	OPERATIONAL FAM	ARKS	DIÆY"			
0000-0400:-	starbo rd	ff Koli Point, fathoms of white anchor. Ship d con "B" 236°T;	r with thi arkened. bencon "J"	rty fatho Anchorage 11301.	ns of c bearin Boilers	hein out ge:- Beac one and	to on "A"
			Lt. L.	SORD ALL,	D-V(3)	, USUR,	
0400-0800:-	Anchored a	s before.		~ .			
			It. (38)	H. H. P.	PER, D-	v(a), uank	
-:0091-0080	Commenced	e before. 0825 loading #1 hold loading #3 hold	. 0925 Co	mmenced 1	oading	#4 hold.	0938
			Et. (JE)	H. H. PRP	AR, D-	v(o),usum	
1200-1800:-	1352 USS N	n before, conti ONO: GAHELA and ulagi. 1848 Co	ndition "G	ng holde od out to REEN" at = & C E. NESWOR	Tulagi.		
1800-2000:-	Carlo						
	loading.	s before. 1805 1809 Ship derke 1850 Number 1 h	ned. 1840 old secure	Number 4 d from 10	hold s	ecured fr	ber 3
			40.1367	3. n. Dec	n1, D-V	(G), usan.	
2000-2400:-	Anchored s	s before.		m	Beer	u	
			Lt.(jg)	S. N. BEE	RY, D-V	(*), VSIR.	
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0400-0800:-	Anchored	as before.		rved sumple			
0800-1200:-	Anchored	as before.		SCHLEY stoo		(০),৩জাম.	
1860-1800:-	Anchored	es before.	James de	C No.	THY, SA	r(3),UŠĒR.	
1606-2000;-	Anahayed	es before.	1810 Obse	2 -	, darker		
<u>8000-8400</u> ;-	Anchored	er before.	Lt. E.	Parele M. John	D=V(S),	rem.	
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Approved: W. B. FLETCHEN Captain, U.S. Commanding Off	R.Jr.	y	Examined:	Joseph we Lieut.D-M Navigator	INER, USNR,		Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIPLIBRA(	AKA12)	Tuesday	29 (Dans)	Juno (Means	., 19 <u>43</u>
ZONE DESCRIPTION _=11	REMAR	KS AIG FAM & BNA	ey"		
0000-0400: Anchored off Koli P fathons of under with 30 fathon bearings: Beacon "A" 1390T; Re Boilers No.1 and 2 in use for g	oint, Gundalor s of chain to	the starboard	lomon In	m the fol	20102:02
		Lieut.(jm) D	W. OHIL	5- VIOT	USMR.
0400-0800: Anchored as tefore.		James C	E. HESMO	CHY CHE	Ottana.
0800-1200: At 0945 received tr JACKSOM, PRES.ADA'S and escerts	cops aboard.	0946 UBS MeGA			
		Ensign JAMES	C. MESMO	the second	), USMR
1200-1600: Anchored as before. All preparations for setting un bridge. 1545 Underway, steamin out Lengo Channel. Formed Task and took cruising disposition A HAYES and USS PRES.ADARS in fir- and LIBRA, screen USS BUCHANAM, GWIN, and WCCDWINGEL.	derway. 1541 g on various of Unit 31.1.3 in -3. McCAWLEY Cost section. 3	Captain at con courses at vari a scoordance was pro and guide, cond section of KINS, RADFORD,	nn. Navi lous spec th OTP : followed USS PRES. McCALLA;	nter on today, stand S1 Opender by USS PR JACKSON, A PALPE TAI	the ling A9-43 ES. LOORAB BOT,
		Liout. (1-)5.	VI 200	- 1 0), US	MR.
1600-1800; Underway as before on various courses at various sources at various sources at various sources and secured 545°T and G. 1650 changed cour ard) 78 PPM. 1700 changed cour 1709 changed area to 2/3. 171 to standard. 1729 changed cour 1749 changed course to 280°T and	peeds conforming from General se to 315°T. The to 290°T and changed course to 292°T and the course to	ing to channel quarters. 18: 1838 channel ad 9, 1703 channel at 272°T at 1740 channel at 1740	. 1614 (23 change speed to nged count of 17)	exercised ed course 14 knots ree to 320 15 changed inse to 28	at to stand- oTAO. speed 52°TAO.
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1800-2000: Steaming as before 14 knots (78 RPM). 1808 change guns on elect. 1850 changed so 2000 Position: Lat. 80-10 Loop.1590 - 20	urse to 2724T	SSOT MA S. 1 20T and S. 1 1 3, 1844 cha	nged com	rne to 250	TAG.
2000-2400: Stending as before of 14 hoots. 1959 sighted Russ 2003 changed course and axis to 2003 changed course to 270°9. with division guide bearing 226	ell Islandsber 270°6,271°ps 2321 chanced	e 256 <sup>9</sup> T,254.5 <sup>9</sup> ering 307 <sup>9</sup> T, e 190. 9013 chan course and chi . Av. stean 45	5.,at et eprox.dl ged cour e to 292 0. Av EF	midned sociation of the control of t	ed lles. O. formed
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"OPERATIONAL REMARKS & MAR DEARY".

OCCO-D400: Steading in company with Task Unit S1.1.3, USS McCAWLEY, CTO and guide, USS PRES.JACKSCH. ADAMS, HAYES, ALCORAD and escert consisting of USS McCALLA, RALPH TALBOT, OWIN, WOODMORTH, RADFORD, JEHKINS, FAREWHOLT and BUCHAMAN on occurse 290°T&O at standard speed of 14 kmots(74PPM). Ship darkened. Decausaing coils set. Condition III set. Boilers No.1 & 2 in use. OIE7 USS RALPH TALBOT reported over TBS three unidentified surface craft bearing 308°, distance 7 miles. O201 Unidentified sircraft passed overhead. O206 Ships turned to course 272°T. O231 ships turned to course 292°T&O. O330 changed course to D00°T&G. D346 sighted Tetinari Island bearing 540°T&O, distance 4 miles. Av. steam 450. Av. EPM. 74.0.

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D400-D800: Stearing as before on course 000°TAG at standard speed 14 knots(78RPM) D410 passed Inne Herean abeas to port, distance one mile. 0423 chan of course to 322°TAG. 0530 mammed battle stations. 0606 sighted signal light bearing 287°T on Rendova Feland. 0526 took Condition I-A, Debarkstion stations. 0525 changed course to 270°TAG. 0525 approaching detarkation point off Reneral Entrance, Rendova Harbor at various speeds and courses. 0647 stopped. 0649 lowered boats. 0704 began discharging cargo. 0707 screen opened fire on shore batteries, shore batteries returned fire. 0710 one Gestrover GVIF, reported bit in after Engine Room. 0715 Friendly planes overhead. 0717 all holds open and discharging cargo. Destroyer laying smake screen to parthward. Lying to, using rubber and engines to maintain position. 0727 Firing continues from destroyers; one shore battery reported silenced. 0754 Destroyer reports allensing second shore battery. Ave. steam 450. Av. FFF. 54.7.

Lieux John Judan (6), USIA.

OBOG-1800: Maintrining position off Remard Entrance, Pendova Island, Giocharging cargo from all holds. OBOS Destroyers report remaining share batteries silenced. OBOS Firing cased from destroyers. Priendly planes overhead. OBOS Two Lestroyers opened fire on Munic Pt. OBOS Unidentified planes bearing CBSOT, Senoval Quarters. OBOS Flanes reported approaching from 250°T, distance 12 miles. OBOS sheed at standard speed 14 mots(70FDM), took position in formation ASA, meneuvering on signal from JTF 51.1. OBOS lost contact with unidentified planes bearing CBSOT. OBS9 approaching debarkation point. OBS7 secured from General Quarters, took Debarkation stations I-A. OBS7 boats coming slongside, resumed discharging cargo. 1103 signal prepare to repel air attack from OTF 31.1. 1104 additional unidentified planes reported. 1107 General Quarters. 1110 Underway, maintaining position in formation ASA. 1119 Enemy planes overhead, one plane seen to erach nature, pilot landed by parachute west of Remard Entrance. 1131 observed plane crack at 290°T. Hencuvering on signal from OTF 31.1. Av. steam 450. Av. HPM. 34.17.

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1200-1600: Meneuvering as before, sporosching debarkstion station, 1206 secured from General Quarters, took debarkstion station I-A. 1216 boats alongside, resumed discharging dargo. 1236 Observed own planes bombing target bearing 500°T, distance seven miles. 1257 completed discharging cargo from No.3 hold. 1240 completed discharging cargo from No.3 hold. 1240 completed discharging cargo from Hold No.6. Unleading time 4 hours, 6.5 minutes. 1330 By hoist from OTU"LIBRA Well Done". 1465 rade preparation for setting undersay. 1506 Underway an signal from CTF 51.1, forming ormising disposition A-3, at verticus speeds and courses. 1510 Assumed position in column astern of ALGORAB. 1655 General Quarters, prepared to repel air auteach. Large group of planes reported bearing 500°T, distance 45 miles. 1540 Planes reported bearing 500°T, distance 15 miles, estimated 15 to 20 lanes. Planes reported bearing 300°T, distance 15 miles, estimated 15 to 20 lanes. Planes reported bearing 300°T. 1546,25 planes cowing in low bearing 235°T. 1540 Planes reported to be possibly energy fighters but proved

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1200-1600 (Cont'd):

to be enemy turpedo planes. 1550 observed one plane urash at 340°T. All ships opened fire at approaching planes. 1553 maneuvering on signal., Planes attacking from all quarters. 1555 Fire in No.2 hold caused by bot shrapnel religing in pile of dargo nats. Damage Control party extinguished fire immediately. 1557 ship is made by undergator explosions. USS No.2AMLEY struck by torpedo and disabled. Torpedo passed astern of ship. 1556 observed six enemy planes burning in water. 1559 Torpedo passed under ship Port to Starboard under forefoot. About 1850 FRES. ADAMS assumed testical command of Task Group. 1800 ceased firing, no sheary planes visible, friendly planesoverbead. Av. steam 450. Av. FPM. 26.45.

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1800-1800: Stem invoke before, caneuvering on signal from USS PRES.ADALS. 1802 In compliance with order from CTO SL.1 preserved to take USS kedamary in tow. Haneuvering to go clongside. 1821 come alongside sterboard side USS kedamary, and Maneuvering to be cloneside. 1621 came alongside starboard side USS McCAMLEY, and bussed messenger. During proceeding action expended 35 rounds 3" AA and 2100 rds. of 20mm annumition. Casualities Mone. This vessel made hits on 4 chear torredo planes, which were seen to crash. 1825 Pulled slowly sheed of USS MCCAMLEY and bessed towing cable, moing sheed slowly to take strain. 1640 USS MALPH TALECT alongside USS McCAMLEY to debark personnel. 1846 lowered ship's boats MALPH TALECT alongside USS McCAMLEY. 1711 Increased speed slowly trying to turn McCAMLEY, which does not respond, reporting that her under is jammed hard wight. 1718 Sudden dive bouber attack, opened fire on enemy planes overhead. 1700 cased firing, no enemy planes in sight. 1731 Task Unit sheed reported USS FAMMES standing in. Action: During action expended 16 rounds 3" AA and 1020 rounds 20mm ammunition. Casualities: Mone. Possible hits on two planes. 1740 still trying to turn McCAMLEY ulthout success. 1741 Planes reported bearing 290°T to 310°T. Observed plane crash on beach, Rendova Island. 1752 Flanes reported 570°T, distance 18 miles, clasing. 1753 Planes reported at 270°T, 18 miles. Av. steam 450. Av. RPM. 20.7.

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1800-2000: Storming as before trying to swing McCAWLEY to tow. 1809 Increased speed slowly, McCAWLEY answering very slowly. 1812 Large group of unicentified planes reported bearing 300°T, distance 54 miles. 1812.5 McCAWLEY reports rudder freed and smidship, increased speed slowly. 1817 changed course loft to 155°T. 1820 changed course to 160°T. 1822 changed course to 148°T. McCAWLEY towing nicely but settling aft. 1831 Sighted USS PAWTEE bearing 128°T. Accreased speed gradually. 1900 USS McCAWLEY reports side USS McCAWLEY, took abound remaining personnel. 1931 USS McCAWLEY reports ship abandoned. 1938 USS McCAWLEY reports ship abandoned. 1938 USS McCAWLEY come slongeside port side midships. 1948 Passed wire messenger. 1947 tow line clear, full loft rudder. Set standard speed 15 knots(64 PPM), shead 2/3 standard. 1948 Rudder amidships. Right to 147°T. 1950 shead standard speed, changed course to 148°T. Proceeding singly escorted by USS BALPH TALBOT. Av. steam 450. Av. RPM.

2000 Position: 009-581 5. Long. 187°-37' E.

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2000-2400: Steaming as before on base course 148°T at stendard speed 15 knote.
2001 charged speed to 16.5 knote(92 RPM). 2002 Set condition III. 2045 USS
NeCALLA joined formation. 2046 Changed source to 145°C. 2048 changed course
to 143°C. 2049 changed course to 145°C. 2113 changed course to 180°C. 2147
changed course to CDO°C. 2248 Changed course to 105°C., to clear friendly units
absed. 2315 USS SIOUX with USS ZAME in tow and USS TALBOT sighted bearing 080°T.
2316 changed course to 090°C. Av. steam 450. Av. EFM, 22.6,

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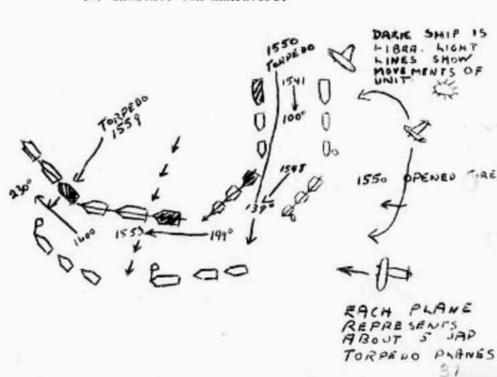
ANTI-AIRCRAFT ACTION BY SURFACE SHIPS.

Location of Ship Let. 8023'S: Long. 1570241'E U.S.S. LIBRA (AKSS) Date 30 June 194 3 Commenced Firing 1550 Love (a) Recel Attack First - then collect data for this report!
(b) Do not "gun deck" this report- if data cannot be estimated with reasonable accuracy enter dash in space for which no data is available. (c) These sheets are to be filled out immediately after action is completed with data available from ship's log, memory, and consultation with ship's officers. Information is essential in order that the effectiveness of our equipment can be deter-Information is essential mined. Where data is of doubtful accuracy fill in with general terms. The obtaining of this information must not be allowed terms. The obtaining of this information must not be allowed in any way to adversely affect the handling of equipment during notion. 1. Surprise attack (Yes or Mc) \_ No Method picking plane up (Radar, binoculars, naked eye) Radar(and (If by Radar state type of set possibly plane spotters) from escort; ever TBS; later binoculars.
 Range plane was picked up (50 miles, 30 miles, 10 miles, less 5 miles) Radar - 45 miles; binoculars - 10 miles. Number of planes 22 Tornedo Bombers: 20 Fighters (Approx.) 4. Type of plane (Fighter, scout, divo-bomber) 2 Engine Mitsubishi 97
Type of attack Torondo Speed & altitude (High and fast, intermediate and fast, low and fast, high and slow, intermediate and slow, low and slow, Speed intermediate; low altitude 7. Guns firing 18 Size 20 MM Nothed of control central-local Humber Method spotting central-local 8. Amminition expended 3" - 23 rounds: 2000 - 2100 rounds 9. Percent service allowance expended 3" - 3%: 20104 - 41% 10. Approximate time tracking to first shot 3 Minutes 11. Approximate time of first hits 3 Minutes 12. Approximate time first shot to last shot 6 Minutes 13. Approximate position angle open fire 10 14. Approximate position conso fire 10 15. Approximate bearing first shot 230° Rel Many 16. Approximate bearing last shot (over)

17.	Approximate range first shot 2300 Yards
	Approximate range last shot 3500 Yards
19.	Approximate altitude of bomb release _ Type bomb _ T
20.	Approximate range terpedo release 100 Yards Size of terpedo Believed to be small
21.	Hits on ship none Mas ship etrafed no Size Gun "
22.	Number near bomb misses Casualties from near misses
23.	Planes shot down Sure 4 Possible 2 Damaged 2  By what size gun 20 MM
24.	Details of Damage to target by gunfire if available
	several places. No hits doubtful.
25.	Performance of ammunition(Excellent, good, bad, poor) Excellent
26.	Pattern sizes (Large, small excessive) Excessive for 3"

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- (a) Indicate direction of attack relative ship¹s head.
- (b) Show relative position of sun.
- (c) Indicate own manouvers.



ANTI-AIRCRAFT ACTION BY BURJACE SHIPS.

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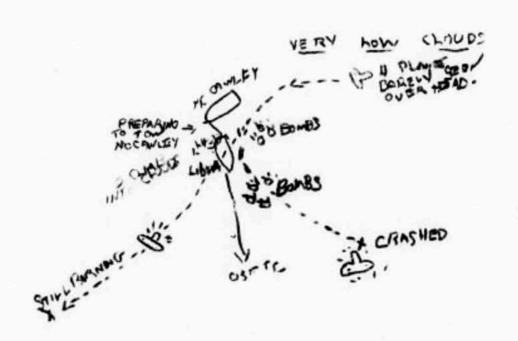
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Thursday 1 July 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

"OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY".

2000-0400: Steaming singly with USS HALPH TALBOT and McCALLA as screen on base course 090°T&G. Standard speed 15 knots, steaming at 16.3 knots(92 HPM). Ship darkened and Condition III set. Boilers No.1 and 2 in use. 0143 Burgka Island abeam to starboard, distance 5 miles. 0145 USS BALPH TALBOT made THE contact on unidentified surface craft. 0256 Beison Island abeam to starboard approx.distance 5 miles. 0328 Chaerwed boom from light bearing 180°T, apparently on Bussells Islands 0340 changed course 119°T&G. Av. steam 450. Av. RPM. 92.

Lieut. (jg) J.J. BORDEN, D-M, USHR.

0400-0800: Steaming as before on course 1190T & G., at standard speed 15 knots (84 RPM), steaming at 16.3 knots (92.4RPM). 0427 changed course to 1230T&B. 0435 sighted Savo Island bearing 1000T., distance 12 miles. 0440 sighted Cape Esperance Guadalcanal Island bearing 1280T, distance 11 miles. 0500 passed a friendly ship on parallel course to starboard. 0530 Cape Esperance abeam to starboard, distance 3 miles. 0536 Set all sums on alert. 0500 steaming at various courses approaching Koli Point. 0536 Secured sums from alert. 0546 Set special sea detail 0702 Anchored off Koli Point, Guadalcanal Island, Solomona Islands, in berth 56, in 16 fathoms of water with 30 fathoms of chain to port anchor on following bearings: Beacon "A" 1420T; Beacon "B" 2350T; Beacon "J" 1140T; SM 1580T. 0705 Secured special sea detail. Av. steam 450. Av.RPM. 79.8.

Lieut.(jg) D.W.OHILDS, D-V(O), USNR.

0800-1200: Anchored as before.

Lieut. L. M. ORDAN, D-N(8), USNR.

1200-1600: Anchored as before. 1330 USS TALBOT, HAYES, ADAMS, JACKSON stood out.

Lieut. ()g)D. W. CHILDS, D-V(0), USNR.

1600-2000: Anchored as before.

Lieut.(Ng)D.W.CHILDS, D-V(G), USNH.

2000-2400: Anchored as before.

Lieut.(3g)D.W.CHILDS, D-V(0), USMR.

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Approved:

W.B.FLETCHER, Jr., Captain, U. S. Navy, Commending. Examined:

JOSEPH WEINER, Lieut., D-M, USMR., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP LIBRA(AKA) 2 June 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

REMARKS

"CPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY"

0000-0400:- Anchored off Keli Point, Guadalcanal Island, Solomon Islands, in berth #66, in 16 fathoms of water with 30 fathoms of chain to water's edge, on the following bearings: Bescon "A" 16890; beacon "B" 23600; bescon "J" 11403. Ship darkened. Boiler #2 in use. 0745 Cut in #1 boiler.

Palandau Lt. L. M. JORDAN, D-V(8), USIR.

0400-0500:- Anchored as before. 0400 Submarine reported by radio 6 miles off Tulagi entrance. 0450 Set watch on suns #2 and #5. 0655 Sunrise, light ship. Secured witch on suns #2 and #5.

Lt. (jg) D. W. CHILDS, D-V(0), USVR.

0800-1800: Androped as before, 1115 Rain squall, observed this dreaming anchor made presention for setting underway. 1128 Veered to 45 fathoms. 1134 Began heaving up anchor. Ship had dreamed nine hundred yards to Vestmand. 1159 Underway proceeding to original berth. 1145 Let as sort anchor in borth #66. with sixty fathoms of chain on the following anchor berriage: Bessen "A" 15893, beacon "B" 28833, beacon "J" 11900. 1245.5 Scoured main sortes.

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1800-1800: Anchored as before, 1442 Centain M. B. FLOTCHER, Jr., U.S.M. was relieved by Commander Floyd F. FERRIS, U.S.M. as Commander Degions of this vessel in accommance with ComSoPac Despetch 170131/June and CIF 50 Despetch 651755/June.

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1800-0000;- Andhored as before, 1905 Derhened ship.

Tr. (18) E. ON. BULLY (0), WELL.

2000-2400:- Anchored se before. 2785 Condition \*RED\* at Puscell Island.

Lt. (10) S. H. BEERY, D. YGY, URITH.

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July , 19.43 Saturday 5 UNITED STATES SHIP LIBRA (AKALS) ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11 REMARKS "OPERATIONAL BEHARKS & WAR DIARY" 0000-0400;- Anchored off Koli Point, Gusdalosnal, Schomon Islands, in Larth #65, in 15 fethous of water with 50 fathous of chain to cort anchor on the following anchors be bankings; Peason #A" 18900; beacon #3" 20000; beacon 11000. Ballers #1 and #0 in use. Ship Sarkened and 30 10 Guss sanned. 0400-0300: Anchered or before. 0800-1800:- Anchored as before. 0835 knde presentations for cetting underway.
0800 Underway. 0802 USS ALBORAR underway. 0802.5 Underway at various speeds on various carress for Port Furrie, Florida Island, sign angular, following the movements of ALBORAR. 105? Anchored in berth #5, Port Purvis, Florida Island, in 27 fathoms of water, with 80 fathoms of shain to water's edge on the following bearings: Beacon "B" 300.500; beacon "G" 34100; beacon "F" 11200. 1150 USS TALBOT stood in. 1800-1600;- Anchored as before. 1808 Condition "RED" reported at Russell Island 1818 USS JENZIES standing in. 1866 USS MOPKINS standing out. 1868 Secured #1 boiler. 1868 USS WOODWORTH standing in. 1410 Condition "GREEN" Bussell Islands 1604 USS JEHRIUS standing out. DW Childs (0), USIR. 1600-1800;- Anchored as before, 1620 USS BALLARD stood in, 1708 USS BUCHAMAN stood in, 1702 USS FARENECLS stood in. It. (10) D. W. ORTLDS, D-V(0), USIB. 1800-2000:- Anchored as before, 2000-2400:- Anchored as before.

Approved:

Commander, U. S. Mavy,

Examined:

JOSEPH WEINER, Lieut. D-M, UBNR, Mavientor.

Page 4 CONFIDENTIAL July (Mount) Sunday UNITED STATES SHIP \_\_\_ LIBRA(AKA12) , 19 43 ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11 REMARKS "OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY" 0000-0400:- Anchored in berth #3, Port Purvis, Florida Island, Solomon Islands, in 27 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following anchorage bearings: Beacon "B" 302.50T; beacon "C" 3410T; beacon "F" 1120T. Ship darkened, Group #1 and #2,20 MM Guns manned. Ens. J. E. NESWORTHY, C-V(S), USNR. 0400-0800:- Anchored as before. 0630 USS MATERS, DENT, and TALBOT stood out. 0850 USS NekEAM stood out. 0715 USS SCHLEY, KILTY, CROSBY, and McCALLA stood out. 0730 APC 30 stood in from Govana inlet. Vennetu J. E. NESWORTHY, C-V(S), USNR. 0800-1200:- Anchored as before. 0815 USS TREVER underway. 0834 USS FARENHOLT underway. 0857 USS BALLARD underway. JORDAN, D-V(S), USNR. 1200-1600:- Anchored as before. 1305 USS FARENHOLT underway. 1330 USS YFG 15 underway. 1425 USS C 505 standing in. 1555 USS BUOHANAN standing in. Lt. (jg) S. N. BEERY, p-V(G), USNR. 1600-2000:- Anchored as before. 1610 USS FARENHOLT standing in. 1725 USS PAWNEE standing in. BEERY, D-V(G), USNR. Lt. (jg) S. N. 2000-2400:- Anchored as before.

Approved:

F. F. FERRIS,

Commander, U. S. Navy, Commanding.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

REMARKS "OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY"

0000-0400: Anchored in berth #3 Port Purvis, Florida Island, Solomon Islands in 27 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor, on the following anchorage bearings: Beacon "B" 302.5°, beacon "C" 341°, beacon "F" 112° Boiler #2 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ship darkened. Groups #1 and #2 - 20 MM sums manned. 0125 Condition "RED" at Russell Islands. 0155 Condition "GREEN" at Russell Islands. 0338 Condition "RED" at Russell Islands.

0400-0800:- Anchored as before. 0607 Condition "GREEN" at Russell Islands.

Lt. (jg) s. N. BEERY, D-W(G), USNR.

OBOO-1200:- Anchored as before. 1133 USS BUCHANAN and FARENHOLT got underway and stood out.

Lt. (ig) J. J. BORDEN, D-M. USNR.

1200-1600:- Anchored as before, 1310 USS JENKINS stood in. 1428 USS CONFLICT stood in and anchored, 1505 USS RADFORD stood in and tied up to ERSKINE PHELPS 1514 USS WOODWORTH and USS McCALLA stood in. 1540 USS DENT, McKEAN and KILTY stood in with USS DENT tying up to ERSKINE PHELPS. 1541 USS CONFLICT stood out. 1545 USS CROSSY stood in.

E. HESMORTHY, C-Y(S), USHR.

1600-2000:- Anchored as before. 1620 USS MeCALLA standing out. 1635 USS JENKINS standing out. 1645 USS RADFORD standing out. 1650 USS RALPH TALBOT standing in.

> In Sordan L. M. JORDAN, D-V(S), USMR.

2000-2400:- Anchored as before. 2000 USS TALBOT and USS MATERS stood in. 2050 Condition "RED" at Russell Islands. 2150 Condition "RED" at Guadalcanal Island. 2200 Ship commenced to drag anchor. 2205 Set special sea detail, made preparations for getting underway. 2218 Condition "GREEN" on Guadalcanal. 2240 Underway, Captain at the conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge, shifting berth. 2254 Anchored in mid-channel between Lyons Point and Turn-about Point with 75 fathoms on the starboard anchor.

Lt. (1g) D. W. CHILDS, D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

F. F. FERRIS, Commander, U. S. Navy, Commanding Examined:

JOSEPH WEINER, leut. D-M, USNR, Mavigator.

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REMARKS "OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY"

0000-0400:- Anchored in Port Purvis, Florida Island, Solomon Islands, in 29 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor, in mid-channel between Lyons Point and Turnabout Point. Condition III set, ship darkened. Boiler #2 in use for auxiliary purposes. No. 1 boiler lit off. 0010 Boiler #1 cut into main steam line. 0356 Condition RED Russell Islands.

Eds. J. E. NESWORTHY, O-V(S), USNR.

O400-0800:- Anchored as before. 0456 Condition GREEN Russell Islands. 0615 USS KILTY underway standing out. 0620 USS CROSBY underway standing out. 0635 Observed sunrise, light ship. 0715 USS McCALLA standing in. 0751 Underway shifting berths, proceeding at various courses and speeds. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge.

L. X. JORDAN, D-V(S), USIR.

OBOG-1200:- Underway as before, shifting berths. OBO4 Anchored in berth #13, Port Purvis, Florida Island in 26 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following bearings: Beacon "E" 3030T; beacon "F" 142.50T; beacon "D" 2420T. OB35 USS RALPH TALBOT stood in. OB50 USS MCKEAN stood in. 1100 USS SCHLEY stood in. 1105 USS KILTY stood in,

CHILDS, D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600:- Anchored as before. 1208 LCT 223 standing in. 1214 LST 398 standing in. 1219 LCT 60 standing in. 1300 #1 boiler secured. 1315 USS RALPH TALBOT standing in. 1326 SC 505 standing in. 1335 Anchor chain veered to ninety fathoms at water's edge. 1343 USS ZANE and USS RAIL standing in. 1345 USS TREVER standing in. 1346 USS CROSBY standing in. 1348 USS CONFLICT standing in. 1448 USS RAIL standing out. 1513 YAG 15 underway.

Lt. (jg) S. N. BEERY, 1-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000:- Anchored as before. 1714 USS HONCLULU and USS ST.LOUIS with two D.D's stood out of Tulagi harbor. 1740 USS JAMESTOWN stood in to anchorage.

Lt. (jg)/J. J. BORDEN, D-M, USNR.

2000-2400: Anchored as before. 2115 Condition RED at Russell Islands. 2148 Condition GREEN at Russell Islands.

D.V(G),USNR.

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

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Page 7 CONFIDENTIAL UNITED STATES SHIP LIBRA (AKA12) Wednesday 7 July . 19 43 ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11 REMARKS "OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY" 0000-0400:- Anchored in berth #13, Port Purvis, Florida, Island, Solomon Islands, in 26 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor, on following bearings: Beacon "E" 303°T; beacon "F" 142°T; beacon "D" 242°T. Boiler #2 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ship darkened. O212 Condition "RED" at Russell Islands. Lt. (Jg) S. N. BEERY D-V(G), USNR. 0400-0800:- Anchored as before. 0605 USS KILTY, CROSBY, and SCHLEY stood out. Lt. (jg) J, 0800-1200:- Anchored as before. 0830 USS CONFLICT stood out. 0900 LST 341 stood out. 0935 USS NONTPELIER and COLUMBIA stood in. 0940 USS PRINGLE stood in. 1020 USS HOPKINS stood in. 1045 USS PRINGLE stood out. 1130 USS WATERS stood out. 1140 USS DENT stood out. Ens. J. E. NESWORTHY, C-V(S), USHR. 1200-1600:- Anchored as before. 1205 USS WALLER standing in. 1220 USS SAUFLEY standing in. 1332 USS JAMESTOWN standing out. 1424 USS ALGORAB standing out. 1555 USS SAUFLEY underway. willen. L./M. JORDAN, D-V(S), USHR.

1600-2000:- Anchored as before. 1600 USS WALLER stood out. 1645 USS COLUMBIA and MONTPELIER stood out. 1710 USS TAYLOR and BUCHAMAN stood in. 1820 Sunset, darkened ship.

> CHILDS, D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400:- Anchored as before. 2158 Condition "RED" Russell Islands.

Ene. J. E. MESWORTHY, C-V(S), USNR.

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F. F. FERRIS, Commander, U. S. Navy, Commanding. Examined:

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0400-0800:- Anchored a		AIL stood in.	0 1		M stoo
OBOO-1200:- Anchored and anchored. O845 USS PELIER, DENVER, COLUMBI, FARENHOLT stood out.	RAIL stood out. 0900 A, CLEVELAND, and WALI	LCI 23 stood ER stood in.	in. 01	910 USS MO 85 CLEVELA	l in NT- ND and
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1200-1600:- Anchored munderway. 1310 USS McKi	EAN underway. 1400 US FARENHOLT standing in.	OGA.	1257 inderwa Clu M, D-M	y and stoc	od out.
1600-2000:- Anchored a McCALLA stood out. 181:	3 Darkened ship. 1945	USS GWIN stoo	Seen.		T, and
2000-2400:- Anchored a		g) S. N. BEERY	3000-V(	(),USNR.	
Approved:  F. F. FERR Commander, U. Commandin	S. Navy,	JOSEPH Lieut. D- Navige	WEINER M, USM		

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Approved:

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

Examined:

JOSEPH WEINER, Lieut. D-M, USNR, Mavigator.

CONFIDENTIAL UNITED STATES SHIP LIBRA(AKA12) Saturday 10 July 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

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"OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY"

0000-0400:- Anchored in berth #13, Port Purvis, Florida Island, Solomon Islands, in 26 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor on following bearings: Beacon "E" 3030T; beacon "F" 1420T; beacon "D" 2420T. Groups #1 and #2 20 mm guns manned. Boiler #2 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ship darkened.

Lt. (Je) D. W. CHILDS, D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800; Anchored as before. 0540 Condition "RED" at Russell Islands. 0600 LBT 395 stood out. 0645 HMS LEANDER stood out from Tulagi. 0700 HMS LEANDER stood into Purvis Bay and moored alongside USS LACKAWANA.

Ens. J. E. NESWORTHY, 0-V(S), USNR.

OBOO-1200:- Anchored as before. 0947 USS McCALLA standing in. 1016 USS FAREN-HOLT standing in. 1055 USS BUCHANAN standing in. 1100 USS RALPH TALBOT standing in.

Lt. L. M. JORDAN, D-V(S), USNR.

1200-1600:- Anchored as before, 1342 USS WOODWORTH underway, 1344 USS BUCHAN-AN underway, moored starboard side to McCalla, 1349 USS FARENHOLT underway, 1354 USS TAYLOR underway, 1402 USS MAURY and USS GWIN underway, stood out, 1447 USS PAWNEE underway, 1526 USS WALLER, USS PHILLIPS, USS PRINGLE, USS REM-SHAW, USS SAUFLEY underway, standing out.

Lt. (JE) S. N. BEERY, D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000:- Anchored as before. 1615 USS BUCHANAN shifted berths. 1700 USS GWIN standing in. 1705 USS MAURY, USS TAYLOR, USS WOODWORTH standing in. 1709 USS PRINGLE, USS WALLER underway. 1715 USS SAUFLEY standing out. 1715 USS DENVER, USS CLEVELAND, USS MONTFELIER, and USS COLUMBIA underway. 1718 USS RALPH TALBOT, USS TAYLOR, USS MAURY, and USS WOODWORTH standing in. 1953 Condition "RED" at Guadalcanel.

Lt.(jg) B. N. BEERY, D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400:- Anchored as before. 2000 Condition "RED" at Tulagi. 2046 Condition "GREEN" at Guadalcanal. 2057 Condition "GREEN" at Tulagi. 2145 USS McKEAN and TALBOT stood in to anchorage.

Lt.(jg) J. J. BORDEN, D-M, USNR.

Approved:

F. F. FERRIS,

Commander, U. S. Navy, Commanding. Examined:

JOSEPH WEINER, Lieut. D-M, USNR,

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UNITED STATES SHIP \_LIBRA(AKALE)

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## "OPERATIONAL REMARKS AND WAR DIARY"

0000-0400:- Anchored in Berth #13, Port Purvis, Florida Island, Solomon Islands, in 28 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor at water's edge. On following bearings:- Beacon "D" 2420T; beacon "E" 3030T; beacon "F" 1420T Boiler #2 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ship darkened and groups #1 and #2-20mm guns manned.

Lt.(jg) S. H. BEERY, D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800:- Anchored as before. 0627 Lightened ship. 0700 USS JAMESTOWN stood out. 0710 USS GWIN stood out. 0715 LST 342 stood in. 0745 LST 399 stood in. 0745 USS McCALLA stood in.

Lt. (JE) S. H. BEERY, H-V(G), USNR.

OSCO-1200:- Anchored as before. OSSS USS PAWNEE stood in. O917 USS MONTPELIER DENVER, COLUMBIA, CLEVELAND stood in to anchorage. O932 USS WALLER stood in and moored alongside USS LACKAWANA. 1025 ERSKINE PHILPS under tow and moored alongside USS LACKAWANA. 1025 ERSKINE PHILPS under tow and moored alongside USS LACKAWANA. 1030 GWIN stood in. 1045 USS WALLER shifted from alongside LACKAWANA to anchorage. 1130 USS PRINGLE stood in. 1155 SAUFLEY stood into anchorage.

Lt. (jg) J. J. BORDEN, D-M, USMR.

1200-1600:- Anchored as before. 1203 APC 34 stood in and anchored. 1225 APC 34 standing out. 1346 USS GWIN underway. 1347 USS PRINGLE, MALLER, MODDWORTH, MAURY, RALPH TALBOT, SAUFLEY, TAYLOR standing out. 1420 USS CLEVELAND, COLUMBIA, MONTPELIER, DENVER underway and standing out. 1537 HMS LEANDER underway and standing out. 1545 USS LACKAWANA underway.

Ene. J. E. HISHORTHY, O-V(S), USINE.

1600-2000:- Anchored as before, 1600 USS BUCHANAN stood out, 1610 USS FARENHOLT stood out, USS McCALLA stood out, HMS TO4 stood in, 1700 USS WATERS and DENT stood in, 1827 Observed sunset, darkened ship.

Lt. L. M. JORDAN, DJV(S), USMR.

2000-2400:- Anchored as before. 2120 Condition RED was reported at Guadalcanal and Russell Islands. 2145 Condition GREEN reported at Guadalcanal Is. 2204 Condition GREEN at Guadalcanal. 2520 Condition GREEN at Russell Islands.

Lt.(jg) D. W. CHILDS, D-V(G), USHR.

Approved:

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

Examined:

JOSEPH WEINER, Lieut. D-M, USMR, Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP \_\_\_\_ LIBRA (AKALE) 12 Monday July . 1913 ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11 REMARKS
"OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY" 0000-0400:- Anchored in berth #13, Port Purvis, Florida Island, Solomon Islands, in 26 fathoms of water with muddy bottom, 90 fathoms of chain at the water's edge to the starbeard anchor on following bearings: Beacon \*D" 2420T; beacon "E" 3030T; beacon "F" 1420T. Boiler #2 in use for auxiliary purposes. Groups #1, #2 forward and aft 20 mm guns manned. Ollo Condition "RED" at Russells and Guadalcanal. Ol46 Condition "GREEN" at Guadalcanal. O208 Condition "GREEN" at Russell Islands. . J. E. NESWORTHY, C-V(S), USIR. 0400-0800:- Anchored as before. 0615 Condition "RED" Russell Islands. 0622 Condition "GREEN" Russell Islands. 0635 Observed sunrise, lighted ship. CORDAM, D-V(S), USNR. 0800-1200:- Anchored as before. 0800 USS McKEAN stood out. 1015 USS JENKINS and O'BANNON stood in. 1145 USS DENT and WATERS stood out. CHILDS, D-V(G) .USNR. Lt. (jg) D. 1200-1600: Anchored as before, 1201 USS BUCHANAN standing in, 1230 USS JENKINS standing out, 1245 YP 417 standing in, 1310 USS HOPKINS standing in, 1340 USS BUCHANAN standing out, 1404 USS TAYLOR standing in, 1404 USS RALPH TALBOT standing out, 1410 USS MAURY standing out, 1430 USS TAYLOR standing out, 1430 USS GWIN standing out, 1500 LST 341 standing in, 1520 USS WOODWORTH standing in. Lt. (jg) S. M. BEERY, D-V(G), USIGR. 1600-2000:- Anchored as before. 1812 Observed Sunset, darkened ship. 1620 USS DENT and MATERS stood in to anchorage. 1915 Condition "RED" at Russell Is's. 1947 Observed anti-aircraft fire bearing 2800T. Lt. (jg) J. J. BORDEN, D-M. USNR. 2000-2400:- Anchored as before, 2014 Condition "RED" at Guadalcanal, 2028
Condition "GREEN" Guadalcanal, 2030 Condition "GREEN" Russell Islands, 2031
Condition "RED" Eussell Islands, 2039 Condition "GREEN" at Russell, 2039
USS CROSBY standing in, 2042 Condition "RED" at Guadalcanal, 2046 Condition
"GREEN" at Guadalcanal, 2110 USS SCHLEY stood in, 2135 USS KILTY stood in, Lt. (jg) s. M. BEERY, D-V(0), USMR.

Approved:

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

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O000-0400;- Anchored in berth #13, Port Purvis, Florida Island, Solomon Islands, in 26 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain at water's edge to starboard anchor on the following anchorage bearings: Beacon "D" 242°T; beacon 303°T, beacon "F" 142°T. Boiler #2 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ship darkened. Groups #1 and #2 - 20mm manned. 0247 Condition "RED" Russell Islands.

Lt. (10) S. M. BEERY, D-V(G) USIN.

0400-0800:- Anchored as before. 0605 USS PAWNEE underway. 0615 USS DENT stood out. 0630 USS WATERS stood out. 0700 LST 343 stood in.

BORDEN, D-M, USMR.

0800-1200;- Anchored as before. 1000 USS SCHLEY stood out. 1190 USS DARING

M. JORDAN, D-V(B), USMR.

1200-1600:- Anchored as before. 1235 USS SCHLEY stood in. 1410 USS LACKAMANNA stood in. 1430 USS McCALLA stood in. 1503 USS HOPKINS stood in. 1550 USS DENT and WATERS stood in.

M. JORDAN, D-V(S), USITE.

1600-2000:- Anchored as before. 1600 USS TREVER stood in. 1020 USS TREVER stood out. 1715 USS GRIDLEY stood in. 1800 USS ELLET stood in. USS KILTY stood out. 1820 USS SCHLEY stood in. 1840 USS TAYLOR and MAURY stood in. 1910 USS JENKINS stood in.

Lt. (je) D. W. CHILDS, D-V(G), USMR.

2000-2400:- Anchored as before.

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Approved:

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

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ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

REMARKS "OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY"

COOC-0400:- Anchored in berth 13, Purvis Bay, Florida Island, Solomon Islands, in 26 fathoms of water, mud bottom, with 90 fathoms of chain at water's edge to starboard anchor on the following bearings: Beacon "E" 303°T; beacon "F" 142°T; beacon "D" 242°T. Boiler #2 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ship darkened, condition of readiness and groups #1 and #2 - 20mm guns manned.

JORDAN, D-V(8), USNR.

0400-0800;- Anchored as before. 0620 USS JEMKINS underway, anchored at net. MAURY standing out. 0640 TO2 stood out. 0715 USS FALPH TALEOT stood out.

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0800-1200:- Anchored as before. 0850 JENKINS underway standing out. 0913 USS TALBOT stood in. 0940 APC 36 stood in. LCIs21 and 22 stood in. 1008 LST 343 underway to out port side. 1029 LST 343 secured to port side LIBRA. LCT 86 stood in. 1030 USS MONTPELIER, COLUMBIA, DENVER, and CLEVELAND stood in and anchored.

SAB. J. E. WESMORTHY, O-V(S), USIGE.

1200-1600;- Anchored as before, 1209 PAC 36 underway, 1212 USS DENVER moored slongside ERSKINE PELLPS, 1315 LST 343 cast off from slongside port side LIBRA, 1315 USS DENT stood out, 1330 USS TALBOT shifted berths, 1407 USS CROSBY shifted berths, 1410 HMNZS T102 underway, 1415 USS COMPLICT stood in, 1420 USS CACHE stood in to snohorage, 1520 USS KILTY stood in to snohorage, 1530 USS MONTPELIER underway from slongside ERSKINE PHELPS, 1540 USS COLUMBIA underway, 1545 USS CILVELAND underway, 1550 USS COLUMBIA and CLEVELAND moored to USS CACHE to fuel.

J. BORDEN, D-M, USMR.

1600-2000:- Anchored as before. 1912 Observed sunset, darkened ship.

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2000-2400:- Anchored as before.

F. F. FERRIS, Commander, U. S. Navy,

Commanding.

Examined:

JOSEPH WEINER, Lieut. D-M. USMR. Mavigator.

CONFIDENTIAL UNITED STATES SHIP LIBRA(AKAL2) Thursday 15 July 19 43

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0000-0400:- Anchored in berth #13, Port Purvis, Florida Island, Solomon Islands, in 26 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor on the following anchorage bearings: Beacon "E" 303 T; beacon "F" 142 T; beacon "D" 242 T., with 20mm guns manned forward, amidships, and aft. Ship darkened and boiler #2 in use for suxiliary purposes.

Lt. (JE) J. J. BORDEN, D.M. USUR.

0400-0800:- Anchored as before, 0500 Condition "RED" at Russell Islands, 0535 Condition "GREEN" at Russell Islands, 0605 USS McCALLA standing out, 0620 USS TREVER standing in, 0625 USS LACKAWANA standing out, 0623 Observed sunrise, lightened ship, 0650 USS VIREO standing in.

Lt. (je) s. W. SEERY D-V(O) USHR.

OBOO-1200:- Anchored as before. O750 ZANE in tow by VIREO stood out. O755
USS HOPKINS standing out. O809 US3 TROVER standing out. 1005 USS WALLER standing in. USS PRINGLE standing in. 1008 USS PHILLIP standing in. USS TAYLOR
standing out. 1111 USS MAURY standing out. 1120 USS RENSHAW standing in. 1125
USS SAUFLEY standing in.

Lt. (16) S. M. BEERY, D-V(G), USMR.

1200-1600: Anchored as before. 1309 USS PANNEE stood out. 1532 USS RENSHAW stood out. 1535 USS PHILLIP stood out.

Lt.(jg) D. W. CHILDS, D-V(O), USNR.

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O-V(S), USNE

1600-2000:- Anchored as before. 1601 USS CLEVELAND, DEMVER underway and stood out. 1620 SC 730 stood out. 1647 LST 399 stood in. 1720 LST 396 underway moored to USS MONTPELIER. 1600 LST 460 and 472 stood in. 1812 APC 29 stood out. 1813 Observed sunset and darkened ship.

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2000-2400:- Anchored as before. 2125 Condition "RED" at Russell Islands.

Lt. L. JOHDAN, S. Y(8), USMR.

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Approved:

F. F. FERRIS,

Commander, U. S. Navy, Commanding. Examined:

Joseph Weiner, Lieut, D-M, USER,

Navigator.

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REMARKS "OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY"

0000-0400:- Anchored in berth #13, Purvis Bay, Florida Island, Solomon Islands, in 25 fathoms of water, mud bottom, with 90 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor on the following bearings: Beacon "E" 303 T; beacon "F" 142 T; beacon "D" 242 T. Boiler #2 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ship darkened. Groups #1 and #2 - 20mm guns manned.

0400-0800:- Anchored as before. 0620 UBS TALBOT stood out. 0626 UBS KILTY stood out. 0630 Observed sunrise, lighted ship. 0640 UBS CROSBY stood out.

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0800-1200:- Anchored as before.

1200-1600:- Anchored as before, 1200 USS KEMMORE standing out, 1222 LCI 24 standing in. 1315 LCT 159 standing in. 1345 USS GRIDLEY, ELLET, MAURY standing in. 1503 No. 1 boiler out in.

1600-2000:- Anchored as before. 1600 USS TAYLOR, WATERS stood in. 1645 MS 86 USS SCHLEY, USS DENT stood in. 1722 USS SCHLEY underway. 1813 Observed sunset, darkened ship. 1818 LST 40 standing in. 1830 LCI 24 standing out. 1930 Condition "RED" at Russell Islands. 1940 Condition "YELLOW" at Russell Islands. 1943 Condition "GREEN" at Russell Islands.

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000-2400:- Anchored as before. 2051 Condition "RED" at Guadalcanal. 2100 ondition "RED" at Russell Islands. 2112 Condition "YELLOW" at Russell Islands. Condition Condition "RED" at Russell Islands. 2112 Condition "YELLOW" at Russell Islands. 2121 Condition "RED" at Tulagi, called all hands to General Quarters. 2125 All stations manned and ready. 2146 Observed A.A. fire at Tulagi. 2216 TBS reports no hostile aircraft in vicinity. 2218 Condition "GREEN" at Tulagi, secured from General Quarters, set condition watch as before. 2230 Condition "GREEN" at Russell Islands. 2335 Condition "GREEN" at Guadalcanal. 2343 Condition "RED" at Guadalcanal. 2353 Condition "GREEN" at Guadalcanal.

> J. BORDEN, D-M, USHR. Lt. (jey

Approved:

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

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Saturday 17 July .19 43

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REMARKS "OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY"

0000-0400:- Anchored in berth #13, Port Purvis, Florida Island, Solomon Islands in 26 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain out to starboard anchor on the following anchorage bearings: Beacon "E" 303°T, beacon "F" 142°T, Beacon "D" 242°T. Ship darkened, Groups #1 and #2 - 20mm manned. Boiler #1 and #2 in use.

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0400-0800:- Anchored as before. 0505 Condition "RED" at Russell Islands. 0517 Condition "GREEN" at Russell Islands. 0545 USS WALLER, USS SAUFLEY, and USS PRINCIE standing out. 0557 USS MONTPELIER, USS COLUMBIA standing out. 0535 USS WATERS standing out. 0538 USS CACHE standing out. 0543 LST 396 standing out.

OBSO-1200:- Anchored as before. OB12 USS COMPLICT stood out. OB30 NAURY stood out. OB35 USS TAYLOR stood out. OB40 USS ELLET stood out. OD10 USS SCHLEY stood out. OD35 USS DENT stood out. 1005 USS QRIDLEY stood out.

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1200-1600:- Anchored as before.

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1600-2000:- Anchored as before. 1610 USS BALLARD stood in. 1802 USS DENT stood in. 1808 USS SCUTHARD stood in. 1812 USS SCHLEY stood in. 1814 Observed sunset, darkened ship. 1820 HMS GAYLE stood in. 1888 USS STRINGHAM stood in. 1860 Condition "RED" Guadalcanal.

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2000-246G:- Anchored as before. 2010 Condition "RED" at Tulnel. 2046 Condition "GREEN" in Tulnel. 2110 Condition "RED" at Russell Islands. 2115 Condition "GREEN" at Quadelensl. 2210 Condition "GREEN" at Russell Islands. 2220 Condition "RED" at Guadelensl. 2240 Condition "RED" at Russell Islands. 2250 Condition "RED" at Tulnel. 2252 Sounded General Quarters. 2304 Observed gun fire bearing 210°T. 2355 Secured from General Quarters.

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F. FERRIS, F.

Commander, U. S. Navy, Commanding.

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0000-0400:- Anchored in berth #13, Port Purvis, Florida Island, Solomon Islands, in 26 fathoms of water, with muddy bottom; 90 fathoms of chain at water's edge to starboard anchor on the following bearings: Beacon "E" 3030T; beacon "F" 1420T; beacon "D" 2420T. 20MM guns manned forward, amidships, and aft. Boiler #2 in use for auxiliary purposes. 0121 Condition "RED" at Russell Islands. 0135 Condition "RED" at Guadelcanel. 0203 Condition "GREVN" at Guadelcanel. 0215 Condition "GREEN" at Pussell Islands.

End. J. E. MESWORTHY, 04V(S),USMR.

0400-0800:- Anchored as before. 0440 Condition "RED", Russell Islands, 0505 Condition "GREEN" Russell Islands. 0702 USS SCHLEY stood out. USS TALBOT stood in. 0740 USS CROSBY Stood in.

JORDAN, D-V(S), USHR.

0800-1200:- Anchored as before. 0830 USS SALLARD stood out. 1108 USS WALLER and SAUFLEY stood in, made swing of harbor and stood out. 1140 USS TAYLOR and SRIDLEY stood in.

1200-1600:- Anchored as before. 1205 USS ELLET stood in. 1940 APC 32 stood in. 1845 USS WATERS, APC 35 standing in. 1250 USS McKEAM standing in. 1250 LOI 67 standing in. 1300 LST 383 standing in. 1306 APC 32 standing out. 1307 USS KILTY standing in. 1340 USS MAURY standing in. 1415 USS WARD standing in. 1405 LOI 63 standing in. 1435 SC 351 standing out. 1500 USS CROSBY standing out.

Lt. (je) B. N. BEERY, D-V(0), USUR.

1600-2000:- Anchored as before. 1755 USS STACK stood in to anchorage. 1756 USS NoKHAM shifted berth to alongside ERSKINE PHELPS to fuel. 1804 USS LANG stood in to anchorage. 1813 Observed Sunset, darkened ship. 1840 USS WARD underway from alongside ERSKINE PHELPS to anchorage. 1940 Condition "RED" at Russell Islands. 1955 USS NoKEAN underway from alongside ERSKINE PHELPS to anchorame.

BORDEN, D-M, USKR.

2000-2400:- Anchored as before.

Approved:

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

Examined:

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0000-0400:- Anchored in 26 fathoms of water following anchorage bes 2420T. 200M guns manne 0240 Condition "RED" Re	in berth #13, Por with 90 fathoms grings: Beacon "i d, ship darkened assell Islands.	rt Purvis, Florida Island, Solomon Islands, of chain out to starboard anchor on the E 305°T; beacon "F" 142°T; beacon "D" 1, Boiler #2 in use for auxiliary purposes. 0330 Condition "GREEN" Russell Islands.  While Lt.(jg) S. N. BEERY, D-V(G), USNR.
0400-0800:- Anchored a Condition "GREEN" at Go TOWN underway and stand	adalcanal. 0710	Condition "RED" at Guadalcanal. 0509 0 USS SOUTHARD stood out. 0712 USS JAMES- Lt.(jg)/J. J. BORDEN, D-M,USNR.
OBOO-1200:- Anchored a	as before. 1006	USS TALBOT stood out. 1125 USS SOUTHARD  Lt. L. M. (SORDAN, D-V(5), USNR.
1200-1600; - Anchored a	as before. 1340	UBS RALPH TALBOT stood in. 1520 UBS PATT- Lt. L. M. SORDAN, D-VIS), USNR.
1600-2000; - Anchored	as before. 1620	USS BUTTERNUT stood in. Lt.(jg) D. W. CHILDS, D-V(G), USNR.
2000-2400: Anchored a fire bearing 2007. 213 Guadalcanal. 2209 Cond	as before. 2108 33 Condition "REI lition "GREEN" Re	Condition "RED" Guadalcanal. 2110 A.A. D" Russell Islands. 2203 Condition "GREEN" ussell Islands.
		Ens. J. E. NESWORTHY, C-V(S), USNR.

Approved:

Examined:

JOSEPH WEINER, Lieut. D-M, USNR, Navigator.

U. S. N., Navigator.

F. F. FERRIS, Commander, U. S. Navy, Commanding. UNITED STATES SHIP LIBRA(AKAL2)

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"OPERATIONAL RUMARKS & MAR DIARY"

0000-0400;- Anchored as before in berth #13, Port Purvis, Florida Island, Solomon Islands, in 26 fathoms of water, muddy bottom, with 90 fathoms of chain to starboard snohor on the following anchorage bearings: Beacon "E" 3030T; beacon "F" 1420T; beacon "D" 2420T. Boiler #2 in use for auxiliary purvoses. Ship darkened with 2010M gun watch set. 0355 Condition "RED" Guadelcanal.

M. JORDAM, D-V(S), USER.

0400-0800:- Anchored as before. 0403 Observed gun fire on Guadelonnal Island bearing 2000T. 0425 Condition "GREEN" at Guadalonnal and "RED" at Russell Islands. 0540 Condition "GREEN" at Russell Islands. 0545 USS McKEAN, WATERS, and WARD stood out. 0505 USS KILTY stood out. 0545 Condition "RED" at Russell Islands. 0700 Condition "GREEN" at Russell Islands. 0715 USS BUTTERNUT stood out.

Lt. (jg) D. W. Childs, D-V(0), USNR.

0800-1200:- Anchored as before. 0808 USS LANG, STACK, and TALBOT stood out. 0840 Dutch merchantman KOTA AGOENG stood out.

LO. (1g) J. E. MESMORTHY, O-V(S), USNR.

1200-1600:- Anchored as before. 1323 USS GRIDLEY and MAURY stood out. 1325 USS PATTERSON stood in to anchorage. 1346 USS SOUTHARD underway and stood out. 1316 USS CONMAN standing in. 1426 USS PATTERSON underway and stood out.

1300 Lt. (19) 3. 5.

1800-2000:- Anchored as before. 1712 USS PATTERSON stood in and anchored. 1808 LCI 43 standing out. 1813 Observed sunset, darkened ship. 1820 LST 460 standing out. 1838 LST 396, LST 398 standing in. 1850 USS TAYLOR standing in.

SEAM (O), USKR. Lt. (1st)

Anchored as before. 2000-2400:--

F. F. PERRIS,

Commander, U. S. Navy, Commanding.

Examined:

outh Weiner JOSEPH WEINER,

Lieut. D-M, USNR, Navigator.

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"OPERATIONAL REMARKS & MAR DIARY"

0000-0400:- Anchored in berth 13, Port Purvis, Florida Island, Solomon Islands in 26 fathems of unter with 90 fathems of chain to starboard anchor on the following anchorage bearings: Beacon "E" 303°T; beacon "F" 142°T; beacon "B" 242°T. Boiler #2 in use for suxiliary purposes. Ship derkened and 1 and 2 groups 20 MM manned.

0400-0800:- Anchored as before. 0637 Observed sunrise; lightened ship. 0705 APC 28 stending out. 0715 HKS T102 stending in.

Lt. (1#) S. M.

0800-1200:- Anchored as before. 0837 USS BUTTERMUT standing in. 0950 USS BUTTER-MUT standing out. 1006 USS COMMAY, USS PATTERSON standing out. 1180 LST 480 standing out. HMS Tio2 standing out.

Lt. (3g) B. N.

1200-1600:- Anchored as before. 1605 USS McKEAN, STRINGHAM, WARD, MILTY, and WATERS stood in.

CHILDS, D-V(G), USUR.

1800-2000:- Anchored as before. USS NeWEAN underway to fuel from ERSKING PHELPS. LST 339 underway to anchorage. LST 353 stood in. 1813 USS TALBOT stood in. 1815 Observed surget and darkened ship. 1843 USS CROSBY stood in.

T. HESWORTHY, 5-1(S), USNR.

2000-2400:- Anchored as before. 2935 Condition "RED" Russell Islands. Condition "Gracul" Russell Islands.

L. W. SORDAN, D-V(S), USIR.

Approved:

F. FERRIS, Commander, U. S. Navy, Commanding. Examined:

Joseph Weiner Lieut. D-M, USNR, Mavigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP U.S.S. LIBRA (AKALE) Thursday 22 July , 19 43

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"CPERATIONAL REMARKS & MAR DIARY."

0000-0400:- Anchored in berth #13, Port Purvis, Florida Island, Solomon Islands in 26 fathous of water with 90 fathous of chain to starboard anchor on the following anchorage bearings: Beacon "E" 302°T; Beacon "F" 142°T; Beacon "D" 242°T. Boiler # 2 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ship darkened, and Groups #1 and #2 20mm muns are manned.

O400-0800:- Anchored as before. 0434 Condition "RED" at Russell Islands. 0508 Condition "GREEN" at Russell Islands. 0700 USS GRIDLEY stood in.

c/swoul (18) JANES E. MESWORTHY, C=V(S), USNA.

0800-1200:- Anchored as before. 1000 USS McKEAN stood out. 1000 USS MCMCHGAHEIA stood in. 1115 Condition "RED" at Bussell Islands. 1145 Condition "GREEN" at Bussell Islands.

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1200-1600;- Anchored as before. 1235 LST 395 standing out. 1320 AP32 standing in. 1435 Lit off #1 beiler. 1440 LCI 223 standing out. 1545 USS ELLET standin. 14

Lieut.(je) S.M. REERY D-V(G), USUR.

1600-2000:- Anchored as before. 1607 LST 472 standing in. 1610 #1 boiler secured. LST 553 standing out. 1810 USS COMMAY stood in.

2000-2400:- Anchored as before.

Approved:

F. F. FERRIS, Commander, U. S. Mavy, Commanding.

Examined:

who weener JOSEPH WEINER, Lieut.,D-M.,U.S.M.R.,

Mavigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP LIBRA(AMAIS) Friday 23 July 1943

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"OPERATIONAL REMARKS & MAR DIARY"

DOGG-0400:- Anchored in berth #13, Port Purvis, Florida Island, Solomon Islande, in 26 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor on the following anchorage bearings: Beacon "E" 303 T; beacon "F" 142 T; beacon "D" 242 T. Boiler number two in use for auxiliary purposes. Group #1 and #2 - 20MM guns manned. Ship darkened. OOIS Condition "PED" at Pus ell Islands. 0045 Condition "DED" at Russell Islands.

Lt. (16) S. H. Beary, D-V(0), USER

DAGG-0800;- Anchored as before. OBIL Condition "RED" Susdalonnel. 0587
Condition "GREEN" at Guadaloanal. 0800 Condition "RED" at Dussell Islands.
0819 Condition "GREEN" at Dussell Islands. 0830 USS TALBOT standing out.
0835 Observed sunrice, lightened ship USS MILTY, USS CROSSY, USS WATERS standing out.

Lt.(10) S. H. BOSTY, CANY, USIR.

OBSO-1800: Anchored as before. OBSS USS MONOHOAFELA underway from slongside USS PREMISE PMPLPS. OBSS Unde all preparations to receive MCMCMGAMELA slong-side starboard side. OBSS USS MCMCMGAMELA moored port side to our starboard side with 5 - 8" manile lines out. Draft before fueling Fed. 11' 07"; Art 19' 08". Draft of MCMCMGAMELA before discharging Fed. 18' 03"; Art 57' 10". OB48 Commenced fueling. OBS7 USS STRINGHAM stood out. 1146 Completed fueling. Draft - Fed. 12' 04"; Aft. 19' 09", MCMCMGAMELA - Fed. 19' 09"; art. 23' 00", received on board 93,030 gallons of fuel.

Lt. (19) J. BORDEN, D-M, UNIR.

1200-1600:- Anchored as before. USS GRIDLEY, TAYLOR, MAURY, and ELLET stood out. 1510 USS NONCHOAHELA cast off lines from starboard side and stood out. 1480 USS NONCHOAHELA stood in to anchor. 1507 USS MONOHDAHELA stood out.

LE (18) J. E. HESWERTHY, D-V(S), USHR.

1600-2000:- Anchored as before. 1814 Observed sunset, darkened ship.

It. I. M. JORDAM, D-V(S), USMR.

2000-2400:- Anchored as before.

Lt. (je) D. W. OHILDS, D. V. (O) JUMP.

Approved:

d: - F. FEFRIS, Commandar, U. S. Mavy, Commandars. Examined:

Joseph Weiner, Lieut. D-M, USMR, Mavigator. U.S.

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2000-0400; Anchored in berth #13, Port Purvis, Florida Island, Solomon Islands, in 26 fethoms of water, muddy bottom, with 90 fethoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following bearings: Beacon "E" 3030T; beacon "F" 1420T; beacon "D" 2420T. With 20MM gums manned forward, smidships, and aft. Ship darkened boiler #2 in use for auxiliary purposes. 0036 Condition "RED" Ensell Islands.

toms E. execut-(); t. (18) J. E. MESMORTIN, C-V(S), UBIIR.

0400-0800:- Anchored as before. Condition "GREEN" Russell Islands. Anchored as before. 0886 Condition "RED" Russell Islands. 0888

0800-1200:- Anchored as before. 1006 USS WARD stood out. 1125 USS PRINCLE, ROMTPSLICE, CLEVELAND, and MAYNY stood in.

1200-1800:- Anchored as before. 1200 LST 472 standing out. LST 398 standing out. 1810 USS TALBOT, USS WATERS, APC 32 standing in. 1220 LCI 329 standing out. 1810 APC 32 standing out. 1810 LST 371 standing out. 1810 USS WALLER standing in. 1446 USS CROSBY standing in. 1450 USS PHILLIPS standing in. 1500 YP 415 standing in. 1516 USS KILTY standing in. 1520 USS MAURY standing out.

1800-2000:- Anchored as before. 1610 USS VALLER, PRELPS, and PRINCLE underway and stood out. 1828 USS MONTFELIER stood out. 1838 USS CLIVELAND stood out. 1858 USS WATERS underway to moor alongeide ERSKIME PHELPS. 1858 USS KILTY underway to moor alongeide ERSKIME PHELPS. 1740 Lot go port anchor to 35 fathoms at water's ade. 1800 USS WATERS underway. 1805 USS KILTY underway 1810 USS MOXEAN stood in moored to not side of ERSKIME PHELPS. 1818 Observed sunset, darkened ship. 1839 USS CROSEY underway moored to MCKEAN slongeide ERSKIME PHELPS.

2000-2400: Anchored as before.

Commander, U. S. Navy,

upl Weiner Lieut. D-M, USMR,

Navigator.

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0000-0400:- Anchored in berth #13, Po in 26 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms suchor and 36 fathoms of chain out to following anchorage bearings: Beacon # 303°T. Ship darkened. Groups #1 and suxiliary purposes.	of chain	out to wat	er's eda ancher. 243°T; oiler #3	e to starboard On the beacon "I" In use for
	Lt.(jg)	S. M. BEEF	Y, D-VW	), USHR.
0400-0800:- Anchored as before. 0415 Observed A.A. fire bearing 275 T, call "YZLICH" at Russell Islands. 0517 Con stand easy.	dition "GR	"PED" at N mins to ES!" at Ru	ssell Is	lands, all guns
atood in. Cass USS JONFLICT stood in. 1016 USS MATERS stood out.	0940 Con	dition "RE	D" Rendo	vo. 1015
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1200-1600:- Anchored as before, 1325 stood in. 1500 Hove up port anchor.		Stood in.		
1800-2000:- Anchored as before. 1817 1819 Derkened ship. 1840 USS ELLET an	d ORIDLEY	N and CASS stood in.	4	
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2000-2400:- Anchored as before.	- 1	0 1/		
	Lt. (jg)	C. No.	ORTHY, 3	LY(s), UBMR.
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Approved: P. F. PENRIS, Commander, U. S. Mavy, Commanding.	Examined:	Joseph Ma Joseph Ma Lieut, D-M Mavigato		U. S. N., Navigator.

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0000-0400:- Anchored in berth #13, Port Purvis, Florida Island, Solomon Islands, in 26 fathoms of water, muddy bottom, with 90 fathoms of chain out to water's edge to starboard anchor on the following bearings: Beacon "F" 1420T; beacon "D" 2420T; beacon "E" 3030T. Shim darkened, groups #1 and #2 - 2015 hanned. Boiler #2 in use for sumiliary.

0490-0300:- Anchored as before. 0429 Condition "RED" reported at Bussell Islands. 0505 Condition "RED" at Guadalcanal Islands. 0505 Condition "GREEN" at Guadalcanal. 0505 Condition "GREEN" at Guadalcanal. 0505 USS PATTERSON stood out.

LE. (10) D. V. CHILDS, D-VOY, USHR.

0800-12001- Anchored as before. 1989 USS TAIRCT stood out. 1980 USS TAYLOR stood in and suchored.

E. HERWONTHY, J. W. (3) YURIN.

1600-2000:- Anchored as before. 1653 USS DRADO stood in anchored. 1750 USS DRADOSTY stood in anchored. 1800 YMS 237 standing out. 1801 USS STRINGHAN standing in. 1816 Observed sunset derkened ship. 1836 USS KILTY standing in. 1808 Jondition "RED" at Bussell Telands. 1913 Jondition "GREEN" at Bussell Islands.

2000-2400:- Anchored on before.

Approved:

T. F. FERRIB, Commander, U. B. Nevy, Commanding.

Examined:

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UNITED STATES SHIP \_\_LIBRA(AKA12)

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0000-9400:- Anchored in berth #15, Port Purvis, Florida Island, Science Islands, in 26 fathous of unter with 90 fathous of chain to starboard anchor on the following anchorage bearings: Beacon "F" 1429T; Beacon "D" 242°T; Beacon "E" 303°T. Boiler No.2 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ship darkened and 20mm puns manned forward, auidehips and aft. 0240 Condition "RED", Russell Islands. 0320 Condition "GREEN" Russell Islands. 0336 USS McKEAN underway and standing out.

0400-0800:- Anchored as before. 0730 USS SAND YEY standing out with USS CELENC in tow.

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OSCO-1200:- Anchored as before. OSCO PO 477 standing out. OSIS LST SSS standing out. OSST LST SSS standing out. 1085 Condition "RED" at Russell Islands. 1086 Condition "GREEN" at Russell Islands. 1060 Condition "YELLOW" at Tulagi.

Lt. (Je) a. H. BECRY, D-V(1), USHA.

1200-1600; Anchored as before. 1210 USS ALGORAB stood in. 1218 USS PATARSOO stood in. 1225 Condition "GREEN" at Tulagi. 1400 USS WATERS stood in.

D. F. OH LDS, D-V(O), USINA.

1600-2000:- Anchored as before, LBT 460 stood out, 1646 LBT 398 and 472 stood in observed sunset, darkened ship.

LE. (Je)JANES E. HEBYCHTHY, J-V(S), USMA.

2000-2400:- Anchored as before.

Approved:

F. F. FERRIS, Jar, U. S. Mavy, Commanding.

Examined:

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ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11	REMARK	S MAR DIARY"
0000-0400:- Anchored to 28 fathous of unterfollowing bearings: De Boiler #8 in use for augune manned.	Exiliary purposes. 3	rvis, Florida Island, Schomen Ielan main to starboard undhor on the on "D" 24007; beacon "E" 30307.
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10:0-18:0:nohored a	s before. 1800 USS ( 80 781 stood out. 1	CROSBY stood in. 1214 LOI 22 stood
		(E) H. H. Seffezi, 3-v(s), case.
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Commander, U. S.	Hery,	Lieut. D-M, USHR, Navigator. E.S. N. Navigator.

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U. S. N., Navigator.

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0000-0400:- Anchored in Berth No.13 Port Purvis, Florids Island, Solomen Islands, in 26 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following bearings: Beacon "F" 142°T; Beacon "D" 303°T; Beacon "H" 242°T. Groups 1 and 2, Commide manned. Boiler No.2 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ship darkened.

THE CAPTURES E. WESMORTHY, C-V(S) USHR.

0400-0800:- Anchared as before, 0800 USS MARD stood out, 0710 USS MARD stood out, 0710 USS MARD stood in, 0720 USS DRASC underway and stood out, 0720 USS CASSIOPEIA underway and stood out.

9800-1200:- Anahored as before. OBRO USS BUTTERUUT stood out. ORSO USS SCUTHARD stood out. 1000 USS WILSON stood out. 1085 USS CONMAY stood out.

1+. (10/D. W. CHILDS, D-V(S), VSIR.

1200-1800; Anchored as before. 1230 YP 417 standing in. 1300 USS STARU atend-ing in. 1528 LST 396 standing in. 1550 LST 353 standing in.

1800-2000:- Anchored as before. 1903 condition "RED" at Russell Islands. 1818 observed sunset, darkened ship. 1921 sondition "GREEN" at Russell Islands.

2000-2400:- Anchored as before.

Approved:

F. F. FERRIS, Commander, U. S. Mavy, Commanding.

Examined:

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"CPERATIONAL REMARKS & MAN DIARY,"

0000-0400:- Anchored in berth No.13 Fort Furvis, Florida Island, Solomon Islands in 26 fathous of water with 90 fathoms of chain to vaters edge to starbeard anchor, muddy bottom, on the following anchorage bearings: Beacon "F" 1427; Beacon "P" 2427; Beacon "P" 2427; Beacon "P" 3037. 20mm guns banned, forward, aft, and amidships. Botter Mo.2 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ship derhead.

Lt. (18) S.M. EZERY, 5-7(0), USHR.

0400-0800:- Anchored as before. Odil USS MelEAM, MARD, TALBOT, MATERS and STRING-MAM underway and atood out. Od30 Lit off Me.1 boiler.

Lt. (10) J. F. HORDEN, D-17, 1915.

OBOG-1200:- Anchored as before. D865 USS CRAVER stood in. C867 USS KILTY stood out. O800 Made all preparations for setting underway. Set special set Setail. O906 USB DUNIOP and STERRET stood in . O800 underway and steaming at various specia and courses conforming to the channel out of Purvis Bay. Captain at the conn. Executive Officer and Mavigator on the bridge. Set condition III. O967 cleared submarine net. 1005 energized desaucains coils. 1015 with Sungama light about to port set course 180°T; 179°S. Townships Totare, Quadalcanel at alow specia. 1100 leying to similing further orders. 1115 proceeding at various specia and courses to anchorage. Av. Steam 450. Av. HPM. 47.1.

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1200-1600:- 1831 anchored off Guadalesnal Island, Solomon Islands, in berth #75 in 18 fathoms of water with 35 fathoms of chain out to port anchor on the following anchorage bearings: Bencon "X" 1849F; Bencon "A" 2719T; Bencon "J" 2819T. 1242 USS OMISCHIT CITY underway for Lange. 1505 USS CRESCENT CITY underway from Launen.

LINUT. I.M. JORDAM, B-V(S), VISHR.

1600-2000: 1707 Underway. Captain at cons. Marienter on the bridge. Steaming on various sources at various speeds to join Task Unit 30.4.7. 1735 Took position in column 2 actors of USS JOHN FERM, cruising formation #2. Ships consisting of right flash solumn USS JOHN PERM, Libra, HUNTER LIGORIT and ALCORAD. Left flank column USS AURICAN LEGION, CRESCENT CITY and GEORGE CLYMER. Eccort consisting of USS MICHOLAS, COMMAY, FAREWHOLT and PREBLE. Commescent in USS WICHOLAS. Base course 090°, standard speed 15 knots. USS AMERICAN LEGION 0. T.C., and Geide. 1765 Park File Island abeam to port, distance 4 miles. 1807 Magu Island abeam to port, distance C.5 miles. 1815 Darkened ship. 1846 Journenced zig zagging in accordance with plan #6. 1955 ceased sig zagging and resumed base course. Changed speed to 75 RPM. Av. Steam 450. Av. PPM. 56.8.

Lt. ( ) E) H. M. PEFFER, 2-V(O), VENR.

2000-2400:- Steaming as before on base course 090°T, 091°3. Standard speed 15 knots, 84 RPM. Zig magning in accordance with Plan #8 (1940 diagrams). 2001 changed base course to 123°T. 2007 changed speed to 80 RPM. 2015 commenced rig ragging on Plan #8. 2240 ceased rig ragging and resumed base course. 2330 changed course to 097°T, 098°G. Av.Steam 450. Av.RPM. 86.2.

Lt. (Se) J.J. BORDEN, D-M. USINA.

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Examined:

JOSEPH WEINER, Lieut., D-M, U.S. H.R., Navigator.

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OGGO-0400: Steering in company task unit 52.4.7 in formation 2 on base course OGGO; OGGO; OGGO at standard speed 15 knots (85 RPM). USS AMERICAN LEGION C.T.U. LIBRA is second whip in column. Right flank column of shipe USS JOHN FERM, LIBRA, HUNTER LIGGETT, and ALGORAB. Left flank column USS AMERICAN LEGION, CHESCENT CITY and GEORGE CLYMER, escort consisting of USS MICHOLAS, CONWAY, FARRENCLY, and PREBLE. Comescert in USS MICHOLAS, Boilers #1 and #2 in use. Condition III set. Ship darkened. Ollo Changed course to 125°T; 124°G. Ol28 Changed course to 118°T; 117°C. O204 Commenced sig sagging in scoordance plan #3 (1040 Diagrams). O250 USS DECREE CLYMER reported radar contact surface bearing 550°T, distance 15 miles. Av.Steim 450, Av. RPM 35.0.

Lt. (jg) D. W. CHILDS, D-V(O), USIR.

O400-0800: Steaming as before on base course 118°T, 117°G, at standard speed 15 knots. Zig tagming in accordance with plan #9 (1940 Disgrams). 0523 Exercised at General Quarters. 0523 Secured from General Quarters, set condition III, lighted ship. 0548 Consed sig tagging and resumed base course. 0550 Formed cruising formation #1. 0702 Changed speed to 2/3. 0712 Changed speed to standard. 0715 Commenced sig tagging in accordance with plan #28 (1940 Diagrams). Av. steam 447.5, Av. RPM. 87.8. Av. RPM. 87.8. 0800 Position: Lot. 100- 348:8. Lt.(Js) H. 13 MEPTER, D-V(C), VSDR.

OSCO-LEGG:- Steering as before, on base course 1180T; 1170G at standard speed of 15 knots, sig magging in accordance with plan #26 (1940 Diagrams). 1015 Radar contact by USS JOHN PERM, aircraft bearing 0250T, Friendly. 1111 Sighted aircraft bearing 1860T, Friendly. 1120 Radar contact USS CONWAY, aircraft bearing 2350T, Friendly. 1157 Ceased mig magging resumed base course 1180T. Av. Steam 450, Av.RPM 97.9.

1200 Position: Let. 100- 54'S.

Long. 1630- 59'E.

Long. 1630- 59'E.

200 Position: Let. 100- 54's. Long. 1630- 59'E.

1200-1600:- Stemming as before, on base course 11807, 11706. Standard speed 15 knots. 1200 Changed speed to 14 knots (78 RPM). 1204 Changed base course to 1407, 14006. 1806 Changed speed to 10 knots (55 RPM). 1208 Changed speed to 15 knots (84 RPM). 1210 Commenced sig sagging plan #28 (1940 Dingrans). 1300 USS HUNTER LIGORIT broke breakdown flag and left formation. 1309 Changed speed 2/3 standard speed (10 knots, 55 RPM). 1316 USS HUNTER LIGORIT houled down breakdown flag. 1324 USS HUNTER LIGORIT rejoined formation, changed speed to standard 15 knots (84 RPM). Av.Steem 450, Av.RPM. 83.5.

J. HORDEY, D-M, URINE.

1500-2000:- Steaming as before on base course 141°T, 140°G, steaming at standard epeed, 15 knots, sig sagging in accordance with plan #26 (1940 Disgrams). 1754 Darkened chip. Av. Steam 450 Av. PPM. 88.4.

2000 Position: Lat. 12°- 11'S.

Long. 185°- 02'E.

Lt. (jg) H. M. FEPPER, D-V(6), USNR.

2000-2400: Steaming as before on base course 141°T, 140°G, at standard speed 15 knots (85 RPM). Zig sagging in accordance with slan #26 (1940 Diagrams). 2000 Changed to big sag plan #8 (1940 Diagrams). Av. Steam 450, Av. RPM. 66.6.

Lt. (3g) D. W. CHILDS, D-V(C), USUR.

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

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Joseph Weiner Lieut. D-M, USHR, Mavigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP LIBRA (AKA12)

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2000-0490:- Steaming in company with task unit 32.4.7 in cruising disposition one (1), on base course 141°T, 140°G, at standard speed of 15 knots (84 RPM), rig ranging in accordance with plan #8 (1940 D.). USS AMERICAN LEGION is 0.T.U. LIBRA is second and last ship in column one (1), setern USS JOHN PENM. DD's screening, comescort in USS WICHOLAS. Ship derkened and condition of readiness III set. Boilers one and two in use for steaming surposes. Av. Steam 450,

In Sordan 19 1900.

0400-0800:- Steaming as before, on base course 141 T, 140 G, at standard speed 16 knots, sign sagging in accordance with plan #3. O616 Exercised at General Quarters. O607 Chongod signage to plan #26. O613 Sunrise, secural from General Quarters, light ship, set condition III. O645 Changed base course to 136°T, 135°O. Av. Steam 450, Av. PPR 85.3.

O800 Position: Let. 14°- 171'S.

Long.166°- 425'E. Lt.(jg) H. H. PPPER, D-V(G), USHR.

OBCO-1200:- Steaming as before, on base course 136°T, 135°3 at standard speed 15 knots (84 RPM). Zig sagging on plan #26 (1940 D.). 0915 Cape Cumberland abeam to starboard nop. distance 17 miles. 1000 Coased 2.2. and reguled base course, to starboard app. distance 17 miles. 1000 Goased 2.2. and resumed base course, changed to mid may plan #8. 1122 Saken Island about app. distance 7 miles. 1140 Gensed mig magging and resumed base course. 1146 Changed speed to 11 knots (61 RPM) changed course to 188°T, 187°G. 1155 Changed speed to standard 15 knots (64 RPM). Av. Steam 450, Av. RPM 85.2.

1200 Position:

Lat. 15°- 18'S.

Long. 187°- 18'E.

Lt.(jg) 7.7. BORDEN, D-N, WENE.

1200-1600:- Steaming as before, on base course 168°T, 167°C, at standard speed 15 knote (84 RPM) sig segging in accordance with plan #26 (1940 D.). 1200 Commenced sig regaing in accordance with plan #8 (1940 D.). 1250 Consed sig sagging and resumed base course and exis to 180°T, 179°C. 1255 Changed speed to 10 knote (55 RPM). 1407 USS PREBLE came alongside starboard quarter to deliver mail. 1418 Resumed standard speed 15 knote (84 RPM). 1414 Resumed sig sagging in accordance plan #8 (1940 D.). 1420 Changed course to 240°T, 250°C. Changed speed to two-thirds. Left task unit 25.4.7 with the USS ALGORAB and proceeded towards Segond Channel, Espiritu Santo, New Hebriles at various speeds on various sources a sterm of the ALGORAB. 1450 Set Special See Detail, Captain at the constant of the ALGORAB. 1450 Set Special See Detail, Captain at the constant of the ALGORAB. 1450 Set Special See Detail, Captain at the constant of the ALGORAB. 1450 Set Special See Detail, Captain at the conn, Executive Officer and Mavigator on the bridge. 1500 Entered channel between Tutubs and Bogacio Islands. 1823 Passed through the mine fields. 1838 Passed through the anti-submarine nets. Av. Steam 450, AvRPM 71.3.

Lt. (10) D. W. CHILDS, D-V(C) USNR.

1600-2000:- Steaming as before, proceeding to anchorage at various courses and speeds in Segond Channel, Esciritu Santo, New Mebrides. 1603 Anchored in vicinity of berth #25 in 18 fathoms of water, 60 fathoms of chain out to port anchor. 1613 Hove in anchor to 35 fathoms and proceeded to shift borths. 1830 Anchored in Segond Channel, Espiritu Santo, New Mebrides Islands in 27 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following anchor bearings:
Beacon "K" 1830T; beacon "F" 0820T; beacon 2860T. 1840 Secured recisi sea detail end #1 boiler.

R. H. GRIFFFII, D-V(O), VSUR.

2000-8400: Anchored as before.

PEPPER, U-V(S), VSIA.

Approved:

Commander, U. S. Mavy, Commanding.

Examined:

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CONFIDENTIAL UNITED STATES SHIP	LIBRA(AKA12)	Tuesday	3 August , 1943
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0000-0400:- Anchored in 27 fathoms of water wedge on the following and beacon "N" 226°T; beacon cargo into refer deck #	with 75 fathoms of nohorage bearings: n "M" 201 T; Ship 3 hatch.	chain to port a Beacon "K" 133 darkened. 0300	nchor at the water's OT; beacon "F" 062°T; Commenced loading
0400-0800:- Anchored as loading cargo in #1 hold		argo in #3 hold g) J. J. BORDEN	
0800-1200:- Anchored as Commenced loading #2 hol	ld.		#3 holds. 0905
1200-1600:- Anchored as	s before. Loading		and #3 holds.
1600-2000;- Anchored a hold. 1745 Secured #2	s before. Loading # nold. 1745 Darkene Lt.(	d ship.	1735 Secured #1
2000-2400:- Anchored a	s before.	Son-R	×w/

Lt. (jg) S. N. BEERY, D-V(6), USNR.

Approved:

Examined:

JOSEPH WEINER, Lieut. D-M, USNR, Navigator.

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

U. S. N., Navigator.

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LIBRA (AKA12)

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0000-0400:- Anchored in Segond Channel, Espirito Santo, New Hebrides Islands, in 27 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to port anchor at the water's edge on the following anchorage bearings: Beacon "K" 133°T; beacon "F" 062°T; beacon "M" 226°T; beacon "M" 226°T; beacon "M" 201°T. Various man of war and merchantmen at anchor. Ship darkened, boiler #2 in use for auxiliary purposes.

M. JORDAN, D.V(S), USNR.

0400-0800:- Anchored as before. 0600 Commenced loading cargo into #1 and #2 hatches. 0635 USS ARIDED stood in and anchored in adjacent berth.

Lt. (1g) D. W. CHIDDS, D-V(O), USNR.

0800-1200:- Anchored as before. Loading #1 and #2 holds.

D-V(G), USNR. BEERY,

1200-1600:- Anchored as before. Loading at #1 and #2 holds. 1345 Commenced loading #3 hold. 1435 Stopped loading #1 hold. 1500 Completed loading #2 hold.

R. H. Juffin, D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000:- Anchored as before, loading #3 hold. 1741 Observed sunset, dark-ened ship. 1820 Commenced loading #1 hold with general cargo.

Ens. F. T. BARNES, D-V(8), USNR.

2000-2400:- Anchored as before, loading cargo in #1 and #8 holds. 2230 Commenced loading ammunition in #4 hold.

BORDEN, D-M, USNR.

Approved:

F. F. FERRIS,

Commander, U. S. Navy, Commanding.

Examined:

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CONFIDENTIAL UNITED STATES SHIP	LIBRA(AKA12)	Thursday (Day)	5 August , 1946
ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11		ARKS ARKS & WAR DIARY	
0000-0400:- Anchored in in 27 fathoms of water w water's edge, on the foll beacon "N" 2260T. Number #5 holds.	ith 75 fathoms lowing bearings	of chain to the pos Beacon "K" 133°T	rt anchor at the ; beacon "F" 062°T; ed, loading at #4 and
0400-0800:- Anchored as Observed sunrise, lighter	before, contin d ship.	Ens. F. T. BARNES,	MANAGEMENT OF STREET
0800-1200:- Anchored as	before. Conti	Lt. (jg) J. J. BORD	
1200-1600;- Anchored as 1545 USS BALLARD stood in	before. 1540	Completed loading a	
1600-2000:- Anchored as sunset, darkened ship.	before. 1635	Lt.(jg) S. N. BEER	
2000-2400:- Anchored as	before.	Ene. C. D. SONES,	D-V(G), USKR.

Approved:

F. F. FERRIS, Commander, U. S. Navy, Commanding. Examined:

JOSEPH WEINER, Lieut. D-M, USNR, Navigator.

U. S. M., Navigator.

CONFIDENTIAL Friday (Day) 6 August , 19 43 UNITED STATES SHIP LIBRA (AKAL2) ZONE DESCRIPTION -11 REMARKS "OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY". 0000-0400:- Anchored in Segond Channel, Espiritu Santos, New Hebrides Islands in 27 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to port anchor on the following bearings: Beacon "K" 133°T; Beacon "F" 062°T; Beacon "N" 225°T; Beacon "M" 201°T. Ship darkened. Boiler #2 in use. Various men-of-war and merchantmen present. Lt. (Jg)D. W. CHILDS, D-V(G), USMR. 0400-0800:- Anchored as before. O612 observed sunrise, lighted ship. 0700, lit off #1 Boiler. Lt. (jg) S.N. BEERY, D-V(C), OBOO-1200; Anchored as before, OB18 made all preparations for getting underway.
OB33 set special sea detail. OB40 Hove up to 45 fathoms at water's edge. OB42
set standard speed at 10.5 knots 58 RPM. Captain at the conn. Navigator and
Executive Officer on the bridge. OB57 Underway in accordance with ComTransGroupSoPac despatch OB0206/August, forming Task Unit 32.5.3, LIBRA, CTU, followed by
USS ARIDED with USS CONSTANT proceeding ahead, at various speeds on various courses
conforming to channel. 1046 passed first submarine net abeam to port. 1049 passed
second submarine net abeam to starboard. 1055 passed White Rock abeam to port.
1057 Steady on 1650—entered swept channel through mine field. 1116 passed
Bogacio Island abeam to starboard. 1132 changed course to 1400G,1410T. 1132
secured special sea detail, took departure from Espiritu Santos in company with
USS ARIDED and USS CONSTANT acting as escort. 1136 commenced zig-zagging in accordance with Plan #39 (1940 Diagrams). Av. steam 450. Av. RPM. 32.4. Lat. 150-42' S. Long. 1670-17' E. 1200 Position: J. BORDEN, D-M, USNR. 1200-1600:- Steaming as before on base course 141°T, 140°G, at standard speed of 10.5 knots(58PPM). Zig-zagging in accordance with Plan #39 (1940 Diagrams). 1300 sighted Ambrim Island bearing 130°T; distance 30 miles. 1535 changed base course to 136°T, 135°G. Av. steam 442.5. Av. RPM. 58. Lt. (Jg) D. W. CHILDS, D-V(G), USNR. 1600-2000:- Steaming as before on base course 136°T, 135°G, at standard speed
10.5 knots, zig zagging in accordance with plan #39 (1940 D). 1600 Changed zig
zag to plan #38. 1700 N.W. tip of Ambrim Island abeam to port. 1744 Observed
sunset, darkened ship. 1800 Changed zig zag to plan #39. 1830 Changed course to
210°T, 209°G. 1943 Sighted white light bearing 170°T. Av. Steam 450 AvRPM 58.0
2000 Position:
Lat. 16°-41'S
Long.167°-531'E. Lt. (jg) H. M. PEPPER, D-V(G), USNR. 2000-2400:- Steaming as before on base course 210 T; 209 G., at standard speed of 10.5 knots (58 RPM), zig zagging in accordance with plan #39 (1940 D.). Ship darkened, condition of readiness III. Av. Steam 450 Av. RPM 58.0. M. JORDAN, D-V(S), USNR. Weiner Examined: Approved: JOSEPH WEINER. F. F. FERRIS, ieut. D-M, USNR, Commander, U. S. Navy,

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UNITED STATES	SHIP	_LIBRA(AKA12)

Saturday

7 August , 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

#### REMARKS "OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY".

0000-0400:- Steaming in company with Task Unit 32.5.5, LIBRA is OTC and Guide, U.S.S.ARIDED is in position astern. U.S.S.GONSTANT screening ahead, on base course 210°T, 209°G, at standard speed 10.5 knots(58 RPM). Zig-zagging on Plan #39, (1940 Diagrams). Ship darkened and condition III is set. Boilers #1 and #2 in use. 0125 ceased zig-zag and resumed base course. 0130 changed course to 161°T, 160°G. 0140 commenced zig-zagging on plan #39(1940 Diagrams). Av. steam 450. Av. RPM. 58.0.

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O400-0800; Steaming as before on base course 161°T, 180°G, at standard speed of 10.5 knots. Zig-zagging on Plan #39. 0613 observed sunrise, light ship. 0700 changed zig-zag plan to plan #38. Av. steam 457.5. Av. RPM. 58.0. 0800 Position: Lat. 180-21'S. 1670-374 E. Long.

Lt. (ig) H.M.PEPPER, D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200:- Steaming as before on base course 161°T,160°G, at standard speed of 10.5 knots (58 RPM). Zig-zagging in accordance with Plan #38(1940 D).Av.steam 450. Av. RPM. 58.0.

180-5718. 1200 Position: Lat. Long. 1670-53}E.

Lt. (1g) D. W. CHILDS, D-V(G) . USNR.

1200-1600:- Steaming as before on base course 161°T, 160°G, at standard speed of 10.5 knots. (59RPM). Zig-zegging in accordance with Plan #38 (1940 Diagrams). 1230 changed standard speed to 11 knots (61RPM). Av. steam 457.5. Av. RPM. 60.6.

JORDAN, D-V(B), USNR.

1600-2000:- Steaming as before on base course 161°T, 160°G, at standard speed of 11 knots, Zig-zagging in accordance with Plan #38. 1832 Sunset, darkened ship. Av. Steam 460. Av. RPM. 61.

200-14'S. 1680-23'E. 2000 Position: Lat. Long.

Lt. (jg) H.M. PEPPER, D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400:- Steaming as before on base course 161°T, 160°G, at standard speed of 11 knots(61RPM). Zig-zagging on plan #38(1940 Diagrams). Ship darkened. Av.Steam 460. Av.PPM. 61.0.

Approved:

F. F. FERRIS Commander, U. S. Navy, Commanding. Examined:

JOSEPH WEINER, Lieut., D-M, U.S.M.R.,

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OCCO-0400: - Steaming in confidence of the confi	UBS CONSTANT B 1 knote (61 RPM kened, condition	oreening a ). Zig za n III set	heed on bas agging in ac Boilers #	e course 1616	#38 ige for
0400-0800:- Steaming as be knots, zig zagging on plan zig zagging and resumed be Commenced zig zagging in a Islands, bearing 3050T, ap	fore on base co #38. 0614 Obs	urse 1610 erved sun O Changed plan #38. 45 miles.	rise, light course to 2 Sighted Ms Av. Steam 4	ship. 0675 ( 130T, 2120G. re Island, Lo 55, Av.RPM 61	0635 Oyalty
O800-1200: - Steaming as be speed of 11 knots (61 RPM) diagrams). O810 Sighted 1 miles. 1050 Sighted land, 1200 Position: Lat. 22 Long. 168	zig zagging in and (DURAND reef	accordance) bearing bearing	r, 212°G(213 se with zig 262°T, dist	Opstgo) at st zag plan #38 ance about el nce about 20 55, Av.RPM 63	tandard (1940 leven miles.
1200-1600; - Steaming as be knots (61 RPM) zig zagging Strange ship sighted beari Av. Steam 460, Av. RPM 61.0	in accordance on 269°T. 1250	with plan Ship idea	#38 (1940 d atified as f	standard spec	8 11 38 25).
1600-2000: Steaming as be 11 knots, zig zagging on m Darkened ship. Av. Steam 2000 Position: Lat. 23 Long. 167	lan #38. 1700 455, Av.RPM 61. 0- 39'5. 0- 40'E.	urse 21301 Changed co	1, 21203, et ourse to 222	OT, 221 OG. 1	1730 mil
2000-2400:- Steaming as be knots (61 RPM), Mig Zaggin Ceased Mig Zagging, resume and proceeded independentl RPM) changed course to 308 Av. Steam 457.5, Av. RPM 66.	g in accordance d base course. y as per orders or: 30706. Res	with pler 2200 USS changed	ARIDED left standard sp tag plen #38	diagrams). 21 task unit 32 eed to 13 kno (1940 D.)	.5.3 ots(72
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Monday 2 0 9 M August

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"OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY"

0000-0400:- Steaming in company with task unit 32.5.3 USS LIBRA is OTC and guide USS CONSTANT screening shead on base course 3080T, 3070G. Steaming at standard speed of 13 knots (72 RPM) zig zagging in accordance with plan #38 (1940 Diagrams) Bhip darkened and condition of readiness III set. Av. Steam 460, Av. RPM 72.

MOJORDAN, D-V(8), USNR.

O400-O800:- Steaming as before on base course 308°T, 307°G at standard speed 13 knots, 0400 Changed course to 000°T, 359°G. O520 Changed course to 358°T, 357°G. O623 Changed course to 350°T, 329°G. O624 Observed sunrise, light ship. O636 Changed course to 320°T. 319°G. O638 Changed speed to 14 knots (78 RPM) 0640 Changed course to 329°T, 330°G. O700 Changed course to 319°T, 320°G. O704 Sighted Amedee light bearing 345°T, approx. distance 12 miles. O710 Ceased rig ragging, changed course to 329°T, 330°G. O718 Steaming on various courses, standing toward Amedee light. Capt. at conn, Navigator onthe bridge. O735 Changed speed to 10 knots (55 RPM). O740 Set special sea detail. Av. Steam 450 AvRPM 71.4

Lt. (JE) H, M. PEPPER, D-V(G), USNR.

OBCO-120C: Steaming as before on various courses at various speeds conforming to the channel, approaching Noumea, New Caledonia. O905 Entered Bulari Passage O910 Passed Amedes light abeam to port distance 1,100 yards. O914 U3S CONSTANT was released from task unit 32.5.3. 1045 Passed through anti-submarine net into Great Roads. 1184 Anchored in berth A-11, Great Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia in 5 fathoms of water with 55 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor on the following bearings: Nickle Works 105°T, beacon "L" 165°T, beacon "M" 197°T, S.H. 097°G. 1132 Secured special sea detail.

CHILDS; D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600:- Anchored as before. 1453 Set special sea detail, 4th section. 1500 All dept's. ready for getting underway, Captein at Conn, Navigator on bridge. Heaved up anchor. 1501 Steering on various courses and speeds to berth A5, Great Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia. 1511 Anchored in 5.5 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to water's edge to port anchor on following bearings: beacon "K" 009°T, "J" 312°T, "K" 193°T, "L" 159°T. 1520 Veered to 75 fathoms at water's edge to port anchor on following bearings: beacon "J" 309°T, "K" 000°T, Chimney 101°T. 1527 Secured special sea detail.

> 72amis BARNES, D-V(S), USNR.

1600-2000:- Anchored as before. 1743 Sunset, darkened ship.

R. H. GRIFFIN, D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400:- Anchored as before.

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Approved:

FERRIS, Commander, U. S. Navy, Commanding.

Examined:

JOSEPH WEINER, ieut. D-M, USNR, Navigator.

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WEDNESDAY 11 August (Moses-

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ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

REMARKS

"OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY"

0000-0400:- Moored port side to Dock #7, Nickel Plant, Great Honds, Moumea, New Caledonia, with standard mooring lines, receiving fresh water from the dock. Boiler #2 in use for auxiliary purposes. Discharging cargo from all hatches. 0100 Completed discharging cargo from #4 hatch. 0300 Completed discharging cargo from #5 hatch.

FRED. T. BARNES, D-V(S), USNR.

0400-0800:- Woored as before. Discharging cargo from number 1, 2, and 3 hatches. 0802 Completed discharging cargo from numbers 2 and 3 hatches. 0725 Commenced loading number 5 hatch. 0730 Y.O. #44 cast off from starboard side.

Ens. FRED. T. BARNES, D-V(S), USNR.

0800-1200:- Moored as before, unloading number 1 hatch, loading number 3 hatch. 0850 Received Y.O. #24 along starboard side. 0910 Commenced receiving fuel oil Y.O. #24, commenced loading number 5 hatch. 0945 Commenced loading number 4 hatch. 0950 Commenced loading number 2 hatch. 1140 Completed receiving fuel from Y.O. #24. Received 75,600 gallons. 1155 Y.O. #24 cast off from starboard side.

Ens. FRED. T. BARNES, D-V(S), USNR.

1200-1600:- Moored as before. Loading #2, #5, #4, and #5 hatches, unloading #1. 1430 Completed unloading #1 hatch. 1520 Commenced loading #1 hatch.

Lt. (jg) R. H. GRIFFIN, D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000:- Moored as before, loading #1, #2, #3, #4, and #5 hatches. 1635 Completed loading #5 hatch. 1738 Sunset, darkened ship. 1744 Turned on Red Aircraft lights.

Lt. (jg) R. H. GRIFFIN, D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400:- Morred as before, loading #1, #2, #3, and #4 hatches. 2350 Condition RED, Nousea Area, darkened ship, discontinued loading all hatches.

Lt. (JE) R. H. GRIFFIN, D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

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

Examined:

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Thursday

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REMARKS "OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY"

Colon-0400:- Moored port side to dock #7, Nickel Plant, Great Roads, Noumes, New Caledonia, with 8" lines and wire 12" fore and aft. Boiler #2 in use for auxiliary purposes, ship darkened. Condition "RED" Noumes area. 0108 Condition "GREEN" in Noumea area, lighted ship, commenced making preparations to resume loading. 0130 Commenced loading #2 hold. 0200 Commenced loading #3 hold. 0230 Completed loading #3 hold. 0235 Commenced loading #1 hold.

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0400-0800:- Moored as before and loading #1, #2, and #3 holds. 0845 Resumed loading #4 hold.

It. (jg) R. H. GRIFFIN, D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200:- Moored as before. Loading #1, #2, #3, and #4 holds. 0940 Completed loading #3 hold.

Eng. C. D. SONES, D-V(G), USHA.

1200-1600:- Moored as before. Loading holds #1, #2, and #4.

T. M. JORDAN, D-V(S), USNR.

1600-2000:- Moored as before. Loading holds #1, #2, and #4. Observed sunset, turned on aircraft lights.

Ens. C. D. JONES, D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400:- Moored as before. Loading holds #1, #2, and #4.

L. M. JORDAN, D-V(S), USMR.

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

Examined:

JOSEPH WEINER, Lieut. D-M, USNR, Mavigator. U. S. N., Nevigator.

Friday 13 LIBRA(AKA12) August UNITED STATES SHIP \_\_ - 11 REMARKS
\*OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY\* OCCO-0400:- Moored port side to dock #7, Nickel Plant, Great Roads, Noumes, New Caledonia with standard mooring lines. Boiler #2 in use for auxiliary purposes, loading holds #2 and #4. 0400-0800:- Moored as before, losding holds #2 and #4. Lt.(jg) H. M. PEPPER, D-V(G), USNR. 0800-1200:- Moored as before, loading holds #2 and #4. Lt. (jg) H. M. PEPPER, D-V(G), USNR. 1200-1600; - Moored as before, loading holds #2 and #4. Lt.(jg) R. H. GELFFIN, D-V(G), USNR. 1600-2000: - Moored as before, loading holds #2 and #4. 1737 Sunset, darkened 2000-2400; - Moored as before, loading holds #2 and #4. K. WILLIAMS, USN.

Approved:

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

Examined:

JOSEPH WEINER Lieut. D-M, USNR, Navigator.

U. S. N., Navigator.

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DONES, D-V(G), USIR.

2000-2400:- Moored as before, loading #2 and #4 holds. 2010 Finished loading #2 hold. 2115 Finished loading #4 hold.

E. S. Jones, B-V(5), USMA.

Approved:

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

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CONFIDENTIAL UNITED STATES SHIP

LIBRA(AKA12)

Sunday

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"OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY"

OCC-0400: Moored port side to Finger pier berth #7 with standard mooring lines in Great Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia. Loading boats on #4 hatch. Boilers #1 and #2 in use for auxiliary purposes. Oll5 Completed loading boats.

Mu .(Jg) JAMES E. NESWORTHY, C-V(S), USNR.

O400-0800: Moored as before. O500 Set special sea detail. O515 Made all preparations for getting underway. O548 Unierway in accordance with ComTransGr, SoPac despatch 120356/August, steaming on various courses at various speeds standing out of Great Roads. Captain at conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 12 knots. O620 Executive Officer at conn. O717 Maitre Island abeam to starboard, distance 1.5 miles. O737 Goelands Island abeam to starboard, distance .75 miles. O754 Set condition III. Av.Steam 457, Av.RPM 42.6.

HE PEPPER, D-V(G), USNR.

OBOC-1200: Steaming as before on various courses, standard speed 12 knots (67 RPM). OB27 Passed through Bulari Passage. OB39 Changed speed to 8 knots. OB40 Amedee Light bearing O64 T, distance 4 miles, course 271 T, took departure Noumea, New Caledonia, formed task unit 32.4.6, consisting of USS HENDERSON, CTU and guide, USS LIBRA, SS SAN MARTIN, SS ISLAND MAIL, AND SS BRASTAGI, with escort consisting of USS WARRINGTON, Comescort, USS ELLET, USS SOUTHARD, USS SIMPSON, and USS STEELE. OB41 Formed cruising disposition with LIBRA first ship third column, abeam USS HENDERSON, interval one thousand yards. Changed course to 280°T. O923 Changed course 271°T. 1016 Changed speed to 12 knots. 1024 Changed course to 300°T. 1030 Commenced zig zagging in accordance with plan #11 (1940 disgrams). 1200 Position: Lat. 22°- 22'S. Av. Steam 460, Av.RPM 582.

M JORDAN, DAV(8), USNR.

1200-1800:- Steaming as before on base course 300°T, 299°G at standard speed 12 knots (67 RPM), zig zagging in accordance with plan #11 (1940 diagrams). Av. Steam 460, Av. RPM 69.1.

Lt.(jg) D. W. CHILDS, D-V(3), USNR.

1600-2000; Steaming as before on base course 300T, 299°G at standard speed 12 knots, zig zagging on plan #11. 1719 USS ELLET took position astern. 1730 Darkened ship. 1950 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course. 1955 Changed course to 318°T, 316.59G.Changed speed to 10 knots. Av. Steam 460, Av. RPM 69.9. 2000 Position: Lat. 21 - 31½S.

Long. 164 - 35 E.

Lt. (jg) H. M. PEPPER, D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400: Steaming as before on base course 318°T, 316.596 standard speed 12 knots (67 RPM), steaming at 10 knots (55 RPM). 2000 Resumed zig zagging in accordance with plan #11 (1940 diagrams). 2005 Resumed standard speed 12 knots (67 RPM). Av. Steam 460, Av. RPM 68.9

MOORDAN, D-V(3), UBNR.

Approved:

F. F. FERRIS, Commander, U. S. Navy, Commanding. Examined:

sh wein JOSEPH WEINER. Lieut. D-M, USNR, Navigator.

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REMARKS
"OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY"

OCCO-O4CO:- Steaming in company task unit 32.4.6 consisting of USS HENDERSON, USS LIBRA, SS CAPE SAN MARTIN, SS ISLAND MAIL, SS BRASTAGI, and USS WARRINGTON, SAMPSON, ELLET, SOUTHARD, and STEELE with USS HENDERSON, OTC and guide on base course 318°T, 316.5°C at standard speed 12 knots (67 RPM) zig zagging in accordance plan #11 (1940 diagrams) LIBRA position 31. Boilers #1 and #2 in use for steaming purposes. Ship darkened and condition III set. Av. Steam 460, Av.RPM 68.7

Lt.(jg) D. W. CHILDS, D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800:- Steaming as before on base course 318°T, 316.59G at standard speed 12 knote, zig zagging in accordance with plan #11 (1940 diagrams). 0505 Observed partial eclipse of the moon. 0624 USS ELLET took station shead. 0630 Observed sunrise, light ship. Av. Steam 460 Av.RPM 68.8.
0800 Position: Lat. 19°- 25'S.
Long. 162°- 38'E.

Lt.(jg) H. M. PEPPER, D-V(G), USNR.

O800-1200:- Steaming as before on base course 318°T, 316.5°G, at standard speed of 12 knots (67 RPM), zig zegging in accordance with plan #11 (1940 diagrams). 0940 Ceased zig zagging resumed base course. 0945 Changed course to 353°T, 351.5°G. 1000 Commenced zig zagging in accordance with plan #11 (1940 diagrams). 1044 Sighted ship bearing 290°T, USS RIXEY. Av. Steam 480, Av.RPM 68.7. 1200 Position: Lat. 18°- 57'S.

Long. 162°- 21½'E. Lt. L. M. CORDAN, D-V(8), USNR.

1200-1600:- Steaming as before on base course 353°T, 351.5°G at standard speed 12 knots (67 RPM), zig zagging in accordance plan #11 (1940 diagrams). Av.Steam 460, Av.RPM 68.9

Lt. (1g) D. W. CHILDS, D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000; Steaming as before on base course 353°T, 351.5°G at standard speed of 12 knots, zig zagging on plan #11 (1940 diagrams). 1730 USS ELLET took position astern of Convoy. 1745 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course. 1755 Changed course to 026°T, 024.5°G, changed speed to 10 knots. 1757 Observed sunset darkened ship. 1800 Commenced zig zagging plan #16, changed speed to standard speed. 1940 ELLET reported unidentified surface radar contact bearing 290°T distance 37,000 yards. Av.Steam 457,5 Av.RPM 68.5 2000 Position: Lat. 170-251'S.

Long. 162°-251'E. Lt. (Jg) H. M. PEPPER, D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400: Steaming as before on base course 026°T, 024.5°G at standard speed 12 knots (67 RPM), zig zegging according to plan #16 (1940 diagrams). 2040 USS ELLET USS STEELE, SS CAPE SAN MARTIN, and SS BRASTAGI detached from this unit proceeded as previously directed. Av.Steam 460, Av.RPM 69.4.

M. JORDAN, D-V(S), USHR.

Approved:

F. F. FERRIS

Commander, U.S. Navy, Commanding.

Examined:

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REMARKS "OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY"

OCCO-0400:- Steaming in company task unit 32.4.6 consisting of USS HENDERSON, USS LIBRA, SS ISLAND MAIL, escorted by USS WARRINGTON, SAMPSON, and SOUTHARD with USS HENDERSON OTC and guide on base course 026°T, 024.5°G at standard speed 12 knots (67 RPM), zig zagging in accordance plan #16 (1940 diagrams). Boilers #1 and #2 in use for steaming purposes. Ship darkened and Condition III set. Av. Steam 460, Av. RPM 68.5.

Lt. (1g) D. W. CHILDS, D-V(G) USNR.

0400-0800:- Steaming as before on base course 026°T, 024,5°G at standard speed 12 knots, zig zagging on plan #18, (1940 diagrams). 0452 USS WARRINGTON reported surface contact by radar bearing 530°T, distance 20 miles. 0620 Observed surface light ship. 0700 Changed course to 029°T and G. Av. Steam 460, Av.RPM 68.9 0800 Position: Lat. 19°- 25°S.

Long. 162°- 38°E. Lt. (1g) H. M. PEPPER, D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200:- Steaming as before on base course 029°T, 028.5°G, at standard speed 12 knots (67 RPM), zig zagging in accordance with plan #16 (1940 diagrams). 1011 USS SOUTHARD reported friendly aircraft bearing 300°T. 1022 USS SAMPSON reported friendly aircraft bearing 235°T. 1150 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course. Av. Steam 456, Av. RPM 69.5.
1200 Position: Lat. 150-02'S.
Long. 163°- 35'E. MORDAN, D-V(S), USNR.

1200-1600:- Steaming as before on base course 029°T, 028.5°G, at standard speed 12 knots (67 RPM), zig zagging in accordance plan #16 (1940 diagrams). 1200 changed zig zag plan to #11 (1940 diagrams). 1300 Adjusted base course to 024°T, 023.5°G. Av. Steam 460, Av.RPM 68.9.

Lt. (jg) D. W. CHILDS, D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000; Steaming as before on base course 024°T, 023.5°G, at standard speed 12 knots (67 RPM), zig zagging in accordance with plan #11 (1940 diagrams). 1741 Sunset, darkened ship. 1800 USS SOUTHARD assumed her night position. Av. Steam 457.5, Av.RPM 68.9 2000 Position: Lat. 13°- 39°S.

Long. 164°- 14°E. Lt.(jg) R. H. GRIFFIN, D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400:- Steaming as before on base course 024°T, 023.5°G, at standard speed 12 knots (67 RPM), zig zagging in accordance with plan #11 (1940 diagrams). 2345 Ceased zig zagging. 2350 Changed course to 348°T, 347.5°G. Av. Steam 457.5, Av. RPM 69.1.

M. ORDAN, D.V(8), USNR.

Approved:

Mr. F. F. PERRIS, Commander, U.S. Navy, Commanding.

Examined:

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\*OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY"

OCCO-0400:- Steaming in company with task unit 32.4.6 consisting of USS HENDERSON, USS LIBRA, SS ISLAND MAIL escorted by USS WARRINGTON, SAMPSON, and SOUTHARD with USS HENDERSON OTC and guide on base course 348°T, 347.5°G, at standard speed 12 knots (67 RPM) Boilers #1 and #2 in use for steaming purposes. Ship darkened and Condition III set. Libra in position 21. OCCO Resumed zig zagging in accordance with plan #11 (1940 diagrams) Av.Steam 460, Av.RPM 68.6.

Lt.(jg) D. W. CHILDS, D-V(0), USNR.

O400-0800: Steaming as before on base course 348°T, 347.5°G, at standard speed 12 knots, zig zagging in accordance plan #11. 0515 Exercized at General Quarters 0612 USS SOUTHARD took position shead of formation. 0615 Secured from General Quarters, set condition III, observed sunrise, light ship. 0655 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course. 0700 Commenced zig zagging plan #36. 0729 Sighted USS HOVEY bearing 165°T, approx distance 8 miles. 0750 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course. Av. Steam 460, Av. RPM 68.6.

0800 Position: Lat. 11° - 36'S.

Long. 164° - 10'E.

Lt.(Jg) H. M. PEPFER, D-V(G), USNR.

OBOO-1200: Steaming as before on base course 348°T, and G at standard speed of 12 knots (67 RPM). OBOO Commenced zig zagging in accordance with plan #11 (1940 diagrams) OBO1 USS SOUTHARD reported aircraft contact bearing 210°T distance 85 miles. OBO4 Changed base course to 346°T and G. OBO6 USS SOUTHARD reported friendly aircraft sending distress signal. OBO8 USS SOUTHARD left formation to proceed to reported contact. OB30 USS HOVEY joined formation as screen ahead. 1005 USS HOVEY alongside port side USS HENDERSON to receive written orders. 1045 Ceased zig zagging resumed base course 346°T. 1050 Friendly aircraft sighted bearing 207°T. 1051 Changed base course to 297°T and G. 1100 Commenced zig zagging in accordance with plan #16 (1940 Diagrams). Av. Steam 457.5 Av.RPM 69.4.

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Lt. L. M. JORDAN. D-V(S) USNR.

MU JORDAN, D-V(S), USNR.

1200-1600:- Steaming as before on base course 297°T and G, at standard speed 12 knots (67 RPM), zig zagging in accordance plan #16 (1940 diagrams) 1530 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course. Changed position in convoy astern of USS HENDERSON, SS ISLAND MAIL astern of LIBRA. Av.Steam 456, Av.RPM 68.6.

Lt.(jg) D. W. CHILDE, D-V(G), UMIR.

1600-2000; Steaming as before on base course 297°T, 296.5°G at standard speed 12 knots, zig zagging on plan #26. 1753 Observed sunset, darkened ship. 1900 Sighted red flare bearing 260°T. Av. Steam 455, Av. RPM 68.8 2000 Position: lat. 10°- 211'S.

Long. 162°- 344'E.

Lt. (jg) H. M. MEDPER, D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400:- Steaming as before on base course 297°T, 296.5°G at standard speed 12 knots, zig zagging in accordance with plan #26. 2305 Sighted Aliiti Island bearing 275°T distance about 11 miles. 2330 Ceased zig zagging resumed base course 297°T. 2340 USS SAMPSON reported radar contact at 320°T, distance 22,000 yards. 2355 Changed course to 282°T. Av.Steam 460, Av.RPM 68.6.

Program, D-V'S), USMR.

Approved:

F. F. FERRIS,

Examined:

JOSEPH WEINER,

Commander, U. S. Navy, Commanding.

Lieut. D-M, USNR, Navigator.

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REMARKS "OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY"

OCCO-0400; Steaming in company task unit 52.4.6. consisting of USS HENDERSON, USS LIBRA, SS ISLAND MAIL, escorted by USS WARRINGTON, SCUTHARD, HOVEY, AND SAMPSON, USS HENDERSON OTO and guide, on base course 282°T, 281°G at standard speed 12 knots (87 RPM). Ship darkened and condition III set. Boilers #1 and #2 in use for for steaming purposes. OCCOMmenced zig zagging in accordance plan #26 (1940 diagrams). OCCO Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course. OCCO Changed base course to S10°T, 309°G. OCCO Resumed zig zagging in accordance plan #26 (1940 diagrams). Av. Steam 455, Av. RPM 69.

D. W. CHILDS, D-V D-V(d) .USNR.

0400-0800:- Steaming as before on base course 310°T, 309°G, at standard speed 12 knots, sig sagging in accordance plan #26. O520 Exercised at General Quarters. O625 Secured from General Quarters, set condition III, observed surrise, light ship. O628 Friendly aircraft bearing 252°T. O714 Ceased sig sagging and resumed base course. O725 Changed course to 285°T. O730 Commenced sig sagging plan #11. O738 Mura Island absent to port, distance 2 miles. Av.Steam 452, Av.RPM 68.3. \$600 Position:- Let. 90- 28'S. Long. 1600- 441'F.

H. K. Pope PEPPER, D-V(G), USNR. Lt. (1g)

OBOO-1200: Steaming as before on base course 282°T, 284°G, at standard speed 12 knots (87 MPM), zig ragging in accordance with plan #11 (1940 diagrams). O830 Passed Rus Sura Island abeam to port, distance 25 miles. O929 Ceased mig ragging resumed base course 282°T. O942 Changed base course to 270°T, 269°G. O952 Entered Lange Changed base course to 270°T, 269°G. ed Lengo Channel. 0955 Changed base course to 266°T. 0959 Passed Nugu Island absor to starboard, distance about 1.4 miles. 1011 Passed Pari Pile absor to starboard distance about 1.5 miles. 1019 Proceed independently signal from CTU. 1030 All hands took debarkation stations. 1032 Hoisted all boats to rail. 1039 1,039 Changed speed to one third, proceeded independently on signal from USS HENDERSON.

1040 Changed course to 245°T, 1041 Stopped. 1045 Proceeded at various speeds and courses to Lunga Point, Captain at the Conn. 1050 USS WARRINGTON reported to LIBRA for duty. 1132 Anchored off Lunga Point, Guadalcanel, Solomon Islands in 26 fathous of water with forty five fathoms of chain to water's edge, port anchor on the following bearings: Beacon "E" 241°, Beacon "D" 160°, Beacon "C" 127°, 1134 Commenced hoisting out boats, 1145 Veered to 50 fathoms of chain at water's edge. 1146 Set Combat Discharge detail. JORDAN, DZV(8) USNR.

1200-1800:- Anchored as before, 1205 Commenced unloading. 1212 Verred to 60 fathoms of chain to the water's edge.

(JE) JAMES E. MESWORTHY, C-V(S), USNR.

1600-2000: Anchored as before, continued unloading. 1700 Set special sea detail.
1730 Underway at various speeds and courses to anchorage off Berande Point, Guadal canal. 1843 Anhored off Berande Point, Guadalcanal, berth 114, in 16 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain at the water's edge to port anchor with the following bearings: Beacon "L" 244°T, beacon "N" 135°T.

2000-2400:- Anchored as before.

F. F. FERRIS Commander, U.S. Mavy, Commanding.

Examined:

JOSEPH WEINER Lieut. D-M, USMR, Nevigator.

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0000-0400:- Anchored off   #114 in 10 fathoms of wate following bearings: Beacon and #2 in use, stending by.	"L" 242°T, beaco	of chain to the po	rt anchor on the arkened. Boiler #1
		In 17 Barn	ed
	En	Fred. T. BARNES,	D-V(S), USMR.
0400-0800; Anchored as being for getting underway, speeds, Captain at Conn, No. 0619 Anchored in berth#95 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of Wate	1425 Underway s avigator on the broff Lunga Point, athoms of chain to F" 271 T, bescon losding holds #1,	teaming on various ridge, standing tow Guadalcanal, Solomo o the port anchor o EE 245°T. 0631 Se	courses at various ard Lunga anchorage. a Islands in 25 a following bearings cured special sea
0800-1200:- Anchored as be chain to the water's edge. USS TARUS underway.	1035 USS ADROIT	standing out to Tu	or de company cov(s), USMR.
1200-1600:- Anchored as be			
	Lt	(JE) H. M. PERCH.	D-V(G), USNR.
1600-2000:- Anchored as be preparations for getting us loading. 1750 Underway, stand the Navigator on the beanchorage off Berende Point canal, Solomon Islands in port anchor at the water's 243°T, beacon "N" 144°T. Av. Steam, 455, Av. FPN 50.4	nderway, set spectoring on various ridge, Executive (t. 1906 Anchored 19 fathoms of watering on the following Secured spectors)	isl sea detail. 17 s courses at variou Officer at the Conn in berth #112, Ber er with 60 fathoms owing anchorage beatal sea detail, dar	45 Secured from un- s speeds, Captain , standing toward ande Point, Guadal- of chrin to the rings: Beacon "L" kened ship.
	Lt	(JE) H. H. PERFER,	D-V(G), USNR.
2000-2400; Anchored as be Condition "GREE!" at Guada	loanal.		
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Approved:

F. F. FERRIS, Commander, U.S. Mavy, Commanding.

Examined:

JOSEPH WEINER, Lieut. D-M, USMR, Navigator.

U. S. N., Navigator.

N. Nav. 48 (Mar. 1920) 21 Page. CONFIDENTIAL LIBRA(AKA12) Saturday 21 August . 1943 UNITED STATES SHIP (Unter IID955 (Month) ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11 REMARKS "OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY" 0000-0400:- Anchored off Berande Point, Guadalcanal, berth #112, Solomon Islands in 16 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to water's edge to port anchor on following bearings: Beacon "L" 243 T, beacon "N" 144 T. Ship darkened with boilers #1 and #2 in use for auxiliary purposes. Bos'h. R. K. WILSON, USN. O400-0800:- Anchored as before. O430 Made all proparations for getting underway. Set special sea detail. O445 Commenced heaving short. 0500 Underway for Lunga Point, Captain and Executive Officer on the bridge, Navigator at the conn. Steaming at various speeds and on various courses. O614 Anchored off Lunga Point Guadalcanal Island in 26 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor on the following bearings: Beacon "F" 270°T, beacon "D" 166°T, beacon "C" 130°T; SH 254°T. O635 Commenced discharging cargo from holds #4 and #5. O640 Completed unloading #5 hold. O645 Commenced discharging cargo from #2 hold. Av. Steam 460, Av. RFM 47.0 Lt.(jg) D. W. CHILDS, D-V(G), USHR. 0800-1200:- Anchored as before, unloading holds #2 and #4. Lt. (jg) H. M. PEPPER, D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600:- Anchored as before, continued unloading from #2 and #4 holds. USS PHILIP reported for duty.

Lt. (jg) JAMES E. NESWORTHY, C-V(S), USNR.

1600-2000:- Anchored as before. 1705 Set special sea detail. 1729 Underway on various courses to anchorage. 1817 Sunset, Darkened ship. 1832 Anchored in berth 112 off Berande Point, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands in 16 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain at the water's edge to the port anchor, on following bearings: Beacon "L" 248 T, beacon "N" 146 T. 1844 Secured special sea detail 1850 Sighted one green flare at 310 T. 1851 One yellow and one green flare sighted at 298 T. 1928 Condition "YELLOW" at Russell Islands 1932 Condition "RED at Russell Islands 2000 Condition "GREEN" at Russell Islands.

Wm. C. NORKE, D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400:- Anchored as before.

Approved:

F. F. FERRIS,

Commanding.

Examined:

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Commander, U.S. Navy,

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UNITED STATES SHIP LIBRA (AKAL2)

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ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

## REMARKS & WAR DIARY \*.

0000-0400: Anchored off Berande Point, Guadalcanal Island, Solomon Islands in Berth #112 in 19 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor, on the following anchorage bearings: Beacon "L" 248°T; Beacon "N" 148°T. Boilers #1 and #2 in use. Ship darkened.

Lt.(jg) R.H.GRIFFIN, D-V(G), USNR.

Q400-0800: Anchored as before. 0430 set special sea detail. 0450 USS TAURUS, 8.S.JANE ADDAMS, SS.JOSEPH JEFFERSON underway. 0452 SS ISLAND MAIL underway, 0606 Underway, proceeding at various speeds on various courses to Lunga Point. 0627 Anchored in berth #28 off Lunga Point, Guadalwanal, Solomon Islands in 21 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the water's edge to the starboard anchor on the following anchorage bearings: Beacon "C" 129.5°T; Beacon "D" 170.5°T; Beacon "E" 246.5°T; Beacon "H" 269°T. 0631 secured special sea detail. 0640 commenced unloading cargo from #2 hold.

Lt. (Jg)JAMES S. NESWORTHY, D-V(S)USNR

OBOO-1200: Anchored as before. 1130 Set special sea detail. 1152 underway in accordance ComSoPac despatch 202350 of August. Forming Task Unit 32.4.15 consisting of USS LIBRA, SS JOSEPH JEFFERSON, SS JANE ADDAMS, USS TAURUS with escorts USS WARRINGTON, PHILIP and ADROIT, and proceeded toward Lengo Channel.

Lt. (Jg)JAMES S. NESWORTHY, D-V(S)USNR.

1200-1600: Steaming as before on various courses and at various speeds.
1207 set condition of readiness III. 1230 USS HENDERSON with USS SAMPSON
joined and took command of Task Unit 32.4.15. 1248 entered Lengo Channel,
course 093°T. 1328 passed Pari Pile abeam to port distance 3.5 miles. 1400
secured special sea detail. 1534 changed course to 132°T, 131°G. 1542 changed
formation to cruising formation 1, LIBRA first ship in second column, abeam
USS HENDERSON, C.T.U. and guide. Av.steam 457.5. Av.RPM. 55.9.

Lieut, L. M. JORDAN, D-V(8), USNR.

1600-2000: Steaming as before on base course 132°T, 131°G, took position 21 in convoy, abeam to starboard of USS HENDERSON, steaming at standard speed 10 knots. 1657 Nura Island abeam to port, distance 2.2 miles. 1700 Commenced zig-zagging on plan #11. 1759 Darkened ship. 1817 USS WARRINGTON took screening position astern. 1845 Ceased Zig-zagging and resumed base course. 1850 changed course to 180°T, 179°G. Av. steam 460. Av.RPM. 56.1.

Lt. (jg) H.M. PEPPER, D.V(G), USNR.

2000-2400: Steaming as before on base course 180°T, 179°G, at standard speed 10 knots(55RPM). 2000 commenced zig zagging in accordance with Plan #11(1940 D). 2205 Sighted San Cristobal Island bearing 095°T, distance about 10 miles. Av. steam 460. Av. RPM. 56.0.

Lt. (jg) D.W. CHILDS, D.V(G), USNR.

Approved:

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

Examined:

JOSEPH WEINER, Lieut. D-M, U.S.N.R., Navigator.

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## REMARKS WAR DIARY".

COCO-C400: Steaming in company with Task Unit 32.4.15 consisting of USS HENDERSON C.T.U. and guide, USS LIBRA, USS TAURUS, SS JOSEPH JEFFERSON, and SS JANE ADDAMS on base course 180°T. Formation disposed in two columns, LIBRA first ship in second column with SS JANE ADDAMS astern, JOSEPH JEFFERSON second ship and USS TAURUS third ship in first column. Distance 700 yards, interval 1000 yards. Screen consisting of USS WARRINGTON, Comescort, USS SAMPSON, USS ADROIT and USS PHILIP. Standard speed 10 knots [55RPM], zig-zagging in accordance with Plam #11(1940 Diagrams). Boilers 1 and 2 in use. Ship darkened and condition of readiness III set. 0045 ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 180°T. 0055 changed course to 142°T. 0100 resumed zig-zagging in accordance with plan #11 (1940 Diagrams).

Lieut. L.M. JORDAN, D-V(S), USNR.

0400-0800: Steaming as before on base course 142°T at standard speed 10 knots, on zig-zag plan No.11(1940 D). 0455 changed course to 122°T. 0623 Sunrise, light ship. Av. steam 460. Av.RPM. 58.9. 0800 Position: Lat. 11°-13'S. Long.161°-38'E.

Lt.(Jg) H.X. PEPPER, D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200: Steaming as before on base course 122°T & G. at standard speed 10 knots(55 RPM). Zig-zagging in accordance with Plan No.11(1940 D) Av. steam 460. Av. RPM. 57.4.

1200 Position:

Lat. 110-321'5. Long. 1620-09' E.

Lt. (jg) D.W. CHILDS, D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600; Steaming as before on base course 122°T,121°G at standard speed of 10 knots (55RPM). Zig-zagging in accordance with Plan No.11(1940 Diagrams). 1230 USS WARRINGTON reported aircraft bearing 260°T, unidentified. 1233 aircraft identified as friendly. 1420 sighted one friendly aircraft bearing 015°T, distance about 13 miles. Av. steam 460. Av. RPM. 60.9.

Lieut, L. M. GORDAN, D-V(S), USNR.

1600-2000: Steaming as before on base course 122°T, 121°G at standard speed 10 knots. Zig-zagging on plan #11(1940 Diagrams). 1750 Darkened ship. 1805 USB WARRINGTON took position astern of convoy. Av. steam 457. Av. RPM. 61.1. 2000 Position: Lat. 120-06°S. Long. 162°-52°E.

Lt.(JE) H.M.PEPPEA, D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400: Steaming as before on base course 122°T & G.at standard speed 10 knots (55 RPM). Zig-zagging in accordance with Plan #11(1940 D). Av. steam 460. Av. RPM. 61.9.

Lt.(jg) D. W. CHILDS, D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

F. F. FERRIS, Commander, U. S. Navy, Commanding. · Examined:

JOSEPH WEINER, Lieut., D-M, U. S. N. R., Navigator.

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24 Pade CONFIDENTIAL (Metta) , 1943 Tuesday 24 August LIBRA(AKA12) UNITED STATES SHIP ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11 OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY" OCCO-0400:- Steaming in company with task unit 32.4.15 consisting of USS HENDERSON CTU and guide and first ship in first column leader. First column USS HENDERSON, SS JEFFERSON, USS TAURUS. Second column USS LIBRA and SS JANE ADAMS. Screen consisting of USS WARRINGTON, Comescort, USS SAMPSON, USS PHILIP, and USS ADROIT. Base course 122°T, 121°G, standard speed 10 knots (55 RPM), zig zagging in accordance with plan #11 (1940 diagrams). Ship darkened and condition of readiness III set. Boilers #1 and #2 in use for steaming purposes. OCCO USS SAMPSON detached this unit to proceed as directed. Av. Steam 460, Av. RPM 60.8 M JORDAN, D-V(S), USNR. C400-08001- Steaming as before on base course 122°T, 121°G at standard speed 10 knots, zig zagging on plan #11. 0512 Exercised at General Quarters. 0612 Secured from General Quarters, set condition III, observed sunrise. 0630 Changed course to 118°T, 117°G, USS WARRINGTON took position ahead of convoy. Av. Steam 455 Av. RPM 61.9. 0800 Position: Lat. 130- 06' S. Long. 1640- 181'E. Lt. (jg) H. M! PEPPER, D-V(G), USNR. 0800-1200:- Steaming as before on base course 1180T, 1170G at standard speed 10 knots (55 RPM), zig zagging in accordance plan #11 (1940 diagrams). Ay. Steam 460 AV. RPM Lat. 130- 23'S. Long. 1640- 44'E. 1200 Position: Lat. Lt. (jg) D. W. CHILDS, D-V(G), USNR. 1200-1600:- Steaming as before on base course 118°T, 117°G at standard speed 10 knots (55 RPM). 1321 Changed standard speed to 9 knots (49 RPM). 1352 Changed speed to 9.5 knots (53 RPM). 1424 Liberator bomber sighted overhead. 1433 Changed standard speed to 10 knots (55 RPM). 1440 Ceased zig zagging resumed base course 118°T. 1500 Commenced zig zagging in accordance with plan #10 (1940 diagrams). Av. Steam 460 Av RPM 59.3 diagrams). Av. Steam 460, Av. RPM 59.1 T. M. JORDAN, D-V(S), USNR. 1600-2000; Steaming as before on base course 118°T, 117°G, at standard speed 10 knots, zig zagging on plan #10. 1615 Changed course to 116°T, 115°G. 1736

Darkened ship, Av.Steam 457,5, Av.RPM 61.3 | Line 2000-2400: Steaming as before on base course 116°T, 115°G, at standard speed 10 knots (55 RPM), zig zagging in accordance plan #10 (1940 diagrams). Av. Steam 460 Av. RPM 61.1. W. CHILDS, D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

F. F. FERRIS,

Commander, U. S. Navy, Commanding.

Examined:

JOSEPH WEINER, Lieut. D-M, USNR, Navigator.

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CONFIDENTIAL UNITED STATES SHIP \_\_ LIBRA(AKA12)

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ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

### REMARKS

"OFERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY".

OCCO-0400: Steaming in company with Task Unit 32.4.15 consisting of USS HENDER-SON, OTU and guide and column leader first column, SS JOSEPH JEFFERSON, USS TAURUS astern, second column USS LIBRA and SS JANE ADDAMS. Screen consisting of USS WARRINGTON, Comescort, USS PHILIP and USS ADROIT. Base course 116°T, 115°G. Standard speed 10 knots(55 RPM). Zig-zagging in accordance with Plan 10(1940 D). Condition III set with ship darkened. Boilers #1 and #2 in use. Av. steam 460. Av. RPM. 61.4.

Lieut.L.M. JORDAN, D-V(S), USNR.

O400-0800: Steaming as before on base course 118°T, 115°G, at standard speed 10 knots, zig-zagging on plan #10. 0507 Exercised at General Quarters. 0523 sighted Cape Cumberland bearing 140°T, approx.distance 20 miles. 0602 Secured from General Quarters, light ship, 0512 changed course to 121°T, 120°G. 0642 Changed course to 128°T, 125°G. 0615 USS WARRINGTON took position shead of convoy. 0654 Changed course to 131°T, 130°G. 0708 Changed course to 138°T, 135°G. 0740 Changed course to 141°T, 140°G. 0754 Changed course to 146°T, 145°G. Av. Steam 453, Av. RPM. 60.2. 0800 Position: Lat. 140-43 S.

OBOO Position: Long. 1670-04 E. Lt. (jg) H.M. PEPPER, D-V(G), USNR.

OBOO-1200: Steaming as before on base course 146°T,145°G, at standard speed 10 knots(55RPM). Zig-zagging in accordance with Plan #10(1940 D). 0830 Adjusted base course to 151°T, 150°G. 0949 Adjusted base course to 156°T, 155°G, 1000 Adjusted base course to 161°T, 160°G. 1011 Adjusted base course to 166°T,165°G. 1102 Sighted Aoba Island bearing 115°T, distance about 22 miles. 1127 sighted YP 419 bearing 122°T, distance 9 miles. 1130 Adjusted base course to 161°T, 160°G. 1135 USS ADROIT and USS PHILIP exchanged positions. Av. Steam 460. Av.RPM.61.9. 1200 Position:

Lat. 15°-21'S. Long. 167°-18%'E.

Lt. (JO) D.W. CHILDS, D-V(G), USHR.

Lt.(JO) D.W.CHILDS, D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600: Steaming as before on base course 161°T, 160°G, zig-zagging in accordance with plan #10(1940 Diagrams), at standard speed of 10 knots(55 RFM). 1240 Ceased zig-zagging, changed to base course 156°T, 155°G. 1247 Task Unit 32.4.15 dissolved. The B.S.JANE ADDAMS, SS JOSEPH JEFFERSON, USS TAURUS, USS ADROIT proceeded to Espiritu Santos as previously directed, USS WARRINGTON screening ahead. 1248 Increased speed to 77 RFM. 1300 Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with Plan #10. 1306 Assumed position as guide and took tactical command followed by USS HENDERSON and screened by USS PHILIP. Changed standard speed to 13 knots (72 RPM.) 1315 Tutuba Island abeam to starboard, distance 5 miles. 1321 Changed to base course 147°T, 146°G. 1329 Changed course to avoid friendly submarine S38, escorted by USS FARENHOLT. Steadied on course 100°T, ceased zig-zagging. 1336 Resumed base course 147°T, 146°G. 1339 Commenced zig-zagging on Plan #10 (1940 Diagrams). 1455 Ambrim Island sighted bearing 126°T, distance 35 miles. 1520 USS WARRINGTON rejoined formation as escort. Av.Steam 460. Av.RPM.69.9.

C. D. JONES, D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000; Steaming as before on base course 147°T, 146°G, at standard speed 13 knote (72RPM), zig-zagging in accordance with Plan #10(1940 Diagrame). 1741 Observed sunset, darkened ship. 1835 Ceased zig-zagging, remained on base course 147°T, 146°G. 1840 Changed base course to 209°T, 208°G. 1845 Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with Plan #10 (1940 Diagrame). Av. Steam 460. Av. RPM.

2000 Position:

Lat. 160-44'S. Long. 1670-52'E.

Long. 167°-52°E.

Lieut.L.M.JoRDAN, Davys), USNR.

2000-2400: Steaming as before on base course 209°T, 208°G, at Standard speed of liknots (72RPM). Zig-zagging in accordance with Plan #10(1940 Diagrams).

Av. Steam 452.5. Av. RPM. 72.

Approved:

erris F. FERRIS, Commander, U. S. Navy, Commanding.

Examined:

Lt. (JE) D.W. CHILDB, D-V(Q), USNA. JOSEPH WEINER,

Lieut., D-M, U.S.N.R., Navigator.

U. S. N., Nanigator.

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REMARKS

"OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY".

GOOD-0400: Steaming in company with USS HENDERSON. USS LIBRA is guide and O.T.C. Screened by the USS WARRINGTON, and USS PHILIP. Steaming at standard speed 13 knots (72RPM), on base course 209 T, 208 G. Zig-zagging in accordance with plan #10(1940 Diagrams). Ship darkened and Condition III set. Boilers #1 and #2 in use. 0000 Ceased zig-zagging. 0010 Changed base course to 161 T,160 G. 0015 Resumed zig-zagging. Av.Steam 455. Av.RPM. 72.

Lt.(JE) R.H.GRIFFIN, D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800: Steaming as before at standard speed of 13 knots(72 RPN) on base course 161°T, 160°G, zig-zagging in accordance with Plan #10(1940 D). Battery brought to alert at 0501 and secured at Sunrise 0601. 0630 USS WARRINGTON reported surface contact at bearing 220°T, distance 24 miles. Av. Steam 457.5. Av. RPM. 72.2.

0800 Position:

Lat. 190-03'S. Long. 1670-52'E.

T.M. John D. V(8), USNR.

OBOG-1200: Steaming as before on base course 161°T, 160°G, at standard speed 13 knots (72 RPM). 103C USS WARRINGTON and USS PHILIP exchanged screening stations. Av. Steam 460. Av. RPM 73.4. 1200 Position: Lat. 190-51'S. Lat.

1200 Position:

1680-08'E. Long.

Len C.D. JONES, D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600: Steaming as before on base course 161°T, 160°G., at standard speed of 13 knots(72 RFM), zig-zagging in accordance with Plan #10(1940 Diagrams). Av. Steam 447. Av. RPM.73.

Lt.(jg) R.H.GRIFFIN, D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000; Steaming as before on base course 161°T, 160°G, at standard speed of 13 knots(72 RPM), zig-zagging in accordance with Plan #10(1940 Diagrams). 1800 USS LIBRA left convoy in accordance with directive received from the OTC steaming singly with USS PHILIP screening. Changed base course to 118°T, 117°G. Changed speed to 16 knots (92RPM), changed zig-zag plan to Plan #11(1940 D). 1705 Darkened ship. 1735 Observed Sunset. 1800 Changed base course to 140°T, 139°G. Av. Steam 440. Av.RPM 91.0. 2000 Position: Lat. 21°-11'S. Long. 1690-07'E.

D.W. CHILDS, D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400: Steaming as before on base course 140°T, 139°G, at standard speed of 16 knots(92 RPM), zig-zagging in accordance with Plan #11(1940 Diagrams). 2000 Changed course to 148°T. 2200 Changed course to 166°T. Av. Steam 487.5. Av. RPM.91.7.

L.M. GORDAN, D-V(S), USNR.

Approved:

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

Examined:

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Lieut., D-M, U.S.N.R., Navigator.

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OCCO-0400:- Steaming singly on base course 166 T, 165 G, at standard speed 16 knots (92 RFM), zig zagging in accordance with plan #11 (1940 diagrams). Escort in USS PHILIF screening shead. Ship is darkened, condition III set. Boilers #1 and #2 in use for steaming purposes. USS LIBRA OTC and guide. Av. Steam 450 Av.RPM 92.0

0400-0800:- Steaming as before on base course 166 T, 165 G at standard speed 16 knots (92 RPM), zig zagging in accordance plan #11 (1940 diagrams). 0400 Changed base course to 174 T, 173 G. 0502 Set the alert on all guns. 0602 Sunrise, secured from alert, Light ship. Av.Steam 450, Av.RPK 91.8.
0800 Position:- Lat. 23 - 40 S.
Long. 169 - 55% E.

Lt.(jg) D. W. CHILDS, D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200:- Steaming as before on base course 174 T, 173 G, at standard speed 16 knots (92 RPM), sig zagging in accordance with plan #11 (1940 Diagrams).
Av.Steam 450, Av.RPM 91.8

1200 Position:- Lat. 24 - 40'S. Long. 170 - 02'E.

Lt.(Jg) R. H. GRIEFIN, D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600:- Steaming as before on base course 174 T, 173 G, at standard speed 16 knots (92 RPM), zig zegging in accordance plan #11 (1940 diagrams). Av. Steam 440, Av. RPM 93.3.

D. GONES, D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2006:- Steaming as before on base course 174 T, 173 G., at standard speed 16 knots (92 RPM), zig zagging in accordance with plan #11 (1940 diagrams). 1723 Chesrved sunset, darkened ship. 1830 Ceased zig zagging, resumed base course. Av. Steam 442.5, Av. RPM 94.0.

2000 Position:- Let. 26 - 436 S.
Long. 170 - 20 'E.

Lt. L. M. GORDAN, D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400: Steaming as before on base course 174 T, 173 G., at standard speed 16 knots (92 RPM). 2400 USS PHILIP left convoy. Av. Steam 445, Av. RPM 94.4.

St. H. Suff Lt. (ig) R. H. GRIFFIN, D-V(G), USNR.

F. FERRIS, Commander, U.S. Navy,

Commanding.

Examined:

JOSEPH WEINER, Lieut. D-M, USNR, Navigator.

U. S. N., Navigator.

Page 28 CONFIDENTIAL . 1943 LIBRA(AKA12) Saturday 28 August UNITED STATES SHIP \_\_ (Dar) ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11 "OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY" 0000-0400:- Steaming singly on base course 174°T, 173°G, at standard speed 16 knots (92 RPM). Boilers #1 and #2 in use for steaming purposes. Ship darkens condition III set. Av. Steam 450, Av. RFM 94.6 BEERY, D-YNG), USNR. Lt. (jg) S. N. 0400-0800:- Steaming as before on base course 174°T, 173°G, at standard speed 16 knots (92 RPM). 0400 Commenced zig zagging in accordance with plan #11 (1940 diagrams). 0600 Cobserved sunrise, light ship. Av. Steam 447, Av. RPM 94.2. Theordan Long. 1700- 46'E. L. M. JORDAN, D-V(S), USNR. C800-1200:- Steaming as before on base course 174°T, 173°G, at standard speed 16 knots (92 RFM), sig zagging in accordance with plan #11 (1940 diagrams). 0911 Sighted plane bearing 125°T, passed out of sight on a northerly course. 1040 Flane sighted bearing 145°T, identified as friendly transport. 1102 Flane sighted bearing 160°T, identified as friendly transport. Av.Steam 447, Av.RFM 94 1200 Fosition:- Lat. 30°- 541'S.

Long. 170°- 57 'E. D. CONES, D-V(G), USNR. 1200-1600:- Steaming as before on base course 174°T, 173°G, at standard speed 16 knots (92 RPM), making 94.2 RPM. Zig zagging in accordance with plan #11 (1940 diagrams). Av.Steam 447.5, Av.RPM 94.2. Lt. (jg) R. H. GRIFFIN, D-V(G), USHR. 1600-2000:- Steaming as before on base course 1740T, 1730G, at standard speed 16 knote (92 RPM), making 94 RPM, zig zagging in accordance with plan #11 (1940 diagrams). 1700 Darkened ship. 1715 All guns placed on the alert. 1715 Observed sunset, 1830 Ceased zig zagging and changed base course to 180 T, 179 G Av. Steam 447.5, Av. RPM 94.2 2000 Position: Lat. 320-56'S Lt. (jg) D. W. CHILDS, D-V(G), USNR. Long. 1710- 15'E. 2000-2400; Steaming as before on base course 180°T, 179°G, at standard speed 16 knots (92 RPM) steaming at 16.2 knots (92 RPM). Av. Steam 460, Av. RPM 94. BEERY, D-V(G), USNR. Lt. (jg) S. N.

Approved:

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

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- 12 ZONE DESCRIPTION

"CRERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY

0000-0400: Steaming singly on base course 180°T, 170°G, at standard speed 16 knots (92 RPM). Boilers #1 and #2 in use for steaming purposes. Ship darkened and condition III set. 0100 Advanced clocks one hour to conform with -12 zone time. Av. Steam 450, Av. RPM 94.5.

DONES, D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800; Steaming as before on base course 180°T, 179°G, at standard speed 16 knots (92 RPM). 0450 Changed base course to 159°T, 158°G. 0500 Commenced aig zagging in accordance with plan #11 (1940 diagrams). 0557 Placed guns on the 0657 Observed sunrise, lighted ship, secured from the alert.

Av.Steam 450, Av.RPM 95.5. 0800 Position:Lat. 350- 53'S Long. 1710- 37'E.

Lt.(jg) D. W. CHILDS, D-V(G), USNR.

OSCO-1800: Steaming as before on base course 159°T, 158°G, at standard speed 16 knots (92 RFM), zig zagging in accordance with plan #11 (1940 diagrams). OSCO Changed base course to 156°T, 155°G, Av.Steam 447, Av.RFM 92.7.

1200 Position: Lat. 380-532'S.

Long. 1720-123'E.

ne. C. D. WONES, D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600: Steaming as before on base course 156°T, 155°G, at standard speed 16 knote (92 RPM), zig zagging in accordance with plan #11 (1940 diagrams). Av.Steam 450, Av.RFM 95.3.

Lt.(JE) S. N. BEERY, D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000: Steaming as before on base course 156°T, 165°G, at standard speed 16 knots (92 RPM), zig zagging in accordance with plan #11 (1940 diagrams). 1633 Sighted Mt. Edgemont bearing 136°T distance 98 miles. 1700 Changed base course to 152°T, 151°G. 1759 Observed sunset, called all guns to the slert, darkened ship. 1859 Secured from the alert. Av. Steam 450, Av. RPM 94.2.

2000 Fosition: Lat. 38°-49°S.

Long. 173°- 18°E.

M. JORDAN, D-V(S), USNR.

2000-2400: Steaming as before on base course, 152°T, 151°G, at standard speed 16 knots (92 RPM), zig zagging in accordance with plan #11 (1940 diagrams). 2020 Steady white light reported at 120°G, distance approx. 20 miles, identified as beach lights. 2020 Flashing white light reported at 137°T, identified as Cape Edgemont light, distance approx. 30 miles on port bow. 2040 Ceased zig zagging came to base course 152°T, 151°G. 2054 Cape Edgemont bearing 124°T. 2110 Changed standard speed to 12 knots (67 RPM), changed base course to 157°T, 156 G. 2151 Flashing light reported on port bow bearing 125°T, distance approx. 25 miles. 2218 Cape Edgemont light abeam to port distance 9.8 miles. 2230 Commenced zig zagging in accordance with plan #11 (1940 diagrams). Av. Steam 445 Av. RPM 74.5. Av. RPM 74.5.

6. O. D. ONES, D-V(G), USINR.

Approved:

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

Examined:

JOSEPH WEINER Lieut. D-M, USNR, Navigator.

IT. R. M., Manigator.

Mar. 1939 Page 30 LIBRA(AKA12) Monday 30 August . 1943 UNITED STATES SHIP \_\_ (Date) (Nicetin) ZONE DESCRIPTION - 12 \*OPERATIONAL REMARKS & WAR DIARY 0000-0400:- Steaming singly on base course 157°T, 156°G, at standard speed 12 knots (67 RPM), zig zagging in accordance with plan #11 (1940 diagrams). Ship darkened, condition III set. Boilers #1 and #2 in use. 0153 Sighted Stephens Island light bearing 174°T, distance 38 miles. 0230 Ceased zig zagging, resumed base course. Av. Steam 460, Av. RPM 67. Lt.(jg) R. H. GRIFFIN, D-V(G), USNR. 0400-0800:- Steaming as before on base course 157°T, 156°G, at standard speed 12 knots (87 RPM). 0448 Passed Stephens Light abeam to starboard, distance 12 miles 0449 Sighted Brothers Light bearing 190°T, distance 14 miles. 0715 Changed course to 180°T, 179°G. 0747 Passed Brothers Light abeam to starboard, distance 6 miles Av. Steam 460, Av. RPM 67.0 I. M JORDAN, DEV(S), USNA. OBOO-1200; Steaming as before on course 180°T, 179°G, at standard speed 12 knots (67 RPM). O804 Changed course to 184°T, 183°G. O820 Sighted Kaori Rock Light bearing 141°T, distance 8 miles. O845 Changed course to 171°T, 170°G. O950 Changed course to 071°T, 070°G. 1000 Set special sea detail and made all preparations for entering port, Captain at the conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. Steamed on various courses at various speeds conforming to the changed entering Wellington, New Zealand. 1022 Secured degaussing to the changed Paragraphy and Alexand Representations of the Steamed Paragraphy o Passed Pencarro Hd. abeam to starboard, distance .3 miles. 1048 Passed Hope Shoal Light abeam to starboard, distance 700 yards. 1050 Passed through anti-submerine net. 1100 Pilot came aboard. Lt. (jg) D. W. CHILDS, D-V(G), USNR. 1200-1600:- Steaming at various courses and speeds in channel, preparing to enter dry-dock. Pilot Hill at the conn. 1202 Tug took first line to dock. 1249 secured main engines and steering engines. 1305 Moored in dry-dock with standard mooring lines. Set regular port watch. 1404 Commenced pumping dry-dock. 1425 Ship resting on keel block. 1555 Dry-dock clear of water. HOBINSON, . D-V(G) USNR. 1600-2000: - In dry-dock as before, shippard man aboard to do necessary repairs. Taben. RODGERS, Jr. , D-V(G) USNR. 2000-2400:- In dry-dock as before. BEERY, D-V(G) .USNR.

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

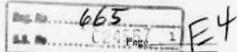
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UNITED STATES SHIP	LIBRA(AKA12)	Monday	31 August	. 19.43
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0000-0400:- In Drydoo the dock. Ship yard	ck at Wellington, New 2 workers on various job	e.	ing fresh wate	
0400-0800:- Ship in	iry dock, carrying on a	3	ork. INSON, D-V(0),	USMR.
0800-1200:- Ship in	iry dock, carrying on w	ith necessary w	// //	),USNR.
1800-1600:- Ship in 6	ary dock, carrying on w	Lt. (jg) D. W.	16.00	, USNR.
1600-2000:- Ship in 6	iry dock, carrying on w		ork. Fike, D-V(G), US	NR.
2000-2400;- Ship in 6	dry dock, carrying on w	0	WILSON, USN.	
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		Lt. (Je) b. W. OHI	DS, D-V(G), USNR.
0400-0800:-	In dry-dock as befo		1
		Ene. W. C. RORKE	, D-V(G), USNR.
0800-1200:-	Indry-dock as bef	ore. Shipperd men working	on verious repair jobs.
		Boe'n. R. K. WILS	on, vsh.
1200-1600:-	In dry-dock as bef		
		Lt. (Jg) H. N PEPP	ER, D_V(G),USNR.
1600-2000;-	In dry-dock as bef	ore.	
		Lt. (jg) H. M) PEP	PER, D-V(G),USNR.
2000-2400:-	In dry-dock as bef	ore. Shippard men still at	work.
		Ens. J. N KELLER	, D_V(G), USNR.
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		OPERATIONAL REMARKS	
ealand.	- Resting on keel Receiving water an xiliary purposes.	blocks in dry-dock, Por d telephone services fr	t Nicholson, Wellington, New om the cock. Boilers #2 in RODGERS, Jr. D-V(G), USNR.
rom recei looding d ay, seels levigator	ving fresh water, ry-dock. 0627 Bhi ted by tug (TAD1).	efore. 0430 Set species and telephone service for waterborne. 0830 Pil pilot at conn, Captain eaming on various cours	l see detail. 0445 Secured rom the dock. 0520 Commenced ot came aboard. 0743 Under- , Executive Officer, and the es at various speeds standing
		Lt. (Je) H.	M. PEPPER, D-V(G), USNR.
15 fathome	Underway towerds of chein to water , New Zealand.	a edge. OBSE Moored po	830 Let go sterboard anchor, it side Aotea Quay, Berth #1, Keller, D_V(G) USNR.
Jnderway P beem + m1 1524 Pilot to port. J55 FOMALH mile. 155 listence 2	ilot McLoud conning le to stbd. 1523 departed. 1527 Se 1633 Passed Steepl AUT close to port. O Energized degaus	g. 1502 Cast off tug. Passed Ftope Shoal light condition III. 1531 s Rock abeam to starbor 1542 Passed Pencarrow sing coils. 1550 Pesse t base course at 1660T,	ine from stbd quarter. 1455 1514 Passed Halswall point t abeam to port at 3 miles. Passed from range light abeam rd at 3/4 mile. 1540 Passed Head abeam to port 1/5 of a d Baring Head abeam to port, 154°G, standard speed 14 knot E. NESWORTHY, C. (S), USNR.
ccorance	with plan #11 (19	40 diagrams). 1731 Pas 755 Observed sunset, da ged zig zag plan to pla	T, 1640G, at standard speed 14 G, commenced zig zagging in sed Cape Polliser abeam to rkened ship. 1861 Changed n #14 (1940 diagrams).
knots (78 ) Changed co	RPM), zig sagging urse to 038°T, 036	re on base course OGSCI in accordance with plan OG. 2215 Sighted Castl satle Point light abeam	H. ORIFIN, D-V(0),USNR.  , O880G, at standard speed 14 #14 (1940 diagrams). 2115 e Point light bearing 3450T, to port. Av. Steam 452.5,  ORDAN, D-V(S),USNR.
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Zone description - 19		(Day)	(Dates (Mostle)
Position 0800	1200		2000
Lat. 39 - 46'S.	39 - 02'8.		37 - 25'8.
Long. 175 - 05 L.	178 - 37'E.		179 - 15'E.

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0000-0400:- Steaming singly on base course 038°T, 036°G, at standard speed 14 knots (78 RPM), sig sagging in accordance with sig sag plan #14 (1940 diagrams) Ship darkened, condition III set. Boilers #1 and #2 in use for steaming purposes. Av. Steam 460, Av. RPM 78.0

Ens. d. D. JONES, D-V(G), USMR.

0400-0800: Steaming as before on base course 038°T, 036°G, at standard speed 14 knots (78RPM), sig sagging in accordance with plan #14 (1940 diagrams). Av. Steam 480, Av. RPM 78.0

Lt. (jg) D. W. CHILDS, D-V(c), USNR.

0800-1200:- Steeming as before on base course 038°T, 036°G, at standard speed 14 knots (78 RPM), zig zagging in accordance with plan #14 (1940 diagrams). 1015 Changed course to 619 T,618 G. Av.Steam 460, Av.FPM 78.0.

Lt. (jg) R. H. GRINFIN, D-V(G), USKR.

1200-1800:- Steaming as before on base course 019 T, 018°G, standard speed 14 knots (78 RPM), sig sagging in accordance with plan #14. 1350 Changed to sig sag plan #11, changed standard speed to 15.5 knots (87 RPM). Av. Steam 457.5. Av RPM 83.6.

Lt. L. M. JCRDAN, D-V(S), USHR.

1600-2000: Steaming as before on base course 019°T, 018°G, at standard speed 15.5 knots (87 PPM), zig zagging in accordance with plan #11 (1940 diagrams). 1601 Changed speed to 12 knots (67 RPM). 1630 ceased zig zagging and resumed base course. 1715 Darkened ship. 1900 Changed course to 000°T, 359°G. Changed speed to 11 knots (61 RPM). Av.Steam 452.3 Av.PPM 65.7.

Lt. (Jg) D. W. OHILDS, D-V(G), USMR.

2000-2400:- Steaming as before on base course 000°T, 559 %, at standard speed 11 knots (81 RPM). 2100 Changed base course to 279°T, 278°G. Av.Steam 480, Av.RPM 61.0

Ene. C. D. VICKES, D-V(G), USMR.

Approved:

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F. F. FERRIS, Comdr., USN Commonting Officer.

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OMITED STATES SIM	LIBRA(AKA12)		Saturday	4	September	_ , 19_ <del>4</del> 3
Zone description - 12						
Position 0800 Lat. 36°- 35 S Long. 177°- 28 E.		1200			2000	
		ONAL REMARI	KS			
0000-0400:- Steaming ei steaming at 11 knots (6 Av.Steam 457,5, Av.RPM	RPM). Ship	inrkened, c	ondition I	II se	t.	
		Lt. (jg)	R. H. GRIF	FIN,	D-V(G),USNR	
0400-0800:- Steaming as knots (87 RPM) steaming (84 RPM). 0700 Sighted land bearing 289 <sup>0</sup> T, 07 Av.RPM 68.2.	before on bas at 11 knots ( land bearing) 21 Changed bas	e course to	9°T, 278°G 550 Change ance about 270°T, 25	9°G.	iles. 0714 Av.Steam 4	15.5 ota Sight 57.2,
knots (84 RPM). O817 C 244°T, 243°G. 0905 Cha vettes standing out of Changed speed to 12 knoting. 1017 With Chinau 1021 Changed course to distance 800 yards. 10 1036 Changed course to course to 309°T, 307°G. four friendly aircraft board, distance 10.5 mi about 8 miles on course Av.RPM 86.7	enged speed to channel. 0950 te (67 RPM) Gy light sbeam to 322°T, 322°G, 324°T, 322°G, 324°T, 324°G, 1045 Captain bearing 020°T, les. 1121 Sig 270°T. 1150	Changed core error che sterboard 1022 Change 1032 Passe Point lig 1041 Tepsk turned over 1112 Passented cargo Changed course.	ourse to 26 senged to 2 changed to 2 changed to 2 changed to 3 changed to 3 changed to 3 changed to 3 changed Cuvier vessel beaute to 302	912 S 90T, 00E, urse 0 18 Rock 0 por aring 0.0. Islan ring 0T, 3	ighted thre 268°G. 100 1007 Captai to 293°T, 2 knots (90 Rabeam to st t, distance 222°T, cha D. 1111 Si d abeam to 310°T, dist 00°G. Av.St	e cor- 5 conn 91°G. PM). arboar 1 mil nged ghted star- ance eam 45
1200-1600:- Steaming as knots (84 HPM), steaming 270 G. 1225 Passed Cha ed on various courses a Sighted Flat Rock light aboard and took over the Rangitoto Light abeam to net.	ng at 16 knots innel Island ab it various spec bearing 265°T ne conn. 1454	(90 RPM). eam to star is approach distance 8 Secured deg e 1 mile.	1206 Chang board dist ing Auckla miles. 1 sussing co 1521 Passe	ed co ance nd, H 447 P 11s. d thr	urae to 276 .5 miles. ew Zealand. ilot Hogan 1505 Passe	Prodee 1300 came d ubmari
1600-2000:- Underway as wharf "W", Auckland, Ne and la wire rope fore water from the dock.	w Zealand, sta	rboard side Observed s	to with 6 sunset. 19	stan 35 Ro	dord manile	sh sh
		Lt. (jg)	н. н. онур	DIN,	D-V(G), USA	
2000-2400:- Noored as t	efore.	Ens. O.	D. SCHES,	D-V(0	), ÚBNA.	

To be forwarded direct to the Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet, either at end of an operation or at the end of the calendar month.

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			Ens. FRED.	T. BARNES, D-	V(S),USNR.
1600-2000:	- Moored as	before. 180	4 Observed sunse	t.,	
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			Lt. (Jg) S.	M. BEERI, D-V	(G), USNR.
2000-2400:	- Moored as	before.	7	0-12	
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			Ens. FRED	T. BARRES, D	-V(5),USNA.

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			Ene	ien E. c. ROB	INSON, D-	V(G),USNR.
0400-0600;	Moored a	s before.	0640 observed	(js) S.N.BE	Bound	), yenr.
0800-1200:	Hoored a	s before.	Ens	Ful 7	/Zames, D-	V(S),USNR.
1200-1600:	Moored a	s before.	<del>जि.</del>	James E	E. NESWOR	MY, c-y(a)>usijn.
1600-2000:	Moored a	s before.	1804 observed	sunset.	Chil	(o), USNR.
2000-2400:	Moored a	s before.	En e	S. A. Q. ign c. D. Jon	E8, D-V(0	),usur.

F. F. FERRIS, Commander, U.S. Navy.

Joseph WEINER, Lieut. D-M, USNR.

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	ATES SHIP LIBRA	AKA12)	Tuesday (Dw)	7 September , 19 (
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Harbor with	n standard 8" ha ephone and fresh	wsers and la" wir	re rope as boy	in Auckland, New Zeals w and stern lines. Rec- piler No.1 in use for dir.,D-V(0),USNR.
0400-0800:	Moored as befo	re. 0637 Observe	ed sunrise.	3.2
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0800-1200:	Moored as befo	re.		- 2
		Lt. C	FIJAMES E.NES	SWORTHY, C-V(8), USUR.
1200-1600; and salt w	Moored as befo		ored to Port	D-V(G),USNR.
		re. 1610 Secured observed sunset.		- commenced receiving
		Enels	T. Malone In E.T. MALONE	, D-V(G),USNR.
2000-2400;	Moored as befo	re.	R.K. TV	ilson
		Bostr	n, R.K.WILSON	, U.S.Mavy.
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F. F. FERR	IS, Commander, U	SN. (	Joseph	Weiner NER, Lieut.D-M, USNR. Novigator.

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New Zealand auxiliary	i with six : liesel engi: one service	standard mani: nes in us <b>e</b> fo	to Calliope Dock, la lines, la wire r auxiliary purpos k. H/S T-24 moore	rope fore	and aft. Two(2)
			Lt. (JE)R.H.	ORIFFIN, I	-V(G),USNR.
0400-0800:	Moored as	before.			
			Ensign W.C.	HORKE, D-V	(3), USMR.
0800-1200:	Moored as	before.	Ensign E.T.	Malone, D.	V(G), USNR.
1200-1600:	Moored as	before.	£. C.	Robinson,	D-V(GY,USNR.
1600-2000:	Noored as	before.	Ensign E.C.	ROBINSON.	D-V(G), USMA.
2000-2400:	Moored as	before.	Lieut. (Jg)	A. Beer	D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

F. F. FERRIS, Commander, USN.

Commanding Officer.

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JOSEPH WEINER, Lieut, D-M, USNI

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UNITED STA	TES SHIP L	IBRA(AKA12)	Thursday	9 September . 19 43
Zone description	-12			
Position	0800		1200	2000
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		OPERA	TIONAL REMARKS	
Two(2)auxi	liary diese telephone s	L engines in	use for auxiliary pur ock. Receiving steam	rf "W" in Auckland Harbo as bow and stern lines. poses. Receiving fresh from HMS T-24, moored to Barnes, D-V(S), USNR.
0400-0800;	Moored as	before.	Lieut.L.M. John	AN, D-V(S), USMR.
0800-1200:	Moored es	before.	6.6.	Robinson
1200-1600:	Moored as	before.	Ensign D.H.ROL	Sody sus for USNR.
1600-2000:	Moored as	before.	JR /	Celler 115MB.
2000-2400:	Moored as	before.	Book Baker	W.L. Navy.

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F. F. FERRIS, Commander, USN.

Commending Officer,

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JOSEPH WEINER, Light.

JOSEPH WEINER, Lieut., D-M, USNR.

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UNITED STATE		LIBRA(AKA1:	2)	Friday	10 (Date)		, 19 43
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		C	OPERATIONAL REM. (WAR DIARY)	ARKS			
Harbor, New lines. No.2	Zealand Auxilia and tele	with stands ry Diesel e phone servi	ide to Callicpe ard 8" hawsers engine in use f loss from the d	and le" wir	e rope	as bow and	stern
			LV.	JENALIS E.	NESWOF	THY. 0-V (8)	USITR.
0400-0800:	Noored a	s before.					
			Lt.	Je D.W. SHI	LDS, I	-V(9), Vsits	
0800-1200:	Moored a	s before.	Lt.(	AMAPINE.	e a M	€v(d), Usin	
1200-1600:	Noored a	s before.	Engl	6.C	nale	Vidy value.	
1600-2000:	Moored a	s before.		W. C. P.	nk.	/(G);USNR.	
2000-2400:	Moored a	s before.	Lt.	Hur.	BR.	~ · 5-V(G) ,USIIR	-

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UNITED S	TATES SHIP	LIBRA(AKA	12)	Saturday	11	September , 19 43
Zone description	- 12					
Position Let. Long.	0800		1200			2000
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		OPER	ATIONAL REMA (WAR DIARY)	RKS		
Zealand.	with six star diesel engir hone service	dard menile	lines, là" : r auxiliary k. T24 moore	fire rope for purposes.	re en Recei ide.	ving fresh water Receiving steam
				R. A. Si	ef:	D-V(G), USNR.
			Lt.(jg)	R. H. GRIF	Mil.	D-V(G), USNR.
0400-0800	: Moored as	before.				
			Ens. E.	T. MALONE,	D-V(	G), USNR.
0800-1200	: Moored as	before.				
			Ens. W.	C. RORKE,	D=V(0	),USMR.
1200-1600	: Moored as	before.	Ens. J.	R Keller	, <sub>D-V</sub>	(o) JUSHR.
1600-2000	: Moored es	before.	(	Son Boss	رس	
2000-2400	: Moored as	before.	Lt.(jg	S. M. BEER	Y , \D-	V(G),USNR.
			Ens. F	T. BARNES,	D-V(	S),USNR.

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P. F. FERRIS, Comdr. USN Communiting Officer.

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UNITED STATE	TES SHIP	LI	BRA(AKA12)		Sunday	12 S	eptember (Manh)	. 1943
Zone description	- 12							
Position Lat.	0800			1200			2000	
Att.								
0000-0400: M Zealand, wit	n stand	ard 8"	d side to (	at wine r	harf "W" 1	end eta	man Throne	#2
muxiliery Di and telephon on port quar	e servi ter.	ce from	the dock.	Receivin Ens. E			T-24, moo	red
0400-0800: M	oored a	s befor	·e.	Lt. L	th Sin	dan	),USMR.	
0800-1200: M	oored a	s befor	e.	Ens.	R Kelle	 ⊙R, D=∀(	G), USNR.	
1200-1600: N	cored a	s befor	e.	LEN	TARES E.	VEGUS WESWORT	HY, 0-V(8)	,USNI
1600-2000: N	oored a	s befor	e.	Lt. L.	m Ser	lan, D-V(5)	γυ <del>σ</del> ιπ.	
2000-2400: N	cored a	s befor	e.	Bos'n.	P. Z. WII	Viles SON, USN	21	

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at.	1/81//		1200	2,000	
ong.					
		- 175 Th. 175	TONAL REMARKS WAR DIARY)		
0000-0400 Harbor, N Two auril water and furnishing	iary Diesel en telepnone ser	oard side to th six stands gines in use vice from the	Callione Dock, and manila line for suxiliary dock. HMNZS	Wharf "W", in Aucklas, 11" wire rope ros purposes. Receiving T-24 moored to port q	fresh uarter
nann nann	-Moored as be	F	,		
0400-0800	-moored as De	lore.	10/10	Care	
			Lt.(jg) H.	N. PEPFER, D-V(G), USN	A.
0800-1800	-Noored as be	fore.	-		
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		2	Lt_(JE) JA	MES E. NESWORTHY, C-V(	USMR
1200-1600	-Moored as be	fore.	4.7	01	
			Ens. W. C.	ROAKE, D-V(3), USNR.	
1800-2000	-Moored as be	fore			
	-11001 011 113 100		1810	2700	
			Lt. (18) H.	M. PEFFER, D-V(G), USN	Ħ.
2000-2400	-Moored as be	fore.			
			E.T.	MALONE, D-V(G), USNA.	
			Ens. E. T.	MALONE, D-V(G), USNR.	

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Examined:

F. F. FERRIS, Comdr. USN Commanding Officer.

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UNITED ST	ATES SHIP LIB	BA(AKA12)	Tuesday	14 September . 19 43
	THIRD SINIES SIM EXECUTION OF THE			(North)
Zone description	-12			
Position Lat.	0800		1200	2000
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			TIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)	
New Zealand lines. Two water and t steam.	Moored star i, with six 8 o auxiliary e telephone ser	board side t " standard h ngines in us vice from th	e for auxiliary pur e dock. HMS T-24 m	arf "N" in Auckland Harbor, rope as bow and stern poses. Receiving fresh cored to port furnishing
			Eneign W. C. HOR	KE, D-V(G), USNR.
0400-0800:	Moored as b	efore,	n. +.	IFFER, D-V(G), USNR.
0800-1200:	Moored as b	efore.		ES, D-V(G), USNR.
1200-1600:	Moored as b	efore.	Ensign C. D. FON	
1600-2000;	Moored as b	efore,	Ensign W. C. ROR	
			Eneley J.R. KEL	LER, D-V(G), USNR.
2000-2400:	Noored as b	efore.	Bos'n, R.K. VIL	Viles. Son, U.S. Mavy.

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Commander, U.S.N.

Examined:

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UNITED STATES SHIP LIBRA (AKA)	12)	The state of the s	15 Sentember	_, 19 43
Zeroe description - 22		(Day)	Date) (Maith)	
Position 0800	1200		2000	
Lat.				
long.				
ОРЕГ	RATIONAL REMAR (WAR DIARY)	KS		
2000-0400; Moored starboard side to Zealand, with six eight inch stand as bow and stern lines. Two auxil purposes. Receiving fresh water of T-24 moored to port quarter furnish	inrd hawsers. Lisry Diesel e and telephone	One and one	half inch wir	e rope
	Lt.(jg)	S. N. Beery	, D-V(F), USKI	١.
0400-0800; Moored as before.				
	Ens. E.	C. HOBINS	N. D-V(G), USM	₹.
0800-1200: Moored as before. Numb by hend at 1145.		ired at 0920	), safety valve	
	Ene. F.	T. BARNES,	D-V(S), USNA.	
1200-1600: Moored as before. 1250	Secured stea	m from HONZS	T-24 and out	#1
boiler in on auxiliary lines. 1509				
	Ens. D.	W. RODOERS	Ør.; в=∀(в),	BNR.
1600-2000: Moored as before.	F	Dordan	TWO YES	
	Lt. L.	W JORDAN,	D-WS), USUR.	
2000-2400; Moored as before,		LWG	full	705
	Lt.(Jg)	D. W. CHII	.DS, D-V(O),US	R.
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UNITED ST	TATES SHIP LIBRA(A	KA12)	Thursday	16 (Date)	September, 19 43
Zone description	-12				
Position Lat.	0800	12	200		2000
Long.					
		OPERATIONAL (WAR DI			
New Zealan	: Moored starboe of with standard use for auxiliar rom the dock.	8" hawsers 11"	wire rope as bo	bna we	n Auckland Harbor stern lines. No.1 nd telephone
			Lt. HET TAKES E.	NESWOR	THIX C-V(8), USITH.
0400-0800	: Moored as befo	re.	and grid of the	nea B, D-V(	o), vsum.
0800-1200	: Moored as befo	re.	Dyek.	fin	R
	0.	9	Andren D.H. Sypon	25,51	%D-V(G),USHE.
1200-1600	: Moored as befo	re.	Lt. (10) R.H. SAI	ff	-V(G).USMR.
1600-2000	: Moored as befo		w.c.Ro	k. D-V(	o), USMR.
2000-2400	: Koored as befo	re.	Lt. (JE) H.N. PER	ssis.	V(G), Usińk.

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UNITED STATES SHIP	LIBRA(AKA12)	Friday	17 September 19 43
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Position 0800 Lat.	1	200	2000
Long.			
	OPERATIONAL (WAR DI		
2000-0400; Moored at Zeelend with standar Musber 1 boiler in u telephone service fr	d 8" hawsers and l\" se for suxiliary pur	wire rose as bo	in Auckland Harbor, New by and stern lines. or fresh water and
	Ī	ne. E. T. MALON	L, D-V(G), USNR.
0400-0800: Moored as	before.		
		P. 64.	buff D-V(0), USNR.
	Ī	t. (3g) R. H. GR	IFFX, D-V(G), USNR.
0800-1200: Moored as	before. 0810 11t o	ff #2 boiler.	
		w.c. Ro	B
	- Z	ne. W. C. RORKE	D-V(O), USMR.
1200-1600: Moored as	hefore.		
		ns. A. R. Keller	les.
	Ē	ns. J. R. KELLE	R, D-V(O), USNR.
1600-2000: Moored as			
		ne. E. C. Rosin	TOTAL TOTAL
AND A100 H		ns. s. v. nosin	son, D-v(G), Dann.
2000-2400: Moored as	Delore.	1.01	
	E	ne. E. d. ROBINS	SON, B-V(G), USINR.
Approved:	Exami	ned:	

F. F. FERRIS, Consider, USM Communities Officer.

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UNITED S	STATES SHIP LIBRA(A	(KAL2)	Saturday	2.6	September	, 19 <u>43</u>
Zone description Position	0800	1200			2000	
Lat.					2000	
Long.						
New Zeals	0: Moored starboar and, with standard ler in use for suxi	5" hawsers and 15"	e Dock, Where	as bow	and stern 1:	ines.
service i	from the dock.	Ensign	FRED T. BARNI	Bar E8, D-1	V(S), USMR.	
came abor	0: Moored as befor ard. 0725 Tug Te A at various courses d quarter.	AWHINA at port bow.	. 0730 mll : 7 Tug WILLIA	lines :	cost off and	
to Prince	O: Underway shifti ess Wharf with stan ses detail. 0845 0	ndard mooring lines Commenced loading ?	cess Wharf. s. 0885 Tug holds No.1,	0817 : s cast 2 and 1	off. 0830 5.	side Secur
1000_160	O: Moored as befor		JANELLER,			4
loading l	holds Nos. 1, 2 and	5.	. 0		, VSMR.	
1600-200	0: Moored as befor	Ensign	C.DUCHES,	D-V(0)	, USNR.	
		Lt.(jg	D.W. CHILLES	Lack	of vene.	
2000-2400	O: Noored as befor	e. Engign	C. D. Johns	D-V(0	), VSMR.	
Approved:	Commander, III	Examined:	beech b	Ver	nes ut.,D-M, USM	m,

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Zone description Position	""						45.5
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ong.							
Mew Zenla	and with 6	ort side to	PERATIONAL REMA (WAR DIARY)  east inner ber rd lines. Rece	rth of Prin	cess M	marf, Auckla	ind,
	Miles to the		THE RESIDENCE OF THE PARTY OF T		RS,Jr.	D-V(0),US	NR.
0400-0800	O: Moored a	s before.	·- 10	R. H. J	siff:	D-V(G), USHR	
			Lt. (JE	() R. H. GR	IF TO	D-V(G), USHR	
0800-1200	): Moored a	s before. OR	300 Began loadi Ens. E	ing #1, #2,			
1200-1600	); Moored a	s before. 11	100 Finished lo	eding #5 h	old.	7(6) , USWR.	
1890-2900	): Moored a	s before. 1	1735 Finished 1	loeding #1 R. H. OR		bolds.	ŧ.
2000-2400	0: Moored s	s before.	Ene. 1	W. C. Rorke	<u>k_</u> , 0-∀()	o), usma.	
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UNITED STATES SHIP LIBRA(AMA12)	Monday (hep)	20 September , 19 43
Zone description = 1.2		
Position 0800	1200	2000
Let, Long.		
	IONAL REMARKS WAR DIARY)	
8" standard manila lines. Receiving No.2 in use for auxiliary purposes.	ncess Wharf, Aucklar g telephone service	nd, New Zealand with six s from the dock. Boiler
	Lt. (Je) H. N. DE	(000, b-v(o), usin.
0400-0800; Moored as before. 0720 shifting berth. 0730 let go all lim side to Hobson Wharf with standard;	Passed lines to Holnes to Princess Wha	bson Wasrf. Commenced
	Lt. (jg) R.H. OR	Frit, D-V(O), USUR.
0800-1200: Monred as before.		
	Eneign E.T. NA	LONE, D-V(G), USITE.
1200-1600: Moored as before.	-0	
	Lieut, L.M. Son	RDAN, D-V(S), USNR.
1600-2000: Moored as before.		
	Enelgh E.O. Ros	INSON, 5-V(0), USMR.
2000-2400: Moored as before.		
	Enelgh PRED T.	Marnes, D-V(S), UBITA.

F. F. FERRIS, Commander, USN.

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UNITED STATES SHIP LI	BRA(AKA12)		Tuesday	21	September	. 19 43
Zone description - 12			(Day)	(Due)	(Stouth)	
Position 0800 Lat. Long.		1200		360- 1760-	2000 58 S. 57 E.	
		TIONAL REM (WAR DIARY)	ARKS			
0000-0400: Moored starbo Zealand with six eight i boiler in use for auxili	nch manila h	awsers as	standard mo	poring l	lines. Numb	
0400-0800: Moored as bei way. 0800 Filot H. Hogs Received tug Te Awhina o way. Filot Hogan at the courses and speeds proce	n, Lt. Malle on starboard conn. Captai	t, and lt. quarter. O n and Wavi aussing ra	Comdr. Kee 629 All lingstor on the	ne repor nes cas ne brida team 48	rted aboard. off. 0629 ce, at vario , Av.RPM 64	0622 Under-
0800-1200: Steaming as t gaussing range. 0940 Co Lt.Comdr. Keene, RNZNR. compensation. 1130 Pilo ed calibration of radio	mpleted dega 1011 Lt. Mi ot E. Hogan a	ussing, con llet left nd Lieut. nder. Av.	mmenced cor the ship. Comdr. Keep	npass co 1127 Co ne left Av.RPM	empersation empleted completed compl	by
1200-1600: Steaming as being continuous (90 RPM) on base of to starboard distance on whistle buoy abeam to at 032 G. 1313 Flat rock at 036 G. 1428 Channel Islat 096 T, 095 G. 1438 Cabeam to port distance a Changed course to 133 T, Av. Steam 450, Av.RPM 83.	Completed car course 007 T, se mile. 184 arboard dist beam to port and abeam to hanged course bout 10 mils 132 G. 155	libration. 008 G. 1: 7 Changed ance 3/4 = , distance port dist e to 128 T s. 1530 E 4 Changed	1225 Set 240 Passed course to 11e. 1249 2.8 miles ance. 7 of , 127 G. ntered Mer	Standar Wangage Changes changes a mile 1525 Pas cury Changes peed to	rd speed at aron Pass bu 355 G. 1248 a course to d course to changed oo seed Cuvier annel. 1544 15 knots (8	16 aby aber 3 Passed 033 T, 087 T, burse Island
1800-2000; Steaming as b thots (84 RPM). 1803 Ch light abeam to port at 3 Commenced zig zagging in Markened ship. Av.RPM 8	OOG vanda.	e course 1 to 141 T,	33 T, 132 (	3, at si	andard spec	1694
			7. 64. S. R. H. GRIE			
2000-2400: Steaming as benots (84 APK). Zig sag #1 and #2 in use for ste Av. Steam 452, Av. RPM 84.	ging in accor	rdance with	n plan #8	(1940 di Conditio	lagrame). E	ed 15 Bollers
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	TATES SHIP LIBRA()	AKA12)	Mednesday (Day)		tember , 19
Zone description	0800	1200		· ·	000
Lat.	0300	1200			100
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		OPERATIONAL REM (WAR DIARY)	ARKS		
ID knotst	: Steaming singly SARPM), sig regains and condition of re 358 Changed base of	g in accordance wi	th plan No.8	(1940 Diagn d base cour steem 455.	rame). Ship
		Lie	ut.M.JORDA	) 5-V(B),	uain.
15 knote(8	: Stemming as before the stemming as before t	g in accordance wi base course to 20 steam 450. Av.PPM.	th Flan #3(1	9405). OSI Channed str	57 Sunrise. andari spec
		Lt.	(JE) R.H. GRI	FIN, D-VC	G), USHR.
13.5 knots Penninsula distance S	: Steaming as before (75MPM). Zig sagging, distance 10 miles. Av. sterostion: 390-091 1780-051	ing in accordance es. 1140 sighted eam 457.5. Av.RPM	with plan #8 Portland Isl	d, at stand	dard speed hted Makoi
speed 13.8 1804 Chang 1421 Sight	: Steaming as before the steam of the state	e encoted in soon	minnes with	Plan #8(19.	60 diagrams s(72PPH). ce 21.2 mil
of 13 knot	Steaming as before (72 PPM). Zig sage contion: 386-581	gging in accordances.	220°T, 219° e with Flan	0, at stand #8(1840 Dis	Card speed
of 13 knot 2120 sight	s Steaming as before (79RPM). Zig zage ted Castle Pt.light Distance 20.5 mil	ging in accordance t bearing 252°T.	with Plan # 2309 Castle	2(1940 Dia Pt.light a	grame).
		Ene	6. 12. Jan	3, D-V(G),	USUR.
Approved:	Commander, USI	Examined:	JOSEPH WEINE	R, Lieut.D	-M, USNR.

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UNITED STATES SHIP LIBRA (AKA12	Thurs	day 23 September , 19 43
Zone description -12	(Day	) (Bine) (Month)
Position osoo	1200	2000
lat.		200
Long.		
or	PERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)	
0000-0400: Stemming independent speed 13 knots. (728PM). 2ig zagg Ship darkened. Condition III set Av. RPM. 72.0. Av. stem 450.	ly on base course 22	th Plan #8(1940 Diagrams).
	Letter R.	.GRIPPER, D-V(0), USUR.
0400-0800: Steaming as before of 13 knots (72 HPM). Zig zagging Changed course to 300°G, 310°T. zagging. 0500 Care Palliser about 8 knots.84 HPM. 0555 sighted T Bearing Mead Learning 228°T. 064 HMNZ3 To 3. 0710 Passed Baring special sea Setail and Ende pres	in accordance with P Changed speed to 14 am distance 12 miles nurshirae Head beart 4 Changed course to Mead abeam to starbo	lan #8(1940 Diagrams). 0500 knots 78 FPM. Ceased Zig- . 0505 Changed speed to ng 338 True. 0825 sighted 328°T, 327°G. 0846 sighted ard distance 1.5 miles. Set
	THE POST OF	ES E. ES CATALY, O-V(S), USTR.
OBSO-1800: Sterming as before a Wellington Harbor. Captain at the ed Pilot Captain McCloud aboard. to Actea Quay Mc.4, Wellington, Doubled up all lines and secured fresh water from dock. OBSO Pil ship, draft formerd 14'5", draft Av. steam 460. Av. NPM. 78.8.	e conn and Mayigator Pilot McCloud conni Mew Zealand with sta . Secured main engi of McCloud left ship	on the bridge. 0800 Receiving. 0830 Moored port side ndard morring lines. 0830 ne. 0830 Commenced taking . 1021 Commenced fueling
1200-1600; Noored as before. 1 board 41,330 grls.of fuel oil at boading holds 1,2,3,4 and 5.	242 completed fuelin 60°F. Draft forward	g ship having received on 14'11". Draft aft.19'.
	Lt. (jg) D.	W. CHILDS, D-V(G), USHR.
1500-2000; Moored as before and		ROPE, D-V(0), USIA.
2000-2400; Neored as before los	ding all holds.	. NCDZERB, OF. D-V(G) , USHR.
Approved: F. F. FERRIS, Commander, USN.	Examined: JOSEPH W	ph uterier EINER, Lieut. D-M, USMR.

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serion osition	0500	-	1200			2000	
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		VENT STATE OF THE PERSON OF TH	ONAL REMAR! AR DIARY)	KS			
9000-0400	: Moored Nort dard mooring I	side to Acten	guay, Ber	th #4, Wel	lingto	n, Meir Kenl	and,
auxiliary	sur ores. Re	celving fresh	unter and	telephon	Lynna -	ce from doc	k.
Working b	olds #1, 2, 3,	4, and 5.				//	
				1000	hil	4	
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			247 H . W.	V. TURKS	15-110	) , USDIL.	
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				T. Malo			
			Enc. E.	T. MALON	, D-V(	or, vaint.	
2000-2400	: Hoosed as be:	fore. Londing	ell holds.	. 2100 Be	pleted	loading #5	hold
			Hu	wind.			
			1.5. (36)	H. HV YE	PPER, D	-V(0), VENR.	
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UNITED ST	ATES SHIP LIBRALAKAL	2) Seturi	ny, 25 September , 19 43
Zone description.	-10		
Position	0800	1200	2000
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		OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)	
for suxili	ard mooring lines li	" wire rope forward an	Wellington, New Zeeland, d eft. No.1 bother in use and Fresh water from the dock.
		1 1 1 J. K.	Keller
0400-0800:	Moored as before.	Loading holds Nos. 1,	0, 3 and 4.
		English 2. T	Maloue, B-V(0), VSITE.
0900-1200:	Moored as before.	Londing holds Hos.1,	0, 3, nnd 4,
		Huge	PERFEN, D-V(G), USKE.
1200-1600:	Baores as before.	Loading holds For.1,	
		Lt. (Je) 3.8	1023 of 6 0-1105 11911.
1880-8800:	Moorel on before.	Localny cargo in hold	s Hos. 1, 2, 3 and 4.
		5.8.	JCMES, D-V(G), VSKW.
2000-2400:	Moured as before.	longleted loading to.	S hold.
		20. (18) JA	E. Convoile
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osition	0800	1200	2000
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		OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)	
with stand	ard mooring lines.	lh" wire rope fore and . Receiving telephone ser	, Vellington, New Zealand, aft. Number L boiler in vice and fresh unter from
		Lt. (JE) H.	H. GHT IN, D-V(S), USINA.
0400-0800:	Moored as before.	Leeding holds #2 and	
			DES, D-V(6), USHE.
0800-1000:	Moored as before.	Losding holds #2 snd#4	
		LOCIET JAK	E . Venico Z. 0-7(0) pos
1200-1600; #2 hold.	Moored as before.	Lording #2 end #4 hol	år. 1490 Completed losding
1600-2000:	Morred as before.	Lt.(jg) S. 1	7 Barnes
		Ens. FRED.	T. BARNES, D-V(S), USMR.
2000-24001	Moored as before.	Finished loading #4 h	old and secured at 2005.
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Lat.	0800		1200		2000
Long.					
			TIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIABY)		
0000-0400: with stens boiler in water from	ard mooring	nt side to Act Lines, 13 in Hilary purpos	ea Quay, borth goh wire rope former. Receiving to	ward and aft.	Number one
040 - 800:	Maored na	before.	Ene. Fred	Barne 1. BARISS, D.	V(s), USNR.
GB 50-1090 (	Magnet se	before.	Eng. E. C.	Robinson NOBINSON, Dav	(d), USNA.
1800-1800:	Noored na	before.	Ene. D. H.	M. Son	€ 5_V(G), USNA.
3 Ann_onno.	Moored as	Trail Property			
7000-2000	AND DARREST DISC	W04070.		00	
			Ens. W. C. 1	Korke	,USMR.
8000+26001	Moured mp	before.	11/. /	Roke	
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UNITED STATES SHIP LIBRA(AN		esday 28 September , 1943
Zone description - 12		
Position 0800 Lat, Long.	1200	410- 001 18 1740- 32 12
o	PERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)	
0000-0400: Moored port side to A standard lines and 12 wire fore Receiving fresh water and teleph	and aft. Boiler	#1 in use for auxiliary purposes the dock.
	Lt.(jg) D. W	. CMILDS, D-V(G), USNR.
0400-0800: Moored as before.	Ens. D. H. N	DO AS JE DEV(G) USHR.
0800-1200: Moored as before.		01.00
	Et. (1=) 5. V	CHILDS, D-V(G) USNR.
1800-1000: Noored as before. 13	00 Lit off boiler	#2. 1545 Pilot McCloud came
aboard.		Malone ALONE, D-V(0), UBNR.
250412/Sept. Task unit 32.4.2 c formed. USS HUNTER LIGGETT 0.T. and speeds. 1716 Took position buoy aboum to starboard distance net. 1727 Passes Hope Shoal light about to port. 1742 Passed Penc. 1747 Set condition of rendiness Changed course to 200°7 &G. changed source to 200°7 &G. changed sourced sig sagging in ac Sunset, darkened ship. 1837 Cea 1843 Commenced zig sagging in ac Changed course to 000°7 &G. 1932 light about to port, distance 4.1	setern of USS HUNT 600 yerds. 1725 in the abeam to port. arrow light abeam III. 1783 Changed ged speed to standa cordance with plan sed sig sagging. cordance with plan Ceased sig sagging miles. Av. Steam	ER LIGORT. 1719 Passed wreck resed through anti-submerine 1731 Passed front range light to port distance .4 miles. course to 245°T & G. 1809 and speed. 15 knote (84 RPM). #8 (1940 diagrams) 1825 1841 Changed course to 356°T&G. #8 (1940 diagrams). 1904 5. 1932 Passed Jackson Head 450, Av.RPM 65.2.
	Lt.(jg) R. H	ORINGEN, D-V(G), USHR.
2000-2400; Steaming as before on 2100 Changed course to 330 T. 2: 18.8 miles. Av. Steam 460, Av. Ri	course 000°T, at 2002 Passed Stephens PM 85.4. Lt.(jg) S. N	etandard speed 15 knots(84 RPM) s Island abenm to port, distance N. Stand BEERY, V-V(0),USNR.
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UNITED STATES SHIP	LIBRA(AKA12)		29 September, 19 43
Zone description - 12			
Position 0800 Let. 380- 1918 Long 1720- 531E	370- 31 S. 1720- 33½ E		350_ 49'S 1710_ 57'E
	OPERATIONAL REMA (WAR DIARY)	RKS	
astern USS HUNTER LIGO in purposes. Ship dar light bearing 018 <sup>D</sup> T. d	company with task unit 3 (84 RPM) standard speed of ETT distance 800 yards. kened with condition III istance about 20 miles. stance 13.3 miles. Av. Ste	Boilers #1 an set. 0215 Si 0308 Passed C	d #2 in use for steam- ghted Cape Egmont ape Egmont light M 84.3.
	Ens. C.	D. JONES, D	V(G), USNR.
grams). 0506 All guns course 330 T&G. 0552 Commenced zig zegging Av. RPM 85.9. 0800-1200: Steaming as (84 RPM). Zig zegging	Commenced zig zagging in called to alert, 0551 Changed course to 344°T&C in accordance with plan to the course of	0606 Sunris 0606	ging, resumed base e, light ship. 0612 ams). Av. Steam 452.5, V(S), USNR. dard speed 15 knots ams). 0859 Chenged
	Lt.(jg)	R. H. CHIFFI	W, D-V(G),USNR.
1200-1500: Steaming as (78 RFM), zig zagging : Av, RPM ??.8.	before on base course 34 in accordance with plan # Lt.(jg)	1340 dingr	dard speed 14 knote ems) Av.Steem 452, D-V(G),USNR.
with plan #8 (1940 diag	before on base course 34 grams), standard speed 14 rved sunset. 1933 Secure	knots (78 RP	M), 1833 Set all Av.Steam 455, Av.
2000-2400: Steaming as with plen #8 (1940 disp zig sagging, resumed by	before on base course 34 grams). Standard speed 1 asc course. Av.Steam 455	A knots (78 R A knots (78 R AV. RPM 77.7	

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Zone description -12		1
Position 0800 Let. 330 18 8	320- 36 S	300_ 53°S
Long. 1700- 58'E	1710- 02°E	1700- 54'E
speed 14 knots (78 RPM). Sin use for steaming purpose Av.Steam 460, Av.RFM 78.9  0400-0800: Steaming as before (78 RPM). 0815 Commenced 20551 Censed zig zagging. Ozig zagging according to play.Steam 452.5 Av.RPM 81.5  0800-1200: Steaming as before (78 RPM). Zig zagging in accarding to play.RPM 81.5  1200-1600: Steaming as before (78 RPM). Zig zagging in accarding to play.RPM 81.5	bip derkened, conditions.  Lt.(jame on base course 344 alg regging in accordance an #39 (1940 diagrams)  Lt.(jame on base course 356 are on base course 356 are on base course 356 an accordance with plan #30 (1940 diagrams)  Ens.  The on base course 356 an accordance with plan #30 (1940 diagrams)  The on base course 356 are on base 356 are on	.4.2 with CTU and Guide in base course 344°T&G at standard on III set. Boilers #1 and #2  2000  E) S. N. BEERY, D.V(G), USNR.  OT&G at standard speed 14 knots se to 356°T&G. OS10 Commenced). OS16 Sunrise, light ship.  E) R. H. GRIFFIN, D.V(G), USNR  OT&G, at standard speed 14 knots of 1940 diagrams Av. Steam 455  C. D. TONES, D.V(G), USNR.  OT&G, at standard speed of 14 lan #39 (1940 diagrams). 1300  OO Set ship's clocks to zone-11  OT&G at standard speed 15 knots of 1940 diagrams). 1736 Sunset base course. 1910 Changed  O, Av. RPM 83.8  E) R. H. GRIFFIN, D.V(G), USNR

UNITED STATES SHIP	LIBRA(AKA12)	Friday	1 October	, 1943
Zone description - 11		(Day)	(Date) (Mouth)	
Position 0800	1200		2000	
Lat. 270- 361 S. Long. 1700- 381 E.	26°- 46½'S. 170°- 28 E.		250- 071 S. 1700- 04 E.	

#### OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)

0000-0400; Steaming in company with task unit 32.4.2 with CTU, OTC, and Guide USS HUNTER LIGGETT. LIBRA 600 yards astern on base course 3560T&G, at standard speed 14 knots (78 RPM). Boilers #1 and #2 in use for steaming purposes. Ship darkened, condition III set. Av. Steam 460, Av. RPM 78.4

Ens. C. D. JONES, D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800: Steaming as before on base course 358°T&G at standard speed 14 knots (78 RPM). 0430 Commenced zig zagging in accordance with plan #39 (1940 diagrams) changed standard speed to 15 knots (84 RPM). 0600 Changed base course to 349°T &G, changed standard speed to 14 knots (78 RPM). Av. Steam 450, Av. RPM 80.4.

Lt. L. M. CORDAN, D-V(E), USMR.

0800-1200: Stemming as before on base course 349°T&G at standard speed 14 knots (78 RPM), zig zagging in accordance with plan #39 (1946 diagrams). Av. Steam 465, Av. RPM 79.9

Lt.(jg) R. H. GRIFFIN, D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600: Steaming as before on base course 349°T&G at standard speed 14 knots (78 RPM), zig zagging in accordance with plan #39, (1940 diagrams). 1324 Sighted USS STANLY and USS FLETCHER bearing 019 T. 1337 Ceased zig zagging resumed base course. 1351 Changed course to 351°T&O. 1355 USS STANLY and USS FLETCHER joined task unit as escort. 1400 Commenced zig zagging in accordance with plan #8 (1940 diagrams). Standard speed changed to 13.5 knots (75 RPM) Av. Steam 455, Av. RPM 76.5

Lt.(jg) S. M. BEERY, D-V(A), USNR.

1600-2000: Steaming as before on base course 351°T&G, at standard speed 13.5 knots (75 RPM), zig zagging in accordance with plan #8 (1940 diagrams). 1738 Observed sunset and darkened ship. Av. Steam 455, Av. RPM 74.3.

Ens. C. D. FORES, D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400: Steaming as before on base course 351°T&G at standard speed of 13.5 knots (74 RPM), zig Zagging in accordance with plan #8 (1940 diagrams). Av. Steam 457.5, Av. RPM 74.5

Lt. L. W. CORDAN, D-V(S), USNR.

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UNITED STATES SHIP LIBRA(	MXAL2)	Saturday	2 Oct	ober (Month)	, 1943
Zone description - 11		والمتحد			
Position 0800 Lat. 220- 3715.	21°- 54'S.		200- 08	000 I g	
Long. 169° - 35 'E.	169°- 13'E		168°- 34		
0000-0400: Steaming in compar OTU, OTC, and Guide in USS H consisting of USS FLETCHER ar bows respectfully, standard a with plan #8 (1940 diagrams). #1 and #2 in use for steaming	INTER LIGGETT wit ad USS STANLY, 3, speed 13.5 knots Ship darkened, purposes. Av.St	52.4.2 on b h LIBRA 600 000 yards of (74 RPN), zi condition r com, 462.5, A	yards aster f our port g zagging : eadiness II v.RPM 74.8	en. Esc and sta in accor II. Boi	rboar
		E) 5. N. BEE	eery	2000	
0400-9800: Steaming as before (74 RPN). Zig zagging in acco Av.Steam 457.5, Av.RPM 74.4	on base course ordance with plan	351°T&G at 8 #8, (1940d1	tandard speagrams).	ed 13.5	rise.
	T.t. (4	R. H. GRI	POTEN D-VI	USNA.	
zig zagging, resumed base cou on line of bearing 90° from a plan #8 (1940 diagrams). 112 10 miles on a converging cour Av. Steam 45°, Av. RPM 75.1	S Sighted two shares. 1130 Identified Ens.	tied as USS	BALCH and	SS COME	out T.
with plan #8 (1940 diagrams) Ceased zig zagging resumed be and SS OCHET joined the task the SS COMET taking position Commenced zig zagging in acco standard speed to 14.5 knots friendly. Av. Steam 452.5, Av	at standard speed se course. 1250 unit, the BALCH 1 600 yards astern rdance with plan (81 RPM). 1423	1 1f 13.5 km Changed coutaking scree the USS HUN	ots (74 RP) ree to 3420 ning positi FER LIGGETT	T&G, US T&G, US on ahea 1. 1307 S21 Chan	4 S BALO d and
1600-2000: Steaming as before (81 RPM), sig zagging in acco ship. 1905 Changed speed to	rdance with plan 14 knots (78 RPM)	#8 (1940 d1 . Av. Steam	agrams). 1 455, Av.RPM	737 Dar 79.2.	knote kened
2000-2400: Steaming as before (78 RPM), zig zagging in acco	rdance with plan	#8 (1940 at at #8 (1940 at	grams) Av	.Steam	nots 455,
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UNITED STATES SHIP LIBI		nday 3 (Dur) (Dase)	October (Massh)	, 1943
Position 0800 Lat. 17*-41*B Long. 167*-594*E.	1200 16°-52'S 167°-16'E.		2000 150-3418. 1660-031E.	

#### OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)

OCOC-0400: Steaming in company with Task Unit 32.4.2, CTU,OTC and Guide in USS HUNTER LIGGETT. Comescort USS STANLY. Steaming at standard speed 14 knots(78RPM) on base course 342°T & G. Zig-zagging in accordance with plan #8(1940 Diagrams). Boilers #1 and #2 in use. Ship darkened, condition III set. Task Unit 32.4.2 comprised of USS HUNTER LIGGETT, SS COMET in left column and USS LIERA in right column. Escorts USS STANLY, USS BALCH and USS FLETCHER. Av. steam 460. Av.RPM 78.8

Ensign O.D.JONES, D-V(G), USNR.

Ensign W.D.JONES,D-V(G), UBNR.

0400-0800: Steaming as before on base course 342°T&G, at standard speed of 14 knots(78 RPM), zig-zagging in accordance with plan No.8(1940 D). 0430 General Quarters. 0530 Secured from General Quarters. 0555 sighted two planes bearing 160°T and 216°T, friendly. 0630 sighted four ships,hull down bearing 000°T., destroyers hunting enemy submarine. 0648 ceased zig-zagging resumed base course. 0652 Changed course to 012°T. 0700 Changed course to 342°T. 0700 sighted land (Efate Island) bearing 063°T, distance 29 miles. 0707 commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan No.8(1940 Diagrams). Av. steam 455. Av.RPM 77.1.

Lieut.L.W.JORDAN, D-V(S), USNR.

0800-1200: Steaming as before on base course 342°T&S, at standard speed 14 knots (78 RPM). Zig-zagging in accordance with plan No.8(1940 D). 0800 changed standard speed to 14.5 knots(81RPM). 0840 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. 0845 Changed base course to 332°T&G. 0855 commenced zig@zagging in accordance with Plan No.8(1940D). 1155 sighted Malekula Island bearing 035°T, distance about 18 miles. Av.steam 455. Av.RPM 79.7.

Lt. (jg) D. W. CHILDS, D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600: Steaming as before on base course 342°T&G, at standard speed of 14.5 knots(SIRPM). Zig-zagging in accordance with plan No.8(1940 D).1200 changed base course to 327°T&G. 1453 sighted ship bearing 159°T. 1515 ship sighted proved to be USS BAMPSON. Av. steam 455. Av.RPM 79.0.

Lt. (jg)R.H.GRIFFIN, D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000: Steaming as before on base course 327°T&G, at standard speed of 14.5 knots(S1RPM). Zig-zagging in accordance with Plan No.8(1940D). 1622 ceased Zig-zagging and resumed base course. 1625 Changed course to 306°T&G. 1700 SS YOUNG AMERICA and 85 CAPE GEORGIA and escorts USS SAMPSON and USS OSTERHAUS joined this task unit. The convoy now in the following formation. The SS COMET in column 11 left flank USS HUNTER LIGGETT 21 followed by SS YOUNG AMERICA. LIBRA in column 31 followed by SS CAPE GEORGIA. Comescort in USS STANLY with USS FLETCHER, SAMPSON, and BALCH in screening formation. The USS OSTERHAUS left this unit when SS YOUNG AMERICA and SS CAPE GEORGIA had proceeded to their proper station in this convoy. 1707 Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with Plan No.8(1940 D). 1752 Observed sunset, darkened ship and set all guns on alert. 1852 secured from alert. Av.steam 452.5. Av.RPM. 80.7.

Ensign O.D. JONES, D-V(G), USNR.

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UNITED STATES SHIP LIBRA (AKA)	12)	Sunday (Day)	3 October , 19 45
Zone description -11			
sition 0800	1200		2000
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	OPERATIONAL REMAR (WAR DIARY)		
000-2400: Steaming as before nots(81RPM). Zig-zagging in a urn right to 016°T upon V.F. orted on port beam of 55 COM enced zig-zagging in accordance sumed base course. 2130 Changging in accordance with plants.	accordance with Place of the signal from USS HUET. 2044 Resumed new with Plan No.8 anged base course an No.8 (1940 Diag	-Ga	
	LI	out.L.M.JORDA	N, D-V(B), USNR.
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Zone desc			2		2000	
Position Int.	130- 1318	120- 2	318		100- 5918	
long.	1640- 521E	1640- 3	O'E		164°- 50'E	
Agging (81 RPM) (84 RPM) (84 RPM) (84 RPM) (84 RPM) (85 RPM) (85 RPM) (85 RPM) (86 R	in accordance ). CTU, OTC, and lumber two ship USS LIBRA and ioy. Screen as IR; on port bow #2 in use for OO: Steaming as Quarters. O5 USS RINEY and OO: Steaming as ), zig zagging convoy speed	before on base courseing in accordance O Sunrise, secured f USS BREESE bearing O  Lt before on base cour in accordance with z to 14 knots (78 RPM). transports, 1021 S bearing 2130T, frien	nit 32.4.2 on lagrams) at s R LIGGETT as NG AMERICA. escort in USS arboard USS B ion III set,	tandare number Column STANLI STANLI ALCH; ship dr v.RPM t stand (1940 duarters cam 450 stands (1940 d two panes be iendly	d speed 14.5 one ship in one SS COMES of on starboas abeam to portarkened. Bos 78.9  D-V(G),USM dard speed 16 disgrams). of Av.RPM 79 D-V(G),USMR ard speed 14.0 diagrams). olanes bearing 245°T, plane bearing	knots column T. Colum
78 RPM tandar ossibl agging orted	d speed to 13.5 e submarine cor in accordance bearing 217 T,	before on base cour in accordance with p knote (75 RPM). 12 tact, 1249 Resumed with plan #8 (1940 d distance 57 miles.	lan #8 (1940 de Emergency base course 3 lagrams) 131 Av. Stoum 460	standdiagram turn 45 370T. 5 Unide Av.Ri	ard speed of ms). 1212 C: 50 to starbos 1300 Commence entified plan 74.5.  (8),USNR.	nenged ard, sed zig se re-
75 RPM	), sig sagging d ship. 1903 t	in accordance with p SS STANLY reported f g magging and resume SO, Av.RPM 74.5	lan #8 (1940 ) our ships bear	diagram	ns). 1758 St 15 T, distant Changed bas	inset,
75 RPM	00: Steaming as ). 2000 Commer m 460, Av.RPM 7	before on base courced zig zagging in a	se 297°T&G at coordance with (3. 8. ) .(jg) R. H. G	h plan	#8 (1940 di	greme).
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UNITED STATES SHIP LIBRA(AKA12)  Zone description - 11  Position 0800 0 1200  Lat. 9° - 51'S 9° - 24'  Long. 161° - 112'E 160° - 40'  OPERATIONAL B (WAR DIAR  OCCUPANTS). OTU, CTC, and Guide in USS HUNTER in second column. SB COMET in first column, in third column. SB COMET in first column, in third column. Comescort USS STANLY, BALC positions. Condition III set, ship is darke steaming purposes. Av. Steam 467,5, Av. RPM	E E E E E E E E E E E E E E E E E E E	5 CDMAIN	October (Mostly)	_, 19.43
Position 0800 1200  Lat. 90-51'S 90-24'  Long. 1610-112'E 1600-40'  OPERATIONAL R (WAR DIAR  0000-0400: Steaming in company with task un standard speed 13.5 knots (74 RPM), zig zag diagrams). OTU, CTC, and Guide in USS HUNTER in second column. SS COMET in first column, in third column. Comescort USS STANLY, BALC cositions. Condition III set, ship is darke	E E E E E E E E E E E E E E E E E E E	ase co	2000	
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diagrams). OTU, CTC, and Guide in USS HUNTER in second column. SS COMET in first column, in third column. Comescort USS STANLY, BALC cositions. Condition III set. ship is darke	USS LIBRA fol		urse 297°Ta	kG at
T	ned. Boilers #	ned by lowed d FLET l and	by SS CAPE CHER in scr #2 in use i	GEORGIA
0400-0800: Steaming as before on base cours (76 RPM), ig ragging in accordance with pl Quarters. 0507 Sighted land bearing 235°T, resumed base course 297°T upon signal from to 317°T. 0515 Ulawa Island signted bearing Malau Island abeam to port distance 6 miles distance 4 miles. 0545 Changed course to 28 observed sunrise. 0602 Changed standard sprig ragging in accordance with plan #8 (194 port distance about 10 miles. Av. Steam 457,	an #8 (1940 di Maliti Island UNTER LIGGETT, 351°T distand . 0544 Aliiti 7°T. 0555 Sec wed to 15 knot 0 diagrams) 07	agrans . 0511 CTU. e 16 m Islan ured f s (84	Object of the control	eneral zagging ged cours Olu port L Quarter Commenced
0800-1200: Steaming as before on base course (84 RPM), zig zagging in accordance with pludadalcanal Island bearing 276°T distance 3 sumed base course. OB24 Changed course to accordance with plan #8 (1940 diagrams) O91 port 13 miles distance. 1005 Sighted Mura 1030 Ceased zig zagging resumed base course SS COMET changed position in formation now Rua Sura Island bearing 281°T, distance 20 bearing 308°T, distance 43 miles. 1120 Chan Mura Island abeam to port 4.5 miles distance	an #8 (1940 di 8 miles. 0820 308 T&G. 0851 4 Passed Maran Island bearing . 1035 Change astern SS YOUN miles. 1059 S ged course to e. Av. Steam 45	Agrame Commen asika 300°T d cour G AMEF ighted 285°T	o) 0800 Signated aig zaggi ded zig zaggi ledand abea distance se to 3180 HICA. 1051 Florida In G. 1129 Par RPM 82.5.	nted ing, re- ging in om to 10 miles 1. 1051 Sighted sland seed
1200-1600: Steaming as before on base cours (84 RPM), 1247 Changed course to 2700 Tag. Mugu Island abeam to starboard distance 5.5 starboard distance 3 miles, 1400 Koli poin 1418 Changed course to 2650 Tag. 1423 Steam proceeding to anchorage, 1544 Anchored off of water with 105 fathoms of chain(on deck) 3 season "J" 299.50 T, beacon "I" 119.50 T beacon to the steam 455 Av RPM 83.8	e 286°T&G at a 1310 Entered I miles, 1324 t abeam to por ing at various Memara Point.	tandar engo C Pari F t dist cours Guadal nchor	d speed 15 hannel. 13 lle Island ance 5.5 mi es and spee canal in 50 on followir Secured #2	knots 320 abeam to iles. da fathoms g bearin 2 boiler.
	ns. C. D. JONE	S, D-V	ship, set g	gune on
Charles and the control of the contr				
2000-2400: Anchored as before.	t. L. M.COORDA	N, D-V	(S), USNR.	
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UNITED STATES SHIP LIBRA(	Wedn	esday 6 October , 19 43.
Zone description -11		
Position 0800 Lat.	1200	2000
Long.		
0000-0400: Anchored off Ms of waterwith 105 fathoms of Beacon "J" 299.5°T; Beacon use for general purposes. readiness 3 set.	chain to port anchor on t "I" 119.5°T; Beacon "H" 10	olomon Islands in 50 fathons he following bearings: 4.5 T. Boilers #1 and#2 in condition. Condition of
	Lt. (Jg0 D	.W. CHILDS, D-V(G), USNR.
ing at various courses and alcanal in 67 fathoms of wa	speeds. 0642 Anchored of ter with 120 fathoms of ch lowing bearings: Beacon "	M" 318°T; Beacon "K" 148°T;
	Lt. (jg) R	H. GRIFFIN, D-V(G), USNR.
0800-1200: Anchored as bef	ore. Unloading ship from	all holds.
	E. C. (18)34	MES E. NESWORTHY, O-V(S), UBNR.
1200-1600: Anchored as bef	Hu	PLACE . M. PEPPER, D-V(G), USHR.
1600-2000: Anchored as bef Darkened ship. Secured fro sumed unloading.		
	Lt. (JE)H.	M. FEFFER, D-V(G), USNR.
2000-2400: Anchored as bef for Tassafaranga Point.	ore. 2130 Completed disc	harging cargo from No.5 hold
	Lt. (jg) R	H. CHINTIN, D-V(G), USNR.
Family 1	Examined: A	
Approved:	Josep	W winer
F. F. FERRIS, Commander, I	JON. JOSEPH	WEINER, Lieut.D-M, USNR.

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Zone description	-11				
Position	0800	1200		2000	
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	ор	ERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)			
on following	Anchored off Tassafs water with 120 fath anchorage bearings:- soilers No.1 and No.2 and 4. OlO5 Unloadi	oms of chain to the Beacon "M" 318°T in use for auxili	e water's e ; Beacon "K ary purpose	dge to port	anchor
		ET. (JE)JA	MES E. NESVO	RTHY, 0-V(B);	USNR.
	Anchored as before. I out of anchorage.	Unloading holds N	Os.2,3 and .		HUNTE
0800-1200:-	Anchored as before.				
		LA. COM	Pence	-V(G). UANR.	
1200-1600;-	Anchored as before.	Unloading holds N	os.2, 3 and	4.	
		Ensign C,	D.JONES, D-	V(G), USNR.	-
unloading car	Anchored as before. go from hold No.3 fo 2 for Tassafaranga.	Unloading holds N r Tassafaranga. 1	os.2, 3 and 755 Complete	4. 1608 Co	mplete
		Ensign 0	D. JONES, D.	V(G), USNR.	_
2000-2400:-	Anchored as before.	Unloading cargo f	rom No.4 hol	id.	
		Ett Jejja	MES E. NESWOI	REMY, C-V(S);	SNR.
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0400-0800:- Anchored as before. 0500 mad 0541 Underway proceeding at various course Guadalcanal. Captain at the conn, Executi 0643 Anchored off West Kukum beach in bert in 27 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of anchorage bearings: Beacon "G" 179°T; Beac ship, holds 1, 2, and 5.	mt, Guadalcanal, Solomon ain to the water's edge of a: Beacon "M" 318°T; Beac se, main engine on 5 minuing #4 hold.  t.(jg)H.M.PEPPER, D-V(G),  e all preparations for ge and speeds to anchorage to officer and Navigator h #5, Guadalcanal Island, chain to the port anchor	ushr.  USNR.  tting underwee in West Kuku on the bridge Solomon Is., on the follow
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(WAR DIA) 0000-0400:- Anchored off Tassafaranga Poi 87 fathoms of water with 120 fathoms of chanchor, on the following anchorage bearing Beacon "L" 198°T. Boilers No.1 and #2 in u Unloading hold #4. 0315 completed unloadi  0400-0800:- Anchored as before. 0500 mad 0541 Underway proceeding at various course Guadalcanal. Captain at the conn, Executi 0643 Anchored off West Kukum beach in bert in 27 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of anchorage bearings: Beacon "G" 179°T; Beac ship, holds 1, 2, and 5.	nt, Guadalcanal, Solomon ain to the water's edge of a: Beacon "M" 318°T; Beac se, main engine on 5 minuing #4 hold.  t.(jg)H.M.PEPPER, D-V(G),  e all preparations for ge and speeds to anchorage ve Officer and Navigator h #5, Guadalcanal Island, chain to the port anchor	ushr.  USNR.  tting underwee in West Kuku on the bridge Solomon Is., on the follow
of fathoms of water with 120 fathoms of chanchor, on the following anchorage bearing seacon "L" 198°T. Boilers No.1 and #2 in unloading hold #4. O315 completed unloading hold Underway proceeding at various course Guadalcanal. Captain at the conn, Executing S43 Anchored off West Kukum beach in berting 127 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of anchorage bearings: Beacon "G" 179°T; Beach Ship, holds 1, 2, and 5.	ain to the water's edge of at Beacon "M" 318°T; Beacon se, main engine on 5 minuted by the se and speeds to anchorage to an speeds to anchorage to officer and Navigator to the se, Guadalcanal Island, chain to the port anchor	USNR.  tting underwate in West Kuku on the bridge on the follower is.
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	t. (jg) D. W. CHILDS, D-V(G	La Trave
	t. (Jg) D. W. CHILDS, D-V(G	, USNR.
0800-1200:- Anchored as before, unloading discharging meat from refrigerators in No. all cargo from No.5 hold.  1200-1600:- Anchored as before unloading unloading No.1 hold. 1300 completed unloading No.1 hold.	neign C.D.JONES, D-V(G), from holds 1, 2, and 3.	USNR.
	TATALES E. HESWORTHY	COV(B), UBNR.
1600-2000:- Anchored as before, unloading	No.2 hold. 1750 complet	ed unloading
	Ensign E. C. ROBINSON, D-V(	G), USNR.
2000-2400:- Anchored as before.	No OF	60
	Lt.(jg) D.W.OHILDS, D-V(G	), USNR.
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UNITED STATES SHIP LIBRA (AKA)	2)	Saturday (Day)	9 October	minimum at 1 to 10 pages and the
Zone description =11				
Position 0800	1200		2000	
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0000-0400:- Anchored off West #3 in 27 fathoms of water with port anchor on the following a 285°T; Lunga Point tangent 60° Main engine standing by on 45	nchorage bearin T. Ship darken	uadalcanal, s chain out to gs: Beacon " ed. Boilers !	No.1 and No.2 1	e, Berth ige on on "H" n use
		Englan D.H. Bo	DOGERS, JF. , D-V(	d) Have
0400-0800:- Anchored as befor		9		0,,000
			relan	A.B
			DAN, D-V(S),US	
OSOO-1200:- Anchored as befor ComMavActSolomons warning of p at standard speed of 15 knots, by USS BEBAS. Captain at the o	ossible enemy a	ir attacks,	steering variou	s courses
		Lieut. (jg)R.	GRIFFIN, D-VI	G), USNR.
1256 Anchored off West Kukum, oms of water with 75 fathoms of bearings:- Beacon "G" 171°T; B at Tulagi. All hands to Gener 1453 Condition Green Tulagi. from General Quarters and set	f chain to port eacon "H" 258.5 al Quarters. 1 1454 Condition	anchor on the T; 1445 Co	ne following an ondition Red re rellow Guadal	chorage ported canal.
		Lieut. (jg)D.	CHILDS, D-V(C	J.USNR.
1600-2000:- Anchored as befor accordance with ComservRonsoPa Unit 35.2.6, CTU LIBRA and USS Unit 35.2.5, CTU USS ROAMER wit LIBRA, Guide in left column foumn followed by SS LEW WALLACE USS HOVEY and SOUTHARD. 1804 O81100 with above formation at 0870T&G. 1810 darkened ship, all guns at ease. 1930 Passed in accordance with Plan No.8(1	c despatch 0811 SAUFLEY. Join h USS MURZIM, HO llowed by USS M . USS SAUFLEY Underway accord standard speed all guns on the through Lengo	of October ed and took to VEY, SOUTHARD URZIM with Us is Comescort ing to ComSer 10 knots (5) alert. 1816 Channel and	tactical comman and SS LEW WAL SS ROAMER in ri screening ahea wyRonSoPac desport, on base of Observed suns commenced zig-z	Task d of Task LACE. ght col- d with atch course et. 1915 agging
		Eneign D. D. J	MES, D-V(G), U	SNR.
2000-2400:- Steaming as beforknots (55RPM). Zig-zagging in zig-zagging resumed base cours commenced zig-zagging in accordand bearing 175°T. 2230 Pamiles. 2308 Changed course t	accordance wit e. 2130 Change dance with Plan ssed Nura Islan o 123 T&G.	h Plan No.8() d base course No.8(1940D).	to 121°TaG. 2202 sighted tarboard, dista	Ceased 2140 Nura nce 7
Approved:	Examined:	Joseph WEING	Weiner	- L
Commanding (	Officer.	DODER IN HEALT	THE WAY THE TAX	Nanigator.

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Position 0800	1200			2000	
Let. 100-01'S Long. 1620-091'E	10°-18'S.		1	00-5218 30-461E.	
102 -035 · E	10241.2		10	J	
0000-0400:- Steaming in cor USS MURZIM, SS LEW WALLACE, of USS LIBRA and USS SAUFLE: and guide with USS MURZIM as followed by SS LEW WALLACE. SCUTHARD. Steaming on base Zig-zagging in accordance with iness III set. Boilers #1 : bearing 200°T, distance 6 m: zig-zagging, resumed base co 8 knots(43 FPM). 0328 common	USS SOUTHARD and Y. Steaming in constant of column #1 Screen consisting course 125 Tag as ith plan #8(1940B) and #2 in use. Of iles. OC40 Change ourse. O318 Change	USS HOVEY Dlumn with USS ROA g of USS S standard . Ship da 030 Contact d course t	and T.U. USS LIBR MER lead AUFLEY, speed 10 rkened, ed frien o 128 Tau urse to	35.2.6 cons A as 0.T.C. ing column USB HOVEY a knots (55RF condition of ally surface 5. 0308 ce	isting ,C.T.U. #2, nd USS M). f read- eraft ased owed to
8 knots(43 RPM). 0328 comme Resumed standard speed. Av.	. oteam 460. Av. RI	м. 53.7.			
		R.	H. Suit	N, D-V(G),0	
0400-0800:- Steaming as ber (55RPN). Zig-zagging in accers. 0553 Secured from Gene base course. 0607 Changed cance to plan #8(1940 B). At 0800-1200:- Steaming as ber ance with plan #8(1940B), at 1030 Visibility 10 miles. If riendly PBY. Av. steam 460.	cordance with planeral Quarters. Of course to 1170 Tag. v. steam 457.5. Av. Lie fore on base course standard speed 1100 sighted one standard speed 1100 sighted speed 1100	#8(1940D) 53 Ceased 0607 Res r.RPM. 55.0 ut.(jg) D. ut.(jg) D. se 117 <sup>0</sup> T&G. 0 knots(55	. 0453 : Zig-zagg umed zig- W. CHILDS Zig-za RPM). V	Set General ing and res- zagging in D-V(0), U	Quart- umed accord SNR. cord- miles.
intendity rais Aviaceam 400.		= 10 Q	Lean		
	Ene	ign 0.3.30	MES, D-V	(G), USNR.	
1200-1600:- Steaming as bei with plan #8(1940 D)at stand	fore on base cours	e 117ºTes.	zig-zag	ging in acc	ordance RPM.55.
	Lie	ut. L.N.	HBAN, D-	V(S), USNR.	-7
1600-2000:- Steaming as bef (55RPM), rig-ragging in according to 115°T&G. 1746 USS T, distance 21 miles. 1747 screening astern . Av. steam	Darkened ship. 1 457.5. Av.RPN	847 UBB B0	UTHARD to	lard speed adjusted ba ship beari ook positio	n
	Lie	ut. (jg) D.	W. CHILDS	D-V(G),US	NR.
2000-2400:- Steaming as ber (55 RPM), zig-zagging in ac 2200 Changed course to 152°2 plan #8(1940 Diagrams). Av.	ordance with plan	#8(1940 D	). 2150	Ceased zig	-zaggin
	Lie	ut. (JG) R.	H. GRIFFI	, D-V(G),	SNR.
Approved:	Examined:	Joseph	· lar		
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F. F. FERRIS, Commander, USA	ling Officer.	JOSEPH WE	INER, L1	eut.D-M. US	MR.

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	STATES SHIP LIBRA	AKA12)	Monday (Day)	11 (Date)	October , 19 43
Zone descri Position	0800	1200			2000
Lat	12°-33'8			15	0-08118
Long.	164°-17'E.	13°-26'S 163°-55½'E		163	0-06 E

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OCC #1 and #2 in use. Av. steam 460. Av RPM. 55.0.

Eneign C. D.JONES, D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800:- Steaming as before on base course 152°T&G at standard speed of 10 knots, zig zagging in accordance with plan No.8(1940D). 0440 General Quarters. 0541 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition III. 0548 Task Unit 35.2.6 separated from T.U.35.2.5 each unit proceeding as previously ordered. 0551 Changed standard speed to 15 knots(84RPM) and ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 152°T&G. 0603 Changed course to 202°T. 0624 Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan No.16(1940D) Av. steam 450. Av.RPM. 61.0.

L.M.JORDAN, D-V(9), USNR. Lieut.

0800-1200:- Steaming as before on base course 2020T&G, at standard speed 15 knots. (84RPM). Steaming at standard speed, zig-zagging in accordance with Plan No.16 (1940 Diagrams). Av. steam 450. Av. RPM. 84.0

1/cowork Lieut. (Jg) JAMES E. HESWORTHY, C-V(S) USNR.

1200-1600:- Steaming as before on base course 202 T&G, at steamots (84RPM). Zig-zagging in accordance with Plan #16(1940D). at standard speed of 15 Av. steam 450. AV. RPM. 84.

> Lieut. (jg) S. N. BEERY, D-V(t), USNR. 1000

1600-2000:-Steaming as before on base course 202°T&G at standard speed of 15 knots Zig-zagging in accordance with Plan No.16(1940 Diagrams). 1802 Sunset. Darkened Av. steam 450. Av. RPM. 84.0.

> R. H. Lieut. (jg)R. H. GRIFFIN, D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400:- Steaming as before on base course 2020T&G at standard speed of 15 knots(84RPM). Zig-zagging in accordance with Plan No.16(1940 Diagrams). Av. steam 452.5. Av.RPM. 84.0.

Ensign C.D.JONES, D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

FERRIS. Commander, USN.

Communding Officer.

Examined:

Ah Weines JOSEPH WEINER, Lieut.D-M. USNR.

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	ED STATES SHIP LIBRA(	AKA12)	Tuesday	12 October , 19 43
Position	0800	1200		2000
Let. Long.	170-53'B 1620-05'E.	180-46'8 162 -10 <del>1</del>		20°-171'8 163°-12'E.
		200 201		100 -12 2.
0400-0 inots( Lighte	sth plan No.16(1940 D ed and condition of r 800:- Steaming as be 84RPM). Zig-zagging d ship. 0700 Changed to 166°T&G. Commenc	ng ahead, on base lagrams), at standard speed to standard speed to sd zig-zagging in	course 2020 dard speed of Boilers No.  at. E.M. JORDA  se 2020 T&G at plan No.16	%G, zig-zagging in according to the land of the land o
Av. ste	am 450. Av.RPM. 83.1	<b>-</b>	a 4 h	VIN, D-V(G), USNR.
speed	200:- Steaming as be of 14.5 knots (81RPNI am 450. Av.RPM. 81.0	fore on base cours	e 166°T&G.	
		Lt.	JE) JAMES E.	NESWORTHY, O-V(B), USNR.
knots(	600:- Steaming as be: 81RPM). Zig-zagging : d course to 136 T&G.	in accordance with Av. steam 450. Av	Plan No.17(	t standard speed 14.5 1940 Diagrams). 1500
		Lt.	jg) S.N.BEER	Y, D-V(G), USNR.
knots(	000:- Steaming as be: 81RPM). Zig-zagging : ed sunset, set guns al	in accordance with	Plan No.17(	standard speed of 14.5 1940 Diagrams). 1809 , Set Condition III.
		Lieu	t.L.M.JORDAN	, D-V(S), USNR.
knots() change distant to por 2300 Re	t, distance 6 miles.	n accordance with 3.5 knots(75RPM). anged course right 2250 Changed cour	plan No.17(1 2230 Contac 45° to 181° se to left 4	t standard speed 14.5 940 Diagrams). 2000 ted ships bearing 135°T T. 2247 Two ships abea 5° to base course 136°T 40 Diagrams). Av. steam
		Enel	en C.D.JONES	, D-V(G), USMR.
Approve	FERRIS, Commander, U	Examined:	Joseph WEI	Weiner NER, Lieut. D-M. USNR. Nationalor.

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UNITE	D STATES SHIP	LIBRA(AKALE)	Mednesday (Day)	13 October , 19 43
Position	0800	1200		2000
Lat.	220- 0918	2204 3013		
Long.	165° - 17'E	1660- 09'E		
		OPERATIONAL REM.		
speed 1 ship is poses. 0103 Pr	USS SAUPLEY AS e 3.5 knots (75 Rp) darkened, condi 0055 USS SAUFLE evious surface c miles. 0304 USS	.Steam 455, Av. RPM 13.5	on base cour rdance with fl and #2 in act at 124°T friendly shi ct with 2 fri	se 135°TaG, at standard plan #17(1940 diagrams) use for steaming pur-, distance 10 miles. ip bearing 114°T, distancella at 182°T,
				PRINTIN, D-V(G), USNR.
guns oal	7 DE CONTRACTOR OF STATES	0030 Observed sunrise, g 10, changed to zig zaggi 75.0	plan #17 (19 runs put at ( ing plan #20	940 diagrams). 0432 All base, lighted ship. 0700 (1940 diagrams).
		Lt.	L. W. JORD	W, DOV(S), USNR.
0800-120 with pla friendly 115 Tag.	00: Steaming as 1 an #20 (1940 diag aircraft bearin 0900 Changed s		th (se Han).	tagging in accordance (55 RPM). 0820 Sighted (6estroyers bearing av. Steam 456.Av.RPM 80.
Light be Changed full spe course to 1258 Res three shage. 12 depth on 1256 Res 1305 Chato 0950T Passed Tetanding yards.	course to 090°T. 12 course to 090°T& ed. 1223 All ha to 340°T&G. 1223 umed zig zagging ips standing out 45 Changed cours arges. 1251 Sec umed standard so the course to 1 &O. 1316 Set so abu Reef beam t into harbor. 1 1413 Gun crews s 6 miles. 1526 homs of water with a following beam	in secondance with pla from Bulari Passage, t e to 1000 TaG. ceased zi ured from General Quart eed of 15 knots (84 RPM 100 TaG 1306 Changed cou- ecial sea detail. 1327 o port, distance 1000 y. 335 Passed Amedie Light scured. 1431 Passed Is- anchored in berth A-3 Gr	sound conta opping depth , Captain at TaG. 1230 On #17 (1940 wo ships sta g zagging. ers, set con ) 1248 Chang ras to 100°T Entered Bul ards, on var house abeam le Aux Canar reat Roads, at the water	ct bearing 180°T. 1221 charges. 1222 Ahead the conn. 1224 Changed hanged course to 088°T&G diagrams). 1240 Sighted nding into Bulari Pass- 1246 USS SAUFLY dropping dition of readiness III ed course to 120 T&G &G. 1315 Changed course ari Passage. 1530 ious courses and speeds to port, distance 1050 be abeam to starboard Noumea, New Caledonia, 's edge to starboard
		Lt.	(jg) S. N. H	ERY, D-V(0), USNR.
000-2000	nohored as be	fore.	E.T mel	and.
		Ene.	E. T. MALO	E, D-V(G), USNR.
000-2400	o: Anchored as be	efore. 2145 Commenced lo		
Approve	l:	Ens.	J. R. KELL	ER, D-V(G).USNR.
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F. F. F.	ERRIS, Comar. USN	Commanding Officer.	JOSEPH WEINER	R, Lt.D-M, USNR. NampHor.

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esition 0800		1200		2000
ong.				
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0000-0400: Anchored in of water with 45 fat anchorage bearings, B #1 in use for auxilia	homs of chain to t	he starboard and eacon "N" 137 T; ing hold #2.	New Caled hor on th Beacon "	J* 021 T. Boile
0400-0800: Anchored a	s before, continue		nalone	V(G),USNR.
0800-1200: Anchored side Y0-24. 1115 Com	as before, loading menced fueling fro	#2 hold. 1032 m YO-24. Dreft	Received	oil barge port wd. 13', aft.
1200-1600: Anchored a Received 9,7440 gallo		-i	12 11	D-V(G), USNR.
1600-2000; Anchored a	before. Loading	#2 hold. 1700 Ens. C. D. 3	me-	
2000-2400: Anchored a	s before.	Lt. (JE) JAMES	C NESWO	RTHY, C-Y(S), US
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UNITED S	TATES SHIP LI	BRA(AKA12)	Friday	15	October	, 1943
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Zone description	- 11	100			2000	
at.	0800	120	0		2000	
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		OPERATIONAL :	The state of the s			
fathoms of anchor wit	water, with 45 th the following	erth A-3, Great R fathoms of chain bearings: Beacon ing #2 hold. 034	at the water's	edge	to the star " 137°T. be	7 board acon ".
		E	t.(Jg) R. H. G	tiputu,	D-V(O),UBN	R.
mailgram C Pilot Lt.( ing out of	JE) R. B. STARR	fore. 0600 Made oint, New Caledon tain at the conn, on the bridge, oumea, New Caledo	Executive Offi standard speed	lcer, N 15 kno	avigator, a ts (84 RPM)	nd stand-
		E	na. c. b. Jones	, D-V(	G),USNR.	
0831 Ancho fathoms of Island 148	red off Tauea Porchain on deck	efore on various bint, New Caledon to the starboard 187 T; Tara Tange 1. 0850 Commence	ie, in 10 fatho anchor. Bearir nt 116 <sup>0</sup> T; Taues a loeding #2 ar	ms of igs as Point id #4 h	water with follows: Po 131°T. 08 olds.	60 reupin 35
		<u></u>	L. (JE) JAKES E.	NESWO	RTHY, G-V(S	),USNR
1200-1600:	Anchored as be	efore. Loading h	olds #2 and #4.		S Was Have	
800 8000	Anahanad on he	efore. Loading h			D=1(5),05M	*
1000-2000:	Anchorec as be		ns. E. C. ROEI		-V(G), USNR.	
2000-2400: #1 hold.	Anchored as bet	fore. Loading ho		2250		oading

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Zone description					
Position 0800 Lat. Long.		1200		2000	
	OPERATIONA (WAR I				
0000-0400: Anchored o 50 fathoms of chain on Porcupine Island 178°T Loading holds #1, 2, a	deck to the starb	oard anchor on	the follo	Wing bearing	ngs: t 131°1
0400-0800: Anchored as	before, continued				NR.
		Ens. E. C. R	- PE		R.
0800-1200: Anchored a	s before. Loading	#1, #2, and #4	holds.	1030 Start	ed
loading #5 hold.		Lt.(jg) S. W			
1200-1600: Anchored a	s before, loading	holds #1,(#2, #	4, and #	s., ,)	
		Ens. D. H. R	ODGERS,	Jr. / D-V(G)	USNR.
1600-2000: Anchored a	s before. Loading				THE
		Lt.(JE) D. W	. CHILDS	, D-V(G), US	NR.
2000-2400: Anchored a #2 hold. 2200 Commenc	s before, loading ed loading general	holds #1, #2, # cargo into #3	4, and #	5. 2130 Se	cured
		Bos'n. R. K.	WILSON,	USN.	
Approved:	Exa	mined:			
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UNITED ST	ATES SHIP	LIBRA(AK	A12)	-	Sunday	17 (Detec	October (Masth)	. 1943
Zone description.	- 11							
Position	0800			1200			2000	
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		O	PERATIONA (WAR D		KS			
with 60 fet Porcupine I	Anchored of thome of char sland 1780 T; ds #1, #3,	n on deck	RT. 187	w Caled starboa T; Tara	onia, in rd anchor Tangent	ten fat on the 116°T;	thoms of war following Tauea Poin	ter bearing 131°T
				Ens. D	. H. HODG	EAS, Jr.	D-V(3),U	BNH.
0400-0800:	Anchored as	before.	Loading	holds	#1, #3, #	4, and	#5.	
				Lt.(jg	1 B. W.	HILDS,	D-V(G), USNI	ĩ.
0800-1200:	Anchored as	before.	Loading		#1, #3, # U. C. RORK	- 11		
				Ens. W	. C. RORK	E, D-V	G), USNR.	
1200-1600:	Anchored as	before.	Loading	ship wo	rking hol	ds #1,	#3, #4, and	#5.
				Ens. E	T. NALO	NE, D-1	(G), USNR.	
1600-2000:	Anchored as	before.	Loading	350.00	0 1 10		(G),USNH.	end #5.
2000-2400:	Anchored as	before.	Loading		A.			
				Lt. H.	M. PEPPE	8, 6-V	G), USNA.	
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Zone description	- 11						
Position Lat.	0800		1200			2000	
Long.							
		OPER	ATIONAL REM.	ARKS			
60 fathoms	of chain on	ff Tauea Poin deck to the land 178°T; C holds #1, #3,	starboard a harron R.T. #4, and #8	nchor on t	he foll ra Tange loading	owing ancho ent 115°T, g #1 hold a	Taues at Olco.
				Ens. E. T.	MALONE	, D-V(G),U	SNR.
0400-0800:	Anchored a	s before. Lo	ading ship,	Ens.   R.	olds #3	, #4, and #	95. SNR.
0800-1200: loading in	Anchored as #1 hold.	before. Los		10 #3, #4,			
1200-1600: loading #1	Anchored a	s before. Lo	ading holds		4, and #	#6. <b>13</b> 15 (	Complete
				Lt.(jg) R.	н. опп	FIN, D-V(	), USNR.
1600-2000: loading #5	Anchored as hold. 1942	before. Los Losding of	#3 hold com	#3, #4, an pleted.			
2000-2400:	Anchored a	s before. Lo			â.		
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UNITED STATES SHIP LIBRA (AKA12)	Tuesday	19 OCTOBER . 19 43
Zone description -11		<u> </u>
Position 0800	1200	2000
Long.		23°-01'8 166°-20'E.
0000-0400:- Anchored off Taues Point of water with 60 fathoms of chain on ing bearings: Porcupine Island 1780 tangent 1160T. Loading No.4 hatch.  0400-0800:- Anchored as before. Load No.4 hold.  0800-1200:- Anchored as before.  1200-1600:- Anchored as before.	Ensign C.D.  Ensign FREI  Ensig	T. 187°T; Tauea Point  1. GRIFFIN, D-V(G), USNR.  0740 completed loading  ES E.NESWORTHY, C-V(S), USNR.  NONES, D-V(G), USNR.  THE BARNES, D-V(S), USNR.  TWAY. 1601 Underway for 200 of October, formed 700 of Cotober, formed 700 of Cotober, formed 700 of Cotober, formed 700 of Bulari Bay, New 100 column astern of USS  Tag. 1721 Passed Tabu 700 et light abeam to star-  1 Passage on various 11810 change 1181A in right column.  1 Seening ahead. 1810 Change 1810
base course to 180°T&G. 1825 Commen 1940 Diagrams. Av.Steam 450. Av.FP. 2000-2400:- Steaming as before on ba with Plan No.12(1940 Diagrams) at st zig-zagging resumed base course. 21 menced zig-zagging in accordance with ed radar contact two vessels bearing	Ensign C. B.  Ensign C. B.  se course 180°T&G.  andard speed of 15 100 Changed base course h plan No.12.(1940 In 105 T. distance 800	Zig-zagging in accordance cnots(84RPM). 2050 ceased ree to 135°T&G. 2110 Com- D). 2343 USS SICARD report 00 yards. 2348 Emergency
turn to starboard to course 150°T&G. 195°T&G. Av. steam 450. Av. RPM. 81.7	2355 Emergency tur	Score D-WG), USNR.
Approved:  F. F. FERRIS, Commander, USN.	//-/	h Weiner EINER, Lieut.D-M, UBNR.

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OPERATIONAL REMARKS  (WAN DIAWY)  COOO-0400:-Steaming in company with Task Unit 32.4.5. USS ALMENA is CTC, CTU solide and leading Column No.2, USS ALOCITAA IS ASTERN OF USS ALMENA, USS LIBRA is leading Column No.1. Screen consists of USS SIGARD, USS DORSEY and USS GARMLE, Comescort. Steaming at standard speed 15 knots (34 RPM) on course 1950TaG, Shir darkened and Condition of readiness III set. 0906, Changed course to 1000TaG. 0017 Changed course to 1000TaG. 0017 Changed course to 100TaG. 0017 Changed course to 0010 Chapter of the course of the condition III 0835 Cassed sig-zagging regumed base course. 0645 Changed course to 002TaG. 0050 Changed course to 0050 TaG. 0050 Changed course to 0050 TaG. 0050 Changed course to 0050 TaG. 0050 Changed course with Plan No.8(1940 D). 1005 Cassed sig-zagging in accordance with Plan No.11(1940 D). 1012 sighted WALPC Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with Plan No.11(1940 D). 1121 sighted WALPC Eland bearing 055°T, distance approximately 16 miles. Av. Steam 450. Av.RPM. 84.2.  Lt.(jg) S.N. BERRY, D-V(3), USNR.  1200-1600:- Steaming as before on base course 022°TaG. Zig-zagging in accordance with Plan No.11(1940 D). 1121 sighted WALPC Commenced Surse.  Lt.(jg) S.N. BERRY, D-V(3), USNR.  1800-2000:- Steaming as before on base course 022°TaG. zig-zagging in accordance with Plan No.11(1940 D). 1121 sighted WALPC Commenced Surse.  Lt.(jg) S.N. BERRY, D-V(3), USNR.  1800-2000:- Steaming as before on ba	UNITED STATES	SHIP LIBRA (AKA	12) Wedi	nesday 20	OCTOBER , 19 43
OPERATIONAL REMARKS  (WAR DIARY)  OOOO-0400:-Steaming in company with Task Unit 32.4.5. USS ALHENA is OTC, GTU solder and leading Column No.2, USS ALOUTEA IS ASTERN OF USS ALHENA, USS LIBRA is leading Column No.1. Screen consists of USS SIGARD, USS DERSEY and USS GARNLE, Comescort. Steaming at standard speed 15 knots (34 RPM) on course 1950 Tag. Shift darkened and Condition of readiness III set. 0906, Changed course to 100 Tag.  COMOS Changed course to 102 Tag.  COMOS Changed to 15.5 knots (87RPM). O22 Commenced tig-tag.  COMMENCE tig.  COMOS Changed to 15.5 knots (87RPM). Av. Steam 450. Av. RPM. 84.  COMMENCE Tig.  COMMENCE Tig.	Some description -11				
OPERATIONAL REMARKS  (WAN DIAMY)  Guide and leading in company with Task Unit 32.4.5. USS ALHENA is OTC, CTU s  Guide and leading Column No.2, USS ALOSTA IS ASTERN OF USS ALHENA. USS LIBRA i  leading Column No.1. Screen consists of USS SIGARD, USS DORSEY and USS SAMBLE,  Comescort. Steaming at standard speed 15 knots(34 RPM) on course 195°783. SAMBLE,  darkened and Condition of readiness III set. 0006, Changed course 1010°783.  COOS Changed course to 100°784. 0017 Changed course to base course 090°7. 0035  Commenced Lig-Eagging in accordance with Flan #12 (1940 Diagram). Av. steam 450.  Av. RPM. 81.3.  Lt. (ign R.H. GRIFFM). D-V(G), USNR.  0400-0890:- Steaming as before on base course 090°786 at standard speed of 15 k  (84 RPM), 21g-Eagging in accordance with Plan No.12 (1940D). 0410 all guns ale  6510 Observed sunrise, lighted ship, secured guns from alert, set condition III  0535 Ceased Lig-Eagging regumed base course. 0546 Changed course to 050°740.  0582 Changed course to 022°786, 0600 Commenced Ligagagging in accordance with plan No.8(1940 Diagrams) Av. Steam 450. Av. FPM. 81.3.  Lieut.L.M.JORDAN, D-V(S), USNR.  0800-1200:- Steaming as before on base course 022°786 at standard speed 15 knot (84RPM). Zig-Eagging in accordance with Plan No.8(1940 D), 0906 Ceased Lig-Eagging in accordance with Plan No.8(1940 D). 1221 sighted WALPC  General Lig-Eagging in accordance with Plan No.11(1940 D). 1122 sighted WALPC  Island bearing 055°T, distance approximately 16 miles. Av. Steam 450. Av. RPM. 84.2.  Lt. (ig) S.N. BEERY, D-V(G), USNR.  1600-2000:- Steaming as before on base course 022°786, at standard speed of 15, knots(87RPM). Zig-Eagging in accordance with Plan No.11(1940 D). 1746 Observed  with Plan No.11 (1940 Diagrams). Standard speed of 15.5 knots(87RPM). Av. Steam  450. Av. RPM. 84.2.  Lt. (ig) S.N. BEERY, D-V(G), USNR.  1600-2000:- Steaming as before on base course 022°786, at standard speed of 15, knots(87RPM). Av. Steam  450. Av. RPM. 65.5.	Position 0	800		00	
O000-0400:-Steaming in company with Task Unit 32.4.5. USS ALHENA is OTC, OTU s Guide and leading Column No.2, USS ALOSIBA IS ASTERN OF USS ALHENA USS LIERA I leading Column No.1. Screen consists of USS SIGARD, USS DORSN and USS GAMBLE, Comescort. Steaming at standard speed 15 knots(34 RPM) on course 1957EG, Shir darkened and Condition of readiness III set. OGO6, Changed course to 100°TEG. OOI? Changed course to 100°TEG. OOI? Changed course to 100°TEG. COMESCORE Steaming as before on base course 090°TEG at standard speed of 15 k (84 RPM), Zig-Lagging in accordance with Flan Mo.12 (1940). O410 all guns ale 0510 Observed surrise, lighted ship, secured guns from alert, set condition III 0535 Ceased III-Jagging regumed base course. O545 Changed course to 05°TEG. 0552 Changed course to 022°TEG. O600 Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with Plan No.8(1940 Diagrams) Av.Steam 450. Av.RPM. 81.5.  CHOULD AV.STELLED STANDARD STA	Long. 1680-2	2年 差:			
Lt. (jg) R.H. GRIFFIN, D-V(G), USNR.	Guide and leadi leading Column Comescort. Ste darkened and Co OOOS Changed co Commenced zig-z Av.RPM. 81.3.  0400-0800:- Ste (84 RPM), Zig-z 0510 Observed s 0535 Ceased zig 0552 Changed co plan No.8(1940  0800-1200:- Ste (84RPM). Zig-za and resumed bas Commenced zig-z Island bearing  1200-1600:- Ste with Plan No.11 450. Av.RPM. 84  1600-2000:- Ste knots(87RPM). Z Ceased zig-zagg 1645 Resumed zi sunset. Called 1848 Secured gui	aming as before course. Oploagrams) Av. S  aming as before agging in accordance to 022 Table Diagrams) Av. S  aming as before agging in accordance to 022 Table Diagrams) Av. S  aming as before agging in accordance to 022 Table Diagrams accorded to	(WAR DIARY) y with Task Unit 32.4.8 y USS ALCHIBA IS ASTERN onsists of USS SICARD, ard speed 15 knots (34 P diness III set. 0005, G. 0017 Changed course rdance with Plan #12 (1  Lt.(jg) e on base course 090°Ts rdance with Plan No.12 d ship, secured guns fr ed base course. 0545 G G. 0600 Commenced zigs team 450. Av.RPM. 81.3,  Lieut.L. e on base course 022°Ts dance with Plan No.8(19 0 Changed standard spee rdance with Plan No.11( e approximately 16 mile Ensign C  Ensign C  Lt.(jg) s on base course 022°Ts accordance with Plan No. ecordance with Plan No. ecordance with Plan No. ecordance with Plan No. ert. 1840 Ceased zig-zs Av.Steam 445. Av.RPM  Lieut.L. e on base course 342°Ts v.RPM. 86.9.	OF USS ALM USS DORSEY WEW) on cour Changed cour to base co 940 Diagram (1940D). O com alert, s changed cour tagging in a M. JORDAN, D d at standa (40 D). 0906 d to 15.5 k 1940 D). 11 s. Av. Steam (5.5.5 knots (8 5.N. BEERY, 6. at standa (1940 D) d base cour 11 (1940 D) tagging resum (1, 85.5.  M. JORDAN, D d base cour 11 (1940 D) tagging resum (1, 85.5.	EMA. USS LIBRA is and USS GAMBLE, see 195°T&G. Ship was 105°T&G. Ship was 090°T. 0035 and Level of 15 km and speed of 15 km all guns aler et condition III. see to 050°T&G. accordance with condition III. see to 050°T&G. accordance with condition III. accordance with condition I

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	STATES SHIP LIBRA	(AKA12)	Thursday	21 (Dete)	OCTOBER (Month)	, 19 43
Zone descrip						
Position	0800	1200			2000 5°-27'5	
Lot. Long.	180-04'S. 1670-43'E.	17°-10'8 167°-201'E.			50-19'E.	
	10/	101 -205 E.			-40 -41	
formatic	on: Column 2,USS ALI USS LIBRA, Comescort	OPERATIONAL REM. (WAR DIARY) fore in company with HENA, OTC, CTU and Gu t in DORSEY. USS DO	Task Unit	d by U	ss ALCHIBA;	Col-
otandard Commence Av.RPM.	a speed 15.5 knots ed zig-zagging in ac 86.1.  00:- Steaming as ber 7RPM), zig-zagging in rt. 0516 Secured fr	and USS SICARD on y (87RPM). Ship is dar coordance with plan Ensi fore on base course in accordance with I rom alert. 0604 Chang 165°T. Av. steam	m C.DUOM gn C.DUOM 342°T&G at lan No.11(1)	Diagram S, D-V standam 940).	(G), USNE. rd speed of 0416 all gu	15.5
		(	TA DORD	Pau		
(87RPM). RENSHAW OSCOT. 6 zig-zagg USS TITA second shead of zagging 1 GAMBLE 6	. Zig-zagging in accordance 30 miles. ging resumed base con MNIA, USS MALLER, USS convolution #1 accordance with pletached from convolutions.	fore on base course cordance with Plan Noreen on port beam. Ships, three(3) signers, 352°T&G. 093 SS CONY joined convocation of USS LIBRA, took position off plan No.11(1940 Diag as ordered. 1040 sumed base course 33	0.11(1940 I 0921 sight thted bearin 2 Changed c y. USS TIT USS WALLE starboard t rams). 102 Friendly pl	ed Efa g 340° course ANIA to R took cow. 10 0 USS	s). 0900 U te Island b T. 0928 Ce to 330°T&G. ook position position i 000 Commence BICARD and ED) passed	earing ased 0945 n as n scree ed zig- USS overhea
		7.	Jg) S.N.BE		Warre MARI	
knots (8	00:- Steaming as bei 37RPM). 1207 Commer n 462. Av.RPM. 86.7	fore on base course need zig-zagging in	330°T&G, at	standa	ard speed 1	5.5
		Lt.(	JE) R.H.GRI	WIN,	D-V(G), USN	R.
one aird	RPM). Zig-zagging i	fore on base course in accordance with F , friendly. 1744 Si t, all guns alert.	lan No.11 (	1940 D	). 1653 Si	ghted T. hull
2000-240	00:- Steaming as bei	Lieu fore on base course	t. L.M.JORI	AN, D-	V(S), USMR.	f 15.5
knots(87	RPM). Zig-zagging 442. Av.RPM. 86.4.	in accordance with	Plan No.11(	1940 D:	tagrams).	

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UNITED STATES SHIP LIBRA	(AKAL2)	Friday 22 (Day) (Date)	October , 1943
Position 0800	1200		2000
Lat. 120- 58'8 Long. 1640- 49'S	120- 03'S 1640- 19'E		100- 4521S 620- 56 IE
0000-0400: Steaming in companstandard speed 15.5 knots (87 diagrams). CTU, OTC and Guid second ship in section two.	RPM), zig zagging : e in USS ALHENA, fi USS LIERA first shi Comescort in USS DO	4.5 on base coin accordance werst ship in section on RSEY with USS 0	tion two, USS ALCH e, USS TITANIA, ONY, WALLER &
RENSHAW in screening position Soilers #1 and #2 in use for	steaming purposes.		VRPM 86.4
0400-0800; Steaming as before knots (87 RPM), zig zagging i All guns to alert. 0550 Abs Av.Steam 450, Av.RPM 86.4	n accordance with pierved sunrise, light	an #11 (1940 d	Angrame). 0430 cured from alert.
0800-1200: Stenming as before (87 RPM), zig zagging in acco Av. Steam 450, Av. RPM 85.7	rdance with plan #1	TAG at standar (1940 diagram	s).
1200-1600; Steaming as before knots (87 RPM), sig sagging i Sighted four ships on horizon Changed standard speed to 15 base course 330°T. 1405 Chan sig sagging in accordance wit	n accordance with pl bearing 350°T, head knots (84 RPM). 140 ged base course to 3	an #11 (1940 d ling in same di 30 Ceased zig z 311°T, 312°3.	iagrams). 1240 rection. 1245 agging and resumed 1418 Commenced
	Ens. 0.	JONES, D-V	G), USNR.
1600-2000; Steaming as before knots (84 RPN), zig zagging i Four ships on horizon identif knots (78 RPN). 1805 Observe 1905 Secured gun crews from	n accordance with place as LCI's. 1752 ied as LCI's. 1752 i sunset, darkened a alert. Av.Steam 458	an #8 (1940 di Changed standa hip, all gun c	kgrams). 1615 rd speed to 14 rews on alert.
2000-2400: Steaming as before knots (78 RPM), sig sagging in Av. Steam 460, Av. RPM 77.1	n accordance with pl	an #8 (1940 di	agrama).
	Lt.(3g)	H. GRIFFIN,	D-V(G), USNR.
Approved:	Examined:	eph W	CLANA Navigalor.

To be forwarded direct to the Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet, either at end of an operation or at the end of the calendar month.

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UNITED ST	TATES SHIP LI		turday 23 October , 19 43
Zone description	- 11		
Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat. Long.			
		OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)	
ahead with breas III second with plan # 7 miles. Obsering 308 0330 Ceased 312 G. 0350 Av. Steam 453	USS DORSEY, CONY, t. 0100 Ceased a e course to 280° 3 (1940 diagrams) 125 Changed base distance 30 mil zig tagging resu 0 Commenced zig s 5, Av.RPM 77.	course to 270°T, 271°G. les. 0330 Sighted Quadel amed base course. 0340 tagging in accordance wit	ened with condition of readi- ase course 311°T, 312°G. 0020 zig zagging in accordance land bearing 010°T, distance 0230 Sighted Malaita Is. canal Is. bearing 280°T. Changed base course to 311°T, h plan #8 (1840 diagrams).
knots (78 Ri eral Quarte: sunrise, li; miles. 0648 Passed Nura resumed base distance li	PM), sig zagging rs. 0546 Secured ghted ship. 0600 5 Sighted Rus Sur Island abeam to be course 311 T. 3 miles. 0746 ha	in accordance with plan from General Quarters, Sighted Nura Island bear Island bear Island bear Island bearing 282°T, port distance about 5 mis 512°G. 0745 Passed Rura inged course to 270°T, 27 (1940 diagrams). Av. Steam	312°G, at standard speed 14 #8 (1940 diagrams). 0446 Gen- set condition III, observed ring 286°T, distance about 14 distance about 19 miles. 0710 les. 0740 Ceased zig zagging Sura Island abeam to port 1°G. 0800 Resumed zig zagging 452, Av.RPM 77.2
ance with pl Sighted frice port. 0922 0931 Sighted to starboard Task Unit 30 abeam to pos knots (84 Ri various cour section. 11	lan #8 (1940 diag endly aircraft be Ceased zig zaggi Paripile Island 1. 0946 Passed P 2.4.5 proceeding rt, passed throug PM). 1053 Receives reses and speeds t	grams), at standard speed saring 190°T. 0826 Passe ing, resumed base course, i bearing 310°T. 0939 Pa Paripile Island abeam to independently to anchora the Lengo Channel. 1030°C red Pilot Lt. Comd'r. FALK to anchorage. 1130 Set se exation stations. 1149 H	271°G, zig zagging in accord- 14 knots('78 RPM). 0813 d Rua Sura Island abeam to 0927 Entered Lengo channel. ssed Hutchenson Shoals abeam starboard. 1015 Released from ge. 1020 Passed Koli Point hanged standard speed to 15 NER aboard. Proceeded at pecial sea detail second oisted boats to rail.

1200-1800; Steaming on various courses at various speeds as before. 1214 Anchored off Segilua River, Guadalcanal Island, Solomon Islands, in 32 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain on deck to port anchor on following bearings: right tangent Savo Is. 002°T; left tangent Savo Is. 347°T, Beacon "0" 336.5°T. 1220 Secured special sea detail. 1315 Commenced unloading ship at #3 hold. 1320 Filot left ship. Holds began working as follows: #1 at 1330, #5 at 1346, #2 at 1350, #4 at 1415. Av.Steam 460, Av.RPM 42.1

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1800-2400:	Anchored	8.6	before,	unloading	cargo	from	all	hateh	38.	
Approved:		2000		unloading	mineLt.	H. 3	. 7	EPPER,	D-V(	J), USNR.

Communding Officer. FERRIS, Comdr. USN

JOSEPH WEINER, Lt. D-M, USNR.

UNITED STATES SHIP LIBRA(AXA12)  Sunday 24 October 1943  Committee	Zone description ————————————————————————————————————		CONFIDEN	TIAL	Pag	25
OPERATIONAL REMARKS  (WAR DIARY)  OOOO-0600; Anchored off Segilus River, Guadalcanal Island, Solomon Islands in 45 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain on deck to port anchore. Unloading from holds #1, #2, #3, #4, and #5. Bearings as follows; Right Tangent Savo Is. 002°T, left tangent Savo Is. 347°T, beacon "0" 336.5°T.  B. SWAFFORD, CBM, V6-USNR.  O600-1200; Anchored as before. Unloading from holds #1, #2, #3, #4, and #5.  Lt. JAMES E. MESWORTHY, C-V(E) USNR.  1200-1800; Anchored as before. Unloading all holds. 1410 USS ALCHIBA stood in and anchored. 1506 USS ALHENA stood in and anchored. 1600 Completed unloading #2 hold.  Lt. H. M. PEPFER, D-V(G), USNR.	OPERATIONAL REMARKS (VAN DARN)  OOOO-0500; Anchored off Segilus River, Guadaleanal Island, Solomon Islands in 45 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain on deck to pert anchor. Unloading from holds #1, #2, #3, #4, and #5. Bearings as follows: Right Tangent Savo Is. 002°T, left tengent Savo Is. 347°T, beacon "0" 336.50°T.  E. C. SWAFFORD, CEN, VG-USNR.  1200-1200; Anchored as before. Unloading from holds #1, #2, #3, #4, and #5.  E. MESWORTHY, C-V(EL) LENK.  1200-1800; Anchored as before. Unloading all holds. 1410 USS ALCHIBA stood in and anchored. 1606 USS ALHENA stood in and anchored. 1600 Completed unloading #2 hold.  Lt. H. M. FEFFER, D-V(G), USNR.  1800-2400; Anchored as before unloading holds #1, #3, #4, and #5.  E. S. SWAFFORD, CEN, VS-USNR.	- 11	LIBRA(AKA12)			
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	Approved: Examined:	45 fathoms of water from holds #1, #2, # 0020T, left tangent 0600-1200: Anchored 1200-1800: Anchored and anchored. 1506 #2 hold.	off Segilua River, Gua with 90 fathoms of cha 3, #4, and #5. Bearing Savo Is. 347°T, beacon B. as before. Unloading as before. Unloading USS ALHENA stood in an	dalcanal Islandin on deck to has as follows:  "O" 336.5 T.  "O" 336.5 T.  "O" MAFFORD, C.  From holds #1,  JAMES E. MESM all holds. 14 hd anchored. 1	CBW.  Right Tangent  CBW.  BM, V6-USNR.  #2, #3, #4, and  CRTHY, C-V(E),L  10 USS ALCHIBA  600 Completed uses, D-V(G),USNR.  , and #5.	Savo Is.

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Position 0800	1200	2000
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0000-0600:- Anchored off Segil fathoms of water with 90 fathom #1, #2, #3, #4 and #5. Dearing Left tangent Savo Island 347 <sup>0</sup> T;	s of chain to port and a as follows: Fight	, Solomon Islands, in 45 chor. Unloading from Holds tangent Savo Island 002.5°T;
0600-1200:- Anchored as before USS ALCHIBA stood out. 1055 US	LtW (JE) J.  . Unloading #1, #2, # 3 ALHENA stood out.	MES E. MESWORTH? 6-4(8), USNA #3, #4 and #5 holds. 0935
	Lieut. H.M	PEPPER, DEV(G), USINR.
1200-1800:- Anchored as before discharge of cargo from #1 hold	•	om all holds. 1845 Completed wafford AFFORD, OBM(PA) VS-USMR.
1800-2400:- Anchored as before, Condition Yellow at Koli Point. No.5 hold. 2330 Secured No.3 h	1833 Condition Green	3, #4 and #5 holds. 1807 n at Koli Point. 2300 Secure
	Ethijei J	AMES E. NESWORTHY, CONYS), USNR.
Approved: F. F. FERRIS, Commender, U.S.N	Examined:	ek Weiner  H WEINER, Lieut.D-M, USMR.  Nompolor.

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	OPE	RATIONAL REMARKS	
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fathoms of vanchorage be	water with 90 fathoms	of chain to the port	Solomon Islands, in 45 tanchor on the following f; left tangent Savo Island
		Liedt.H.	L. PEPPER, D-V(G), USKR.
0600-1200:- unloading.	Anchored as before.	Unloading Holds #2	and #4. 1130 Finished
		E.C. SWAFT	waff of VE-USHR.
16 knots (90 260100/Octob speeds. 122 Task Unit of 1310 Passed Point to sta board. 1342 River in 16 starboard an Pt. 2770T; E and condition	PRN). 1219 Underway per. Proceeding toward of Condition Red at Tulk eight APD's, two DE's Lunga Point abeam to a prooard, distance la mid Conanged standard specifathoms of water with mehor. Ship's heading seacon "L" 0890. 507: Especies of the control of the con	in accordance with is new anchorage at lagi. 1229 Condition and one DD stood of starboard, distance les. 1341 Passed 16 to 15 knots (84 Rf 60 fathoms of chair 107°T on following eacon "K" 224.5°T; I commenced loading sh	ca detail. Set standard speed ComTransDiv.TEN, despatch various course and various on Green at Tulagi. 1245 out towards Savo Island.  2 miles. 1536 Passed Koli Ragoma Point abeam to star-M). 1407 Anchored off Teter at the water's edge to the anchorage bearings: Tagoma 415 Secured special sea detail as follows: 1455 #5 hold old.
		THE PROPERTY	MES E. NESWORTHY, C-V(S) AUSUR.
1800-2400:-	Anchored as before.	Lieut. M.	2, #3, #4, and #5.
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UNITED STATES SHIP LIBRA (AKA12)		Wednesday (Day)	27 (Date)	October (Month)	, 19_43
Zone description -11					
Position 0800	1200			2000	
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	TIONAL REM.	ARKS			
OCCO-0600:- Anchored off Tetere River, Guadalcan with 60 fathoms of chain at the wate bearings:- Tagoma Pt. 277°T; Beacon into holds #2 and #4. OCCO Secured all preparations for getting underway way to anchorage off Kokumbona at va Togoma Pt. abeam to port, distance 1 distance 1 miles. OCCO Passed Lung	mal, Solomo r's edge t "L" 089°T #4 hold. y. 0410 s rious spee 2 miles.	o starboard; Beacon "; OllO secured et special d ds on variou OSIS passed to port dis	anchor (# 224. 1 #2 ho sea de is cour Koli I	on the f 50T. Load 51d. 0400 5ail. 0440 cses. 0509 ct. abeam t	ollowing ing Made Under- Passed
	B	126 Juan	CBM()	A), V6-USNR	
0600-1200:- Steaming as before on vanchorage. 0639 Anchored off Kokum of chaig to port anchor, on the foll "J" 509 T; Bencon "K" 520°T; . 0644 all holds.	bona in 41 cwing bear Secured ap	fathoms of ings: Beac	water on "I" call.	with 90 fa 110.5°T; B Commenced	thoms eacon loading
1200-1800:- Anchored as before. Lo					
of chain. 1350 Made all preparation ing all holds. 1640 Set special sea Navigator on the bridge, standing out at various speeds, standard speed 18 distance 1800 yards.	s for gett detail. of anchor knots. 1	ing underway 1710 Underway age for Teta	ny. Co	56 Complete optain at o various co	d load- onn, urses arboard,
1800-2400:- Steaming as before on v Tetere anchorage. 1816 Koli Point a Darkened ship. 1855 Anchored off Te fathoms of chain to port anchor on t Koli Pt. 269 T. 1902 Secured specia 2515 Secured #3 hold. 2325 Secured	tere River the following sea deta	arboard dist in 22 fathough ng bearings il. Working	ms of Beace holds	water with on "L" 102° #1,#3,#4 a	1826 90 T;
	E	t. (JE) 3.11.1	BEERY,	1-V(G), US	NR.
Approved:  F. F. PERRIS, Commander, USN.  Commanding Officer.	Examined:	EOSEPH .		Lieut.D-M	

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UNITED STATES SHIP LIBRA(AKAL2	)	Thursday	28	October	, 19. 43
Zone description -11		1000			
Position 0800	1200			2000	
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0000-0600:- Anchored off Tetere	(WAR DIARY)			+1 00 ea+1	
chain to the port anchor. Work ready for getting underway on 5 ows:- Beacon "L" 102°T; Koli Po	ing hold No.4.	Ship semi- e. Anchoras	darker e bear	ed; engine	room
	47	PIETAMES :	NESW.	RTHY, C-V	), USNR.
0600-1200: 0600 General Quarte took debarkation stations, 061 0647 All boats in water. 0654 took combat discharge stations 1045 Secured from combat disch delayed by burned out motor).	5 Lowered all First wave dep . 0700 Commen	boats, comme arted for be ced combat of d to unload	nced leach. lischar Hold l	anding ope 0658 All h	ration. mands 50.
1200-1600:- Anchored as before. because of winch damage. 1230 pletely unloaded. 1515 Unloadi	Resumed unload	ing of #5 ho	hold r	not being v 1233 Hold #	worked 4 com-
	Ξn	eign E.C.Ro	TIMBON,	D-V(G), t	ISNR.
1600-2000:- Anchored as before.	1818 Darkene	d ship.	TLDS,	D-V(0), US	INR.
2000-2400:- Anchored as before.					
povo-2100,- Alonside ap before.		o'n. Kielin	36H, 4	S. Mavy.	
Approxed: F. F. FERRIS, Commander, USN.	Examined:	Joseph WE	Q V	Vein Lieut.D-M,	USNR.

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ONITED STATES SHIP STEER (MARKE)	Friday 29 October , 19 43
Zone description -11	
Position 0800	200 2000
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OPERATIONA (WAR D	
0000-0400:- Anchored off Tetere River, G fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chai the following anchorage bearings: Beaco 267 T. Engine room ready for getting un No.1 and 2 in use for auxiliary purposes	uadalcanal, Solomon Islands, in 22 n to port anchor. Ship heading 241°T on n "L" 099°T; Beacon "J" 255°T; Beacon "A
	E.C. ROBINSON, Ens. D-V(G), USNR.
0400-0600:- Anchored as before.	
	Lt. H.M. PEPPER, D-V(g), USHR.
0600-1200:- Anchored as before. 0525 Decand USS TRYON stood in. 0625 USS STRADFO holds #1,#2,#3,#4 and #5. 0930 USS PATAL	stroyers SICARD, BREESE, GAMBLE, BARCN (DE
	B. C. SWAFFORD, CBM (PA) VG-USNR.
1200-1800:- Anchored as before. Loading MONICA, WHITNEY, BLUM FANTAIN, STEELE, SE 1500 Secured No.1 hold. 1700 USS CHANLET No.3 hold. 1735 Secured No.2 Hold.	all holds. 1235 USB ATASCOSA, SANTA
	DE OUE JAMES E. NESWORTHY, C-V(S), USNI
1900-2400:- Anchored as before. 2230 Com	pleted loading No.4 Hold. 2235 complete
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	Lt. (JE) S.N. BEERY, D-V(G), USNR.
Approved: Exami	Joseph Weiner  Joseph Weiner, Lieut, D-M. USNR.

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UNITED STATES SHIP_LIBRA(AN	KA19) Setu	urday, 30 October , 19 43.
Position 0800	1200	2000
Lat.	1200	10°-23'S.
Long.		160°-39¹E.
of water with 90 fathoms of @ Beacon L # 099 T; Beacon "J" 28	chain to the port anchor 55°T; Beacon "A" 267°T Boilers No.1 and 2 in	Solomon Islands, in 22 fathoms r, on the following bearings:- Engine room ready for getting use for auxiliary purposes.
	Eneign D.	H. RODGERS, Ør. ,D-V(G), USNR.
0400-0800:- Anchored as before		Shankles, U.S. Navy.
Guadalcanal, on various course USS ALCHIBA, CTU, OTC and Guide in right column with USS ALHS USS HOPKINS with USS DORSEY, 4 transports and 4 DD, 8 mile C919 passed Berende Pt. abeam pile Island abeam to port distance 6.5 miles. O95	made all preparations fivision "Charlis" in obeer. Captain at Conn, Exal 15 knots (84RPM), standard at various speeds in left column with US ENA astern. USS SIOUX as HOVEY and SOUTHARD screes off port beam. 0910 m to starboard distance stance 3.5 miles. 0935 52 Commenced zig-zagging and abeam to starboard, Changed standard speed Od. Av. steam 453.3.Av. P	for getting underway. 0900 edience to ComTransDiv TEN, secutive Officer and Navigator ling out of Lengo Channel, is, conforming to the channel. Is TITANIA astern. USS LIBRA stern of formation. Comescort bening ahead. 0905 sighted Base course 090°T, 091°G.  1.2 miles. 0924 passed Pari passed Nugi Island abeam to in accordance with Plan #8, listance 4 miles. 1055 Changed to 14 knots(78 RPM). 1142 RPM 77.6.
	Ensign C.	D. D. V(G), USNR.
in accordance with Plan #8. 1 178°T, 179°G. Changed speed 1 1350 Resumed zig-zagging in a	re on base course 131°T, accordance with Plan #6 void heavy object in wat 1334 Ceased zig-zagging. to two-thirds(10knots). accordance with Plan #8. 154°T, 155°G. 154°C Resum 456. Av.RPM. 74.4.	,132°G, at standard speed 14 3(1340D). 1212 made 20° emer- ter. 1220 Resumed zig-zagging . 1340 Changed base course to 1344 Resumed standard speed.
(78RPM). Zig-zagging in according to the course to 200°T,201°C., dard speed(14knots). 1718 Cithirds. 1745 Maneuvered at with Section "Baker" of Task guide, USS AMERICAN LEGION, following formation: Column HUNTER LIGGETT, CTC, CTU and Grand USS ALHENA; Column four:	Lt. (jg)R. re on base course 154°T, rdance with Plan #8(1940 00 Ceased zig-zagging, re and speed to two-thirds hanged base course to 20 various speeds and cours Unit 31.5.1, consisting CRESCENT CITY, USS FULLE One, USS CRESCENT CITY s uide, and USS AMERICAN I USS ALCHIBA, and USS TI d by 4 DD's and 4 DM's.	H.GRIFIN, D-V(G), USNR. ,155°G, standard speed 14 knots DD).1655 Eight ships sighted esumed base course. 1706 Changed s. 1710 Changed speed to stan- 95°T,296°G and speed to two- ses forming cruising disposition g of USS HUNTER LIGGETT,CTU and ER. USS APACHE. Ships in the
	Examined: Lieut.1	L.M. JORDAN, D-V(S), USMR.
Approved:	- Jan	with weiner
F. F. FERRIS, Commander,	USN. JOSEI	PH WEINER, Lieut.D-M, USNR.

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#### OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAII DIARY)

2000-2400:- Steaming as before on base course 294°T, 295°G, at standard speed of 14.5 knots.(SIRPM). Zig-zagging in accordance with Plan #12,(1940 Diagrams). Steaming at standard speed. One friendly aircraft in company throughout watch. Av. steam 457.5. Av. RPM. 78.1.

Approved:

Commander, USN.

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UNITED STATES SHIP LIBRA (AK	Al2) Sund	
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NUNTER LIGGETT. Formation as ULLER astern, in section Two in section Three USS LIBRA with SS TITANIA astern. USS APAC Source 294°T,295°G, at standard the with Plan No.12(1940 diameter formation around convoy 2 in use . 0009 Changed base 10400-0800:- Steaming as beforenots. (81RPM). Zig zagging in 10547 Formed in column astern 10547 Formed in column astern 10547 Formed in column astern 10547 Formed 20547 F	follows: In sention Or USS MUNTER LIGGETT with th USS ALHEMA astern, in HE and USS SIOUX astern rd speed 14.5 knots (81 grams). Comescort in US . Condition III set. course to 289°T,290°G.  Ensign e on base course 289°T, accordance with Plan 1 g zagging resumed base stern of USS AMERICAN I of USS TITANIA as third S PRESIDENT JACKSON, US k position as column #2  Lt.(jg) e on base course 289°T, ig-zagging in accordance	RPM). Zig zagging in accord- 35 FULLAM, screening in cir- Ship darkened. Boilers #1 and Av. steam 450. Av. RPM 77.7.  D.D. COMES, D-V(0), USMR.  290°G, at standard speed 14.5  to.12(1940D). 0456 Contacted course. 0545 USB CRESCENT LEGION to form column No.1. 1 ship in column No.3. 0739 38 GEORGE CLYMER, USB PRES. 2 in that order. Av. Steam 452  G.H. GRIFFIN, D-V(0), USMR.  290°G, at standard speed 14.5 38 with Plan No.12(1940 D.).
907 Adjusted interval to 120 agging. 1011 Emergency turn coordance with plan no.12. ng. 1026 Emergency turn to 036 Commenced zig zagging in 16°G. Right turn to 287°T, urn to 285°G, 264°T. 1150 Rv. steam 452. Av. RPM. 77.4.	1024 Emergency turn to 295°T,296°G. 1028 Char accordance with Plan 1 286°G. 1145 Right turn esumed zig zag in accor	269°T,270°G, ceased zig-zagg- nged course to 295°T,296°G. No.12. 1140 Left turn to 215° n to 316°G,315°T. 1147 Left rdance with Plan No.12.
200-1600:- Steaming on base SIRPM). Zig zagging in acco to 290°T, 291°G. 1302 Change and to plan Dog. 1333 Change and resumed base course. 140 Furned right to course 289°G, with Plan No.12(1940D). Av.s	course 296°G, 295°T, at rdance with Plan No.12. d standard speed to 14 d course to 288°T, 289° 2 Changed course by tur 288°T. 1416 Commenced	.(1940 D). 1228 Changed course knots(78RPM). Formed accord- G. 1346 Ceased zig zagging rning to 209°G,208°T. 1404 zig-zagging in accordance
standard speed 14 knots, boil 647 Changed standard speed to base course. 1800 Changed co	ers No.1 and No.2 in use o 14.5 knots. 1750 Ces urse and axis to 340°T Darkened ship. 1950 Ce arlie changed speed to Av. steam 462.5. Av. RPM	ased sig-zagging and resumed, , 341°0. 1810 Commenced sig- eased sig-zagging and resumed 2/3 speed. 1959 changed spee
F. F. FERRIS, Commander, U		PH WEINER, Lieut.D.N. USNR.

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Zone description -11.				
Position 0800	1200		2000	
ent,				
2000-2400:- Steaming as before 14.5 knots(SL RPM). 2000 chang speed to 15 knots(S4RPM). 2022 distance 25 miles. 2034 observ called to alert. 2024 two unid 16 miles. 2216 Tracer fire sig	hted shead. 221	40°T, 341° to 312°T,31 reraft rep head beari t reported 7 Unidenti	G, at standard s 3°G. Changed sta orted bearing 34 ng about 330°T- bearing 015°T, fied aircraft be	peed ndard 5°T, All gun distanc aring
325 All hands to General Quart	ers. Av. RF	M. 78.8.	)	
	7	leut.L.M.C	produce ordan, D-V(S), U	GMD
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UNITED S	STATES SHIP LIBRA(AKA		day 1	November (Mana)	, 19_43.
Position Lat. Long.	0800	1200		2000	

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

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Lt.(jg)D.W.CHFLDS, D-V(G), USNR.

O400-0800:- Steaming as before on base course 000°T,001°G, at standard speed of
15 knots(84HPM). 0432 Changed standard speed to 12 knots(67PPM). Changed course
to 045°T and 046°G. 0447 Changed speed to 6 knots(SLPPM), commenced forming column astern of sections one and two. 0505 General Quarters. 0510 Changed course
to 069°. 0512 Changed speed to 12 knots(67RPM). 0513 Completed forming column
astern of sections one and two, came to base course 044°T,045°G. 0555 Changed
course to 014°T,015°G. 0558 Changed course to 044°T,045°G. 0602 Screen commenced
shelling shore installations. Commenced maneuvering at various speeds and courses
independently to previously assigned anchorage. 0704 Took debarkation stations.
0705 Dive bombers, friendly, attacked shore installations. 0703 Anchored off
Empress Augusta Bay in 28 fathoms of water with 55 fathoms of chain at water's
edge on the following bearings: Right tangent on Paruata 056°T; Left tangent 044°T;
ship heading 355°T. 0710 Commenced lowering boats. 0718 First wave of landing
boats. 0728 Emergency, Underway. 0729 General Quarters, standing by to repel
enemy aircraft. Maneuvering at various speeds and courses on signal from CTU.
Standard speed set at 15 knots (848PPM).

DEADAN, D-V(S), USMR.

OSOO-1200:- Steaming as before maneuvering on signal from CTU, on various courses at standard speed 15 knots(94RPM), all hands at General Quarters. 0805 Commenced firing on enemy planes. 0852 Commenced maneuvering to return to anchorage. 0807 Secured from Jeneral Quarters, manned debarkation stations, prepared to unload ship. 0950 Commenced unloading ship, approaching anchorage. 0945 Anchored in Empress Augusta Bay, Bougainville Island, in 22 fathoms of water on the following anchorage pearings: Right tangent Puruata Island 053°T, Left tangent of Puruata Island 045°T, lill Underway, shifting anchorage berths, continued unloading while underway. 1157 Anchored in 13 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of canain to the water's edge in Empress Augusta Bay.

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1200-1600:- Anchored as before in 13 fathoms of water with 45 fethoms of chain at the water's edge, unloading ship. 1256 General Quarters. 1300 Underway, Emergency 210. Maneuvering at various courses and speeds in accordance with signal from 070. Standing by to repel enemy air attack. 1341 Sombs reported to be dropping off port bow of formation guide. 1346 Enemy planes bearing 320°T, dropping bombs ahead of convoy. 1355 Screen throwing up AA barrage. 1417 Screen reported area cleared of all enemy aircraft. 1423 Commenced returning to anchorage, proceeding 1460 ently. 1424 Secured from General Cuarters took dependance attitudes. 1450 Anchorage. ently. 1424 Secured from General Quarters, took debarkation stations. 1458 Anchored in Empress Augusta Bay in 11 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to water's edge on the following anchorage bearings; Left tangent Puruata Is. 118°T;

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UNITED STATES SHIP LIBRA (AKA)	2)	Monday	1 November	, 19 43
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1800-2000; Anchored as before, hold. 1631 All marines debarks way in accordance with signal fourth ship in second section. 221°G. Standard speed 15 knots(with plan No.38(1940 p). 1960 Changed course to 180°T, 181°G. operations).	d. 1743 Complet rom CTU. Cargo Set condition II 84RPM). 1902 Con	ged unloads 98% unload 11 watch. 12 watch 13 mmenced 21g 13 and res 14 and 1 LOS	ng Mo.3 hold. led. 1846 Took 1857 Course set -zassins in sec	1802 Under position, on 220°T, ordance e. 2000 ding
2000-2400:- Steaming as before 15 knots (84RPM). 2010 Resumed a 2015 Task Force 39 reported bea 2015 Task Force 39 reported bea 21g-2agging resumed base course Turned left 60° to 1800T, 1810g 21g-2agging resumed base course 2208 Steady on new course 152°T 2208 Steady on new course 152°T	dg-zagging in acuring 170°T, dist 2030.5 Turned 2046 Resumed Ceased rig-zagg 1, 133°G. 2254 Commenced zig-zag g section of Tas knots (81 FPM).	cordance trance about right 60 21g-2aggir ing resume Observed trans in act with 31.	th Plan No.38( 18 miles. 205 to 240°T, 241° ag in accordance d base course 1 acer fire beari acordance with p 5.1 detached. tion detached.	1940 D). O Censed G. 2040 with 80°T,181° ng 350°T, lan No.12 2355 onsisting
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UNITED STATES SHIP	LIBRA(AKA12)	Tuesday (Day)	2 November	, <sub>19</sub> _43
Position 0800 Lat. 08°-5418 Long. 156°-541E	1200 08°-54'8 157°-23'E		08°-54'8 159°-04'E.	

#### OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)

0000-0400: Steaming in company with modified formation task unit 31.5.1 consisting of USS PRESIDENT JACKSON, GEORGE CLYMER, FULLER, LIBRA, HAYES, ADAMS, ALHENA, and TITANIA with escorts TERRY, WADSWORTH, HOVEY, SOUTHARD, CONWAY, LAUB, SIGCURNEY, HOPKINS, and DORSEY. Ship is darkened. Standard speed 14.5 knots (81 RPM) on base course 132°T, 133°G. Zig zagging in accordance with plan #12 (1940 diagrams). OTC, CTU in USS PRESIDENT JACKSON. Condition III set. Boilers #1 and #2 in use for steaming purposes. Av. Steam 457.5, Av. RPM 79.3.

Lt.(jg) D. W. CHILDS, D-V(G), USNA.

0400-0800: Steaming as before on base course 132°T, 133°G at standard speed, zig zagging on plan #12 (1940diagrams). 0504 Exercised at General Quarters. 0504 Secured from General Quarters, light ship, set condition III. 0550 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course. 0700 Changed course and axis to 117°T, 118°G. 0710 Resumed zig zagging on plan #12. Av.Steam 457.5, Av.RPM 78.2.

Lt. H. W. PEPPER, D-V(G), USNR.

O800-1200: Steaming as before on base course 117°T, 118°G, at standard speed 14.5 knots (81 RPM). Zig zagging in accordance with plan #12 (1940 diagrams). 1020 Passed Rendova Island abeam to port, distance 18 miles. 1025 Sighted four friendly destroyers on horizon bearing 320°T. 1130 Ceased zig zagging, resumed base course. 1140 Changed base course to 090°T, 091°G. 1150 Resumed zig zagging according to plan #12 (1940 diagrams). Av. Steam 480, Av. RPM 76.8.

Le.(jg) R. H. GROFFIN, D-V(O), USNR.

1200-1600: Steaming as before on base course 090°T, 091°0, at standard speed 14.5 (81 RPM), zig zagging in accordance with plan #12 (1940 diagrams), 1307 Ceased zig zagging, resumed base course. 1311 Changed course to 100°T, 101°G. 1314 Resumed zig zagging in accordance with plan #12. 1520 Ceased zig zagging, resumed base course 100°T, 101°G. 1524 Changed base course to 087°T, 088°G. 1530 Resumed zig zagging in accordance with plan #12. Av. Steam 460, Av.RPM 77.0

Lt. L. M. JORDAN, D-V(S), USNR.

1600-2000: Steaming as before on base course 067°T, 088°G at standard speed 14.5 knots (81 RPM). Zig zagging in accordance with plan #12 (1940 diagrams). 1821 Darkened ship. Sounded General Quarters. 1835 Passed Buraku Island abeam to starboard, distance 5 miles. 1922 Secured from General Quarters. Av. Steam 460 Av. RPM 77.2

Lt.(jg) D. W. CHILDS, D-V(G), USNR,

2000-2400: Steaming as before on base course 080°T, 081°G at standard speed 14.5 knots (81 RPM). 2030 Changed speed to two-thirds speed. 2036 Changed speed to standard speed. 2045 Changed course and axis to 125°T, 126°G. 2103 Russell Is. abean to starboard, distance approximately 7 miles. 2317 Changed course to 115°T, 116°G. 2330 Savo Island abeam to port distance 5 miles. 2345 Section two forming on bearing 180°(relative) from section one. Av.Steam 460, Ay.RPM 76.8

Lt.(jg) S. N. BEERY, D-V(G), USNR.

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### OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)

2000-2400: Steaming as before on various courses at various speeds standing into Tulagi Harbor. 2030 Passed through anti-submarine net. 2045 Anchored in berth #6, Tulagi Harbor, Florida Island, Solomon Islands, in 26 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to stbd anchor at the water's edge on following anchorage bearings:- right tangent Mokambo Is. 012°T; left tangent Mokambo Is. 343°T. Tangent on Tulagi Island 341°T. 2120 Received YO-415 alongside starboard side. 2129 Commenced receiving diesel oil from YO-415. Av. Steam 450, Av. RPM 33.0

Lt. H. M. PEPPER, D-V(G), USNR.

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400-0800: Anchored as before. Receiving	Ens. E. T. MALONE, D-V(G), USNR.  g fuel as before. 0442 USS HUNTER LIGGET quarter.  Ens. J. R. KELLER, D-V(G), USNR.
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hain on deck. 1002 Heaved up to 75 fath	ALCHIBA, USS AMERICAN LEGION, USS CRESCI d in. 0942 Veered out to 90 fathoms of home of chain on deck. 1030 Veered out 8 PRINGLE stood out. YP-415 underway from 0 gallons deisel fuel. 1135 USS BINNETTS
	Lt.(jg) s. H. BEERY, D-V(G), USNR.
200-1600: Anchored as before. 1210 USS tood in. 1450 BS LEW WALLACE stood in.	ADVENT stood in. USS FOOTE (under tow)
	LU (jg) JANES E. NESWORPHY, & V(5), US
500-2000: Anchored as before. Observed	Ene. D. H. RODGERS, Jr., D-V(G), USNR.
000-2400: Anchored as before.	
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	Lt.(jg) R. H. GRIFFIN, D-V(G), USNR.
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ome of water Barge (with Commenced ta Condition Ye Guadalcanal.	Anchored in Tulagi Man with 75 fathons of ch tug) moored alongside ding water from water lilow at Guadalcanal. 0025 Condition Red 1	main at water's edge with starboard side barge. D124 Condit 0210 Condition Gree Fulagi: 0234 Condition	d. Solomon Islands in 24 fath- e, to starboard anchor. Water e to our port bow. 0010 tion Red at Hussell Islands, en at Russell Islands, and ion Green at Tulagi. 0245 . Water barge shoved off.
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Set Special lands, at va to orders of utive Office HUNTER LIGGE 0749 Anchors fathoms of w Beacon *C* 1 head 272° 7.	Sea detail. 0600 Under the speeds and on various speeds and on various and Mariantor on the Trand DORSEY stood or od off Lunga Point, Guartar with 60 fathoms of 127 T: Beason "D" 1660 1.27 T: Button	osso hade all prepar erway for Lunga Poir arious courses confo atch 040703 of Noves bridge, 0600 US atch 0819 Passed out adalcanal, Solomon of chain to port and great Solomon of Chain to port and great Solomon Conformation of Chain to port and great Solomon Chain to port and great Solo	rations for petting underway.  nt, Guadalcanel, Solomon Is- orming to the channel pursuant aber. Captain at Comm, Exec- MOPKINS, SOUTHARD, HOVEY, ter anti-submarine net abeam.  Islands, in berth #29, in 24 chor on the following bearings; Beacon "F" 274°T; Ship's red special sea detail.  W.CHILDS, D-V(0), USER.
0800-1200:- loading Hold No.1.	Anchored as before. 0	loading Hold #2. 10	rking troops. 1010 Commenced 045 Commenced loading Hold
1200-1800:- No. 4 and 5. Narkened shi	1730 USS PRES. ADAMS	stood out. 1918 O	1930 Commenced loading Holds bserved sunset. Partially
		Lt. HIM.	PER PER, LV(G), USCIR.
			1800 USS TITANIA underway. t beam. 1915 Ceased loading
2000-2400:-	Anchored as before.		
		Lt. (18)	S.N. BEERY, D-V(G), USHR.
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0000-0400: Anchored off Lunga Pofathoms of water with 60 fathoms the following bearings:- B'n. "6264°T. Ship darkened. Engine a Boilers #1 and #2 in use. 0127 room ready for getting underway. Condition Green at Guadalcanal, to 60 fathoms of chain at water	s of chain out at C" 1270T; B'n. "D room on 5 minutes Condition Yellow . 0140 Heaved in engine room secu 's edge.	Island, Solome water's edge '" 1860T; B'n. notice for get at Gundalcanal to 80 fathoms red on 5 minut	to port anchor on E 2520T; B'n. "Fiting underway 0130 Engine on deck. 0205 . ses notice, veered
0400-0800: Anchored as before. Commenced loading ship, all hold	0655 USS TITANIA		nored. 0655
0800-1200: Anchored as before lo #3 and #5. 1115 USS PINKNEY sto	oeding to all holood in. 1145 #1	ds. 1050 Completed.	leted loading hold
1200-1800: Anchored as before. all holds. Commenced hoisting b	Loading holds #2	and #4. 1530	•
1500-2000: Anchored as before. for sea.	Ens. 4.	R Killer R. KELLER, D.	tp secure and read
2000-2400: Anchored as before.	Lt. (Je)	JAMES E. MESNO	ORTHY, C-V(B), USIN
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UNITED STATES SHIP L	IBRA(AKA12)	Sunday	7 (Date)	November (Meets)	, 19 <u>43</u>
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Long. 158°-45'E.	1570-5313		15	50-1211.	

#### OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)

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0000-0400: Anchored in berth #28 off Lunga Point, Guadalganal Island, Solomon Islands, in 24 fathons of water with 60 fathoms of chain at the water's edge to the port anchor on the following bearings: B'n. "C" 127°T; B'n. "D" 166°T; B'n. "E" 252°T; B'n. "F" 267°T. Ship darkened. Boilers #1 and #2 in use. 0052 Underway in accordance with C.T.U. 31.5.4 Mailgram 060154/Nov. Captain at conn, Navigstor on bridge. Standard speed 14.5 knots (81 RPM). Steaming at various courses and speeds. 0200 Formed column open order in company with task unit 31.5.4 OTC., CTU., and Guide in the USS PRESIDENT JACKSON. 0027 Formed cruising disposition as follows: section one USS PRESIDENT JACKSON, USS PRESIDENT ADAMS, USS TITANIA.

Second section USS PRESIDENT HAYES, USS FULLER, and USS LIBRA. Set base course 304°T, 305°C, with following escorts screening in a circular formation. Comescort in USS GUEST; USS ANTHONY, USS BENNETT, USS HUDSON, USS WADSWORTH, USS WARRINGTON, USS HOPKINS, USS SOUTHARD, USS DORSEY, and USS HOUVEY. 0304 Commenced rig ragging in accordance with plan #12 (1940 diagrams). 0305 Savo Island abeam to starboard, distance 3 miles. Av. Steam 456.7, Av. RPM 58.4

Lt.(jg) R. H. GHIFFIN, D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800: Steaming as before on base course 304°T, 305°G, at standard speed 14.5 knots (84 RPM), sig sagging in accordance with plan #12 (1940 diagrams). 0455 Exercised at General Quarters. 0554 Friendly ships bearing 200°T, distance 9 miles 0555 Secured from General Quarters, set condition III. 0601 Ceased sig sagging, resumed base course 304°T, 305°G. 0605 Changed course to 260°T, 261°G. 0616 Resumed sig sagging in accordance with plan #12 (1940 diagrams). 0655 Friendly surface craft sighted bearing 220°T, distance about 10 miles. Av. Steam 452, Av. RPM 76.9

N. JORDAN, D-V(S), USNR.

0800-1200: Steaming as before on base course 260°T, 261°G, at standard speed 14.5 knots (81 RPM), zig zagging in accordance with plan #12 (1940 diagrams). 0800 Earsku Island abeam to port, distance 9 miles. 0915 Four friendly ships sighted bearing 270°T, distance 9 miles. 0963 Kichs Island abeam to starboard, distance 10 miles. 1104 Bighted friendly eacort and other bearing 312°T, distance 11 miles 1105 Gatuki Island abeam to port. 1148 Possible submarine contact dead shead, emergency turn to left of 45° to 186°T. 1155 Emergency turn to left of 45°to course 141°T. 1154 Contact false, right 15° to 231°T. 1157 Resumed base course 261°G, 260°T. Av. Steam 487,5, Av. RPM 78.0

Ens. C. D. JONES, D.V(G), USNA.

1200-1600: Steaming as before on base course 260 T, 201 G, at standard speed 14.8 knots (81 RPN). 1206 Changed base course to 293 T, 284 G. 1210 Commenced sig sagging in accordance with plan #38 (1940 diagrams). 1426 Two friendly surface white bearing 318 T, distance 12 miles, reported by USS WADSWORTH. 1810 Sighted three cruisers, four destroyers on the horizon bearing 100 T, cruisers identified as USS BANTA FE, MOBILE, and BIRNINGHAM. Av.Steam 460, Av.SPM 77.9.

1600-2000: Steaming as before on base course 283 T, 294 G, at standard speed 14.5 knots (81 RPM), sig ragging in accordance with plan #38 (1940 diagrams). 1642 Two surface craft reported on horizon bearing 320 T. 1748 Two ships, reported as friendly, sighted on horizon bearing 320 T. 1749 Six ships sighted on horizon by USS WARRINGTON bearing 320 T. 1824 Sunset, darkened ship. 1904 Ceased sig ragging

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ormation. 1913 Commenced 1920 USS APACHE toined T.I	base course. 1911 USS APACHE d zig sagging in accordance wit U. 31.5.4, formed astern of tra- course. 1944 Changes base cou- Lt. L. T. ORDAN	h plan #38 (1940 digrams) nsport group. 1929 Ceased rse to 3190T, 3200G.
nots (81 RPM). 2106 Commitagrams). 2130 Surface of needingated found barrage WUSST, emergency turn to 1 157 Contact reported fall 130 T. 2203 Resumed risks	fore on base course 31907, 3200 menced zig zagging in accordance contact bearing 0000T, distance a ballon which she defiated. 2 test to 5040T. 2147 Emergency se, changed course to 3490T. 2 assiging in accordance with plan av. Steam 460, Av. RFM 77.7	O at standard speed 14.5 e with plan #38 (1940 4 miles, USB GUEST 146 Sound contact by USS turn to left to 259 T.
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UNITED S	TATES SHIP LIBRA (AKA	12)	Monday	В	November (Month)	. 19 43
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#### OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)

2000-2400:- Steaming as before on base course 220°T, 221°G at standard speed of 15 knots. (84 RPM). Unidentified aircraft detected throughout watch. 2115 Changed course to 180°T.,181°J. 2200 Changed base course to 140°T,141°G. Formed cruising disposition with LIBRA second ship in second column consisting of USF FULLER, USS LIBPA and USS PRES.HAYES. 2216 Emergency turn to 185°T. 2218 Emergency turn to 250°T. 2250 USS MARHINGTON reported that suspected submarine contact was false. 2235 Resumed course 140°T. 2245 Commenced sig-sagging in accordance with Plan #12 (1940 Diagrams).

Lt. (JE) D.W. CHILDS, D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

. F. FERRIS, Commander, USN.

Examined:

JOSEPH WEINER, LIGHT. D-M, USINE

To be ferwarded direct to the Commander in Chief, U. S. Flore, either at end of an operation or at the end of the calendar month.

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UNITED STATES SHIP	LIERA(AKA12)	Tuesday	9	November	, 19 43
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Position 0800 Lat. 08°-29'S. Long. 158°-30'E.	08°-57'S. 157°-175'E.		08 159	2000 0_5218. 0_081E.	

#### OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)

OCCO-0400: Steaming in company with task unit 31.5.4. in the following formation: CTU., OTC., and Cuide in USS PRESIDENT JACKSON lending first section followed astern by USS PRESIDENT ADAKS and USS TITANIA. Second section USS FULLER, USS LIBRA, and USS PRESIDENT HAYES. USS APACHE astern of convoy. Screened by the following excerts in a circular formation around convoy: Comescort in USS GUEST, USS ANTHONY, USS SOUTHARD, USS DORSEY, USS BENNETT, USS HOPKINS, USS HOUVEY, USS WARRINGTON, USS HUDSON, USS WADSWORTH, and two notor torpedo boats. Steaming on base course 1400T 1410G at standard speed 15 knots (84 RPM), zig zagging in accordance with plan #12 (1940 diagrams). Ship darkened, condition of readiness III set Boilers #1 and #2 in use. 0103 Unidentified aircraft bearing 250°T, distance 19 miles, course 050°T. Heavy anti-aircraft fire from friendly ships on starboard quarter. 0104 General Quarters. 0109 Screen opened fire on enemy planes. 014 Emergency turn to 120°. 0128 Emergency turn to 090°T. 0136 Emergency turn to 110°. 0138 Emergency turn to 090°T. 0144 Emergency turn to 120°. 0145 Emergency turn to 140°. 0156 Emergency turn to 170°. 0158 Emergency turn to 140°. 0200 Emergency turn to 110°. 0204 Emergency turn to 180°. 0214 Emergency turn to 110°. 0215 Emergency turn to 140°. 0226 Commenced zig zagging in accordance with plan #12 (1940 diagrams) 0246 Secured from General Quarters, set condition III. Av. Steam 487.5, Av.RPM 81.5 Av. Steam 487.5, Av.RPM 81.5

Lt.(jg) R. H. OR FIN, D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800: Steaming as before on base course 140°T, 141°G, at standard speed 15 knots (84 RPM), mig ragging in accordance with plan #12. 0605 Dessed mig ragging and resumed base course. 0607 Observed sunrise. 0611 Changed course to 117°T, 1180G. Section two shanged speed to two-thirds speed. 0614 Section two changed speed to standard speed. O617 Commenced zig zagging on plan #12. O758 Sighted unidentified vessel bearing 350°T. Av.Steam 460, Av. EPN 80.9

Lt. H. M. PEPPER, D.-V(O), USMR.

OSCO-1200: Steaming as before on base course 1170T, 1180G, at standard speed 15 knots (84 RPK), rig ragging in accordance with plan \$12 (1940 diagrams). 0938 Changed standard speed to 14.5 knots (81 RPM). 0940 Kolombangars Is. abeam toport. 0955 USS BIRNINGHAM joined formation astern of USS TITANIA in column one. 1056 Possible sub contact, emergency turn 150 rudder to course 1970T, 1980G. 1114 Changed course 800 left 150 rudder to base course 1170T, 1180G. 1118 Resumed rig ragging. 1127 Rendovs Is. abeam to port, submarine contact false. Condition green Vella Lavella. Av.Steam 455, Av.RPM 79.5.

Ens. C.D. JONES, D-V(G), USMR.

1200-1600: Steaming as before on base course 1170T, 11800, at standard speed 14.5 knots (81 RPM), zig zagging in accordance with plan #12 (1960 diagrams). 1205 Cessed sig zagging resumed base course 1170T, 11800. 1213 Changed base course to 0900T, 08103. 1217 Resumed sig zagging in accordance with plan #12 (1840 digrams). 1300 Tetinari Island absem to port. 1400 Changed base course to 0850T, 0860G. Av.Stenm 457.5, Av. RPM 78.3.

JOHDAN, DV(S), USNH.

1600-2000: Steaming on base course 085°T, 086°G as before, at standard speed 14 knots (81 RPM), sig sagging in accordance with plan #12 (1940 diagrams). 1818 Parkened ship. 1822 Passed Baraku Island abeam to starboard, distance 5 miles. at standard speed 14.5

Approved:	Examined:
F. F. FERRIS, Comdr. USN Community Office.	JOSEPA WEINER, Lt. D-N, USINA. Navigator.

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00-2400: 00 ots (81 R) ased mig in general 135 aring 135 124 7. 11	Steaming as beform the steaming as beform PM), sign tagging 2045 Characteristics of the state of	Lt.(jg) D. W.  s on base course 085°T, 08 in accordance with plan #1 anged base course to 107°T len #12 (1940 diagrams). Mes. 2301 Ceased rig rag of forming astern of sections med column, open order.	CHILDS, D-V(0), USNR.  26°G, at standard speed 14.5 2 (1940 diagrams). 2305 7, 108°G. 2006 Resumed rig 2200 Sighted Savo Island ring. 2310 Changed course n one. 2313 Savo Island Av.Steam 455, Ay.RPN 79.6.  3217 15, D-V(0), USNR.
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UNITED STATES SHIP LIBRA(AKA	12)	Medne sday	10 (Hex)	November Omano	, 19 43.
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anug.				1000	
0000-0400:- Steaming in comma follows: CTU and Guide in USS TITAMIA, USS FULLER, USS LIBR various courses proceeding to Comescort in USS GUEST with U MARRIMSTON, HUDSON, MADSWORTH Ship darkened, condition of ranchor detail. 0030 set speci 0050 Proceeding independently 0135 Anchored off Bungans Isl water with 105 fathoms of chabearings: Ship's head 050°T; Tineti Point, right tangent 1 0400-0800:- Anchored as befor 0843 Underway proceeding to a despatch 092021/November. 19 the bridge, standard speed 15 courses and speeds standing u III set regular port watch. 1 Solomon Islands in 19 fathoms anchor on the following bears	PRES.JACKSON, A, USS PRES.HAY anchorage at a SS ANTHOMY, SOUT as circular ser endiness III se al sea detail. at various spe and, Florida Is in on deck to t White Beacon 10 12°T.Av.steam 4  E.  6. 0800 made al nchorage in Pur 43 Captain at c knote(84 RPM). p Purvis Bay to 027 anchored in of water with	it 31.5.4 in followed by ES, USS BIRM tendard spectare with USS to Boilers 1 Observed greeds and courland, Solomon he starboard to F. Fineti 1 Co. Av. RPM.  I preparation via Bay in olomn, Executive Entering Puranchorage. Berth #18, 145 fathoms of	JSS PR INGHAM 1 14.5 EPHNET APACH and 2 en fla sec. 0 Islan ancho Point 36.3.  PAN, D Is for pedien we Off rvis B 1005 Port P f chai	ES. ADAMS: US stemming of knots (SIRF TT, HOPKINS, E astern of in use. OC re off port 105 Captain 1s in 42 for r on the folleft tangen  -V(0), USNE getting un ce to Comfr icer, Mavis sy. On veri Secured Con unvis, Flor n to the st	Ments of the second of the sec
367°T; Beacon "N" 205°T. 163 ing in. 1105 USS DORSEY: USS USS HOPKINS stood in. Av. ste	O Scoured speci TREVOR standing	al sea dotail g in. 1107	. 11	OO USS FULL VEY stood 1	ER stan
and the same and the same		t. (jg) s. N. E	CERY,	p-(o), usu	
1200-1600:- Anchored as befor from CTU 31.5.4 to fuel. Capt bridge. Proceeded on various 1455 Moored port side to star in Berth #15.Port Purvis,Flor	ain at conn, Ex courses and spe- board side of U	coutive Officeds. Standard 58 YO-164 wi	er an i spee th six	d Mavigator d set at 19 8" manila	on the knots. lines,
ship.		G Retina			
1800-2000: - Moored as before- 48000 gals. 1823 Mode all or Captain at conn. Executive of Berth #18, Port Purvis, Flori with 50 fathems of chain at t anchorage bearings: Ship's he "H" 2040T. 1855 Secured spec way on 30 minutes notice by d	ficer and Maving da Island, Solo he water's edge ad 134 T; Beaco inl sea detail.	ntor on the loon Islands, to starboard "I" 065 T; Engine Room	in 19 I anch Beaco stand	. 1653 And fathoms of or on the f n "G# 2770 ing by to s	hored i water ollowin : Beaco
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2000-2400:- Anchored as befor	e.	Hunger	De		
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in 19 fatho anchor. Sh "J" 065°T; utes notice 0224 Condit	Anchored in berth #1 ms of water with 60 f ip's Heading 138°G, 1 Beacon "3" 277°T; Bea for getting underway ion RED at Tulagi. 0 lagi. 0247 Condition	athoms of chain at 34°T on the follow con "H" 204°T. En collers No.1 and 225 Condition Vill	water's edge ing anchorage gine room sta 2 in use for SW at Suedalo	to starboard bearings: Beacon ading by on 15 min- auxiliary purposes
		En	at grad J. R. KELL	ER, D-V(O), USMA.
0400-0800:-	Anchored as before.			
		En	elsm E.C.Robi	MBCH, D-V(G), USHR.
taking on D	Anchored as before. iesel Fuel. 1000 Fin Received 7305 gallons	ished taking on fu	el. 1012 YC-	0820 Commenced 49 cast off from
		70	E H WALO	alone NE, D-V(G), UBMR.
stood out.	Anchored as before. 1402 USS ANTHONY and tood in. 1424 USS BR	GUEST stood out.	1410 USS ROG	25 USB WADSWORTH ERS stood out.,
		15	James E.	ESWORTHY, O-V(S) USM
	Anchored as before. Commenced receiving		er barge alon	gside starboard
		8	S'n.J. H. SHATTE	ES, U.S. Mavy.
2000-2400:- pleted takin 13'2". Dran at Bundalcan	Anchored as before, ng fresh water, havin ft art: 19, 10, 214 nal.	2124 Condition YE received 15000 g 5 Water barge clea	LLOW at Guada ellons. Draf red ship. 21	t of ship forward 47 Condition GREEN
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0400-0800: port side /	Anchored as	before. 0655		- B		to,
			Ens. W. O.	HORKE, D-V	(G), USHR.	
off, receiv	ENSHAW stood red 15,000 :	before taking in. 0945 USS sallons of water ongside Y.C16	FULLAN stood ou 1047 USS ACR 4. 1120 USS KI	t. 1026 W EE stood 1 LTY, McKEA	n. 1053 US	Cast S DENT
			Lt. (Je) JAN	ES E. NES	ORTHY, C-V(	s), USN
Tulngi. 14	420 USS FULL	AN stood in. 1 condition GREE	445 Went to Gen N at Tulagi. U	eral Quart	ers. 1455	Secure 1500.
1600-2000:	Anchored as	before. 1818	4	darkened Lynn D-V		
2000-2400:	Anchored na	before.	Ens. J. R.	KELLEH, D-	v(a),usua.	
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UNITED STATES SHIP	LIBRA(AKA12)	Saturday (New) (	13 November , 1943
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0000-0400: Anchored in in 19 fathors of water unchor on the following season *H" 204°T. Engl. may. Boilers "I and #2	with 60 fathoms of c anchorage bearings: ne room standing by	ris, Florida Islan chain at water's e beacon "J" 055°T on 15 minutes not	dge to starboard; beason "G" 277°T; lice for metting unde
		an. Se	AV. D-V(O) USINE.
0400-0800: Anchored as 1	pefore. 0548 Observ	eā sunrise, Ant	ship.
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0800-1200: Anchored as 1 AUSTRALIA Stending in. stending in. 0845 MKS USS SIGOURKEY undermy.	OB35 HMS SHROPSHIRE RRUNTA standing in.	stending in. 08 0849 USB HELM at	ng in. 0638 HMS 137 HMS WARPAMUMGA Canding in. 0918
		Ens. K. Keller	(, p_y(s),umm.
200-1500: Anchored as 1 198 WHITNEY. 1515 USS 1 HILIP stood in.	pefore. 1250 USS SP BARON stood out. 13	ENCE stood in and	moored alongside od in. 1520 USS
500-2000; Anchored as 1 605 USS DORING stood in 655 USS CONFLICT stood	. 1610 USS CONWAY	stood in. 1815 U	S DYSON stood out. SS PRINCLE stood in.
		it. Gerjanes E.	HESWORTHY, 0-4(8),US
1000-2400: Anchored as 1	efore.		
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UNITED S	TATES SHIP LIBRA (A	KA12)	Sunday 14 November , 19 43
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Zone description Position	0800	1200	2000
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		OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)	s
following standing h	bearings: B'n. "j"	0 fathoms of chain t 06507; Bln. "G" 27709 ice for setting unde	to starboard snohor on the T; B'n. "H" 2040T. Engine room erway. Boilers #1 and #2 in use
0400-0800	: Anchered as before	. 0727 HHS MATAI et	tood out. 0732 HMS-233 stood ou
		It. (Jg)	JAMES E. HESWORTSY, C-V(S), USIN
0800-1200	: Anchored as before		
		Lt.(jg)	R. H. GRINGIN, D-V(G), USHR.
1200-1600:	Anchored as before		
		Ens. FRE	D. T. BARNES, D-V(S), USER.
1800-2000; in. 1835	Anchored as before USS CONVERSE stood	in. 1819 Observed a	stock in. USE MONTPELIER stock sunset, derkened ship.
2000-2400	Anchored as before		
		5ns. E.	0. 1031130H, L-V(3), USTR.
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in 19 father pearlnes: B'	se of water with 80 n. "J" 085°T, Etc. nutes notice for m	) fathous of chain to s	a Island, Solomon Islands, tarboard anchor on following 4°T. Engine room standing rs #1 and #2 in use for T. BARNES, D-7(S),USER.
M00_0800 4	inchesed on hefere		rwny, stood out. 0835 US5
BAUFLY, SIGO stood out. stood out. DROSBY, DENT DEES USS CLA	OUTHEY, CONWAY, MAT OGGS UBS STRINGNAN OGGS UBS NORTH IN	TERS underway, stood out. Underway, stood out. Iderway, stood out. Ob. stood out. Ob. USS Lited barth. Ob. APS-	t. 0540 USS FULLER underway 0546 USS PRINGLE underway, served sunrise. 0555 USS NILTY underway, stood out. 47 underway, stood out. 47 underway, stood out. RELIER, D-V(0), USER.
ADVENT stood	lout. 0850 USS AN	WERICAN LEGION standing USS DYSON standing in, WENNETT standing in. 1 unding in, anchored. 1 standing in. 1142 DE-16	ut. 0918 USS ADROIT and in. 0925 USS THEVOR and anchored. 0940 USS DENVER 002 USS ALCHIEA standing in, 045 USS GAMBLE standing in. 7 underway.
		E.G. Robe	ROBINSON, D-V(G), USHR.
inderway and		26 USS HELM and RALPH	rwny. 1420 HHS MARRAMUNGA TALBOT underwny. 1486 HMS
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xtingxished	nonored as before.	ights. 1910 USS STANL	in. 1820 Observed sunset, EY stood out. RODGERS, Jr., D-V(d), USHR.
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		Eng. C. D.	Jones D-V(0) , UBITA.
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UNITED STATES SHIP LIBRA(AKA12)		Tuesday	1.5	November	, 19 <u>43</u>
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Position 0800	1200			2000	
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	TIONAL REMA	RKS			
0000-0400: Anchored in berth #18, Poin 19 fethous of water with 60 fathor anchor on the following anchorage ber "H" 204 T, engine room standing by or Boilers #1 and #2 in use for auxiliar	me of chai arings: B' n 10 minut	n at waters n. "J" 065 es notice f	edge t	o starboard	g'n.
	Ens	W.C. Ko	KE, D-V	(a), veia.	
0400-0800: Anchored as before, 0507 USS HOVEY underway, 0525 USS FULLER 0528 USS TREVOR underway, 0536 USS with TransDivTwo order to proceed to for teking on cargo, standing out of standard speed 15 knots (84 RPM). Co Officer at conn. 0742 Anchored in be Solomon Islands in 21 fathoms of wate to port agenor on following bearings "E" 249.5 T; B'n. "D" 167.5 T. Engir during daylight and 5 minutes notice	, USS PRES SCUTHARD u Lunge Poi harbor on aptain and erth #28, er with 50 er with 50 i: Ship's H	. JACKSON, nderway. Ont, Oundale various co Mavigator Lunga Point fathous of ead 176 T; ending by c	and USS 537 Und anal, S urses a on Brid , Guada chain B'n. "F n 15 mi	octans und erway in ac olomon Tale t various s ge, Executi locati, Tale at water's " g73.50"; mutes notice	lerway. cordancends speeds, ve and, edge B'n.
	Ene	A. 74.	orders, J	7. 5-V(B)	USNR.
0800-1200: Anchored as before. 0945 londing #1 hold, commenced londing #0 1025 Commenced loading #2 hold.	Johnnenced 3 hold. 1	londing #5	hold.	1000 Comme ing #4 hold -V(G), UBME.	nced
1200-1600: Anchored as before, load!	ing all be	lds/ o			
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1800-2400: Anchored on before. Loads hold.	ing all ho	The state of the s	Complete	v(s), Usm.	#5
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UNITED ST	TATES SHIP	LIBRA(AKA12)		Wednesday 17	CONTRACTOR CONTRACTOR	, 19_43
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dge on the 'n. *p" 16 uxiliary g old. 0433 reparati n ondition 0	or write wis following 37,50%. Enguiroses. Is Condition is for getti MEEM, resum	th 50 fathoms of sachorage bearing the rose on 5 m onding holds #1 YELLOW, secured ag underway. He ed loading, wal	f engin to ngg: • B'n. inutes no from uniter from uniter from uniter from uniter from uniter from uniter from uniter from uniter from uniter from uniter the description of the second Lt.	Juadalcanal, So the port ancho "F" 273.507; E' tice, bailers #1 #4. 0255 Secur adding, darkened to 45 fathoms on out to 60 fath H. H. Parken, D	r at the wat n. "E" 249.5 end #2 in u ed from load ship, made deck. 0450 oms on deck.  V(0), UENR. end #4 ecup	er's OT; se for ing #1 sl1
			13	6 Aurofford S. SWAFFORD, OBK	, VO-USMR.	
200-1600:	Anchored as	before.	It.	(JE) H. H. SHIP	tii, p=v(a),U	SMA.
600-2000:	Anchored as	before. 1800 /	All boats Zns.	S. A. Jones.	-v(s),usim.	
	Anchored na to 45 fatho		Set speci	an detail,	Swooth, gav	2045 (8) , <b>D8</b> M
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tion 0800	1200			2000
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0000-0400; Anchored as before in berth #28, Lunga Point, Guadalcanel Island,
Solomon Islands, in \$1 fathoms of water. Heaving around on the port anohor. Ship
darkened, condition of rendiness III set. Soilers #1 and #2 in use. 0005 Underway in accordance with CTU 31.5.1 despatch 170125/Mov. Captain at coan, Mavigator
on bridge. T.U. \$1.5.1 formed with USS PRES. JACKSCH as CTU,OTC, and Guide and
leading column #1 followed by USS PRES. ADAMS, and USS FULLER. Column #2 consisting
of USS PRES. HAYES, USS TITAMIA, and USS LIBRA, following astern of column #1.
Convoy screened by following escorts, comescort in USS FULLAM, USS GUEST, USS HUDSIN,
USS ANTHONY, USS TERRY, USS BRAINE, USS SOUTHARD, and USS NOVEY. Standard speed
15 mosts (SERPN), steaming at various courses and speeds. 0150 Savo Island abeam
to starboard, distance 3 miles. 0212 Changed base course to 253°G, 282°T. Column
#2 took station on port beam of column #1. 0502 Commenced sig marging in accordance
with plan #58 (1940 diagrams). Av. Steam 452, Av. RPK 73.9.

Lt. (JE) R. H. S. FFE.

0400-0800: Stemming as before on base course 282°TaG, at standard speed of 15 knots (84 RPM), sig magging in accordance with plan #38 (1940 diagrams). 0420 Ceased sig magging, resumed base course 282°T, 253°G. 0430 Changed base course to 280°T, 281°G. 0436 Commenced sig magging in accordance with plan #38 (1940 diagrams). 0453 All hands to General Quarters. 0563 Secured from General Quarters, set condition III. Av. Stem 450, Av.RPM 80.2 The Sandan, D-V(8), USIN.

0800-1200: Steaming as before on base course 280°T, 281°G at standard speed 15 knote (84 RPM), his sagging in accordance with plan #38 (1940 diagrams). OBOS Sighted two friendly siroraft off starboard beam. OBOS Cassed via sagging, resumed base course. OBAS Changed base course to 290°T, 281°S. OBSS Commenced his sagging in accordance with plan #38 (1940 diagrams) OBSS Friendly surface crift bearing 324°T, distance 10 miles. 1125 Passing Tetlpars Island, New Georgia Islands abeam to starboard, distance 8.8 miles. Av. Steam 452.2, Av. RPM 80.

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1200-1600: Sterming as before on base course 2900T, 2810G, at standard speed 15 knote (84 JPM), is magging in accordance plan #78 (1840 diagrams). 1200 Changed standard speed to 14.5 knote (81 JPM). 1257 Ceased sig magging, resumed base course. 1305 Commenced sig magging in accordance to plan #30 (1940 diagrams).1304 Passed Rendova Island about to starboard, distance 14 miles. 1450 Sighted convoy of 5 LST's and 4 destroyers on the horizon bearing 380°T. 1443 Ceased mig magging and resumed base course. 1447 Turned left to course 2619 G, 260°T. 1448 Sighted 5 destroyers on the horizon bearing 240°T. 1455 Turned left to course 231 G, 250°T. 1460 Sunned right to course 281°G, 290°T. 1503 Commenced in magging in accordance with plan #30 (1940 diagrams). 1516 Sighted VSS PANNEE bearing 345°T on the horizon. 1556 USS PANNEE joined task unit. 1550 Seased mig magging and resumed base course. Av. Stens 457, Av. SPM 77.7

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1600-2000: Steaming as before on base course 290°T, 291°G, at standard speed 14.5 knots (81 RPM). 1600 Changed course to 310°T, 311°G. 1606 Commenced sig sagging in accordance with plan #30 (1840 diagrams). 1835 General Quarters. 1936 Secured from Ceneral Quarters.

Av. Steam 460, Av. RPM 77.8

Lt. L. M. CJORDAN, D-V(S). USBR.

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#### OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)

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1600-2000: Steering as before on base course 180°T, 181°G, at atomord speed of 14 knots (78 RPN), six magging in accordance with plan #55 (1940 diagrams). 1600

Ceased sig magging resumed base course, 1605 Commenced sig magging in accordance with plan #17 (1940diagrams). 1508 Shanged standard speed to 15 knots (72 RPN). 1655 Ceased sig magging. 1645 Changed course to 150°T, 131°G. 1700 Commenced mig magging on plan #39 (1940 diagrams). 1800 Treasury Island sighted bearing 116°T, distance 30 miles. 1808 Ceased mig magging, resumed base course. 1812 Commenced mig magging on plan #12 (1940 diagrams). 1816 Changed speed to 15 knots (84 RPN). 1838 General Quarters. 1938 Secured from General Quarters. 1938.5 Scorency turn 45° right to 160°T, 1940 turned left 45° 121°T. 1946 Resumed mig magging.

Av. Steam 450, Av. EPN 74.8.

Lt. L. M. SHOAT, D-V(S), USUR.

2000-2400: Steaming as before an base course 100°T, 1526, at standard speed of 15 knots (84 RPM), sig sagging in accordance with plan #15 (1940 diagrams). 2020 Passed Treasury Island sheem to port, distance 9 miles. 2040 Condition RED at Treasury Island. Several unidentified sireraft in general vicinity. 2151 Made an emergency turn to course 180°T, 2154 Made emergency turn to course 180°T. 2156 Made emergency turn to course 130°T. 2205 Resumed sig sagging. 2226 Made emergency turn to course 190°T. 2256 Made emergency turn to course 190°T.

Lt. (Jef D. W. CHILDS, D-V(6), USER.

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OCCO-0400:

Steaming in company with task unit 51.51 in the following formation: CTU, CTC, and Guide in USS PRES. JACKSON, section #1 - USS PRES. JACKSON, USS PRES. ADAMS, & USS FULLER, section#2 - USS PRES. HAYES, USS TITAMIA, and USS LIBRA. Screened by the following escente, comescent in USS FULLER, USS HUDSON, USS STUTIAND, USS ANTHONY, USS BOVEY, USS GUEST. USS FAMISE astern of convey. Steaming on base course 1800; 1310 at standard speed 15 knote (84 RPM), sig sagging in accordance with plan #12 (1840 diagrams). Ship darkened, condition of rendiness III set. Boilers #1 and #2 in use. OCCS Observed mounties. OCCS Simbo Island abeam to port, distance 5 miles. OCCS Cased sig sagging, resumed base course. OCCS Changed base source to 1150T, 1150D. OCCO Feaumed sig sagging in accordance with plan #12 (1940 diagrams). Av. Steam 457, Av. RPM 81.3. 0000-0400:

16. (Ja) H. H. Shaffin,

0400-0800: Sterming as before on base source 115°T, 118°S, at stemard speed 15 knots, his magging on plan #12. 0505 Exercised at General Quarters. 051° Changed standard speed to 16 knots (USS PARCEL reported unable to maintain convoy speed of 15 knots). 0533 16 friendly planes reported on station as fighter cover. 0801 Chaseved summise, secured from General Quarters, set condition III, light ship. 0620 Rendova Island abeam to port, distance 8 miles. 0550 Ceased sig angging. 0700 Changed course to 095°T, 095°G, section 2 changed speed to 2/3 speed, 0703 Section 2 resumed standard speed. 0710 Resumed his has plan #12. Changed standard speed to 13 knots. 0725 Planeorashed in water sheed of convoy. 0730 Emergency turn to course 152°T, 152°G. 0730 Sighted two cruisers, 4 DD's bearing 175°T. 0730 Tetipari Island sheam to port, distance 7 miles. 0741 Turned to course 187°T, 182°G. 0747.5 Turned left to course 080°T. 0752 Turned right to 035°T. Av. Steam 457.5, Av. SPH 75.4

OBCO-1200: Stemming as before on base course OBLOG, OSSOT, at standard speed 13 knots(72 RPM) stemming at OSCOT. OBOG Right 15 rudder to bese source OSCOG, 1980T. OBOT Recursed his tagging according to plan #12 (1940 diagrams). OBSO Changed standard speed to 15 knots(84 RPM). OBSO Ceased his tagging, resumed base course. OBSO Changed base course to OBSOT, OBTOG. OBSO Resumed his tagging. OBSO 5 surface craft sighted on horizon bearing 320°T, distance 11 miles. 1028 Ceased his tagging resumed base course OBSOT, OBTOG. 1100 Sighted Baraku Taland on standard bow distance approximately 25 hiles. 1104 Resumed his tagging. 1152 USS TERMY left screen to proceed as previously ordered. Av. Steam 457.5, Av. RPM 80.0

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1200-1600; Steaming as before on base source 107°G, 050°T, at standard a ced 15 knots (04 kPM), sig ragging in accordance with plan #12 (1940 diagrams). 1300 Changed standard speed to 13 knots (70 kPM). 1405 Earnhy Island abecan to starboard distance 6 miles. 1800 Changed standard speed to 15 knots (84 kPM). 1640 Russell Islands abeam to starboard, bearing 177°G, 175°T.

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1880-2000: Steaming as before on base course 003°T, 087°C, at atsmard speci 15 knots (64 PPN), als anguing in accordance with plan \$10 (1940 diagraps). 1820 Cessed sig sagging, resumed base course. 1630 Changed course to 110°T, 112°C.

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0000-0400; Anchered off Bu Inthone of water with 90 f Ships heading 098 T, 100 G Ht. 098 T, Right Tangent o 55 T. Ship is deriened, on 5 minutes notice for ge surposes.	athoms of chain at on following anon n Timeti Pt. 128 T condition of reading	ida Island, So water's edge grage bearings ; Right Tanger nesc III set.	to staru : White t on Bun Engine #2 in us	coard anchor. Rock on Tineti gana Island room standing by a for numiliary
400-0800: Anchored as bef ALLER, SAUFLY, BEINETT, R ERRY stood out. 0742 USS	ZNSHAW stood out or	ANIA underway.	0815 9	es HYPERION, es BALCH and
0800-1800: Anchored as bef my. 0955 USS JACKSCH und		LER underway.		
		(1) S. H.	Burn	-V(G),USKR.
200-1600: Anchored as bef 345 US3 WOODWORTH and TUM meetel see detail. 1410 US3 ALHEMA underway. 1424 US8 PRINGLE stood out or Pitch mailgram COLS/Nov.20 cruising formation #6, see ACKSON, PRES. ADAMS, seet 270, and Guide in USS GEOR WHILE, PRINGLE, DORSEY, S	ULT underway. 1350 US5 FULLER and TIT. Set condition III. 2rvis Bay. 1445 Ur. 1943. 1455 USS P! tion 1, USS SECRES. 100 2, USS LIBRA. 100 25 USS LIBRA.	DUSS DORSEY S MIA STOOM IN 1440 USS PR IDERWAY IN SCO MES. HAYES UND CLYMER, CRESC LITANIA, ALMER AS NO USS AUTO	from Gua from Gua ES. ADAM ordance srway. Prof OT Y A, and P	. 1400 Set delcenel. 1413 S underway. 144 with ComTransDiv 1517 Formed ', FULLER, PRES. BES. MAYES. CTU
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003-2400: Steming as beforest (81 FPM), sig sagging, resumed 500 Commenced sig sagging tandard speed to 15 knote w. Steam 460, Av. FFM 74.8	g in accordance with tase course. 223 in accordance with (84 RPM)	h plan #8 (19 5 Changed bas plan #8 (194	40 diagr e course o diagra	to 098 T, 100 cms). S321 Chang
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1200-1600: Ster knote (5% RPM), Av. Sterm 455.5	nig and	efore on beating in secon	e course.l	502, 167 Sen 417	1 1		
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2000-2400: Ster 15 knote (d. 2) ened, annditing	sing as 1 M), sig : III set,	efore on bes equing scoop Av. Stean	e course l clas to al 60, Av.RPM	holy	20 11 11	endard sie ens), shis D-V(s),USF	ed of derk-
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GOOG-0400: Stemming in compar GEORGE CLYMEN; Entire in folk USB PRES. ADAMS, USB PRES. H. CITY, USB FULLER; third secti ALGAIBA. Couvey screened by USB ANTHONY, USB DORSEY, USB NOVEY. Steaming on base cour wie asgging in accordance with of readiness III set. Boiler	following escarts in circulations of the circulation of the circulatio	LIS ALBERA, and USS Lar formation, comescort in CUTHARD, USS PHILIP, USS rd speed 15 kmote (SARPM) . Ship darkened, condition can 452, Av.RPM 79.0
	Lt. (jg) R. H.	Diff IN, D-V(S), USUR.
0400-0800: Stemming as before knots (84 RPM), als regging i Observed sunrice, lighted shi 1,000 yerds. 0718 Sighted fr Av.Steam 465, Av.RPM 79.8	n accordance with plan #12 p. GBTO Passed tarough her lendly sironoft bearing 31	(1940 diagrams). 0500 by rain squall, visibility 07, distance 18 miles.
	Ens. O. D.Co	MES, D-V(G), USUR.
0800-1800: Steeming as before knots (84 RPM), sig segging 1 Changed course to 170°T, 172° 1148 Sighted Mere Island, Loy Av. Steem 480, Av. FFM 78.7	n accordance with plan #12 %. 1994 Changed sig mag pl slty Islands bearing 25297,	(1940 diagrams). 0928 inn to \$35 (1940 diagrams). . distance 15 miles.
		BEERY, D-V(O), USHR.
1200-1600: Sterming as before knots (64 BPM), his tagging i Ceased sig tagging, changed becoming to plan #38 (1940 d (78 RPM). Av. Sterm 430, Av. R	n accordance with plan #36 eas course to 1909T, 19295, ingrame). 1948 Thanked str	(1940 diagrams). 1208 1915 Resumed sig sagging and rd speed to 14 knots
	INDIES JAMES	E. HESMORTHY, C-Wal, VSHR.
1600-2000: Strening as before knote (78 HPM), sig segging 1 1808 Sighted unknown shipe be	n accordance with rig sag ; ering 255 T, bull down. Av.	75, st standard speed of 14 116, \$50 (1500 diagrams). Feat 400, Av. SPM 75.8
2000-2400: Stanning as before Enots (?8 RPM), aig segging 1 Censed tig segging, resumed b 2010 Changed base course to b 2010 changed base course to b with clan #25 (1940 diagrams)	on base course 190°T, 190° n recordance with plan #58 see course. 2005 Changed t 47°T, 249°G, 2023 Resumed . Av.Sterm 455, Av.RPM 75.	G, at standard speed of 14 (1940 diagrams). 2000 mse course to 220°T, 255°G, sig appring in accordance
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c/oFleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif., 4 January 1944.

From:

The Commanding Officer.

To:

/The Commander-in-Chief, U.S. FLEET.

Subject:

WAR DIARY - Transmittal of.

Reference:

(a) COMINCH Rest.ltr FF1/Al2-1/Al6-3, Serial 7152,

dated 29 October 1943.

Enclosure:

(A) War Diary, USS LIBRA, for the month of December 1943.

1. In compliance with reference (a), enclosure (A) is submitted herewith.

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### U. S. S. LIBRA (AKA12)

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## WAR DIARY

DECEMBER 1943.

- l December 1943: USS LIBRA attached to Transport Division EIGHT, Third Amphibious Force, now moored at Calliope Wharf W., Davenport, New Zealand, undergoing repairs. Present also in the harbor are: USS GEORGE CLYMER, USS FULLER and USS CRESCENT CITY.
- 2 December 1943: Moored at Calliope Wharf W., undergoing repairs.
- 3 December 1943: Moored at Calliope Wharf W., undergoing repairs.
- 4 December 1943: Moored at Calliope Wharf W., undergoing repairs.
- 5 December 1943: Moored at Calliope Wharf W., undergoing repairs.
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- 7 December 1943: Moored at Calliope Wharf W., undergoing repairs.
- 8 December 1943: Moored at Calliope Wharf W., undergoing repairs.
- 9 December 1943: Moored at Calliope Wharf W., undergoing repairs. 1604 USS LIBRA left Calliope Wharf W., and anchored off the graving dock, waiting for the USS FULLER to clear the drydock.
- 1831 LIBRA moored starboard side too Training Jetty awaiting for morning to enter the drydock. The USS FULLER moored to Calliope Wharf, W.
- 10 December 1943: LIBRA moved forward to enter drydock, at 0915 ship was resting on keel blocks.
- 11 December 1943: Resting on keel blocks in Calliope Drydock, Davenport, New Zealand.
- 12 December 1943: At 0625 began flooding the drydock, and at 0735 the ship was waterborne. The gates were opened; the ship moved out of the graving dock and moored alongside Training Jetty.

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WAR DIARY

DECEMBER 1943

13 December 1943: At 0734 the USS LIBRA got underway to take advantage of slack water and anchored off the Training Jetty in Auckland Harbor, waiting for the rest of the Task Unit. At 0862 underway in accordance with ComTransDiv.#8 message 092205/ December. The USS LIBRA in company with the USS GEORGE CLYMER, USS FULLER, and USS CRESCENT CITY stood out of Auckland Harbor. All ships ran the degaussing range off Tiri Wiri Matangi Lighthouse. The LIBRA making her run at 0934 and ending at 1005, then stood by waiting for the other ships to complete their runs. At 1245 Task Unit 32.4.2 formed in the following order: OTC, CTU and Guide in the USS GEORGE CLYMER, followed by USS CRESCENT CITY, USS FULLER and USS LIBRA. The Task Unit proceeded toward Cape Brett, New Zealand, following the recommended track. At 1409 in accordance with previous arrangements, firing practice was held by all ships of the convoy, at a sleeve towed by a plane. The LIBRA fired at 1434, 1439 and 1528. Three runs were made by the plane. Ammunition expended: 22 rounds 3" 50 calibre; 1755 rounds 20mm and 855 rounds of .50 calibre. 1840 Passed Cape Brett Light abeam to port. At 1915 the convoy formed cruising disposition Two (Lines of Sections). Section 1: USS GEORGE CLYMER, USS CRESCENT CITY. Section 2: USS FULLER, USS LIBRA. The OTC set a course of Oloo True, heading directly for the Fiji Islands and commenced zig-zagging.

> 2000 Position: Lat. 340-5815. Long.1740-30 E.

14 December 1943: Steaming as before on base course Olo True. Zig-zagging in accordance with Plan No.40 (1940 Diagrams), at standard speed of 15 knots.

0800 Position: Lat. 320-31'S. Long.1750-09'E.

1200 Position: Lat. 310-46'S. Long.1750-19'E.

2000 Position: Lat. 30°-07'S. Long.175°-37'E.

15 December 1943: Steaming as before on base course Olo<sup>o</sup>True. Zig-zagging in accordance with Plan No.40(1940 Diagrams), at standard speed of 15 knots. At 0755 adjusted course to 008°T and changed zig-zag plan at 1755 to plan No.19(1940 Diagrams). At 2041 adjusted course to Olo<sup>o</sup>True.

15 December 1943:

0800 Position: Lat. 270-441 S.

Long. 1760-09 E.

1200 Position: Lat. 270-00'S.

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2000 Position: Lat. 250-15'S.

Long. 1760-311 E.

16 December 1943: Steaming as before on base course Olo True. Zig-zagging in accordance with Plan No.19(1940 Diagrams), at standard speed of 15 knots. At 0532 the escorts rendezvoused with the Task Unit and reported for duty in accordance with ComTransDiv.#8 dispatch 121830/December. At that time the escort consisting of USS HOVEY, Comescort, USS SOUTHARD and USS DORSEY, took screening positions. At 0720 friendly aircraft was sighted (patrol craft). Unit changed standard speed to 14 knots. At 2250 Cape Washington Light on Kandava Island was sighted.

0800 Position: Lat. 220-35'S. Long.1770-08'E.

1200 Position: Lat. 210-48'S.

Long.1770-12'E.

2000 Position: Lat. 190-56'S.

Long.1770-312 E.

17 December 1943: At 0000 upon the authority of CTU 32.4.2 visual despatch 152021/December, the LIBRA with USS DORSEY as escort proceeded independently towards Navula Passage Viti Levu. Reference ComNavBase Fiji Islands despatch 120023/December and ComTransDiv.#8 despatch 122150/December designating LIBRA to proceed to Lautoka. The remainder of the convoy proceeded to Suva, Fiji Islands. Set course of 332°T, speed 15 knots and zig-zagging in accordance with Plan No.39(1940 Diagrams). At 0535 raised Navula Reef Light. 0600 Ceased zig-zagging and made preparations to enter the harbor. At 0625 the LIBRA passed through Navula Passage at the same time releasing the USS DORSEY who had orders to proceed to Suva. 0817 Anchored off Vunda Pt., Tomba Konandi Bay, Viti Levu Island, Fiji Islands. At 1005 began loading cargo for Torokino, Bougainville Island. 2045 Completed loading cargo. All cargo combat loaded, consisting of 200 tons provisions; 1 ton ammunition; 124 tons general cargo; and 155 tons vehicles (60).

18 December 1943: Remained at anchor off Vunda Point.

19 December 1943: Anchored as before. At 0825, 9 officers, and 231 enlisted men of the Americal Division reported aboard for transportation. The USS ALCHIBA moored to the wharf in Lautoka, made arrangements to get underway to meet the LIBPA at 1400 (Reference LIBRA dispatch 100249/Dec.1943). At 1402 the LIBRA underway in accordance with C.T.U. 32.4.2 Mailgram 092145/December 1943, with the USS ALCHIBA following, both ships heading for Navula Passage at speed of 15 knots. At 1523 passed thru Navula Passage and headed for the rendezvous to meet the rest of the Task Unit. At Navula Passage the USS TREVOR joined the LIBRA and ALCHIBA as escort. Course set was 1720 True, all ships zig-zagging. At 1840 joined Task Unit 32.4.2 forming cruising disposition two. Section 1: USS GEORGE CLYMER, USS CRESCENT CITY. Section 2: USS FULLER, USS LÍBRA and USS ALCHIBA. Comescort in USS DORSEY plus SOUTHARD, TREVOR, HOVEY. At 1841 set course 300°True and commenced zig-zagging in accordance to plan #40 (1940 Diagrams).

> 2000 Position: Lat. 180-22'S. Long. 1760-583'E.

20 December 1943: Steaming as before. At 0028 a friendly convoy was contacted. At 0100 sighted patrol plane. At 0610 the base course was changed to 291°True. At 1700 retarded clocks from Zone -12 to Zone -11.

0800 Position: Lat. 170-0785. Long. 1740-3321E.

1200 Position: Lat. 160-43'S. Long. 1730-42'E.

2000 Position: Lat. 16°-02'S. Long. 174°-314'E.

21 December 1943: Steaming as before. At 0041 two friendly surface vessels were contacted bearing 210°T at a distance of 16 miles. At 0705 Aurora Island was sighted bearing 271°T at a distance of approximately 50 miles. The convoy passed north of Aurora Island and south of the Banks Group. At 1800 after passing north of Esperito Santo the Unit changed course northward to 518°True.

0800 Position: Lat. 150-22'S.

Long. 1690-36% E.

1200 Position: Lat. 140-421'S

Long. 1670-54 E.

2000 Position: Lat. 140-0415. Long. 1660-11 E. 22 December 1943: Steaming as before. At 1355 the course was altered to 309°True. At 1550 San Christobal was sighted bearing 280°T at a distance of approximately 40 miles. After steaming along the northeast coast of San Christebal at 2216 the convoy changed course to 276°T and steamed by the northwest coast of the island.

0800 Position: Lat. 120-08'S. Long. 1640-21'E.

1200 Position: Lat. 110-25'S.

Long. 163°-43'E.

2000 Position: Lat. 100-14'S. Long. 1620-271E.

23 December 1943: Steaming as before. At 0044 the convoy turned north to 3150True. At 0451 the course was changed to due west. At 0730 the U.S.S.LIBRA proceeded independently and anchored in berth #23 off Lunga Point, Guadalcanal Island, Solomon Islands. At 2327 the USS LIBRA got underway in accordance with CTU 32.4.2, despatch 230526/December.

24 December 1943: Steaming as before. At 15 minutes after midnight the USS LIBRA took proper station in formation #2, lines of sections: Section 1: USS GEORGE CLYMER, USS CRESCENT CITY. Section 2: USS FULLER, USS LIBRA and USS ALCHIBA. The screen now was formed of the USS CONWAY, USS ANTHONY, USS HUDSON, USS RENSHAW, USS PRINGLE and USS SAUFLEY, with Comescort in USS CONWAY. Steaming at 300 True the convoy passed between Cape Esperance and Savo Island at 0128. Changed course at 0137 to 260 True and the convoy commenced zig-zagging according to Plan #25(1940 Diagrams), twenty-three minutes later. At 0452 the zig-zag plan was changed to #39. The convoy sailed south of the Russell Islands, then turned north and sailed along the south west coast of the New Georgia Group. At 0702 the USS SAUFLEY had a possible submarine contact. After making emergency turns the contact was believed negative and the convoy resumed zigzagging at 0711. At 0835 the convoy assumed cruising formation #3. Lines of sections. Section 1: USS GEORGE CLYMER, USS CRES-CENT CITY. Section 2: USS FULLER, USS LIBRA. Section 3: USS ALCHIBA. At 0850, 18 friendly planes were sighted on the horizon on our starboard beam on a northwesterly course. At 1240 the USS ANTHONY reported air comerage on stations. At 1611 the Unit changed course to 313°T and twelve minutes later began zigzagging according to Plan No.25(1940 Diagrams). At 1624 the USS SIOUX was sighted bearing 292°T, at a distance of 6 miles and took position astern of the USS ALCHIBA at 1720. At 1830 sighted Cruiser Div.12 Task Force 39 headed in opposite direction.

24 December 1943: At 2256 Treasury Island had a Condition Red. They secured from Condition Red at 2315.

0800 Position: Lat. 090-06'S.

Long.1580-21'E.

1200 Position: Lat. 080-53'S.

Long.1570-29'E.

2000 Position: Lat. 080-02'S.

Long.1560-02'E.

25 December 1943: Steaming as before. At 0318 the USS CONWAY reported three friendly small surface craft bearing 324°T, distance 1100 yards. At 0435 the convoy changed course to 025°True.and took formation No.1. All ships formed in one column: USS GEORGE CLYMER, USS CRESCENT CITY, USS FULLER, USS LIBRA, USS ALCHIBA. At 0727 the LIBRA proceeded independently and anchored at 0802, approximately 2 miles north of Cape Torokina, Empress Augusta Bay, Bougainville Island, Solomon Islands. At 0827 all boats were in the water and began unloading the ship. At1100 all combat cargo was completely unloaded and at 1115 the 9 officers and 231 enlisted men of the Americal Division had completely disembarked. At 1522 all boats had been hoisted aboard and the ship was ready to get underway. Underway at 1552 and formed formation No.2. At 1846 the Unit commenced zig-zagging according to Plan No.19(1940 D.) At 1945 the USS ANTHONY reported the navy night fighter on station and was in communication with her. At 2203 Condition Red was reported on Treasury Island and Condition Green was reported at 2225.

26 December 1943: Steaming as before on various courses and zigzag plans running along the coast of New Georgia, South of Buraku Island and the Russell Islands. 1751 Changed formation to formation #2(Lines of Sections) Section 1: USS GEORGE CLYMER, USS CRESCENT CITY; Section 2: USS FULLER, USS LIBRA and USS ALCHIBA, with USS SIOUX astern of convoy. 2130 passed North of Savo Island and headed for Tenaru anchorage, at various courses and various speeds. 2248 All ships formed one column: USS GEORGE CLYMER, USS CRESCENT CITY, USS FULLER, USS LIBRA, and BSS ALCHIBA.

0800 Position: 080-37'S. 1560-593'E.

1200 Position: 08°-55'S. 157°-53'E.

2000 Position: 08°-56'S. 159°-34'E. 27 December 1943: Proceeding towards Tenaru anchorage. 0055
Anchored off Tenaru River, Guadalcanal Island, Solomon Islands.
1555 Underway for Viti Levu, Fiji Islands in accordance with
CTU.32.4.2. Reference mailgram 092145/Dec.1943, changed 12/25/43
as per visual 252310 from CTU 32.4.2. Since the USS FULLER had
received orders to return to the United States, the USS FOMALHAUT
was ordered to take her place. The convoy formed in two sections,
Section 1: USS GEORGE CLYMER, USS CRESCENT CITY. Section 2: USS
LIBRA, USS FOMALHAUT and USS ALCHIBA. The convoy was now screened
by the USS TREVOR, USS SOUTHARD, USS HOVEY and USS DORSEY.
Commander Div.5 in USS HOVEY. At 1700 the convoy passed through
Lengo Channel. At 1900 the course was changed to 127°True. At
2208 the course was again changed to 098°True.

2000 Position: 080-56'S 1590-34'E.

28 December 1943: Steaming as before. 0040 passed South of Ulawa Island. At 0124 course was changed to 129 True, set standard speed at 14.5 knots. The USS ALCHIBA received orders to take new position 235° from the USS CRESCENT CITY. At 1300 the course was changed to 133° True and continued zig-zagging. At 1732 the USS TREVOR claimed underwater contact was recorded. Prompt evasive action was taken by the CTU. 45° emergency turns and contact was lost. At 2100 the USS SOUTHARD reported an emergency contact, which later proved to be false.

0800 Position: 100-45'S. 1630-13'E.

1200 Position: 110-19'S. 1630-55'E.

2000 Position: 12°-32½'S. 165°-12'E.

29 December 1943: Steaming as before on course 133°True, continued zig-zagging. The convoy passed between the Banks Group of Islands and the New Hebrides. 1154 Changed course to 110°True. At 1300 the clocks were advanced from Zone -11 to Zone -12. All ships of the convoy were observed to hold emergency drills. 1426 Course was changed to 114°True. 1604 Course was again changed to 125°True. At 2200 two merchant ships were identified as friendly. 2217 the USS TREVOR reported underwater contact. Contact later lost.

0800 Position: 14°-13'S. 1200 Position: 14°-42'S. 167°-01½'E. 167°-48'E.

2000 Position: 150-25'S. 1690-121'E. (page 7) 30 December 1943: Steaming as before on course 125°True.
0030 Course was changed to 106°True, heading directly for Navula Passage. Zig-zagging did not stop. 0850 Course was adjusted to 108°True. During this day the convoy was again observed to hold emergency drills and firing practice. At 2300, USS ALCHIBA escorted by the USS HOVEY left the convoy and proceeded to Suva as previously directed by ComTransGroupThirdPhibFor and agreed to by Commanding General at Suva. 2340 Changed base course to 102º True.

0800 Position: 160-35's. 1200 Position: 160-46's. 1710-42'E. 1720-312'E.

2000 Position: 170-18'S. 1740-15'E.

31 January 1943: Steaming as before on course 1020 True, heading for Navula Passage. 0503 Viti Levu Island was sighted. 0601 course was adjusted to 104 True. 0813 the Task Unit formed one column in the following order: USS GEORGE CLYMER, USS CRESCENT CITY, USS LIBRA, USS FOMALHAUT, and prepared to enter the harbor. 0855 passed through Navula Passage, following in the wake of the vessel ahead. At 1027 Pilot N.W.McDonald was received aboard the LIBRA. The USS LIBRA followed by the USS FOMALHAUT proceeded to Port Lautoka, passing the USS GEORGE CLYMER and USS CRESCENT CITY, who had anchored off Vunda Point, Tambo Ko Nandi. 1234 Moored to finger pier in Port Lautoka, Viti Levu, Fiji Islands. At 1415 commenced loading the ship.

> 0800 Position: 170-53'S. 176°-58'E.

> > JOSEPH WEINER.

Lieut., D-M, U.S.N.R.,

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Navigator.

APPROVED: F. F. FERRIS. Captain, U.S. Navy, Commanding.

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c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Celif., 4 February 1944.

From:

To :

The Commanding Officer. The Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Fleet.

Subject:

War Diary - Transmittal of.

Reference:

(a) ComInCh.Restr.ltr.FF1/A12-1/A16-3/ Serial 7152 of 29 October 1943.

Enclosure:

(A) War Diary, U.S.S. LIBRA(AKA12), for the month of January 1944.

In compliance with reference (a), enclosure (A) is submitted herewith.

F. F. FERRIS.

## WAR DIARY

1 January 1944: U.S.S. LIBRA attached to Transport Division EIGHT, Third Amphibious Force, moored to Finger Wharf, Lautoka Harbor, Vitu Levu, Fiji Islands loading cargo for Torokina, Empress Augusta Bay, Bougainville. At 0510 completed loading cargo; all cargo combat loaded; - 180 tons of vechicles, 96 tons general cargo, 138 tons ammunition. LIBRA left wharf at 0808 and proceeded to anchorage. At 0855 anchored off Vunda Point, Tomba Ko Nandi Bay, Vitu Levu. At 1030 received aboard for transportation Bn.Hq. 57th Engineer combat battalion, Major John Rowan, U.S.A., in charge of 219 men and 9 officers for further transportation to Torokina.

2 January 1944: Anchored as before. At 1400 the oiler ATASACOSA moored to port side of LIBRA and commenced fueling. At 1532 the FOMALHAUT, who had proceeded from Lautoka, moored alongside the oiler and began fueling. She completed fueling at 1715, got underway, and anchored off Vunda Point. At 1830 LIBRA completed fueling, having received 130,700 gellons of fuel. By permission of the Commanding Officer the ATASACOSA remained alongside of LIBRA all night.

3 January 1944: Anchored as before. At 0850 the ASATASCOSA got underway and anchored off Vunda Point. 0945 Task Unit 32.4.2 stood in. PRESIDENT JACKSON, HAYES, ALHENA, and escorts HOPKINS, WASMUTH and DMS21 anchored off Vunda Point. PRESIDENT ADAMS and TITANIA proceeded to Lautoka. At 1430 Task Unit 32.4.2 got underway in accordance with movement order No. 2-43 of 29 November 1943 serial 0019A, for Torokina, Empress Augusta Bay, Bougainville. O.T.C. was Commander Transport Division EIGHT in GEORGE CLYMER. unit proceeded at various courses and speeds towards Navula Passage. The GEORGE CLYMER led followed by the CRESCENT CITY, LIBRA, and FOMALHAUT. The escorts had left earlier to cover the sortie. At 1620 the Task Unit arrived off Navula entrance and passed through. Course was set at 256°True. At 1630 the remainder of the Task Unit, ALCHIBA and HOVEY, was sighted. At 1637, on orders of the C.T.U., formed cruising formation two. Lines of sections, section 1 - GEORGE CLYMER, CRESCENT CITY, section 2 - LIBRA and FOMALHAUT, escorts TREVER, PRUITT, and DORSEY. At 1651 commenced zig zagging on plan #17 (1940 diagrams). At 1747 ceased zig zagging to permit ALCHIBA to take station. At 1755 base course was changed to 291°True. At 1800 ALCHIBA took station astern of of the CRESCENT CITY. HOVEY took her position in the screen and became Comescort. At 1801 commenced zig zagging on plan #17 (1940 diagrams).

> 2000 Position Lat. 170 - 49'S. Long. 1760 - 29'E.

4 January 1944: Steaming as before on base course 291°T. At 0813 the course was altered to 292°T. At 1700 the clocks were changed from Zone -12 to Zone -11. At 2336, after entering a very heavy rain squall which cut our visibility to zero, the unit ceased sig zagging.

0800 Position Lat. 170 - 012 S. Long. 1740 - 06 E.

1200 Position Lat. 16° - 411'S Long. 173° - 17 'E.

2000 Position Lat. 15° - 55'S. Long. 171° - 16'E.

5 January 1944: Steaming as before. At 0830, after passing thru squall area, the convoy resumed zig zagging. At 0902 after passing to the north Aurora Island the convoy altered its course 130 to the South. Sailing on this course, the convoy passed south of the Banks group and north of Espiritu Santo. At 1250 a friendly patrol plane began circling the formation. At 1745 the convoy turned north to 3180T

> 0800 Position Lat. 140 - 55'S. Long. 1670 - 39'E.

> 1200 Position Lat. 14° - 38'S. Long. 167° - 50'E.

2000 Position Lat. 140 - 04'S. Long. 1660 - 13'E.

6 January 1944: Steaming as before. At 1420 two aircraft carriers with three destroyers as escorts were sighted bearing 030°T at a distance of approximately 13 miles. At 1648 Santa Ana Island was sighted bearing 260°T at a distance of approximately 30 miles. The convoy sailed up the north east coast of San Christobal until 2227 when the course was changed to 276°T. At 2233 the speed was changed to 13.5 knots.

0800 Position Lat. 120 - 01'S. Long. 1640 - 29'E.

1200 Position Lat. 110 - 22'S. Long. 1630 - 52'E.

2000 Position Lat. 10° - 181'S. Long. 162° - 28 E.

7 January 1944: Steeming as before. At 0055 the convoy again changed course and steemed along the north east coast of Guadal-canal. At 0720 the convoy entered Lengo Channel. From Lengo Channel LIBRA proceeded to her berth off Lunga Point where she dropped anchor at 0844. At 0915 five LCV's were sent to Lunga boat pool for storage. At 2305 in company with Task Unit 32.4.2 in accordance with C.T.U. 32.4.2 Mailgram 092145, LIBRA got underway and began to form cruising formation #2. At the time the convoy was screened by a new group of escorts, consisting of CONWAY, GUEST, BENNETT, OSTERHAUS, RENSHAW, and SIGOURNEY, Comescort in CONWAY.

8 January 1944: Steaming as before on various courses and speeds, forming cruising formation two. At 0028 the formation was formed as follows: section one - GEORGE CLYMER, CRESCENT CITY, section two - LIBRA , FOMALHAUT, and ALCHIBA. Olls passed south of Savo Island and set course of 260°T, sailing south of the Russell Islands. At 0200 began zig zagging. At 0415 changed course to 2820T. At 0609 passed south of Buraku Island and proceeded on the same course with the intention of sailing south of the New Georgia group. Between 0800 and 0900 various ships of the unit held emergency drills. At 1000 the convoy formed cruising formation three, ALCHIBA moving up and making the 3rd section. At 1028 adjusted course to 287°T. At 1210 passed Tetipari Island to the northward. At 1420 passed 8 miles south of Rendova Island. At 1700 changed course to 312°T. At 1710 sighted tug MENOMINEE, who had orders to join this task unit off Simbo Island. At 1741 passed 8 miles south of Simbo Island. The MENOMINEE at this time joined the unit and fell in astern of ALCHIBA. On this day we encountered continued squally weather, the rain during some of the squalls being so heavy as to reduce visibility to 1,000 yards. The task unit went to General Quarters one hour before sunrise, and one hour after sunset, and zig zagged throughout the day.

> 0800 Position Lat. 90 - 081'S. Long. 1580 - 22 'E. 1200 Position Lat. 80 - 55'S. Long. 1570 - 36'E. 2000 Position Lat. 80 - 05'S. Long. 1560 - 06'E.

9 January 1944: Steaming as before on course 312°T, passing 8 miles south of Treasury Island at 0004. At 0009 adjusted course to 316°T. At 0345 changed course to 025°T, heading directly for Torokina. At this time the unit formed a single column, sections 2 and 3 falling in behind section 1. CONWAY took position ahead of the column and led the convoy towards the anchorage. At 0533 the crew went to General Quarters. At 0708 anchored in Empress Augusta Bay,

Bougainville Island, Solomon Islands. Lowering of boats and unloading of cargo began immediately upon anchoring at 1058. At 1108 the ship, on orders of C.T.U., prepared to get underway; this was caused by unidentified aircraft in the vicinity which later proved to be friendly. At 1114 six army transports approaching at incorrect altitude and bearing caused the ships to prepare to get underway until the planes were properly identified. At 1125 troops of the 3rd Marine Division consisting of 12 officers and 218 men reported aboard for futher transportation to Guadalcanal. At 1140 112 rounds of service 3 inch 50 cal A.A. ammunition was transferred to L.C.I.#24. The ship was completely unloaded by 1215 and boats were being hoisted aboard in preparation for getting underway. At 1455 this ship got underway in accordance with visual orders from C.T.U. 32.4.2, formed cruising formation #1, a column formation consisting of GEORGE CLYMER, CRESCENT CITY, LIBRA, FOMALHAUT, and ALCHIBA in that order. The convoy was steaming on an approximate course of 215°T then altered course to 136°T. Passed Stirling Island on port hand. When changing course to 136°T, the convoy changed its formation to formation #3.

10 January 1944: Steaming as before on course 135°T, passing along the southwest coast of the New Georgia group. At 0900 all the ships of the transport group took part in a flag hoist drill. At 1530 the convoy changed course in order to pass north of the Russell Islands and when Russell Islands were abeam the convoy again altered its course and headed for the Guadalcanal anchorage, passing between Savo Island and Cape Esperance. At 2031 LIBRA was ordered to proceed independently and anchored off the Tetere River, Guadalcanal Island at 2111. The remainder of the task unit anchored near by. The escorts assumed screening (night) stations.

- ll January 1944: Anchored as before. 218 men and 12 officers of the 21st Marines, Third Marine Division on board for transportation were completely disembarked at 1000. In accordance with C.T.U. 32.4.2 Mailgram 092145/Dec. the task unit got underway and proceeded towards Purvis Bay, Florida Island, Solomon Islands. At 1646 LIBRA anchored in berth 22, Port Purvis, Florida Island, Solomon Islands.
- 12 January 1944: Anchored as before. In accordance with ComTransDiv EIGHT orders this day began an intensive training program. In the forencon held boat maneuvers and landing exercises. In the afternoon held signal exercises for officers and enlisted men.
- 13 January 1944: Anchored as before, proceeding with training program. This forenoon exercised officers and men in small boat maneuvers and landing exercises. Exercised the naval platoon from this ship in their proper functions. In the afternoon signal drills for officers and men (signalmen) were held; also small boat gunnery exercises.

- 14 January 1944: This forenoon one officer and twenty men attended fire-fighting school and practised proper methods for combating various types of fires. Exercised Naval Platoon of the Shore Party from this ship in their proper functions. In the afternoon the entire ships complement exercised at fire drill. and held signal drill for all signalmen.
- 15 January 1944: This forenoon eight officers and all General Quarters gun crews attended anti-aircraft gunnery exercises at the training center, Siota, Florida Island, Solomon Islands. In the afternoon tactical drill was held for all deck officers.
- 16 January 1944: This afternoon Officers Tactical Conference was held for all deck officers. In the afternoon holiday routine was set for entire ship's complement.
- 17 January 1944: This forenoon exercised officers and men in small boat maneuvers and landing exercises, and trained the Naval Platoon of the Shore Party from this ship in their proper functions, simulating actual landing of combat forces. In the afternoon held Officers Tactical Conference for all deck officers. Also held abandon ship drill for entire ship's complement.
- 18 January 1944: This forenoon nine officers attended fire-fighting school. Exercised remaining officers and men in small boat maneuvers and landing exercises. In the afternoon held supervised semaphore drill for all signalmen and signalmen strikers.
- 19 January 1944: This forenoon four officers and twenty men attended fire fighting school. Exercised the Naval Platoon of the Shore Party from this ship. In the afternoon held tactical drill for all deck officers.
- 20 January 1944: This forenoon exercised officers and men in small boat maneuvers and landings. Simulated actual landings as outlined in the Transport Doctrine. In the afternoon held tactical conference for all deck officers.
- 21 January 1944: This forenoon exercised officers and men in small boat maneuvers and landings, simulating actual landings as outlined in the Transport Doctrine. In the afternoon officers tactical conference was held for all deck officers.
- 22 January 1944: This forenoon the Commanding Officer made inspection of personnel and all weather decks. Various drills, such as: Fire, General Quarters, Abandon Ship, were held for entire ship's complement. In the afternoon all deck officers attended a supervised tactical conference.

23 January 1944: At 0700 got underway in accordance with C.T.U. 32.4.2 mailgram 180700/January. Ships in task unit were GEORGE CLYMER, CRESCENT CITY, LIBRA, TITANIA, and FOMALHAUT escorted by TREVOR, PRUITT, DORSEY, and HOVEY. Upon signal from C.T.U. in GEORGE CLYMER, left Purvis Bay and crossed to northwest side of Guadalcanal. Proceeded from there in a easterly direction through Lengo Channel to operating area in Indispensable Strait. All ships participating in division tactical exercises enroute. At 1300 LIBRA proceeded to assigned operating area and practiced individual ship control exercises, shifting steering control and operating from emergency steering stations also ship handling by Executive Officer and Heads of Departments. At 1600 enroute to assigned anchorage at Tambunimane, Guadalcanal.

24 January 1944: At 0700 underway for operating area, practicing division tactical exercises enroute. Bridge radio was used as means of communications. At 0900 steamed to individual operating area and made practice runs for 5", 3", and 20mm surface firing, as outlined in the Transport Doctrine. At 1200 ships formed cruising formation two with GEORGE CLYMER, C.T.U. and guide and CRESCENT CITY in section 1, LIBRA, TITANIA, and FOMALHAUT in section 2. At 1300 all ships exercised in emergency maneuvers as directed by C.T.U. At 1600 enroute to same anchorage as used on the previous night.

25 January 1944: At 0700 underway for operating area. Practiced division tactical exercises enroute, using T.B.S. as a means of communication. At 1000 proceeded to assigned area for individual underway ship and gun drills, using auxiliary ship fire control and communication appliances. At 1300 formed cruising formation 1, with section 2 astern of section 1 and laid smoke screen upon order from C.T.U. At 1330 the task unit practiced anti-aircraft firing. Rounds expended - 3"/50 cal. - 21; 20mm - 2,692; .50 cal. - 2,230. 1600 Enroute to same anchorage as used on the previous night.

26 January 1944: At 0700 underway to operating area. Practiced division tactical exercises enroute, using T.B.Y. (radio) as means of communication. At 0900 ships formed cruising formation 1 for surface firing. At 1000 surface firing began, all ships firing in turn from van to rear. LIBRA fired 5"/51, 3"/50, and 20mm. Number of rounds expended during test run was: 5"/51 - 5 rounds, 3"/50 - 10 rounds, and 20mm - 500 rounds. At 1300 LIBRA returned to anchorage of previous night, lowered 16 boats to the water and exercised in ship to shore movements. The LIBRA's landing was composed of four waves: Each wave made one trip to the beach simulating landing of troops and equipment, returning to the ship to be hoisted aboard.

27 January 1944: At 0700 underway to operating area. Practiced division tactical exercises enroute, using T.B.S. as the means of communication. At 1000 proceeded to assigned area for individual underway ship and simulated gun drills, using auxiliary fire control and communication devices. At 1300 all ships formed cruising formation 1 and upon order from Division Commander laid a smoke screen. At 1330 the Task Unit practiced anti-aircraft firing on sleeve towed by a land based plane; - number of ammunition rounds expended by LIBRA's guns was: 3"/50 - 17, 20mm - 2,566, and .50 cal. - 1,344. At 1600 steaming enroute to assigned anchorage at Tambunimane, Guadalcanal.

28 January 1944: At 0700 underway to operating area. Practiced division tactical exercises enroute, using T.B.S. as the means of communication. The Executive Officer and Heads of Departments took the deck, for practice in ship handling and changing to auxiliary methods of steering. At 1300 all ships in the Task Unit assembled and had division tactical exercises using flag hoists, with C.T.U. as originator. At 1400 proceeded to transport debarking area, five miles off Tambunimane Beach, Guadalcanal. At 1500 conducted landing exercises as outlined in the Transport Doctrine, simulating the landing of troops and equipment on the beach and establishing a beach head. At 1600 LIBRA moved in and anchored in assigned berth at Tambunimane, Guadalcanal.

29 January 1944: At 0430 put all boats in the water and participated in simulated landing operations with the Task Unit. At 1000 got underway upon order from C.T.U. and proceeded to Purvis Bay area via northwest to Lengo Channel, thence west through Lengo Channel to a point north of Koli, Guadalcanel; then north to our assigned anchorage in berth #25 Gavutu Harbor, Florida Island, Solomon Islands.

30 January 1944: At 0600 underway in accordance with C.T.U. 32.4.2 mailgram 282255/Jan. Left Gavutu Harbor, Florida Island, Solomon Islands and headed in a southerly direction to the west entrance of Lengo Channel; passed through Lengo Channel and proceeded in a southeasterly direction along the coast of Guadalcanal. At 1000 ships formed cruising formation #3, composed of GEORGE CLYMER, C.T.U. and guide and CRESCENT CITY, in section 1, LIBRA and TITANIA in section 2, FOMALHAUT, and ROCHAMBEAU in section 3. Assigned escorts were: HOVEY, PRUITT, DORSEY, and TREVOR. Proceeded past the south tip of Malaita and then in a southeasterly direction off the east coast of San Christobal Island, Solomon Islands.

1200 Position Lat. 90 - 38'S. Long. 1610 - 09'E.

2000 Position Lat. 100 - 28'S. Long. 1620 - 46'E. 31 January 1944: Steaming as before on base course 156°T, zig zagging in accordance with plan #11 (1940 diagrams). At 2300 ROCHAMBEAU, escorted by the DORSEY, left the formation and proceeded to Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides. The following positions were observed and recorded during the day:

0800	Position	Lat.	120	-	31'S. 30'E.
		Long.	1640	-	30'E.

JOSEPH WEINER, Lieut., D-M, U.S.N.R., Navigator.

APPROVED:

F. F. FERRIS, Captain, U. S. Navy, Commanding.

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Enclosure:

(A) War Diary, U.S.S. LIBRA(AKA12), for the month of February 1944.

In compliance with reference (a), enclosure (A) is submitted herewith.

F. F. FERRIS.

## WAR DIARY

1 February 1944: LIBRA, attached to Transport Division Eight, Third Amphibious Force, South Pacific, steaming in company with Task Unit 32.4.2. Base course 150°T, zig zagging in accordance with Plan No. 11 (1940 Diagrams). Task Unit in cruising formation No. 2 with O.T.C. in GEORGE CLYMER as guide, followed by CRESCENT CITY in section No. 1. LIBRA, TITANIA, and FOMALHAUT forming section No. 2. Escorted by HOVEY, PRUITT and TREVOR.

0800 Position Lat. 170 - 38'S. Long. 1660 - 251 E.

1200 Position Lat. 18° - 27½'S. Long. 166° - 50'E.

2000 Position Lat. 200 - 03'S. Long. 1670 - 44'E.

2 February 1944: Proceeding as before on course 150°T. Zig zagging in accordance with Plan No. 11 (1940 Diagrams). At 0300 unit changed course to 180°T. At 0500 changed course to 242°T and headed for Havannah Passage, with the intention of passing south of Mare Island. At 0548 DORSEY rejoined this task unit after having escorted ROCHAMBEAU to Espiritu Santos, New Hebrides. At 1045 Section No. 2 formed astern of Section No. 1, all ships made preparations to enter Havannah Passage. At 1130 entered Havannah Passage, transited same, and later via Woodin Passage to vicinity of Amedee Lighthouse. From Amedee Light, followed the prescribed track towards Dumbea Bay. LIBRA anchored in berth 43, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, the rest of the task unit anchoring in the near vicinity.

0800 Position Lat. 210 - 56'S. Long. 1670 - 51'E.

3 February 1944: While at anchor, LIBRA received sundry supplies, and at 1600 got underway in accordance with Mailgram 030130/Feb. for New Zealand ports. The unit proceeded in single column at standard speed of 14 knots (78 RPM) with LIBRA as third ship in column. At 1740 LIBRA passed through Northern Bulari Passage. The escorts, HOVEY, TREVOR and PRUITT, had preceded the heavy ships and covered the sortic outside the entrance. At this time the unit formed two sections, CLYMER and CRESCENT CITY in the first, LIBRA, TITANIA, FOMALHAUT in the second, the escorts took screening stations and all ships proceeded on a course of 180°T to pass well clear of the southern tip of New Caledonia. Commenced zig zagging at this time. At 2030 the course was changed to 156°T heading directly for New Zealand.

## WAR DIARY

# 3 February 1944 Cont:

2000 Position Lat. 23° - 011'S. Long. 166° - 231'E.

4 February 1944: Proceeding on course 156°T. Zig zagging. 0535 PRUITT and TREVOR left the task unit and proceeded as previously directed having escorted the unit to the 25th parallel. This left the HOVEY as only remaining escort. At 1100 exercised at General Drills. At 1800 at approximately the 27th parallel LIBRA, TITANIA and HOVEY were detached from Task Unit 32.4.2 to proceed to Auckland, New Zealand, as directed in ComTransGroup ThirdPhib Serial 00100 of 9 January and despatch 310026 of 31 January. Ships formed in column with LIBRA, O.T.C. and guide and TITANIA astern. HOVEY continued screening ahead. At 1807 changed course to 150°T. and increased speed to 16 knots (90 RPM) with the intention of making Cape Brett early in the morning. The remainder of the unit proceeding to Wellington, New Zealand.

0800 Position Lat. 25° - 33'S. Long. 167° - 24'E.

1200 Position Lat. 26° - 03'S.

Long. 1670 - 40'E.

2000 Position Lat. 270 - 32'S. Long. 168° - 38'E.

5 February 1944: Proceeding as before on base course 150°T. Zig zagging. During the day held fire and gas defense drills. We adjusted our course at 0800 to 147°T. and at 2100 to 149°T. TITANIA developed trouble with her blowers, forcing unit to slow. This coupled to the fact that the sea became moderately rough delayed the unit about four hours. At 1700 advanced the clocks one hour to Zone -12 time.

0800 Position Lat. 300 - 012 S.

Long. 1700 - 201 E.

1200 Position Lat. 30° - 46½ S. Long. 170° - 56½ E.

2000 Position Lat. 21° - 52'S. Long. 172° - 05'E.

## WAR DIARY

6 February 1944: Proceeding as before on base course 149°T. At 1040 sighted Cape Brett Light. Between the A.M. sights, and the time of sighting Cape Brett Light, the unit experienced a decided easterly set. We proceeded on various courses at 16.5 knots, following the swept channel, as designated by the New Zealand government towards Auckland. We were able to proceed at this speed, due to the fact that the TITANIA had made repairs to her blowers. At 1833 passed through the submarine nets and entered the harbor of Auckland, and at 1928 the LIBRA moored port side to Hobson Wharf, TITANIA subsequently moored on the other side of the wharf. HOVEY moored to our starboard side after LIBRA had completed securing.

0800 Position Lat. 340 - 06'S. Long. 1730 - 50'E.

7 February 1944 to 23 February 1944: Moored port side to Hobson Wharf, Auckland Harbor, Auckland, New Zealand. Various repairs and additions were made on the ship, labor furnished by ship's crew and workmen from ashore. The major items of work accomplished were:— 180 tons of semi-permanent ballast divided evenly among the five holds was added to the ship; two 40mm gun platforms were manufactured and installed and our two 40mm single mounts and guns were installed; two stands for smoke generators were manufactured and installed and both smoke generators were mounted. In addition, the ship's force continued work on chipping, brushing and painting the ship's sides, super-structure, king posts, booms, gun tubs and boats. The crew was given all the liberty possible, compatible with ship's work and local naval regulations.

On 21 February, LIBRA began loading cargo for Noumea, New Caledonia, 31 tons of ammunition, 95 tons of vehicles, and 42 tons of general cargo. As the cargo did not arrive as scheduled, the completion of the loading was not accomplished until the morning of the 23rd. In the afternoon of the 23rd the following U. S. Army troops reported aboard for transportation to Noumea: Hq. Batt., 25th Div.Arty. - 8 enlisted men; 725th Ord.Co. - 2 enlisted men; 8th F.A. Bn. - 1 officer and 25 enlisted men; 90th F.A. Bn. - 4 officers and 16 enlisted men; 25th Med.Bn., Co. "C". -

4 officers and 92 enlisted men.

24 February 1944: At 0800 LIBRA got underway from Hobson Wharf, Auckland, New Zealand, for Noumea, New Caledonia, in company with Task Unit 32.4.2 in compliance with ComTransDiv Eight Mailgram 230215/Feb. The rest of the task unit (i.e. GEORGE CLYMER, CRESCENT CITY, and FOMALHAUT) had arrived from Wellington, New Zealand, on 23 February. With GEORGE CLYMER in the lead, and the rest of the ships in column as follows: CRESCENT CITY, LIBRA, TITANIA, and FOMALHAUT, the task unit proceeded through the swept channel, passing abeam of Cape Brett at 1608.

## WAR DIARY

24 February 1944 Cont: At 1635 the unit changed course to 338°T. At 1643 the task unit formed 2 sections with LIBRA in the lead of the second section. At that time all ships commenced zig zagging. At 2000 all ships ceased zig zagging to take advantage of a moonless night.

2000 Position Lat. 340 - 24'S. Long. 1740 - 08'E.

25 February 1944: Proceeding as before on course 338°T. At 0530 commenced zig zagging, adjusted course to 325°T. at 0600. During the forenoon, LIBRA and various ships of the unit exercised at general drills. At 1400 LIBRA test fired both new 40mm guns. Speed was increased to 14.7 knots. At 1900 all ships ceased zig zagging and adjusted course to 329°T. at 2000.

0800 Position Lat. 31° - 54½ S. Long. 172° - 47 E.

1200 Position Lat. 31° - 20'S. Long. 172° - 11'E.

2000 Position Lat. 29° - 35'S. Long. 170° - 38'E.

26 February 1944: Proceeding as before on base course 329°T. At 0500 Commenced zig zagging. At 0900 the escorts SICARD, PARRY, and DUFFY joined this task unit and took stations. Course was adjusted to 325°T. at 1010. During the forenoon, LIBRA exercised at various drills. While there was no moon this night also, the task unit did not cease zig zagging, as a submarine had been previously reported in these waters.

0800 Position Lat. 27° - 18'S. Long. 169° - 00'E.

1200 Position Lat. 26° - 34'S. Long. 168° - 27'E.

2000 Position Lat. 25° - 03'S. Long. 167° - 12'E.

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## WAR DIARY

27 February 1944: Proceeding as before on base course 525°T. At 0400 course was changed to 000°T. and at 0656 to 050°T. At 0810 Amedee Lighthouse was sighted and 0910 the unit was ordered to form one column, with the second section astern. The 0.T.C. maneuvered to approach Bulari Northern Passage exactly on the range. LIBRA in her turn passed through Bulari Passage at 0956. At 1041 LIBRA, upon orders from the Port Director, anchored in berth B-41, Dumbea Bay. TITANIA anchored in the immediate vicinity, FOMALHAUT in Great Roads, CLYMER and CRESCENT CITY went to Finger Pier docks at Noumea. At 1400 the officers and troops disembarked. The wind noticeably increased so that at 1730 it was found necessary to veer chain. The wind kept increasing and at 1830 regular sea watches were set and the engine room was placed on 5 minutes notice. This condition lasted until about 2200.

28 February 1944: At 0545 LIBRA got underway on orders of the Port Director, Noumea, (270655/Feb.) for Dock No. 8, Finger Pier, Noumea. Proceeded at various courses and at various speeds. At 0757 LIBRA moored starboard side to Dock No. 8 and commenced discharging cargo; discharging was completed at 1410. At 1755 commenced loading cargo for Guadalcanal, Soloman Islands.

29 February 1944: Moored as before, loading cargo. At 1945 LIBRA completed loading having loaded 735 tons of vehicles and general cargo. The ship also loaded 67 tons of lumber.

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Navigator.

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## U. S. S. LIBRA (AKA12)

CONFIDENTIAL AKA12/A12/A16. Serial - 014. Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif., 5 April 1944.

From: To: The Commanding Officer, U.S.S. LIBRA. The Commander-In-Chief, U.S. Fleet.

Subject:

War Diary - Transmittal of.

Reference:

(a) ComInCh. Restr. ltr. FF1/Al2-1/Al6-3, serial 7152 of 29 October 1943.

Enclosure:

/(A) War Diary, U.S.S. LIBRA(AKA12), for the month of March 1944.

1. In compliance with reference (a), enclosure (A) is submitted herewith.

F. F. FERRIS.

#### WAR DIARY

l March 1944: LIBRA attached to Transport Division Eight, Third Amphibious Force, and part of Task Unit 32.4.2 now moored starboard side to dock 8 Finger Pier, Noumea, New Caledonia. At 0530, with loading operations completed, in accordance with orders from Port Director got underway and proceeded to berth A-5, Great Roads, Noumea, anchoring there at 0608.

2 March 1944: Anchored as before.

3 March 1944: At 1230 got underway and shifted berth to Dumbea Bay, New Caledonia, berth 32. LIBRA was moved so as to be closer to Transport Division Eight and clear the inner harbor for incoming ships.

4 to 7 March (inclusive): Anchored as before. Crew was exercised intensively at various drills, chiefly those involving ship to shore movement.

8 March 1944: At 1145, 2 officers and 75 enlisted men of the 14th Defense Battalion, First Marine Amphibious Corps reported aboard for transportation to Guadalcanal. LIBRA got underway for Guadalcanal at 1625 in company with Task Unit 32.4.2 in accordance with C.T.U. 32.4.2 mailgram 062245, Captain F.R. TALBOT, USN., Commander Transport Division Eight, GEORGE GLYMER, flagship. Escorts, DUFFY, BREESE, and STANSBURY, had preceded the heavy ships to cover their sortie. At 1805 LIBRA, in her turn, passed through Northern Bulari Passage. When all the ships had passed through, and upon orders of the C.T.U. in GEORGE CLYMER, the convoy was disposed into two sections: lst section, GEORGE CLYMER, CRESCENT CITY; 2nd section, LIBRA, LEEDSTOWN, and FOMALHAUT. The escort took screening positions and the unit proceeded on course 296° and commenced zig zagging.

2000 Position Lat. 220- 25'S. Long. 1660- 01'E.

9 March 1944: Proceeding as before. At dawn friendly patrol planes were sighted and at 0700 one plane began towing a sleeve. Upon orders from the C.T.U., the second section formed astern of the first in preparation for firing practice. The plane made a series of runs along the port and starboard side of the column. The ships firing in turn as the plane flew by. LIBRA commenced firing at 0717 and ceased firing on the last run at 0854. The O.T.C. had difficulty in establishing voice communication with the towing plane. This was later achieved and better runs subsequently resulted. Ammunition expended - 84 rounds 40mm, 1,022 rounds 20mm, and 757 rounds .50 cal. At 0930 the unit re-formed two sections. At 1015, while zig zagging, the main oil line to the starboard cylinder cracked, causing the hydraulic system to lose all oil and steering power was therefore lost. Frompt action was taken, the ship stopped, the danger whistle signal sounded, and the breakdown flag broken. All ships of the unit kept clear of LIBRA. On orders of the C.T.U. the LEEDSTOWN became section guide of column two, and DUFFY dropped back to escort LIBRA then proceeding at 1/3 speed. LIBRA, a bit later, increased speed to 2/3 as the condition of the wind and sea enabled a general course in the direction of the convoy to be maintained.

9 March 1944 continued: Repairs to the steering engine were undertaken promptly and at 1158, the line had been removed, welded, and replaced. The crack in the oil line was caused by vibration and aggravated by the gun fire. A brace has subsequently been installed on this line to reduce the normal vibration.

0800 Position Lat. 200- 52'S. Long. 1630- 412'E.

1200 Position Lat. 20°- 22'S. Long. 163°- 16'E.

2000 Position Lat. 180- 52'S. Long. 1620- 27'E.

10 March 1944: Proceeding as before. At 0905 the RADFORD joined this task unit, and was assigned a position in the screen. At 0915 the unit, on orders from the C.T.U., commenced tactical maneuvering exercises as directed by confidential letter, Commander Transport Group, serial 0141 of 25 February 1944. The front was broadened at 1130, and the LAEDSTOWN became section III; this provided greater opportunity and scope for the exercises. At 1235 the exercises were concluded and the convoy proceeded toward Guadalcanal. LIBRA adjudged the methods as set forth in the above letter to be a decided improvement on the former methods for changing course and axis. At 2023 standard speed was reduced to 13 knots.

0800 Position Lat. 16°- 21'S. Long. 162°- 47'E.

1200 Position Lat. 15°- 24'S. Long. 162°- 52½'E.

2000 Position lat. 13°- 400'S. Long. 163°- 282'E.

11 March 1944: Proceeding as before. At 1210 sighted San Christobal Island. The unit followed the prescribed track and passed Santa Anna Island at 1512. At 1808 the front was narrowed, LEEDSTOWN falling in astern of section 2. Still following the track the unit passed between Ulawa and Aliiti Islands at 1925.

0800 Position Lat. 11°- 27'S. Long. 163°- 50½'E.

1200 Position Lat. 10°- 57'S. Long. 163°- 08'E.

2000 Position Let. 10°- 03'S. Long. 161°- 50½'E.

- 12 March 1944: Proceeding as before. Passed Nura and Rua Sura Islands to port. A single column was formed at 0457, to pass through Lengo Channel. LIBRA passed through at 0600, and anchored off Tetere River, Guadalcanal at 0627. The remainder of the unit anchored in the vicinity. At 0820 began unloading cargo and finished unloading all cargo belonging to the 14th Defense Battalion at 2115. The 14th Defense Battalion, U.S.M.C., disembarked at 2145.
- 13 March 1944: Anchored as before. Got underway at 0600 for Doma Cove, Guadalcanal, to discharge remaining cargo which was assigned to 27th Construction Battalion, U.S.N. Anchored there at 0811, and completed discharging cargo by 1330. In obedience to C.T.U. 32.4.2 visual message 131300 of March, got underway for Lunga Point, Guadalcanal and anchored there at 1602. Discharged lumber destined for the Supply Officer, Guadalcanal, by 2000.
- 14 March 1944: Anchored off Lunga Point, Guadalcanal. At 0602 got underway in accordance with Commander Transport Group, Third Amphibious Force despatch 120431/March for Tulagi, Florida Island escorted by DUFFY. Anchored in Tulagi Harbor, Florida Island at 0748.
- 15 to 18 March (inclusive): Anchored as before. During this period intensive training exercises in landing operations and boat maneuvers were held.
- 19 March 1944: Anchored as before. At 0644 began loading cargo and finished at 1100. At 1130 got underway for Gavutu Harbor to pick up more cargo as ordered by Commander Transport Group, Third Amphibious Force NR radio despatch 180244 of March. LIBRA anchored in Gavutu Harbor at 1227 and commenced loading at 1430.
- 20 March 1944: Anchored as before. At 0629 LIBRA left Gavutu anchorage and anchored in Purvis Bay to pick up additional cargo. Began loading at 0722 and completed loading at 1405. At 1330 eight officers and 136 enlisted men reported aboard for transportation to Emirau Island.
- 21 March 1944: Anchored as before. At 0619 got underway for Tenaru, Guadalcanal to finish loading cargo. LIBRA was escorted to Tenaru by ENGLAD, anchoring off Tenaru River at 0817. LIBRA began loading the remainder of her cargo upon anchoring, and completed loading at 1610.
- 22 March 1944: Anchored as before. At 1300 LIBRA got underway in accordance with T.G. 31.4 movement order 210058/March, in company with T.G. 31.4. Captain A.B. ANDERSON, U.S.N., in command of Transport Division Two and T.G. 31.4., PRESIDENT JACKSON, flagship. This comprised the second echelon to Emirau Island. The T.G. consisted of T.U. 31.4.1 and 31.4.2. C.T.G. 31.4, C.T.U. 31.4.1, O.T.C. and Guide in PRESIDENT JACKSON. Task Unit 31.4.1 was disposed as follows: section one. PRESIDENT HAYES, ALCHIBA, MENOMINEE; section two, PRESIDENT JACKSON, LIBRA, BELLEGROVE; section three, PRESIDENT ADAMS, TITANIA. The escort was T.U. 31.4.2., C.T.U. in WALLER, the rest of the escort was disposed in anti-submarine screen and consisted of GREENWOOD, HUDSON, BENNETT, CONWAY, LOESER, RENSHAW, and PHILLIP. The convoy laid its course to proceed between Savo and Florida Islands, passed east of Santa Isabel and proceeded to its destination on the track laid down by Commander Transport Group, Third Amphibious Force.

2000 Position Lat. 70- 57'S. Long. 1590- 59'E. 23 March 1944: Steaming as before towards Emirau. At 0735 PAWNEE joined T.U. 31.4.1 and took station as 3rd ship in section three. PAWNEE had been detached from the 1st echelon, which was then returning to Guadalcanal.

0800 Position Lat. 50- 43'S. Long. 1580- 23'E.

1200 Position Lat. 50- 05'S. Long. 1580- 09'E.

2000 Position Lat. 4°- 01'S. Long. 156°- 54'E.

24 March 1944: Proceeding as before. At 1000 friendly fighter planes were sighted, these planes came from a carrier force in our vicinity. The C.T.G. held emergency maneuvering exercises in the morning. At 1440 an aircraft crash boat (C-24374) joined T.U. 31.4.1 and took station in the rear of the first section. At 1450 sighted Lihir Island to the southard.

0800 Position Lat. 20- 32'S. Long. 1540- 36'E.

1200 Position Lat. 20- 25'S. Long. 1530- 44'E.

2000 Position Lat. 20- 072 S. Long. 1520- 12 'E.

25 March 1944: Proceeding as before. At 0517 the CONWAY and LOESER proceeded ahead to check navigation. At 0550 sighted Emirau Island. LIBRA was ordered to proceed to unloading area at 0623 and commenced discharging cargo at 0813. During this time LIBRA had been feeling her way in closer to shore. The sounding machine indicated a bank between Emirau and Elomusao Islands. LIBRA anchored at 0826 in 45 fathoms of water and at the same time continued unloading. At 1300 disembarked eight officers and 136 enlisted men, at the same time sending ashore 4 - LCM crews and 3 - LCM's to join the boat pool on Emirau Island. LIBRA completed unloading all cargo at 1316, hoisted all boats aboard and got underway at 1425 to get closer to the rest of the task unit. LIBRA lay to, waiting for the rest of the ships to unload. At 1910 C.T.G. gave orders for the ships to form cruising disposition. The GREENWOOD, BENNETT, and MENOMINEE were left behind to escort the BELLEGROVE, who had not completed unloading. The rest of the second echelon departed for Guadalcanal.

2000 Position Lat. 10- 50'S. Long. 1500- 03'E. 26 March 1944: Proceeding as before. At 0220 a carrier task unit was contacted. This unit was the MANILA BAY, escorted by WARRINGTON, BALCH, and WILSON. At 0800 the carrier and her three escorts joined this T.G., and kept her fighter planes in the air all day covering the T.G. At 1910, MANILA BAY and her escorts left the formation.

0800 Position Lat. 2°- 17'S. Long. 152°- 26'E.

1200 Position Lat. 20- 25'S. Long. 1530- 13'E.

2000 Position Lat. 20- 41'S. Long. 1540- 41'E.

27 March 1944: Proceeding as before. At 1332 HUDSON reported a possible submarine contact. The O.T.C. took evasive action. At 1350 the convoy resumed its course towards Guadalcanal.

0800 Position Lat. 40- 07'S. Long. 1560- 42'E.

1200 Position Lat. 40- 42'S. Long. 1570- 27'E.

2000 Position Lat. 60- 05'S. Long. 1580- 42'E.

28 March 1944: Proceeding as before. At 0940 passed between Savo Island and Florida Island. At 1052, LIBRA was detached from T.U. 31.4.1 and ordered to anchor in Gavutu Harbor, Florida Island.

0800 Position Lat. 8° = 40'S. Long. 160° = 01'E.

29 March 1944: Anchored as before. At 1610 got underway in accordance with Commander Third Fleet despatch 270500/March in company with T.U. 34.9.2. The unit rendezvoused off Bungana Island and proceeded in column toward Sealark Channel, passing through at 1833. On orders from the C.T.U., the unit formed cruising disposition as follows: section one, APPALACHIAN, ALCHIBA, LIBRA, BIDDLE; section two, FAYETTE, WARREN, LEEDSTOWN. The O.T.C., C.T.U., and guide in FAYETTE. Ships screened by DORSEY (Comescort), WILLIAMSON, and SICARD. The T.U. proceeded on route as ordered by Commander Transport Group, Third Amphibious Force towards Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands.

2000 Position Lat. 9-24'S. Long. 160-40'E. 30 March 1944: Proceeding as before. At 1650 HOPKINS and TREVOR joined this unit and took positions in the anti-submarine screen. HOPKINS assumed duties as Comescort.

0800 Position Lat. 90- 16'S. Long. 1630- 01'E.

1200 Position Lat. 90- 01'S. Long. 1630- 48'E.

2000 Position Lat. 80- 27'S. Long. 1650- 262'E.

31 March 1944: Proceeding as before. Test fired after 40mm gun. Rounds expended: 6 - 3"50 Cal (Ster shells), 32 - 40mm (AP), and 17-40mm (AA).

0800 Position Lat. 70- 36'S. Long. 1670- 491'E.

1200 Position Lat. 70- 18'S. Long. 1680- 36'E.

2000 Position Lat. 60- 45'S. Long. 1700- 17'E.

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#### U. S. S. LIBRA (AKA12)

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From:

The Commanding Officer, U.S.S. LIBRA.

To :

The Commander-In-Chief, U. S. Fleet.

Subject:

War Diary - Transmittal of.

Reference:

(a) ComInCh ltr FF1/Al2-1/Al6-3, serial 7152

of 29 October 1943.

Enclosure:

(A) War Diary, U.S.S. LIBRA(AKA12), for the month

of April 1944.

1. In compliance with reference (a), enclosure (a) is submitted herewith.

F. F. FERRIS.

cc: CincPac.

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## U. S. S. LIBRA (AKA12)

#### - 12 Zone

1 April 1944: The LIBRA attached to Transport Division Eight (Captain Ralph Talbot, U.S.N., Commander Transport Division Eight, GEORGE CLYMER, Flagship), is presently operating with Transport Division Six (Captain William Brittain, U.S.N., Commander Transport Division Six, FAYETTE, Flagship). A part of Task Unit 34.9.6, LIBRA proceeding to Kwajalein. At 0300 the APPALACHIAN, ALCHIBA, and WILLIAMSON were detached and proceeded as previously directed. The remainder of the task unit remained on its northerly course.

Positions:	ns: 0800			1200			2000		
		050-	06'5	Lat.	040-	15'S	Lat.	020-	38 S
	Long.	1710-	52'E	Long.	1710-	48 E	Long.	1720-	02'E

2 April 19/4: Proceeding as before. During the morning, test fired the 3"/50 cal and 40 mm anti-aircraft guns, expending 3 rounds of 3"/50 cal star shells, 16 rounds of 3"/50 cal service, and 116 rounds of 40 mm.

Positions:	0800			1200			2000		
	Lat.	000-	0315	Lat.	000-	48'N	Lat.	020-	33'N
	Long.	1720-	21 'E	Long.	1720-	17'E	Long.	1710-	571E

3 April 1944: Proceeding as before on a northerly course towards Kwajalein.

Positions:	0800	1200	2000	
	Lat. 040- 48'N	Lat. 060- 06'N	Lat. 070- 44'N	
	Long. 171 2 13'E	Long. 170°- 52'E	Long. 1690- 57'E	

<u>A April 1944:</u> Proceeding as before on a northerly course. At 0445 sighted lights from Kwajalein bearing 301°T and at 0600 sighted Kwajalein Atoll. LIBRA entered the Atoll through Gea Fassage and, after fueling ship, anchored in Southern Anchorage. At 1441 in accordance with visual instruction from C.T.U., got underway and formed column as follows: FAYETTE, LIBRA, LEEDSTOWN. Steered various courses conforming to the buoyed channel of the Kwajalein-Roi Highway and at 1815 anchored off Roi Island.

5 April 1944: Anchored as before. At 1447 got underway shifting berths and at 1502 anchored off Ennubin Island. Commenced loading ship at 1845.

6 April 1944: Anchored as before. Loading ship. The ship completed loading at 1345. During the loading operation, approximately  $6\frac{1}{2}$  hours time was lost because boats could not make the beach during low tide. During the loading period the following troops came aboard for transportation to Guadalcanal: 3 officers and 103 enlisted men of the Second Tank Co., 3 officers and 47 enlisted men of the Second Transportation Co. These troops were part of the 22nd Marine Regiment of the 1st Marine Division.

#### 7 April 1944: Anchored as before.

8 April 1944: Anchored as before. Got underway at 0813 and passed out of Kwajalein Atoll through Ivan Pass. After passing around the northern end of the Atoll, LIBRA proceeded on a southerly course, in company with T.U. 34.9.6 for Guadalcanal.

8 April 1944: Continued:-

Positions: 0800	1200	2000
	Lat. 09°- 06'N	Lat. 070- 19'N
	Long. 1670 - 521E	Long. 1670- 31'E

9 - 11 April 1944: Proceeding as before in a southerly direction.

Positions: 9th	0800 Lat. 04°- 36'N Long. 167°- 40'E	1200 Lat. 03°- 46'N Long. 167°- 46'E	2000 Lat. 02°- 15'N Long. 168°- 47'E
lOth	0800	1200	2000
	Lat. 00°- 23'N	Lat. 00°- 27'S	Lat. 02°- 10'S
	Long. 170°- 28'E	Long. 171°- 01'E	Long. 170°- 42'E
llth	0800	1200	2000
	Lat. 04°- 45'S	Lat. 05°- 30'S	Lat. 06°- 35'S
	Long. 169°- 50'E	Long. 169°- 24'E	Long. 167°- 43'E

12 April 1944: Proceeding as before. In the morning anti-aircraft practice was held expending 4 rounds of 3"/50 cal star shells, 126 rounds of 40 mm, 1,167 rounds of 20 mm, and 990 rounds of .50 cal. At 1830 retarded all ship's clocks one hour to conform with zone -11 time. Ulawa Island was sighted at 2130 bearing 240°T, distance 25 miles.

Positions:	0800	1200	2000	
	Lat. 08°- 03'S	Lat. 08°- 36'S	Lat. 09°- 25'S Long. 162°- 42'E	
	Long. 164° - 50'E	Long. 164 2 34 E	Long. 1620- 42'E	

13 April 1944: Proceeding as before. After passing south of Malaita, proceeded towards Guadalcanal along established routes. At 1034 LIBRA anchored off Tassafaronga. Began unloading ship at 1130 and were completely unloaded  $5\frac{1}{2}$  hours later.

14 April 1944: Anchored as before. At 0802 LIBRA got underway and proceeded to Tulagi Harbor, anchoring there at 1026 in berth #20.

15 - 19 April 1944: Anchored in Tulagi Harbor doing ship's work.

20 April 1944: Anchored as before. At 1000, LIBRA got underway in accordance with C.T.D. 24's Mailgram; proceeded in company with DU PAGE, WARREN, LEEDSTOWN, FAYETTE, and BIDDLE for Tenaru anchorage, anchoring there at 1445. At 1700 commenced loading ship.

21 April 1944: Anchored off Tenaru Beach; loading ship. At 1735 LIBRA was completely loaded.

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22 - 24 April 1944: Anchored off Tenaru Beach. During this period ship's work was carried out. Emergency and general drills were held.

25 April 1944: Anchored as before. At 1558 LIBRA got underway in accordance with C.T.U. 31.9.6 visual despatch 241950/April, Movement Order Number 6-44 for Cape Glouster, New Britain. WITTER, STANSBURY, TREVER, and SIGOURNEY provided anti-submarine and anti-air screen as the rest of the Task Unit sortied in to cruising formation. At 1624 cruising formation was completed, with FAYETTE, O.T.C., C.T.U., and guide, LEEDSTOWN, WARREN in the first section; LIBRA, BIDDLE, DU PAGE in the second section. The escorts took their screening positions ahead of the formation. The Task Unit proceeded on a westerly course in order to pass between Savo Island and the northwest tip of Guadalcanal, then south of the Russell Islands.

Positions: 0800 1200 2000 Lat. 09°- 16'S Long. 159°- 15'E

26 April 1944: Proceeding as before in a westerly direction, zig zagging at all times. During the day Rendova and Simbo Islands were passed on our starboard hand.

Positions: 0800 Lat. 08°- 53'S Long. 156°- 44'E Long. 155°- 51'E 2000 Lat. 08°- 42'S Long. 154°- 06'E Long. 154°- 06'E

27 April 1944: Proceeding as before on a westerly course. During the afternoon watch LIBRA test fired the port battery. Rounds of ammunition expended: 6 rounds 3"/50 cal illuminating; 130 rounds of 40 mm, and 1,035 rounds of 20 mm.

Positions: 0800 1200 2000 Lat. 07°- 29'S Lat. 07°- 13'S Long. 151°- 35'E Long. 150°- 40'E Long. 149°- 06'E

28 April 1944: Proceeding as before in a westerly direction. Early during the mid-watch New Guinea Island was sighted and the course was changed to the north-west. This and numerous other course changes enabled the Task Unit to pass through the waters between New Guinea and Umboi Island. At 0730 the Task Unit passed south of Tolokiwa Island and commenced steaming on a northeast course. Passed Sakar Island abeam to starboard at 0945. The LIBRA anchored in Borgen Bay, New Britain at 1342 and shortly after commenced discharging cargo.

Positions: 0800 1200 2000 Lat. 05°- 20'S Long. 147°- 43'E

29 April 1944: Anchored as before unloading ship. At 0140 the LIBRA was completely unloaded, and all troops were disembarked. At 0330 began loading equipment of the 1st Marine Division for transportation to Russell Islands. Upon order from C.T.U.

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29 April 1944: Continued: - colors were flown at half mast, commemerating the death of the Secretary of the Navy.

30 April 1944: Anchored as before, loading ship. At 1100 the ship was completely loaded and all troops were embarked. During the afternoon watch troops were exercised at abandon ship drill.

Submitted:

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#### U. S. S. LIBRA (AKA12)

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From:

The Commanding Officer, U.S.S. LIBRA.

To :

The Commander-In-Chief, U. S. Fleet.

Subject:

War Diary - Transmittal of.

Reference:

(a) ComInCh ltr FF1/Al2/Al6-3, serial 7152 of 29 October 1943.

Enclosure:

(A) War Diary, U.S.S. LIBRA(AKA12), for the month of May 1944.

1. In compliance with reference (a), enclosure (A) is submitted herewith.

F. F. FERRIS.

cc: CincPac.

WAR DIARY

MAY 1944

ENCLOSURE (A)

(ZONE TIME -11)

1 May 1944: The LIERA attached to Transport Division Eight, (Captain Frank R. Talbot, U.S.N., Commander Transport Division Eight, GEORGE CLYMER, Flagship), is at present operating with Transport Division Six, (Captain T. B. Brittain, U.S.N., Commander Transport Division Six, FAYETTE, Flagship), as a part of Task Unit 34.9.6.; LIBRA anchored in Borgen Bay, New Britain. Got underway shortly before the forenoon watch and took departure from Borgen Bay. Once outside the reefs, the task unit formed cruising disposition and set a westerly course, passing between Umboi and Tolakiwa Islands; thence in a southerly direction between Umboi and New Guinea. When the task unit reached a point south of Umboi Island, an easterly course was set towards the Russell Islands.

Positions: 0800 1200 2000 Lat. 06°- 27'S Long. 168°- 54'E

2 May 1944: Froceeding as before on an easterly course; towards Russell Islands, Solomon Islands.

Fositions: 0800 1200 2000

Lat. 07°- 32'S Long. 151°- 42'E Long. 152°- 40'E Long. 154°- 30'E

3 May 1944: Proceeding as before. At 1054 Pavuvu Island was sighted bearing 070°T, distance 49 miles. LIBRA anchored in Macquitti Bay, Russell Islands at 1720 and commenced unloading ship ten minutes later.

4 May 1944: Anchored as before, unloading ship. The ship was completely unloaded at 0245 and at 1152, in accordance with verbal instructions from C.T.U. 34.9.7; LIBRA, acting as formation guide, got underway in company with DU PAGE, BIDDLE, and IEEDSTOWN for Guadalcanal area. The CONFLICT and DARING provided anti-submarine screen. The FAYETTE and OSTERHAUS joined the formation at 1400 and the FAYETTE assumed formation guide. The LIBRA received orders to proceed independently at 1518 and choose the passage between Savo Island and Cape Esperance, anchoring in berth #18, Lunga Point, just before dark. Here we picked up additional radio receivers and equipment assigned to LIBRA by ComTransGroupThirdFhibFor.

5 May 1944: Anchored as before. At 0631 got underway and proceeded to Gavutu Harbor anchorage.

6 - 9 May 1944: Anchored in Gavutu Harbor. During this period a Sugar Charlie Radar was installed and L.C.C. #C-21442, with 2 officers and 12 enlisted men, was assigned to the LIERA.

- 10 May 1944: Anchored as before. LIBRA got underway at 0630, in accordance with ComTransGroupThirdPhibFor despatch 090704/May, and proceeded across Iron Bottom Sound, to berth #86, off Tetere, Guadalcanal, preparatory to loading the bottom load of cargo to be carried in the impending operation.
- 11 May 1944: Anchored as before.
- 12 14 May 1944: Anchored as before. On these days, LIBRA loaded ship during daylight hours, with material and supplies belonging to the Third Marine Division.
- 15 May 1944: Anchored as before.
- 16 May 1944: Anchored as before. LIBRA got underway at 0702, in accordance with C.T.U. 53.3 training order #13-44, serial 0700/14 May and proceeded to assigned transport area to participate in exercises. Shortly after noon, with scheduled exercises completed, the LIBRA steamed towards her former anchorage. While retiring to anchorage, the LIBRA found it necessary to slow to 1/3 speed; due to excessive vibration in the low pressure turbine. Upon anchoring, gearing, bearings, couplings, packing, sump tank, and propeller were inspected but no evidence of damage was found.
- 17 May 1944: Anchored as before. In accordance with ComTransGroupThirdFhibFor radio despatch 161415/May, LIBRA got underway during the early morning watch and proceeded towards Florida Island; anchoring in Gavutu Harbor entrance at 0831. While proceeding to Gavutu the engine functioned normally. The propeller was examined by divers, but no scars or damage found.
- 18 May 1944: Anchored as before, doing ship's work. On the 17th and 18th the low pressure turbine casing was lifted and inspected. No damage was found. The exact cause of the vibration on 16 May was not determined.
- 20 May 1944: Anchored as before. At 0800, in accordance with ComTransGroup ThirdPhibFor radiogram 190045/May, LIBRA got underway and proceeded to Tetere, testing low pressure turbine at various speeds en route. Turbine functioned satisfactorily. Anchored in berth #26 at 1110. The LIBRA loaded three Sherman tanks and a few small vehicles, in the afternoon, for the training exercises that were to follow.
- 21 May 1944: Anchored as before.
- 22 May 1944: Anchored as before. Underway at 1316, in accordance with C.T.F. 53's secret training operation order #154-44, serial 00104, in company with Task Force 53. At 1400 cruising disposition 3"T" was formed and the Task Force steamed on the established track as laid out in the training program.

23 May 1944: Proceeding as before in accordance with training order program. Shortly after 1700, with training exercises completed, LIBRA was instructed to proceed to her anchorage, and anchored off Doma Reef, Guadalcanal, at 1805.

24 May 1944: Anchored as before. During the forenoon watch, the LIERA, in company with the transports of Task Force 53, got underway for the Tetere anchorage; anchoring there at 1113. During the afternoon, the tanks taken aboard for the exercises were unloaded from the ship.

25 May 1944: Anchored as before.

26 May 1944: Anchored as before. Underway at 1503, in accordance with ComTransDivEight visual message 260045 and proceeded to anchorage in Gavutu Harbor. While at Guvutu the T.B.S. radio antenna was relocated on top of the radar antenna, to facilitate better reception.

27 May 1944: Anchored as before.

28 May 1944: Anchored as before. Got underway upon signal from ComTransDiv Eight and proceeded to our former anchorage off Tetere.

29 - 31 May 1944: Anchored as before.

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From:

The Commanding Officer, U.S.S. LIBRA. The Commander-In-Chief, U.S. Fleet.

Subject:

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Reference:

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Enclosure:

(A) War Diary, U.S.S. LIBRA(AKA12), for the month of June 1944.

1. In compliance with reference (a), enclosure (A) is submitted herewith.

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# (-11 Time Zone)

1 June 1944: LIBRA now attached to Transport Division Eight, (Captain F. R. TALBOT, USN., Commander Transport Division Eight, CRESCENT CITY, Flagship). This division plus GUNSTON HALL at present composes Task Unit 53.3.2. Anchored in berth #86, off Tetere, Guadalcanal Island, Solomon Islands; loaded with cargo of the Third Marine Division, for the coming operation.

2 June 1944: Anchored as before. During the morning watch 5 officers and 137 enlisted men of the Third Marine Division and 9 enlisted men of the 25th Construction Eattalion, came aboard for transportation to our objective.

3 June 1944: Anchored as before. During the forenoon, General Drills were held.

4 June 1944: Anchored as before. LIBRA in company with T.G. 53.3 got underway at 0705, in accordance with C.T.F. 53 movement order #A163-44 of 19 May 1944. Formed cruising disposition 3-"T" as designated in this movement order. LIBRA taking station as fifth ship in column of the left flank transport division (Trans Div. 8). The formation steamedon an easterly course through Lengo Channel, thence northward through Indispensible Straits. After passing through Indispensible Straits, the Task Group set a direct course for Kwajalein. At 1015 C.T.F. 53, in APPALACHIAN, assumed tactical command, designating the DUPAGE as fleet guide. Gunnery exercises were held during the afternoon, expending ammunition as follows: 13 rounds - 3"/50; 125 rounds - 40mm; 670 rounds - 20mm; 628 rounds - .50 cal.

Positions: 0800 1200 2000 Lat. 050- 55'S Lat. 070- 19'S Long. 1600- 30'E Long. 1600- 20'E.

5 June 1944: Proceeding as before. This morning, and every morning at sea, Condition I was set one hour before sunrise and Condition III resumed at sunrise. At 0725 T.G. 53.7 was sighted hull down, bearing 105°T and later during the foremoon watch T.G. 53.7 took their proper station in the disposition. Gunnery exercises were held again today and following ammunition was expended: 173 rounds - 40mm; 1,320 round - 20mm; 841 rounds - .50 cal.

Positions: 0800 1200 2000

Lat. 04°- 55'S Lat. 04°- 06'S Lat. 02°- 37'S

Long. 161°- 16(E Long. 161°- 38'E Long. 162°- 17'E

6 - 7 June 1944: Proceeding as before towards Kwajalein. During the afternoon watch, on the 7th, tactical exercises were held in accordance with ComGrThree, FifthPhib orders Al6-3/Pll.

Positions: 0800 1200 2000 000- 38'N 00°- 17'S 02°- 05'N Lat. 6th Lat. Lat. Long. 1630- 29'E Long. 1630- 43'E Long. 1640- 30'E Positions: 0800 1200 2000 Lat. 040- 19'N Lat. 050- 01'N 060- 20'N 7th Lat. Long. 1650- 30'E Long. 1650- 52'E Long. 1660- 33'E 8 June 1944: Proceeding as before. At 0655 passed Lip Island abeam to port, distance 11 miles. Kwajalein Atoll was sighted at 0815, bearing 035 T. Upon entering the Atoll, the LIBRA went directly alongside the PECOS and fueled. After fueling was completed, proceeded to berth A-6 and anchored there at 1502.

Positions: 0800

Lat. 08°- 33'N Long. 170°- 30'E.

9 - 11 June 1944: Anchored as before, provisioning and doing ship's work; provisioning from CASCADE was accomplished by ship's boats and working parties working on 8 hour shifts. At 1116 the morning of the 9th, condition RED was signaled from the beach and General Quarters was set, securing from Condition I upon receipt of signal, Flash White, at 1121. During the afternoon of 11 June, the Captain briefed the ship's company on the operations about to start, and stressed the part to be accomplished by LIBRA.

12 June 1944: Anchored as before. Underway at 0540 in accordance with C.T.F. 53 movement order A163-44. As soon as the Task Group had cleared the Atoll, cruising disposition 3-"T" was formed, and a northwesterly course was set in the general direction of our objective. Anti-air and anti-sub patrol was provided by the aircraft of T.G. 53.7 during daylight hours.

Positions: 0800 1200 2000 Lat. 09°- 13'N Lat. 10°- 08'N Long. 166°- 43'E Long. 165°- 16'E

13 June 1944: Proceeding as before. Eniwetok Atoll was sighted at 1120, bearing 210 T, distance 16 miles. The Task Group passed this Atoll to the north and set a course of 282 T.

Positions: 0800 1200 2000 Lat. 11°- 27'N Lat. 11°- 56'N Lat. 12°- 22'N Long. 163°- 01'E Long. 162°- 16'E Long. 160°- 44'E

14 June 1944: Proceeding as before. During the morning tactical exercises were held in accordance with C.T.F. 53's serial 00160. All ship's clocks were retarded one hour, at 2100, to conform with zone -10 time.

Positions: 0800 1200 2000 Lat. 12°- 52'N Lat. 13°- 01'N Lat. 13°- 23'N Long. 158°- 19'E Long. 157°- 26'E Long. 155°- 45'E

15 June 1944: Proceeding as before. At 1025 strange aircraft were reported bearing 255°T, distance 40 miles and at 1036 went to General Quarters. Subsequent word was received that one of the aircraft had been destroyed, and at, 1107, General Quarters was secured.

Positions: 0800 1200 2000 Lat. 13°- 57'N Lat. 14°- 07'N Lat. 14°- 24'N Long. 153°- 08'E Long. 152°- 21'E Long. 150°- 39'E 16 June 1944: Proceeding as before. At 0930 bogeys were reported, and C.T.G. informed us that one enemy aircraft had been destroyed and that one other had been sighted and destroyed. One day previous orders were received by C.T.F. 53, from C.T.F.51, to affect that William Day had been set back one day. In compliance with C.T.F. 51's instructions our Task Group reversed its course early during the mid-watch. Shortly after noon the course was reversed again and we steamed in a westerly direction towards our objective. Later word was received from C.T.F. 51 that William Day was again postponed and to delay our arrival at the objective. To accomplish this our Task Group reversed its course as it did earlier in the day.

Positions:	0800		1200	2000
	Lat.	140- 14'N	lat. 140- 13'N	lat. 140- 24'N
	Long.	151°- 02'E	Long. 1510- 50'E	Iat. 140- 24'N Long. 1500- 37'E

17 - 18 June 1944: Proceeding as before in an easterly direction. Shortly after 0800 the Task Group again reversed its track and proceeded in a westerly direction. These delaying maneuvers continued until midnight of the 18th, when the Task Group headed for a rendezvous point at which fueling would take place. During the morning watch of the 17th unidentified aircraft were reported bearing 310 T at a distance of 53 miles and soon after all hands went to General Quarters. These aircraft were later reported friendly and General Quarters was secured.

Positions: 17th	0800 Lat. 14°- 07'N Long. 152°- 41'E	1200 let. 13°- 55'N Long. 152°- 15'E	2000 Lat. 14°- 16'N Long. 150°- 42'E
Positions: 18th	0800 Lat. 13°- 42'N Long. 152°- 12'E	1200 Lat. 14°- 06'N Long. 152°- 16'E	2000 Lat. 14°- 22'N Long. 150°- 38'E

19 June 1944: Proceeding as before towards fueling rendezvous. During the morning watch the Task Group arrived in the rendezvous area, and several transports dropped astern of the formation and began fueling destroyers. Several other Task Groups of Task Force 53 were also fueling in the general area. The LIERA, as ordered, was rigged and ready to fuel a destroyer but was not required to do so. After fueling the Task Group proceeded in accordance with instructions from T.F. 51. (ie) To be at a point 130 miles from Saipan, headed in a westerly direction, at 1800 every evening.

Positions:	0800		1200	2000
	Lat.	14 - 04 N	Lat. 14- 04'N	Lat. 14 - 26'N
	Long.	140- 04'N 1510- 20'E	Lat. 14°- 04'N Long. 152°- 00'E	Lat. 14°- 26'N Long. 150°- 42'E

20 June 1944: Proceeding as before. After sunrise the Task Group continued with its fueling operations.

Positions:	0800	1200	2000
	Lat. 140- 43'N Long. 1480- 48'E	Long. 148°- 46'N	Let. 14°- 50'N Long. 146°- 51'E

21 - 24 June 1944: Proceeding as before, delaying our proceeding to objective until so directed by C.T.F. 51, On the 23rd the CRESCENT CITY hoisted the breakdown flag and sheered out of the formation, at 1417. At 1800 she resumed her position as section guide. Physical exercise for all troops was conducted daily.

Positions: 21st	0800 Lat. 14°- 43'N Long. 148°- 08'E	1200 let. 14°- 44'N Long. 148°- 48'E	2000 let. 14°- 19'N Long. 147°- 42'E
Positions: 22nd	0800 Lat. 14°- 45'N Long. 149°- 42'E	1200 Lat. 15°- 02'N Long. 149°- 07'E	2000 lat. 15°- 19'E Long. 147°- 29'E
Positions: 23rd	0800 Let. 15°- 18'N Long. 149°- 31'E	1200 lat. 14°- 57'N Long. 149°- 11'E	2000 lat. 15°- 15'N Long. 147°- 39'E
Positions: 24th	0800 Lat. 140- 47'N Long. 1490- 47'E	1200 Iat. 140- 49'N Long. 1490- 47'E	2000 Lat. 15°- 10'N Long. 145°- 16'E

25 June 1944: Proceeding as before on a westerly course. During the afternoon watch, when ordered by C.T.F. 53, the Task Group reversed its course and headed eastward towards Eniwetok Atoll as directed. At 2110 WAYNE indicated "breakdown" and fell astern of the center column of transports, rejoining as last ship of that column at 2130.

Positions:			1200	2000
	Lat.	14°- 58'N	Iat. 140- 55'N	Lat. 140- 41'N
	Long. 1	49°- 46'E	Long. 1500- 01'E	Long. 1490- 40'E

26 June 1944: Proceeding as before on an easterly course towards Eniwetok. At 0000 on 26 June, WARREN fell out of column with a steering casualty. She rejoined at 0900. During the night of 25-26 June another fueling task group was passed, and excessive use of the TBS channel was again noted. Some compromise of the "Shackle" code was evident.

Positions:	0800	1200	2000
	Lat. 13°- 58'N	Lat. 130- 47'N	Let. 130- 32'N
	Long. 1520- 10'E	Long. 1520- 53'E	Long. 1540- 34'E

27 June 1944: Steaming toward Eniwetok. At 1552 HARRISON came alongside our port quarter and delivered anchorage charts of Eniwetok.

Positions:	0800	1200 Let 130 07 18	2000
	Lat. 13°- 13'N Long. 156°- 57'E	Long. 157°- 41'E	Lat. 12°- 43'N long. 159°- 14'E

28 June 1944: Proceeding as before in an easterly direction. At 0000 PRESIDENT MONROE fell out of the right flank column with boiler power from one boiler. She followed at reduced speed, with HAGG and SKYLARK screening. Engebi Island was sighted at 1050, bearing 160°T at a distance of 13 miles. The Task Group proceeded around the eastern edge of the Atoll towards Deep Passage. Upon entering, the LIBRA went directly to berth #238 and anchored at 1607. No use of the TBS or SCR channels were made by LIBRA at any time during any underway period covered by this report.

28 June 1944: continued -

Positions: 0800

120- 08'N Lat. Long. 1610- 45'E

29 June 1944: Anchored as before. At 0614 got underway in accordance with Com TransGroup Three, FifthPhib mailgram 280825 to shift anchorage. LIBRA proceeded northward via the buoyed channel and anchored in berth #876, Northern Anchorage, off Engebi Island, at 0816. This change was made in order that recreation activities and training for the troops on board might be more easily accomplished.

30 June 1944: Anchored as before.

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#### U. S. S. LIBRA (AKA12)

CONFIDENTIAL AKA12/A12/A16. Serial - 025.

Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif., 31 July 1944.

From:

To :

The Commanding Officer.
The Commander-In-Chief, U. S. Fleet.

Subject:

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of 29 October 1943.

Enclosure:

(A) War Diary, U.S.S. LIBRA(AKA12), for the month of July 1944.

In compliance with reference (a), enclosure (A) is submitted herewith.

cc: CincPac.

1 July 1944 (-11 Time Zone): LIBRA now attached to Transport Division EIGHT (Captain F. R. TALBOT, U.S.N., Commander Transport Division EIGHT, CRESCENT CITY, Flagship). This division plus GUNSTON HALL at present composes Task Unit 53.3.2. Anchored in berth No. 876; Northern Anchorage, off Engebi Island, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, loaded with cargo of the Third Marine Division for the comming operation. Between the first and sixteenth of the month LIBRA lay at anchor in the Northern Anchorage utilizing the time to best advantage. During this time the ship was fueled and provisioned to capacity. After shifting berth on the 3rd to berth No.740, the crew left the ship daily for recreation and the Marine personnel, on board for transportation, also left for recreation and training in order to maintain proper combat physical fitness. In compliance with instructions from SOPA the ship was completely darkened every night. Ship's work was continued with an eye towards the comming operation. On 4 July at 1734 after having received word over the harbor circuit of an air-flash-red, went to General Quarters. At 1803 upon the word of air-flashwhite, secured from General Quarters.

17 July 1944: Anchored as before. At 1322 got underway in accordance with mailgram 140935/July of C.T.G. 53.3. LIBRA proceeded out of the atoll in company with T.G. 53.3 and at the beginning of the dog watch was in proper station in cruising formation "3 AL" as laid down in C.T.F. 53 operation order AlO-44. The Task Group steamed around the southern end of Eniwetok Atoll and proceeded on prescribed route in a westerly direction towards objective.

Position 2000 Lat. 11° 23'N. Long. 161° 50'E.

18 - 20 July 1944: Proceeding as before in a westerly direction towards objective. On these days at one hour before sunrise all hands went to General Quarters and secured at sunrise. Each night STARLING and SKYLARK took position off the quarter of the starboard and port flank of the formation. On the 20th during the afternoon dropped astern of the formation and fueled the NOA and McKEE.

Posi	tions 080	00	120	00	200	00
18	Lat. 11º Long.159º		120	03'N. 15'E.	120	26'N. 23'E.
19	Lat. 120 Long.1530			03'N. 01'E.		25'N. 14'E.
20	Lat. 13° Nong.148°			41'N. 47'E.		43'N. 17'E.

21 July 1944: Proceeding as before around the northern coast of Guam. During the dark hours flares were seen continuously over the objective. At 0415 changed course and began the approach to the transport area. At 0523 the Task Group formed the approach cruising disposition. Surface vessels were observed to open fire on the beach. At O613 all boats were ordered into the water and 42 minutes later all boats were water borne. At 0630 37 friendly dive bombers passed over head and proceeded onward to bomb the beach. At 0655 all LIBRA's boats had been dispatched to the designated ships. At 0800 the first wave started for the beach and at 0830 word was received that they had landed sucessfully and on schedule. At 1011 and 1013 LCT 945 and LCT 995 respectively came alongside to receive tanks and tank retriever . At 1114 a Marine working party from the CRESCENT CITY came aboard. As LIBRA's boats returned, unloading of the ship began. At 1700 got underway in company with TransDiv 8 plus GUNSTON HALL and TransDiv 24 minus DuPAGE plus EPPING FOREST and assigned screen and proceeded on prescribed retirement course. All LCM(3)'s and unloaded LCV(P)'s were left at Agana Bay. At the time of getting underway the ship was 26 per cent unloaded.

22 July 1944: Proceeding as before along retiring route. At 0745 arrived back in transport area. After lowering boats into the water LIBRA was instructed to take a position one mile inshore of the transport area. In this station unloading was begun without any delay. The ship's boats which were left over night promptly returned to the ship. During the morning watch 16 Marine casualties were received on board from the beach for medical treatment. The ship was completely darkened at sunset, but unloading continued however. During the night the area was continuously illuminated by star shells. Our surface craft intermittently shelled the beach and large amounts of fire were observed on the beach. At midnight LIBRA was 40 per cent unloaded.

23 July 1944: Maneuvering in Agana Bay, Guam, unloading ship. At 0955 three Marine casualties received from the beach on the previous day were returned to the beach for duty. At 1338 a T.B.F. made a crash landing one-fourth of a mile off our port bow, the crew however was picked up by a nearby boat. During the morning the SOLACE stood in and lay to in the same area as the LIBRA. Shortly after 1600 4 Marine casualties were received from the beach. During the day unloading progressed very slowly. There were few LCT's and pontoon barges available and as a consequence LIBRA was only 48 per cent unloaded.

24 July 1944: Maneuvering as before in Agana Bay, unloading ship. At 0805 four more Marine casualties were received from the beach. From 1645 until 1910 the 21 Marine patients on board were transferred to the SOLACE. During the day seven pontoon barges were received alongside and the discharge of cargo on the beach was fairly rapid. Due to the latter and the excellent work on the part of ship's company the ship was completely unloaded at 2000.

25 July 1944: Maneuvering as before. During the morning one officer and 18 enlisted men were detached from temporary duty and left for Boat Pool No. 16. At 1320 began forming up with Task Unit 53.15.1 in accordance with C.T.F. 53's despatch 250009. Formed cruising formation in accordance with C.T.U. 53.15.1 visual despatch and headed around the southern coast of Guam on the prescribed route.

Position 2000 Lat. 12° 59'N. Long. 145° 30'E.

26 - 28 July 1944: Proceeding as before in an easterly direction towards Eniwetok Atoll on prescribed route.

P	osit	ions	080	00	120	00	20	00
	26	Lat. Long.		57'N. 05'E.		56'N. 51'E.		50'N. 24'E.
	27			28'N. 01'E.		20'N. 51'E.	110 155	55'N. 34'E.
	28	Lat.		23'N. 12'E.		17'N. 02'E.		10'N. 41'E.

29 July 1944: Proceeding as before. At 0430 sighted Eniwetok and at 0754 passed through Deep Passage into the Atoll 1tself anchoring in berth No. 218 at 0830.

30 July 1944: Anchored as before.

31 July 1944: (Until 1200) anchored as before.

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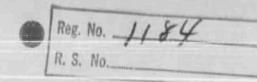
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Captain, U.S. Navy,

Commanding.

U.S.S. LIBRA (ARA 12) c/o Fleet Post Office San Francisco, Calif.



CONFIDENTIAL AKA12/A12/A16. Serial - 024 Fleet Post Office. San Francisco, Calif. 6 September 1944.

From: To : The Commanding Officer, U.S.S. LIBRA. The Commander-In-Chief, U.S. Fleet.

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Enclosure:

(A) War Diary, U.S.S LIBRA(AKA12), for the month of August 1944.

1. In compliance with reference (a), enclosure (A) is submitted herewith.

CC:CincPac.

1 August 1944 (-11 Time Zone): LIBRA is at present attached to Transport Division TWELVE (Captain F. R. TALBOT, U.S.N., Commander Transport Division TWELVE, CRESCENT CITY, Flagship). At 1355 the 31st July 1944 got under way in accordance with order of Port Director Eniwetok of 31 July 1944. T.U. 57.19.9 consists of the LIBRA as O.T.C., C. T. U. and guide. President MONROE and RICHARD S BULL formed up outside of Eniwetok Atoll and headed in an easterly direction towards Kwajalin. At1023 Kwajalin Atoll was sighted, bearing 160° at a distance of 16 miles. The Task Unit was dissolved after passing through Mellu Passage and LIBRA anchored in Berth A-11, Rol Anchorage at 1330.

sition 0800 Lat. 090-44'N Position Long. 1660-21'E

2 August 1944. Anchored as before. During the afternoon watch commenced loading cargo of the 15th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion.

3 August 1944. Anchored as before. At 0315 completely loaded ship. At 0559 got underway in accordance with orders from the Port Director, Roi Island and proceeded towards Kwajalin, via the Roi-Kwajalin Highway. LIBRA anchored - Berth 14-14 off Kwajalin Island at 0921. At 1631 got underway in accordance with Port Director, Kwajalin, Orders, Serial "K". 0081, company with convoy DP-1, composed of LIBRA, as Convoy Commander, O.T.C. and guide, S.S. CAPE FRIENDSHIP AND PC 1139. On clearing the atoll the P.C. 1139 took screening position ahead of the LIBRA and the S.S. CAPE Friendship followed astern. A Northeasterly course toward Pearl Harbor was set.

4 August 1944. Proceeding as before. At 0615 the PC 1139 was detached and ordered to proceed as previously directed. At 1800 advanced clock to conform with -12 Time Zone.

Positions Lat. 07927'N Long. 170020'E

1200 2000 Lat. 070-26'N Lat. 070-49'N Long. 171011'E Long. 172034'E

5 August 1944. Proceeding as before. At 1910 altered course to avoid contact with convoy detected by radio.

Positions

Lat. 8°-58'N Lat. 9°-19'N Lat. 10°01'N Long. 174°-50'E Long. 175°-37'E Long. 177°-08'E

5 - 6 - 7 - 8 - 9 August 1944. Proceeding as before. At 0000 retarded the time one day to comply with Western Hemisphere date. 7 August 1944 at 0200 advanced clock to conform with -11 Time Zone

5 - 6 - 7 - 8 - 9 August 1944(cont): 9 August 1944 advanced clock to conform with -10 Time Zone.

1200	2000
Lat. 110-14'N	12°-04'N
Long. 1790-38'E	Long. 178°-50'W
Lat. 130-22'N	Lat. 140-01'N
Long. 1750-46'W	Long. 1740-07'W
Lat. 150-11'N	Lat. 150-44'N
Long. 1700-43'W	Long. 1680-58'W
Lat. 16°-55'N	Lat. 170-51'N
Long. 165°-35'W	Long. 1630-56'W
Lat. 180-55'N	Lat. 190-39'N
Long. 1600-1'W	Long. 1580-51'W
	Lat. 110-14'N Long. 1790-38'E Lat. 130-22'N Long. 1750-46'W Lat. 150-11'N Long. 1700-43'W Lat. 160-55'N Long. 1650-35'W

10 August 1944. Proceeding as before. At 0100 advanced clocks ahead one half hour to conform with -92 Time Zone. At 0428 sighted numerous lights on Oahu, bearing 010°T. At 0723 entered entrance channel to Pearl Harbor. LIBRA proceeded to mooring platform F-8 off Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, Oahu Island, Hawaiian Island and moored at 0833.

ll August 1944. Moored as before. At 0643 got underway to shift berths in accordance with Navy Yard Dispatch 110838. At 0705 moored to Dock K-1, Magazine Wharf, Pearl Harbor and commenced unloading ship.

12 August 1944. Moored as before. At 1553 got underway in accordance with ComactComPhibForPac movement order #24-44, 11 August 1944, in company with T.U. 55.1.15 composed of LIBRA, as O.T.C., C.T.U., and guide, WINGED ARROW and DICKERSON. After taking departure from Pearl Harbor the Task Unit took formation as follows: DICKERSON, screening ahead, followed by LIBRA and WINGED ARROW, in that order. After passing between Oahu and Molokai, a northeasterly course towards San Francisco.

Position

2000 Lat. 21°-18.5'N Long. 157°-32'W

13-18 August 1944. Proceeding on a Northeasterly course towards San Francisco. 14 August 1944 advanced clock to conform with -9 Time Zone. 16 August 1944 advanced clock to conform with -8 Time Zone. 18 August 1944 advanced clock to conform with -7 Time Zone.

# 13-18 August 1944.(cont).

	tions 0800	1200	2000
	Lat. 220-56'N	Lat. 23°-24'N	Lat. 24°-24'N
	Long. 1550- 24'W	Long. 154°-41'W	Long. 153°-09'W
14	Lat. 25°-50'N	Lat.26°18.5'N	Lat. 27°-09'N
	Long. 150°-31'W	Long. 149°-40.5'W	Long. 148°-00'W
15	Lat. 28°-28'N	Lat. 29°-06'N	Lat. 29°-56'N
	Long. 145°-40'W	Long. 144°-23'W	Long, 142°-33'W
16	Lat. 31°-19'N	Lat. 31°-49'N	Lat. 32°-31'N
	Long. 139°-50'W	Long. 139°-02'W	Long. 137°-27'W
17	Lat. 33°-38'N	Lat. 34°-02'N	Lat. 34°-44'N
	Long.134°-39'W	Long. 133°44'W	Long. 131°-51'W
18	Lat. 35°-43'N	Lat. 36°-00'N	Lat. 36°-32'N
	Long. 128°-53'W	Long. 127°-54'W	Long. 126°-05'W

19 August 1944. Proceeding as before. 0856 sighted Faralla Island, bearing 028°T, distance seven miles. At 1100 entered main channel. At 1121 passed Miles Rock Light, abeam and entered Inland Waters. LIBRA proceeded to anchorage #9 where the ship was unloaded. At 1531 in accordance with Com 12, Visual 182150 got under way and proceeded to Anchorage #13 where LIBRA anchored at 1615. The discharge of ammunition began shortly afterward. At 1909 having discharged all ammunition got under way and proceeded to Anchorage #8 where LIBRA anchored at 2011.

20 August 1944. Anchored as before. In accordance with Com 12, Visual 182150 got underway and proceeded to Oakland Harbor Channel. At 0803 LIBRA moored starboard side to Hurley Marine Works Inc., dock, Oakland Harbor, Oakland, California.

21 - 31 August 1944. Moored as before. During this period contracted repair and alteration took place. Leave for officers and men was granted, keeping, however, a sufficient number of officers and men on board to aid in the completion of ship's work.

Submitted:

Lt. (jg) D-V(G), USNR,

Navigator.

Commanding

U. S. S. LIBRA (AKA-12)

FLEET POST OFFICE

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

CONFIDENTIAL AKA12/A12/A16. Serial - 028

6 October 1944

From:

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The Commanding Officer.

To :

The Commander-In-Chief, U. S. Fleet.

Subject:

War Diary - Month of September 1944.

Reference:

(a) ComInCh ltr. FF1/Al2/Al6-3, serial 7152

of 29 October 1943.

1. In compliance with reference (a), the following report is submitted.

l September to 30 September 1944 inclusive: LIBRA attached to Commander Amphibious Training Command, Pacific Fleet, temporary duty while undergoing overhaul. During this availability LIBRA at Hurley Marine Works, Inc., Oakland, California, undergoing contract alterations and repairs. From 27 September to 30 September 1944, inclusive, LIBRA at Moore Drydock Co., Oakland, California for drydocking and underwater repairs. Leave and liberty were granted in accordance with Navy Regulations and current policy of the Commander-In-Chief, Pacific Fleet.

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# U. S. S. LIBRA (AKA-12)

FLEET POST OFFICE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

CONFIDENTIAL AKA12/A12/A16. Serial - 032. 8 November 1944.

From:

The Commanding Officer.

To :

The Commander-In-Chief, U. S. Fleet.

Subject:

War Diary - Month of October 1944.

Reference: (a) ComInCh ltr. FF1/A12/A16-3, Serial 7152 of 29 October 1943.

- 1. In compliance with reference (a) the War Diary of this vessel for the month of October is submitted.
- 2. U.S.S. LIBRA (AKA12) at present attached to ComPhistraPac, San Diego, California, for temporary duty under overhaul; also temporarily attached to Transport Division Four, Division Commander Captain J. B. McGOVERN, USN., U.S.S. ZEILIN. LIBRA undergoing contract alterations and repairs, by Hurley Marine Works Inc., Oakland, California. Leave and liberty being granted consistant with completion of ship's work.
- 1 October 1944. Resting on keel blocks in Dock #4, Moores Dry Dock Company, Oakland, California; work on the hull being carried out.
- 2 October 1944. Resting on keel blocks as before. LIBRA water-borne at 0852 and left Moores Dry Dock Company at 0909 and proceeded to Hurley Marine Works Inc., mooring port side to dock #4 at 1125.
- 3 8 October 1944. Moored as before, undergoing contract alterations and repairs.
- 9 October 1944. Moored as before. 0645 Got underway in accordance with verbal instructions from Port Director, 12th Naval District, San Francisco, California. Proceeded through Oakland Estuary to Pier #90, mooring at 1015. Loading of the ship was turned over to the stevedores and loading commenced.

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10 - 11 October 1944. - Moored as before, with stevedores loading ship.

12 October 1944. - Moored as before with stevedores loading ship. At 1640 received ammunition barge along starboard side and commenced receiving ship's allowance of ammunition from Naval Ammunition Depot, Mare Island, California.

13 October 1944. - Moored as before with stevedores loading ship. At 1455 completed loading ammunition and at 1510 ammunition barge cast off.

14 October 1944. - Moored as before with stevedores loading ship. Ceased loading at Pier # 90 and at 1340 underway in accordance with this vessels readiness for sea schedule for 14 October 1944. Pilot at the Conn, Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. Proceeded on various courses and at various speeds to Treasure Island Degaussing range. LIBRA then proceeded through North Bay to San Rafael Degaussing range, commencing runs at 1621. With these runs completed LIBRA proceeded to anchorage #8, South San Francisco Bay, anchoring at 1855.

15 October 1944. Anchored as before. At 1315 LIBRA was underway in accordance with this vessels readiness for sea schedule for 15 October 1944. Pilot at the Conn, Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. At 1324 compensation of compasses was begun, steering on various courses at various speeds in the South Bay area, completing runs at 1715. LIBRA then proceeded in accordance with verbal orders from Captain, U. S. Naval Dry Docks, Hunters Point, San Francisco, California, mooring starboard side to berth #11, Hunters Point at 1806.At 2000 Engineering officer reported the LIBRA was taking on water in #6 double bottom diesel fuel tank, cause unknown.

16 October 1944. - Moored as before. At 0710 LIBRA got underway in accordance with Operation Office, Western Sea Frontier, routing order #20 AU of 12 October 1944. Pilot at the Conn, Captain, Executive Officer, and the Navigator on the bridge. Steaming on various courses and at various speeds, standing out of San Francisco Bay. LIBRA entered International waters at 0902 and proceeded north east of Farallon Islands to designated

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16 October 1944.(Cont)
target area. 1209 Commenced test firing all guns. When the
test firing was completed LIBRA returned to the Bay area; full
power run of the engines being carried out during the day. At
1815 entered Graving Dock #4 at U. S. Naval Dry Docks, Hunter's
Point, San Francisco, California, to determine the cause of
the leak in #6 double bottom diesel fuel tank. The cause of
the leak was found to be a rivet which had dropped out in the
way of keel and the necessary repairs were made.

17 October 1944. - Resting on keel blocks. At 0555 LIBRA was waterborne and at 0719 underway from Graving Dock in accordance with orders of the Commanding Officer of this vessel. Due to heavy fog in San Francisco Bay LIBRA anchored off Hunter's Point at 0752. Underway once more at 1025, mooring port side to berth #2, Hunter's Point, San Francisco, California, where Radar Calibration and adjustment was carried out. Underway at 1307, shifting berths; anchoring in berth #12, South San Francisco Bay at 1353.

18 October 1944. Anchored as before. 1640 Hove up anchor and proceeded in accordance with this vessels readiness for sea schedule for this date. Pilot at the Conn, Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. Proceeded on various courses and at various speeds to Dock #10, Richmond Fisheries Inc., San Pablo, California, mooring starboard side to, at 0807. Loading of dynamite in holds Numbers 2 and 4, by stevedores, commenced at 0945.

19 October 1944. - Moored as before with stevedores loading dynamite.

20 October 1944. - Moored as before with stevedores loading dynamite. LIBRA was completely loaded at 1425 and preparations for getting underway were made. Cast off all lines at 1616 and got underway in accordance with Routing Officer, San Francisco, California, movement order # 335 - C & R, of 2130, 19 October 1944. Proceeding on various courses and at various speeds to conform to the channel. At 1905 took departure for sea with Farallon Island abeam to starboard, distance two miles, enroute from San Francisco, California to Milne Bay, New Guinea. At 2055 contact with U. S. S. UVALDE and at 2135 UVALDE took station astern of LIBRA.

Position

Latitude

Longitude

2000

37º 30' North

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21 - 25 October 1944. - Proceeding as before in company with UVALDE. 21 October 1944, retarded clock to conform with plus 8 time zone. 22 October 1944 retarded clock to conform with plus 9 time zone. 24 October 1944, retarded clock to conform with plus 10 time zone. Ships held tactical maneuvering drills daily and LIBRA exercised ships complement at general drills.

21	Position 0800 1200 2000	Lat: 350 350 340	56' 24' 14.5'	North North North	Longitude 1250381 1260311 1280371	West West
22	0800 1200 2000	32° 32° 31°	43! 14! 04!	North North North	131°41' 132°42' 135°02'	West West
23	0800 1200 2000	29° 28° 27°	37 ! 59 ! 58 !	North North	138°11.5' 139°10' 141°03.5'	West West
24	0800 1200 2000	26° 25° 24°	23 ' 36 ' 26 '	North North North	143°55! 144°46! 146°47!	West West
25	0800 1200 2000	22° 21° 20°	321 42.51 281	North North	149°17! 150°20! 151°55!	West West West

26 October 1944. - Proceeding as before in company with UVALDE. At 0900 UVALDE left this unit and proceeded independently as previously directed. During the forenoon watch, ships complement was exercised at general drills.

	Position	Latitude		Longitude	
26	0800	180 281	North	1540321	West
	1200	17° 40' 16° 06'	North	155 12'	West
	2000	16 06'	North	156 35'	West

27 - 31 October 1944. - Proceeding as before and zig zagging. During this time ship's complement was exercised at general drills each morning. 27 October 1944 retarded the clock to conform with plus 11 time zone. 30 October 1944, retarded the clock to conform with plus 12 time zone.

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# 27 - 31 October 1944.-(Cont)

27	Position 0800 1200 2000	Latitude 13º 54' 13º 15' 11º 44'	North North North	Longitude 1580 52' 1590 38' 1610 29'	West West West
28	0800 1200 2000	09° 31' 08° 52' 07° 32'	North North North	163° 39! 164° 25! 165° 57!	West West West
29	0800 1200 2000	05° 29.8 04° 581 03° 351	North North North	168° 15' 168° 45.5 170° 10'	West West West
30	0800 1200 2000	01° 36.5 00° 55.5 00° 36'	A CONTRACTOR OF THE PROPERTY O	172° 38' 173° 27' 175° 18'	West West
31	0800 1200 2000	03° 17' 04° 12' 05° 54'	South South	177°09' 177° 45' 179° 01'	West West West

Submitted:

E. C. ROBINSON, Lt.(jg) D, USNR., Navigator.

Approved: W. McCORMICK, Commander, DM, USNR.

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#### U. S. S. LIBRA (AKA-12)

FLEET POST OFFICE

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

CONFIDENTIAL AKA12/A12/A16 Serial - 033 November 1944.

From:

The Commanding Officer.

To :

The Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Fleet.

Subject:

War Diary, Month of November 1944.

Reference:

(a) ComInCh ltr. FF1/Al2/Al6-3, Serial 7152 of

29 October 1943.

1. In compliance with reference (a), the War Diary of this vessel for the month of November is submitted.

2. U.S.S. LIBRA (AKA12) at present operating independently, proceeding to Milne Bay, New Guinea, to discharge cargo under orders from Com Twelve (12) Naval District, with further orders to report to Commander Seventh Fleet and Commander of Amphibious Force of the Pacific Fleet for duty, by dispatch, upon completion of discharge of cargo.

1 November 1944 - This day was dropped from ship's calendar when time was advanced twenty-four (24) hours to conform with East longitude time.

2 November 1944 - (Zone -12 time) Proceeding independently enroute from San Francisco, California, to Milne Bay, New Guinea. Ship's clocks were advanced twenty-four (24) hours at 0001 to conform with East Longitude time. LIBRA zig-zagging in accordance with Plan #11 (1940 Diagrams). At 0822 Ship's complement was exercised at general drills.

0800 1200 2000 Latitude 08°04'S 08°29'S 08°31'S Longitude 178°58.5'E 178°07'E 176°11'E

3 November 1944 - Proceeding as before, zig-zagging. Exercised at general drills, during forenoon watch. At 1800 retarded ship's clocks one hour to conform with minus eleven (-11) time zone.

0800 1200 2000 Latitude 08°26'S 08°27'S 08°27'S Longitude 179°03'E 172°07'E 169°55'E

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4 November 1944 - (Zone -11 time) Proceeding as before, zig-zagging at all times. At 0830 ship's complement was exercised at general drills.

0800 1200 2000 Latitude 08°45'S 08°57'S 09°16'S Longitude 167°19'E 166°25'E 164°26'E

5 November 1944 - Proceeding as before, zig-zagging in accordance with Plan #11 (1940 Diagrams). Passed Ulawa Island abeam to port, distance four (4) miles, at 0630, and Maramasike Island abeam to starboard, distance thirteen (13) miles at 0805. At 0938 passed San Cristobal Island abeam to port, distance ten (10) miles. At 1120 passed Guadalcanal Island abeam to starboard, distance eighteen (18) miles.

0800 1200 2000 Latitude 09°49'S 10°12'S 10°00'S Longitude 161°40'E 162°52'E 159°00'E

6 November 1944 - Proceeding as before, zig-zagging in accordance with Plan #11 (1940 Diagrams) and Plan #24 (USF 10A). At 1308 LIBRA held firing practice for all guns, using target balloons. Ammunition expended: 630 rounds 20 mm, 108 rounds 40 mm, and 5 rounds 5"/38 calibre. At 1800 retarded ship's clocks to conform with minus ten (-10) time zone.

0800 1200 2000 Latitude 12°07'S 12°20'S 12°36'S Longitude 156°18'E 155°10'E 152°51'E

7 November 1944 - (Zone -10 time) Proceeding as before. Sighted New Guinea Island at 0705 and proceeded on a Northerly course to China Strait. At 1040 LIBRA entered China Strait, and anchored in Waga Anchorage off Gamadodo at 1253.

0800 1200 2000 Latitude 11<sup>0</sup>08<sup>1</sup>8 -- --Longitude 150<sup>0</sup>36<sup>1</sup>E --

8 November 1944 - Anchored as before. Hove up anchor and got underway at 0656, shifting to Gamadodo Wharf No. 1, in accordance with visual dispatch 07/0732 from Harbor Master, Shosta Number two (2). Pilot at conn, Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. At 0811 LIBRA moored port side to Gamadodo Wharf #1, Milne Bay, New Guinea. At 0850 working party from 24th and 25th Special Construction Battalion came aboard and commenced unloading ship.

9 November 1944 - Moored as before, with 24th and 25th Special Construction Battalions unloading ship. During the forencon watch, ship's landing group complement was exercised at boat manuevers and fire drill was held.

10 - 12 November 1944 - Moored as before with 24th and 25th Special Construction Battalion unloading ship. Boat manuevering exercises were carried out each morning and boat crews held small arms firing practice each afternoon. Ammunition expended: nine thousand (9000) rounds 30 calibre, three thousand, three hundred fifty (3350) rounds 50 calibre.

13 November 1944 - Moored as before with 24th and 25th Special Construction Battalion unloading ship. Boat manuevering exercises were carried out during the forenoon watch.

14 November 1944 - Moored as before with 24th and 25th Special Construction Battalion unloading ship. Boat manuevering exercises were carried out during the forenoon watch. LIBRA at 1835 transferred to LCT 1092 for Flotilla 6, nineteen thousand, nine hundred eighty, (19,980) rounds of HET and HEI 20 mm ammunition.

15 November 1944 - Moored as before with the 24th Special Construction Battalion unloading ship. LIBRA was completely unloaded at 0145 and at 0756 cast off all lines and proceeded to Hilimoi Fueling Dock, mooring at 0943. Upon completion of fueling the LIBRA got underway and proceeded to Gili Anchorage, Milne Bay, New Guinea, anchoring at 1621.

16 - 17 November 1944 - Anchored as before. During this period general drills were held and ships work was carried out.

18 November 1944 - Anchored as before. Hove up anchor and got underway, at 0722, in accordance with CTF 79, Radio Dispatch 170732 and routing orders from Royal Australian Navy, Naval Control Officer, Milne Bay, New Guinea. At 0956 LIBRA passed through Raven Channel, took departure for sea, enroute from Milne Bay, New Guinea to Manus Island, Admiralty Islands, and followed recommended tract along the North East coast of New Guinea.

0800 1200 2000 Latitude -- 09°55'S 08°49'S Longitude -- 150°33.5'E 148°48'E

19 November 1944 - Proceeding as before. During afternoon watch, exercised ship's complement at Battle Problem.

0800 1200 2000 Latitude 06°27.5'S 05°43.5'S 04°08'S Longitude 148°06.5'E 147°36'E 147°22'E

20 November 1944 - Proceeding as before. LIBRA entered Seeadler Harbor, Manus Island, Admiralty Islands at 0831, and anchored in Berth #203 at 1011. At 1800 retarded all ship's clocks one (1) hour to conform with minus nine (-9) time zone.

21 November 1944 - (Zone -9 time) Anchored as before in company with various units of the U. S. Pacific Fleet.

22 November 1944 - Anchored as before in company with various units of the U. S. Pacific Fleet.

23 November 1944 - Anchored as before in company with various units of the U. S. Pacific Fleet. During the forenoon watch held emergency drills and exercised landing group complement in small boat manuevers.

24 November 1944 - Anchored as before in company with various units of the U. S. Pacific Fleet. LIBRA got underway at 0755 in accordance with Commander Seventh Fleet, Radio Dispatch, 171135, November, and Port Director, Seeadler Harbor, movement order Number 219, proceeding independently to Cape Torokina, Bougainville Island, Solomon Islands. During afternoon watch, exercised ship's complement at general drills.

0800 1200 2000 Latitude -- 08°20.5'S 04°30'S Longitude -- 147°10.5'E 147°20'E

25 November 1944 - Proceeding as before. LIBRA exercised at emergency drills and held firing practice during the afternoon watch. Ammunition expended: 5 rounds 5"/38 calibre; 72 rounds 40 mm; 589 rounds 20 mm. At 1445 commenced zig-zagging in accordance with Plan #10 (1940 Diagrams). At 1800 advanced all ship's clocks to conform with minus ten (-10) time zone.

0800 1200 2000 Latitude 07°02'S 07°24'S 07°03'S Longitude 148°57'E 149°48'E 151°30'E

26 November 1944 - Proceeding as before. At 0500 sighted Bougainville Island, proceeded to anchorage, anchoring off Purata Island, Cape Torakina, Empress Augusta Bay, Bougainville Island, Solomon Islands at 1148. At 1200 advanced ship's clocks to conform with minus eleven(-11) time zone.

0800 1200 2000 Latitude 06°29'S -- --Longitude 154°27'E -- --

27 November 1944 - Anchored as before. During the morning watch LIBRA got underway to fuel from the U. S. S. CELTIC. Upon completion of fueling LIBRA returned to previous anchorage. At 1846 LIBRA commenced loading ship with cargo of the U. S. Army, 37th Division.

28 - 30 November 1944 - Anchored as before. Loading ship.

G. W. MECORNICK.

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# U. S. S. LIBRA (AKA-12)

FLEET POST OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 1379

CONFIDENTIAL AKA12/A12/A16 Serial - 039 1 January 1945.

From:

The Commanding Officer.

To :

The Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Fleet.

Subject:

War Diary, Month of December 1944.

Reference:

(a) ComInCh ltr. FF1/Al2/Al6-3, Serial 7152 of

29 October 1943.

1. In compliance with reference (a), the War Diary of this vessel for the month of December is submitted.

- 2. USS LIBRA (AKA12) operating temporarily under Transport Division 5, Transport Division Commander, Captain R. W. ABBOTT, U.S.N., USS OLMSTEAD, flagship. A part of Task Group 77.9, Task Group Commander, Rear Admiral R. L. CONOLLY, U.S.N., USS APPALACHIAN, (AGC1), flagship. Now operating with Task Unit 77.9.2, Task Unit Commander, Commander C. J. BALLREICH, U.S.N., USS PRESIDENT POLK (AP103) Flagship.
- l December 1944 (Time -1100 Zone). Anchored off Purata Island, Cape Torokina, Empress Augusta Bay, Bougainville Island, Solomon Islands. Loading cargo and material for the U.S. Army, 37th Division. At 0628 underway in accordance with Port Director, Bougainville, Visual Dispatch, 344525, shifting berths, anchoring off Cape Torokina at 0743. At 1028 completed loading cargo.
- 2 18 December 1944 Anchored as before. During this period Ship's Crew were exercised at general drills and classes were held in Recognition, First Aid, Damage Control and Boat Crew Instruction.
- 19 December 1944 Anchored as before. At 0819 LIBRA underway in accordance with verbal orders from CTU 77.9.2, in company with USS PRESIDENT POLK, CTU and Guide and USS HARMON screening ahead. Proceeding from anchorage to drill area, to stream paravanes. Exercises completed LIBRA returned to anchorage, anchoring in Berth #5 at 1301. During the afternoon watch, tested HC Smoke Pots and Generators.
- 20 December 1944 Anchored as before. At 0827 LIBRA underway in accordance with Port Director, Bougainville Visual Dispatch 190450, accompanied by USS HARMON as escort. Proceeding from anchorage to drill area to stream paravanes. With exercises

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Subject: War Diary, Month of December 1944.

20 December 1944 - (Cont.) completed LIBRA returned to anchorage, anchoring in Berth #12 at 1202.

- 21 December 1944 Anchored as before. At 0230 exercised crew at general drills.
- 22 December 1944 Anchored as before. During the afternoon watch, embarked ten officers and two hundred thirteen enlisted men of the 37th Division, U. S. Army, for the impending operation.
- 23 December 1944 Anchored as before. At 0754 hove up anchor and got underway in accordance with C.T.U. 77.9.2 visual dispatch 210500. In company with USS PRESIDENT POLK, O.T.C., C.T.U., and Guide and USS HARMON as escort. At 0821 Beacon "E" bearing 0250 true, set base course 2050 T&G, took departure for sea. At 0950 formed cruising disposition with LIBRA on starboard beam of Guide, USS HARMON screening ahead. Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with Plan #12 (1940 Diagrams) at 1031. At 1300 exercised crew at battle problem.

2000 06°42'S 06°31'S 154°33'E 0800 Latitude Longitude 153016'E

24 December 1944 - Proceeding as before, in company with Task Unit 77.9.2. Zig-zagging in accordance with Plan #12 (1940 Diagrams). 1300 Exercised ship's company at emergency drills.

1200 0800 1200 2000 07°10'S 06°50'S 150°32'E 149°17'E 07010'8 Latitude 07002'S Longitude 151012'E

25 December 1944 - Proceeding as before in company with Task Unit 77.9.2. Zig-Zagging in accordance with Plan #12 (1940 Diagrams. At 1200 commenced zig-zagging in accordance with Plan #38 (1940 Diagrams).

0800 1200 2000 05°53'S 05°23'S 147°40.5'E 147°25'E Latitude 0400418 Longitude 147021 E

26 December 1944 - Proceeding as before in company with Task Unit 77.9.2. Zig-zagging in accordance with Plan #38 (1940 Diagrams). At 0432 formed column LIBRA taking station astern of PRESIDENT POLK. At 0825 exercised Ship's Company at Battle Problem. At 1205 entered Seeadler Harbor and proceeded on various courses and at various speeds to USS SILVER-CLOUD in Berth

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26 December 1944 - (Cont.) #334, for the purpose of fueling ship. Upon completion of fueling, LIBRA got underway and anchored in Berth #8 at 1554. During the afternoon, instruction classes in Recognition, Ship's Organization, First Aid and Ship's Orders were held for Ship's Company. At 1400 retarded Ship's clocks one hour to conform with -1000 time zone.

- 27 December 1944 (Zone -1000 Time). Anchored as before in company with various other units of the United States Pacific Fleet. During the afternoon, classes were held in Recognition, Ship's Organization, First Aid and Ship's Orders for Ship's Company.
- 28 December 1944 Anchored as before in company with various other units of the United States Pacific Fleet. At 0753 LIBRA hove up anchor and got under way in accordance with Port Director, Manus Island, Visual Dispatch 262206, shifting berths, anchoring in berth W-30 at 0859. Instruction classes in Recognition, Ship's Orders, Ship's Organization, were held for Officers during the afternoon.
- 29 December 1944 Anchored as before in company with various other units of the United States Pacific Fleet. Early during the forenoon watch, exercised Ship's Company at general drills. During the afternoon, instruction classes in Recognition, First Aid, Ship's Orders, Ship's Organization were held for Ship's company.
- 30 December 1944 Anchored as before in company with various other units of the United States Pacific Fleet. During forenoon watch exercised Ship's Company at general drills. During the afternoon, instruction classes were held in Recognition, First Aid, Ship's Orders and Ship's Organization for all officers.
- 31 December 1944 Anchored as before in company with various other units of the United States Pacific Fleet. During the forenoon watch, instruction classes were held in Recognition, First Aid, and discussion of the operation impending, for Ship's company.

Q. W. MCCORMICK.

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#### U. S. S. LIBRA (AKA-12)

FLEET POST OFFICE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

CONFIDENTIAL AKA12/A12/A16 Serial - 05 1 February 1945.

From:

The Commanding Officer.

To :

The Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Fleet.

Subject:

War Diary, Month of January 1945.

Reference:

(a) ComInCh ltr. FF1/Al2/Al6-3, Serial 7152 of

29 October 1943.

1. In compliance with reference (a), the War Diary of this vessel for the month of January is submitted.

2. USS LIBRA (AKA12) operating temporarily under transport Division 5, Transport Division Commander, Captain R. W. ABBOTT, U.S.N., USS OLMSTEAD, flagship. A part of Task Group 77.9, Task Group Commander, Rear Admiral R. L. CONOLLY, U.S.N., USS APPALACHIAN, (AGC1), flagship. Loaded with cargo and troops of the 37th Division, U.S. Army, awaiting the impending operation.

l January 1945 - (Time - 1000 Zone). Anchored in berth W-30, Seeadler Harbor, Manus Island, Admiralty Islands, in company with various other units of the U.S. Pacific Fleet. Instruction classes in recognition, and discussion of the operation impending were held for all officers.

2 January 1945 - Anchored as before. At 0647 hove up anchor and got underway in accordance with Commander Reinforcement Group Movement order #A174-44; making sortie from Seeadler Harbor in company with Task Group 77.9, being screened by escorts as designated in current Movement Order. Recognition, First Aid, and Gunnery instruction was held during the afternoon watch for ship's crew. At 2100 Ship's clocks were retarded to conform with -9½ Time Zone.

Latitude --Longitude -- 1200 01°36.3'S 146°50'E

2000 00°29'5 145°40'E

3 January 1945 - (Time -0930 Zone). Proceeding as before, in company with Task Group 77.9. Zig-zagging at all times in accordance with Plan #6 (USF 10A). Exercised Ship's company at emergency drills and held firing practice in conjunction with the entire Task Group, firing at a sleeve being towed by a carrier based plane. Instruction classes were held in Recognition, First Aid and Gunnery for Ship's company. At 2100 Ship's clocks were retarded to conform with -9 Time Zone.

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0800 1200 2000 01°55'N 141°38'E 01°18'N 143°07'E 00°51'N Latitude 143026'E Longitude

4 January 1945 - (Time -0900 Zone). Proceeding as before in company with Task Group 77.9. Zig-zagging in accordance with plan #6 (USF 10A). Exercised Ship's company at emergency drills and held firing practice in conjunction with the entire Task Group, firing at a sleeve towed by a carrier based plane. Recognition and Gunnery Instruction classes were held in the afternoon for the Ship's Company.

0800 1200 2000 03°10'N 138°43'É 03°50'N 137°15'E 02°50'N Latitude 138043 É 139°28'E Longitude

5 January 1945 - Proceeding as before, in company with Task Group 77.9. Zig-zagging in accordance with Plan #6 (USF 10A). LIBRA fueled the USS O'CONNOR in compliance with Fueling Exercise Direction from the Commander of Task Group. Recognition, First Aid, and Gunnery instruction classes were held for the crew. Instruction in Tactics was held for the Officers.

1200 2000 0800 06°00'N 133°16'E 04054 N 05013'N Latitude 134032'E Longitude 135014'E

6 January 1945 - Proceeding as before, in company with Task Group 77.9. Zig-zagging in accordance with Plan #6 (USF 10A).

0800 1200 2000

07037'N 08029'N 07013'N Latitude 131°03'E 130°21'E 128059 E Longitude

7 January 1945 - Proceeding as before, in company with Task Group 77.9. Zig-zagging in accordance with Plan #6 (USF 10A).

0800 1200 2000 09°47'N 10°16'N 09046'N Latitude 1260471E 126007'E 125°10'E Longitude

8 January 1945 - Proceeding as before, in company with Task Group 77.9. Zig-zagging in accordance with Plan #6 (USF 10A).

2000 0800 1200 09°00'N 122°40'E 09054'N 08054'N Latitude 121058'E 123º16'E Longitude

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9 January 1945 - Proceeding as before in company with Task Group 77.9. Zig-zagging in accordance with Plan #6 (USF 10A).

0800 1200 2000 Latitude 11°36'N 12°06'N 13°01'N Longitude 121°17'E 121°00.5'E 120°13'E

10 January 1945 - Proceeding as before in company with Task Group 77.9. Zig-zagging in accordance with Plan #6 (USF 10A).

0800 1200 2000 Latitude 14°44'N 15°26'N 16°25'N Longitude 119°18'E 118°09'E 119°26'E

11 January 1945 - Proceeding as before in company with Task Group 77.9. At 0245 the Task Group entered and proceeded down Lingayen Gulf. Task Unit 77.9.2, PRESIDENT POLK (SOPA) and LIBRA broke off from the Task Group at 0658 and proceeded as previously directed toward Lingayen Beaches. At 0822 LIBRA received orders from PRESIDENT POLK to anchor at discretion, anchoring at 0822 in vicinity of ships of Task Group 79.3 off Lingayen Town. Commenced lowering boats at once and sent beach pa rty to beach for instructions. At 0910 commenced discharging cargo into boats. At 0915 received orders from Task Group 79.1 to anchor off Crimson Beach for unloading. Shifted berths and anchored at 1043, 1.4 miles off Crimson Beach. At 1040 received orders from C.T.D. 38 to discharge over Crimson and Yellow beaches. A high surf was running and boats beached with difficulty. During the afternoon no LCVP's could beach because of surf conditions. No army Shore Party was on the beach and all unloading was done by LIBRA Officers and Boat Crews. A Marine working party arrived at 1600 which had been requested from the PRESIDENT POLK by the LIBRA. At 1900 all unloading was stopped upon order of the Army Shore Party Commander. At 1823 went to General Quarters, ships under air attack. Made smoke with generators aft and two LCVP's to windward. Secured at 2022 for the night. During the day issued water and provisions to various small craft.

12 January 1945 - Anchored as before in company with various other units of the United States Pacific Fleet. Went to General Quarters at 0617 and commenced making smoke with generator and LCVP's. At 0757 sighted enemy dive bombers. They were driven off shortly thereafter by intense anti-aircraft fire, having caused some damage to one of the smaller units. LIBRA withheld fire during this attack because nearby units would have been endangered. At 0808 secured from General Quarters and resumed discharging cargo. At 0830 received orders from 79.1 to shift

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berth as close to the mouth of Dagupan River as possible and discharge boats on beach at Dagupan. Anchored one mile off entrance to Dagupan River at 0922 and resumed unloading. The River and beach were surveyed by the Commanding Officer. Soundings were taken from Dagupan to the open sea, showing eighteen feet in the river and eleven feet over the bar, at entrance. The results of this survey were reported to 79.1, Chief of Staff. LIBRA requested assistance from the Boat Pool and received twelve boats at 1535 to assist in discharging. The Army shore party secured at 1900 for the night. The ship secured at 1800 and at 1803 shifted to a berth off San Fabian in accordance with orders from C. T. G. 79.1. The crew was at General Quarters and smoke was made during evening alert. During the day LIBRA issued water and provisions to various small craft.

13 January 1945 - At anchor off San Fabian in company with Task Group 79.1 and other units of the United States Pacific Fleet. At 0742 got underway in accordance with orders from C. T. G., 79.1 and anchored in previous berth off Dagupan River at 0802 and resumed discharging cargo. LSM #30 came alongside for cargo at 1045 and shoved off for Dagupan six hours later; Commanding Officer of LIBRA acting as pilot. At 1800 stopped unloading for the day. Held General Quarters and made smoke during evening alert. Issued water and provisions to various small craft during the day.

14 January 1945 - Anchored as before. Crew was at General Quarters and made smoke during the morning alert. Secured from General Quarters at 0745 and resumed discharging cargo. LIBRA completely discharged at 1317 and at 1400 all troops and equipment left the ship. Hoisted all boats soon thereafter, and reported our readiness for sea to C. T. F. 78. Crew at General Quarters and made smoke during evening alert.

15 January 1945 - Anchored as before. Crew was at General Quarters and made smoke during the morning alert. At 1621 hove up anchor and got underway in accordance with orders from C. T. F. 78. Formed column in company with Task Unit 78.11.6. O.T.C., C.T.U., and Guide in BLUE RIDGE, LIBRA and RIXEY in that order. Destroyer Division 108 assigned as screen.

0800 1200 2000 Latitude -- 16°35'N Longitude -- 120°07'E

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 16 - 17 January 1945 - Proceeding as before in company with Task

 Unit 78.11.6.

 16th
 0800
 1200
 2000

 Latitude
 15°16'N
 14°26'N
 13°00'N

 Longitude
 119°12'E
 119°24'E
 120°05'E

 17th
 0800
 1200
 2000

 Latitude
 10°51'N
 10°09'N
 08°56'N

 Longitude
 121°32'E
 121°49'E
 122°49'E

18 January 1945 - Proceeding as before in company with Task Unit 78.11.6. At 1407 entered Leyte Gulf, Leyte Island, Philippine Islands. LIBRA was detached from Task Unit 78.11.6 at 1446 and ordered to proceed to anchorage with DAY as escort, anchoring in Berth #43 off Tangbo Point, Leyte Gulf, Leyte Island, Philippine Islands at 1612. Immediately upon anchoring LIBRA reported to ComTransRon 11, and ComTransDiv 32 for duty.

0800 1200 2000
Latitude 09°43'N 10°19'N -Longitude 125°02'E 125°23'E --

19 January 1945 - Anchored in Berth #43 off Tangbo Point, Leyte Gulf, Leyte Island, Philippine Islands, in company with various other unit of the United States Pacific Fleet. At 1400 LIBRA got underway in company with Task Group 78.9, pursuant to Commander Task Force 78 Movement Order #1-45. Proceeded on various courses in sorties from Leyte Gulf. Destroyer Division 108 and Task Unit 78.9.8 provided anti-submarine patrol for this Transport Group's sortie.

0800 1200 2000
Latitude -- 10°22'N
Longitude -- 126°08'E

20 January 1945 - Proceeding as before. Zig-zagging in accordance with Plan #6 (USF 10A). During the afternoon watch instruction classes in First Aid and Recognition were held for the crew.

0800 1200 2000 Latitude 09°06'N 09°03'N 09°03'N Longitude 128°22'E 129°07'E 130°36'E

21 January 1945 - Proceeding as before, zig-zagging in accordance with Plan #6 (USF 10A). Classes in Recognition, Censorship Regulations and Customs and Traditions of the United States Navy were held for the Crew. Signal instruction was given all boat crews. At 1500 advanced Ship's clocks one half hour to conform with  $-9\frac{1}{2}$  Time Zone.

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0800 1200 2000 09°07'N 133°40'E 08°56'N 135°11'E Latitude 09005 N Longitude 132058'E

22 January 1945 - (Time - 0930 Zone) Proceeding as before, zigzagging in accordance with Plan #6 (USF 10A). At 0000 advanced Ship's clocks one half hour to conform with -10 time zone. Classes in Recognition, Censorship Regulations and Customs and Traditions of the United States Navy were held for the Crew. Signal instruction was given all boat crews.

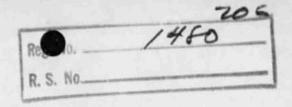
0800 08°55'N 137°39'E 08°51'N 08°51'N 138°44'E Latitude 136°59'E Longitude

23 January 1945 - (Time -1000 Zone). Proceeding as before, zig-zagging in accordance with Plan #6 (USF 10A). At 1024 Task Group formed in three columns and commenced entry into Ulithi Atoll in order designated by Task Group Commander. LIBRA entered Ulithi Atoll at 1346, anchoring in Berth #232 at 1428.

0800 1200 2000 Latitude 09°19'N Longitude 139°45'E

24 - 31 January 1945 - Anchored as before in company with various other units of the United States Pacific Fleet. Instruction classes were held each morning in Recognition, Damage Control and Rules of the Road, for all Ship's Officers.

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FLEET POST OFFICE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

CONFIDENTIAL AKA12/A12/A16 Serial - 07 1 March 1945.

From:

The Commanding Officer.

To :

The Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Fleet.

Subject:

War Diary, Month of February 1945.

Reference:

(a) ComInCh ltr. FF1/A12/A16-3, Serial 7152 of

29 October 1943.

- 1. In compliance with reference (a), the War Diary of this vessel for the month of February is submitted.
- 2. USS LIBRA (AKA12) attached to Transport Division 32, Transport Division Commander, Captain W. S. POPHAM, USN., USS PRESIDENT JACKSON (APA18) flagship. Under Transport Squadron 11, Squadron Commander, Commodore D. W. LOOMIS, USN., USS FREMONT (APA43), flagship. LIBRA at Ulithi Atoll, Caroline Islands, having arrived there 23 January 1945 with availability for upkeep and repairs.
- 1 February 1945 (Time -1000 Zone). Anchored in berth #232, Northern anchorage, Ulithi Atoll, Caroline Islands, in company with various other units of the United States Pacific Fleet. In the afternoon watch, eight (8) Firemen 1/c reported aboard for duty. Instruction classes in various subjects were held during the day for all officers and crew.
- 2 February 1945 Anchored as before in company with various other units of the United States Pacific Fleet. In accordance with ComTransRon 11 Mailgram 260946, January, LIBRA underway at 1200 to fuel alongside USS TOMAHAWK (A088), after which LIBRA returned to previous berth. Instruction classes in various subjects were held during the day for all officers and crew.
- 3 5 February 1945 Anchored as before in company with various other units of the United States Pacific Fleet. Each day instruction classes in various subjects were held for all officers and crew.
- 6 February 1945 Anchored as before in company with various other units of the United States Pacific Fleet. At 1203 set Condition of Readiness III, normal cruising, and made all preparations for getting underway. At 1552 hove up anchor, underway in accordance with C.T.G. 51.1 movement order 2-45

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of 1 February 1945. Formed cruising disposition 3AL1, as designated in current movement order, proceeded enroute Ulithi Atoll to Guam Island, Marianas Islands. Zigzagging in accordance with Plan #6 (USF 10A). Instruction classes in various subjects were held for all officers.

0800 1200 2000 Latitude -- -- 10°20'N Longitude -- -- 140°12'E

7 February 1945 - Enroute to Guam Island, Marianas Islands, in company with Task Unit 51.1.1 and destroyer screen patrolling ahead on assigned stations. Zigzagging in accordance with Plan #6 (USF 10A). At 1000 exercised at tactical maneuvers.

0800 1200 2000

Latitude 11°28'N 11°44'N 12°24'N

Longitude 141°54'E 142°19'E 143°23'E

8 February 1945 - Enroute to Guam Island, Marianas Islands, in company with Task Unit 51.1.1. and destroyer screen patrolling shead on assigned stations. At 0503 arrived off Guam Island, and formed in preparation for entering Apra Harbor, Guam Island. During the forenoon watch LIBRA maneuvered off entrance to Apra Harbor awaiting orders. At 1313 LIBRA detached by C.T.D. 32 and ordered to proceed independently to mooring buoys, berth 15, Apra Harbor, mooring in berth 15 at 1412. At 1530 Lieut. W. A. SLOAN returned aboard, having completed duty in accordance with (a) ComPhibsPac Top Secret Dispatch of December 1944, (b) ComTransRon 11, Serial 0001 of 25 January 1945. At 1615 USS BOYD (DD544) moored port side to starboard side.

9 - 10 February 1945 - Moored as before in company with various other units of the United States Pacific Fleet. In accordance with ComTransRon 11, visual dispatch 082225, February 1945 received one LCVP from AdComPhibsPac SuborCom Headquarters (9263).

ll February 1945 - Moored as before in company with various other units of United States Pacific Fleet. At 0830 made all preparations for getting underway and underway at 0926 in accordance with Port Director, Guam Island, visual dispatch 101014, February, to carry out ComTransRon 11 berthing schedule Serial 0003 of 8 February 1945. Pilot at Conn, Captain, Executive Officer, and Navigator on bridge. At 0956 moored starboard side to "King" Dock, Apra Harbor, Guam. At 1115 embarked 173 troops of the Third Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force, in the field, for transportation, and at 1130 commenced loading cargo.

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12 February 1945 - Moored as before, starboard side to "King"
Dock, loading cargo. Completed loading cargo at 1254 and made
all preparations for getting underway. Underway at 1429 in
accordance with Port Director, Guam, Visual Dispatch 112258,
shifting berths. Pilot at Conn, Captain, Executive Officer
and Navigator on bridge. At 1518 moored to buoys in berth #16,
Apra Harbor, Guam Island, Marianas Islands.

13 - 15 February 1945 - Moored as before in company with various other units of United States Pacific Fleet. Instruction classes in various subjects were held during this period for all officers and crew.

16 February 1945 - Moored as before in company with various other units of United States Pacific Fleet. At 1200 made all preparations for getting underway. Underway at 1620 in accordance with ComTransDiv 32 Movement Order A-1-45 of 16 February 1945. Pilot at Conn, Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on bridge. Steaming on various courses and at various speeds to sortie from Apra Harbor, Guam Island, Marianas Islands. At 1627 formed cruising disposition 3AL8 in company with TransDiv 32, O.T.C. Captain W. S. POPHAM, USN., USS PRESIDENT JACKSON (APA18), flagship. Zigzagging in accordance with Plan #6 (USF 10A).

0800 1200 2000
Letitude -- 13°59'N
Longitude -- 144°42'E

17 - 18 February 1945 - Enroute Guam Island, Marianas Islands to Iwo Jima Island, Volcano Island, in company with Task Unit 51.1.3 and destroyer screen patrolling ahead on assigned stations. Zigzagging in accordance with Plan #6 (USF 10A). Each morning exercised at gunnery practice and general drills.

17th 0800 1200 2000 Latitude 15°33'N 16°14'N 17°43'N Longitude 144°30'E 144°17'E 143°45'E

 18th
 0800
 1200
 2000

 Latitude
 19°57'N
 20°41'N
 22°12'N

 Longitude
 142°57'E
 142°40'E
 142°05'E

19 February 1945 - Enroute to Iwo Jima Island, Volcano Islands, in company with Task Unit 51.1.3 and destroyer screen patrolling ahead on assigned stations. Zigzagging in accordance with Plan #6 (USF 10A). At 0821 sighted Iwo Jima Island, Volcano Islands, bearing 007 T., distance twenty-six (26) miles. At 1005 commenced steaming on various courses and speeds to form 18 on the Task

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Unit Guide in preparation for entering Transport Area off Iwo Jima Island. At 1123 hoisted boats to the rail. Boats were not used this first day, nor was LIBRA ordered to discharge cargo or disembark troops. At 1821 formed cruising disposition 3ALL, in accordance with orders of Transport Division Commander, for night retirement with Transport Group "Baker". (Plan used - ComPhibsPac OP Plan A-25-44). Zigzagging in accordance with plan #6 (USF 10A).

20 February 1945 - At sea in company with Transport Group "Baker" and destroyer screen patrolling ahead on assigned stations, carrying out night retirement plan of ComPhibsPac OP Plan A-25-44, using route "Granite". At 0645 LIBRA ordered to proceed independently to previously assigned position in Transport Area off Iwo Jima Island, by the O.T.C. in the USS LOGAN. While enroute preparations were made to discharge cargo, boats were hoisted to the rail. Upon arrival in Transport Area LIBRA kept station on USS PRESIDENT JACKSON, flagship, Transport Division 32. At 0811 Boat Group Commander and Boat Wave Commanders left ship to report to USS BOLIVAR (APA34) for duty. At 0845, eight (8) LCVP's and five (5) LCM's left ship to report to the USS BOLIVAR for duty, as ordered by ComTransDiv 32. At 0916 set condition of readiness IIA, Combat Discharge of Cargo. This second day in transport area no cargo unloaded nor troops disembarked. At 1610 Commanding Officer ordered one (1) LCM to USS BELLE GROVE (LSD2) for repairs. At 1730 hoisted all boats at the ship and made all preparations for getting underway in accordance with night retirment plan of ComTransDiv 32. Formed cruising disposition 3ALl for night retirement with Transport Group "Baker" (ComPhibsPac OP Plan A-25-44). O.T.C. in USS LOGAN, flagship. Zigzagging in accordance with Plan #6 (USF 10A).

21 February 1945 - At sea in company with Transport Group "Baker" and destroyer screen patrolling ahead on assigned stations. O.T.C. in USS LOGAN. Carrying out night retirement plan (ComPhibsPac OP Plan A-25-44, using route "Granite". At 0436 USS LOGAN reported steering casualty over TBS, and at 0445 USS LOGAN and USS NAPA collided. At 0530 USS LOGAN reported steaming at two thirds speed and was following astern of formation. At 0715 LIBRA ordered to proceed independently to previously assigned position in Transport Area off Iwo Jima Island, by O.T.C. in the USS LOGAN. While enroute preparations were made to discharge cargo, boats were hoisted to the rail. At 0915 LIBRA dispatched eight (8) LCVP's to report to USS BOLIVAR for duty, and two (2) LCVP's and two (2) LCM's to

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to report to the USS PRESIDENT ADAMS for duty. LIBRA was not ordered to discharge cargo this third day in the Transport Area, and during the day maneuvered keeping in position on the guide in the USS PRESIDENT JACKSON. At 1730 hoisted all boats at the ship and made all preparations for getting underway in accordance with night retirement plan of ComTrans Div 32. Formed cruising disposition 3ALl at 1901 for night retirement with Transport Group "Baker" (ComPhibsPac OP Plan A-25-44). O.T.C. in USS HINSDALE (APA120). Zigzagging in accordance with plan #6 (USF 10A).

"Baker" and destroyer screen patrolling ahead on assigned stations. O.T.C. in USS LOGAN. Carrying out night retirement plan using route "Granite". At 0702 LIBRA ordered to proceed independently to previously assigned position in Transport Area off Iwo Jima Island, by O.T.C. While enroute preparations were made to discharge cargo, boats were hoisted to rail. At 1018 LIBRA commenced unloading cargo of the first five priorities, by order of ComTransDiv 32, unloading into LIBRA LCM's. At 1101 disembarked forty-one (41) marine troops and at 1103 first boat left ship for the beach. At 1308 LIBRA sent urgently needed medical supplies to USS NEVADA in one LCVP. At 1502 went to General Quarters, enemy aircraft were in vicinity. LIBRA withheld fire awaiting orders from O.T.C. and at 1550 secured from General Quarters. At 1630 one (1) LCVP reported sunk by enemy fire, no casualties. At 1645 hoisted boats and secured from unloading cargo. LIBRA ordered by ComTransDiv 32 to remain in Transport Area. During the night maneuvering on various courses and at various speeds, keeping position on the guide, USS PRESIDENT JACKSON, O.T.C. and C.T.D.

23 February 1945 - Maneuvering as before in Transport Area off Iwo Jima, in company with Transport Division 32, 0.T.C. and C.T.D 32 in USS PRESIDENT JACKSON. At 0628 lowered boats into water and made all preparations for unloading cargo. At 0736 received LSM 206 alongside and immediately commenced discharging cargo. At 0800 LIBRA dispatched one (1) LCM and at 1017 another was ordered to report to the USS BOLIVAR for duty. At 1048 LSM 206 cast off, and LIBRA continued unloading, using remainder of LCM's. At 1600 hoisted all boats and made preparations for getting underway in accordance with night retirement plan of ComTransDiv 32. At 1730 received three (3) United States

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Marine casualties aboard for emergency treatment. At 1800 formed cruising disposition 3ALl for night retirement with Transport Group "Baker" (ComPhibsPac OP Plan A-25-44). O.T.C. in USS SIBLEY (APA206). Zigzagging in accordance with Plan #6 (USF 10A).

24 February 1945 - At sea in company with Transport Group "Baker" and destroyer screen patrolling ahead on assigned stations, carrying out night retirement plan, using route "Granite". At 0800 LIBRA ordered to proceed independently to previously assigned station in Transport Area. Made all preparations to discharge cargo. Upon orders of ComTransDiv 32, LIBRA anchored in Transport Area off Iwo Jima Island. At 0950 a United States Navy TBM, disabled by enemy fire, caught fire and crashed into sea 500 yards off starboard bow. One occupant jumped, but parachute failed to open. An LCVP of the LIBRA recovered the body. At 1015 commenced unloading cargo into LCM's. At 1402 the body of William M WRIGHT (rate or rank and serial number unknown), death caused when his plane was shot down by enemy fire over Iwo Jima was buried at sea (latitude 24044'45"North and longitude 141°21'30"East) by Chaplain Vincent NEAL, USNR. At 1550 LIBRA received six (6) United States Marine casualties aboard for emergency treatment. At 1532 LIBRA received LSM 60 alongside and immediately commenced discharging cargo. At 1732 cast off LSM 60 and commenced heaving in anchor in preparation for night retirement, in accordance with orders of ComTransDiv 32. Underway at 1742 forming cruising disposition 3ALl for night retirement with Transport Group "Baker" (Com PhibsPac OP Plan A-25-44). O.T.C. and C.T.G. in USS LOGAN (APA196). Zigzagging in accordance with Plan #6 (USF 10A).

25 February 1945 - At sea in company with Transport Group "Baker" and destroyer screen patrolling ahead on assigned stations, carrying out night retirement plan using route "Granite". At 0648 LIBRA ordered to proceed independently to previously assigned station in Transport Area. While enroute made all preparations for discharging cargo. At 0742 LIBRA anchored in Transport Area off Iwo Jima Island, in accordance with orders from ComTransDiv 32. At 1120 underway shift berths, anchoring in new berth at 1131, unloading cargo into LIBRA LCM's. At 1730 made all preparations for getting underway in accordance with night retirement plan of ComTrans Div 32. At 1754 formed cruising disposition 3ALl for night retirement with Transport Group "Baker" (ComPhibsPac OP Plan A-25-44). O.T.C. and C.T.G. in the USS SIBLEY (APA120). Zigzagging in accordance with Plan #6 (USF 10A).

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26 February 1945 - At sea in company with Transport Group "Baker" and destroyer screen patrolling ahead on assigned stations. carrying out night retirement plan, using route "Granite". At 0620 LIBRA ordered to proceed independently to previously assigned station in Transport Area. While enroute, made all preparations for discharging cargo. At 0756 anchored in Transport Area off Iwo Jima Island, in accordance with orders from ComTransDiv 32. At 1002 LIBRA shifted berths to facilitate LST 884 coming alongside, and preparations were made to discharge cargo and at 1128 commenced discharging cargo to LST 884. It was reported that LCM #7 was lost 1130 K, 25 February 1945, having been broached and swamped on Black Beach. At 1920 received one United States Marine casualty aboard for emergency treatment. At 2210, Captain of LST 884 stated that the present condition of swells would cause damage to his ship if he were not granted permission to cast off, stating further that unless such permission were granted he would give orders immediately to cut the mooring lines. Ceased unloading cargo, and at 2215 cast off LST 884. At anchor during night in Transport Area off Iwo Jima, in accordance with orders received from ComTransDiv 32.

27 February 1945 - Anchored as before in company with Transport Division 32, 0.T.C. and ComTransDiv, Captain W. S. POPHAM, USN., USS PRESIDENT JACKSON. Anchored in Transport Area off Iwo Jima. At 0517 commenced unloading ship. Pursuant to orders of ComTransDiv 32, five (5) enlisted men from H and S Company, 3rd Pioneer Battalion, USMC., were disembarked. At 1535 body of GEARHART, J. L. (rank unknown), 987 672, USMC., 2nd Battalion, 25th Marines, wounded in action, and died aboard this vessel was buried at sea (latitude 24°43′55″ North, longitude 140°22′25″ East) by Chaplain E. R. PAPKE, USNR. At 1559 USS CALHOUN (DD801) drifted down on this vessel colliding with this vessel's stem. No damage sustained by this vessel, damage to USS CALHOUN unknown. At 1743 heaved in anchor and underway in accordance with ComTransDiv 32 TBS message, and commenced forming normal cruising disposition for night retirement from Transport Area. 0.T.C. and ComTransDiv 32, Captain W. S. POPHAM, USN., USS PRESIDENT JACKSON. Zigzagging in accordance with plan #6 (USF 10A).

28 February 1945 - At sea in company with Transport Division 32 and destroyer screen patrolling ahead on assigned stations, carrying out night retirement plan of C.T.D. 32, using route "Shale". At 0844 anchored in berth #21 in Transport Area off Iwo Jima, in accordance with orders from C.T.C. 32. At 0930

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lowered boats into water. At 1045 one marine casualty was
transferred to USS SAMARITAN for treatment. At 1430 disembarked two (2) enlisted men from 2nd Battalion, 24th Marines,
4th Marine Division, USMC., in accordance with orders of C.T.D.
32 semaphore message. Forming normal cruising disposition for
night retirement. At 1917 formation formed and at 2030 commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan #6 (USF 10A).

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# U. S. S. LIBRA (AKA-12) FLEET POST OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO. CALIFORNIA

CONFIDENTIAL. AKA12/A12/A16. Serial - 012. 1 April 1945.

From:

The Commanding Officer.

To :

The Commander-in-Chief. U. S. Fleet.

Subject:

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Reference:

(a) ComInCh Ltr. FF1/A12/A16-3, Serial 7152 of 29 October 1943.

1. In compliance with reference (a), the War Diary of this vessel for the month of March is submitted.

2. USS LIBRA (AKA12) attached to Transport Division 32, Transport Division Commander, Captain W. S. POPHAM, USN., USS PRESIDENT JACKSON (APA18) flagship. Under Transport Squadron 11, Squadron Commander, Commodore D. W. LOOMIS, USN., USS FREMONT (APA44), flagship, under Task Force 51, Commander Task Force Vice Admiral R. K. TURNER, USN, USS ELDORADO, flagship. LIBRA at Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, continuing unloading operation in the occupation and capture of Iwo Jima, having arrived 19 February 1945.

1 March 1945 - (Time -1000 Zone). At sea in company with Transport Division 31, 32, and 33, with 0.T.C. and guide in USS LEEDSTOWN, and Destroyer screen patroling ahead on assigned stations, carrying out night retirement plan as directed by 0.T.C. At 0753 anchored in Transport area off Iwo Jima, in accordance with orders C.T.D. 32. At 0756 observed the USS TERRY (DD513) smoking very badly, having been hit by enemy shore battery, bearing 080° True, from this ship, distance five (5) miles. At 0933 observed one (1) TBF bomber crash in enemy territory, bearing 334° True, from this ship, having been hit by enemy anti-aircraft fire. At 1020 observed the USS CALHOON (DD801) getting underway after being hit by enemy shore battery while anchored 800 yards off our port bow. Received a report that she had seven casualties and one dead. At 2012 received LCT 1404 alongside port side #4 hatch and commenced unloading 83 tons of rations from #4 hold.

2 March 1945 - Anchored as before in company with various units of Task Force 51. At 0325 discontinued unloading #4 hold and at 0330 received LCT 1393 alongside starboard side #2 hatch.

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At 0420 commenced unloading diesel fuel, gasoline, and general cargo from #2 hold. At 0617 ship's boat LCM #6, while assigned to unloading the S.S. COLUMBIA VICTORY, broached and sank in the surf while discharging cargo on Green Beach. At 0715 shifted LCT 1393 to the port side of #5 hold and commenced discharging fuel there from. At 1520 pursuant to orders from C.T.D. 32, ship's boat LCM #3 was transferred to USS ASHLAND (LSD1) for permanent duty. Underway at 1729 for night retirement in accordance with orders from C.T.G. 51.1, with O.T.G., and guide in USS JACKSON.

3 March 1945 - At sea in company with Transport Division 32. and the Destroyer Screen patroling ahead on assigned stations. carrying out night retirement plan of C.T.D. 32. At 0907 anchored in the transport area as directed by C.T.D. 32. At 0915 sent two (2) ship's LCM's to ammunition boat pool for duty. At 1135 disembarked two officers and sixty-seven enlisted men of the 28th and 34th replacement draft, 3rd Marine Division, (ship's platoon) to the beach to act as shore parties. One Marine Officer and one enlisted man of the Ship's Platoon remained on board. At 1330 dispatched one ship's boat (LCVP) to the USS ZUMI, for duty during the remainder of this operation. At 1716 no cargo was discharged this date. At 1716 underway for night retirement in accordance with orders from C.T.G. 51.1, with O.T.C., and guide in USS PRESIDENT JACKSON (APA18).

4 March 1945 - At sea in company with Transport Division 32, and the Destroyer Screen patroling ahead on assigned stations. carrying out night retirement plan of U.T.D. 32. At 0724 entering Transport area "Zebra", in accordance with orders of C.T.U. 51.3. and manuevered throughout the day in this area keeping station on the USS PRESIDENT JACKSON. At 1803 commenced forming cruising disposition for night retirement in accordance with orders from C.T.G. 51.1, with O.T.C., and guide in USS CALLOWAY.

5 March 1945 - At sea in company with Transport Group, with USS CALLOWAY as O.T.C. and guide, and the Destroyer Screen patroling ahead on assigned stations, carrying out night retirement plan of O.T.C. At 0705 proceeding inependently to anchorage in Transport area in accordance with orders of O.T.C. At 0855 Commenced discharging cargo. At 1030 provisioned the USS TAWAKONI (ATF114) with 2850 pounds of dry provisions, and one coil of eight inch manila line. At 1920 received alongside the starboard side #2 hold LSM 145, continued unloading cargo throughout the day.

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6 March 1945 - Anchored as before in company with various other units of Task Force 51. At 0105 cast off LSM #145. At 1145 provisioned the USS HOWORTH (DD592) with six tons of dry provisions. At 1215 provisioned the USS DORTCH (DD670) with four tons of frozen fresh provisions and eight point eight tons of dry provisions, also a substantial quanity of ships store and small stores supplies. At 1430 delivered ship's store supplies to the USS STANLEY (DE375). At 1443 received LCI #80 alongside port side. Provisioned with 1065 pounds of dry provisions and 613 pounds of frozen fresh provisions. At 1800 received one (1) LCVP, #10 from the USS WHITESIDE (AKA90), on board for transportation. At 1815 underway for Guam, Marianas Islands, Pursuant to ComTaskForce 51 dispatch #060200, of 6 March 1945, forming cruising disposition 3-AL-13, with 0.T.C., ComTransRon 11, and guide in USS FREMONT (APA44); C.T.D. 32 in USS PRESIDENT JACKSON. 2000

24-29 N Latitude Longitude 141-13 E

7 - 8 March 1945 - Enroute to Guam, Marianas Islands in company with Transport Squadron 11, and Destroyer Screen patroling ahead on assigned stations. Zigzagging in accordance with Plan #12 (1940 diagrams), Tactical manuevers in accordance with Wartime Instructions for Merchant Ships (WIMS).

7th	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	21-53 N	21-06 N	19-27 N
Longitude	141-38 E	142-03 E	142-33 E
8th	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	17-21 N	17-03 N	15-59 N
Longitude	143-21 E	143-30 E	143-50 E

9 March 1945 - Enroute to Guam, Marianas Islands in company with Transport Squadron 11, and Destroyer Screen patroling ahead on assigned stations. Zigzagging in accordance with Plan #12 (1940 diagrams), Tactical manuevers in accordance with Wartime Instructions for Merchant Ships (WIMS). At 0604 sighted Saipan Island, bearing 100° true, distance 30 miles. At 0909 in accordance with orders of O.T.C. commenced proceduing on various courses and speeds to assigned anchorage in Saipan Harbor. At 1133 anchored in berth L-67, Saipan Harbor, Saipan Island, Marianas Islands. At 1215 NARKIEWICZ, H. M., Private, 829325, Company "K", Third Battalion, 24th Marines was transferred to U. S. Navy Hospital at Saipan for further treatment and disposition.

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10 March 1945 - Anchored as before in company with Transport Squadron 11. At 1500 made all preparations for getting underway, and at 1743 underway for Guam, Marianas Islands, in accordance with orders of TransRon 11, in company with TransRon 11. with O.T.C. and guide in USS FREMONT. C.T.D. 32 in USS PRESIDENT JACKSON, formed cruising disposition 3-AL-13.

11 March 1945 .- Enroute to Guam, Marianas Island, in company with Transport Squadron 11, and Destroyer Screen patroling ahead on assigned stations. At 0320 sighted lights, identified as being on Guam Island, bearing 1590 True, distance 37 miles. At 0800 lying to off entrance to Apra Harbor, Guam. At 1510 received pilot aboard, and proceeded on various courses and speeds to assigned anchorage in Apra Harbor. Anchoring at 1808 in berth #561. Completed unloading #4 hold of Marine cargo during the night.

12 March 1945 - Anchored as before in company with various other units of TransRon 11, The U. S. Pacific Fleet and Merchant Ships. At 0730 made all preparations for getting underway, and at 0840 underway in accordance with orders from TransRon 11, for Tulagi Harbor, Florida Island, Solomon Islands, forming cruising disposition 3-AL-13 with O.T.C., C.T.F., and fleet guide in USS FREMONT, and C.T.D. 32 in USS PRESIDENT JACKSON. At 1656 commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan #6 (USF 10 A).

0800 1200 2000 Latitude 13-02 N 11-38 N 144-16 E 143-30 E Longitude

13 - 17 March 1945 - Enroute to Tulagi Harbor, Florida Island, Solomon Islands, in company with TransRon 11, and Destroyer Screen patroling ahead on assigned stations. Zigzagging at times in accordance with Plan #6 (USF 10 A). At 0100 on the 16th. advanced all ships clocks one (1) hour to conform to -11

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Longitude	143-53	E	144-33	E	146-00	E
15th						
Latitude	00-59	N	00-27	N	00-37	S
Longitude	148-01	E	148-46	E	150-07	E
16th						
Latitude	02-07	S	02-13	S	03-26	S
Longitude	152-21	E	152-45	E	154-01	E
17th						
Latitude	04-35	S	05-10	S	06-21	S
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Longitude 157-17 E 157-19 E

158-37 E

18 March 1945 - Enroute to Tulagi Harbor, Florida Island, Solomon Islands in company with TransRon 11, and Destroyer Screen patroling ahead on assigned stations. At 0915 sighted Florida Island. bearing 2000 True, distance 37 miles. At 1355 proceeding at various courses and speeds entering Tulagi Harbor to assigned anchorage. Anchoring at 1655 in berth #5.

0800 08-13 S Latitude Longitude 160-28 E

19 March 1945 - Anchored as before in company with TransRon 11. and various other ships of the U. S. Pacific Fleet, and Merchant ships. At 1150 received from Amphibious Training Center Tulagi. the following: four (4) LCM's, one (1) LCP(R). At 1430 received orders from ComPransRon 11, that LCVP #10 be retained on board for ship's use.

20 March 1945 - Anchored as before in company with TransRon 11, and various other units of the U. S. Pacific Fleet, and Merchant Ships. At 0625 made all preparations for getting underway, and at 0701 underway for Noumea, New Caledonia in accordance with orders of ComTaskUnit 11.5.1, in company with TransRon 11, with 0.T.C., C.T.F., and guide in USS FREMONT, and C.T.D. 32 in USS PRESIDENT JACKSON. Formed cruising disposition of two columns for passage through Lengo Channel. At 1047 commenced forming cruising disposition 3-AL-13.

2000 09-26 S 11-21 S Latitude 160-37 E 161-08 E

21 - 22 March 1945 - Enroute to Noumea, New Caledonia, in company with TransRon 11, and "estroyer Screen patroling ahead on assigned stastations. Flag Hoist and Fire Drill were held on the morning of the 21st. Flag Hoist Drill was also held on the afternoon of the 22nd.

21st	0800		1200		2000	
Latitude	14-07	S	15-00	S	17-00	S
Longitude 22nd	161-41	E	161-47	E	162-01	E
Latitude	19-40	S	20-18	S	21-26	S
Longitude	162-23	E	162-42	E	164-12	E

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23 March 1945 - Enroute to Noumea, New Caledonia, in company with TransRon 11, and Destroyer Screen patroling ahead on assigned stations. At 0721 sighted Amedee Light, bearing 0450True, distance eight miles. At 0800 proceeding on various courses and at various speeds to assigned anchorage in Noumea Harbor, New Caledonia through Norther Bulari Passage. At 1010 anchored in berth #30. Dumbea Bay. Noumea Harbor.

24 March 1945 - Anchored as before in company with TransRon 11, and various other units of the U. S. Pacific Fleet, and Merchant ships. At 1120 received from the water barge YW-1L, thirty thous-ands gallons of fresh water. AT 1140, First Lieutenant Ben W. WHITE, USMC, (012131), reported on board for duty as Transport Quartermaster.

25 - 28 March 1945 - Anchored as before in company with TransRon 11, and Various other units of the U. S. Pacific Fleet, and Merchant ships. At 1646 on the 25th, received the USS KANGAROO alongside the starboard side to fuel ship, received 257,000 gallons of fuel oil. At 1840 received 9,122 gallons of diesel oil from #3 Diesel Barge along port side aft. At 0900 on the 26th completed unloading ammunition cases from #5 hold onto ammunition barge (ATS113). On the 26th and 27th held landing boat operation exercises.

29 March 1945 - Anchored as before in company with TransRon 11, and various other units of the U. S. Pacific Fleet, and Merchant ships. At 0735 made all preparations for getting underway, and at 0759 underway to shift berths in accordance with orders of ComTransRon 11, with Civilian Harbor Pilot at the Conn. At 0908 moored port side to Pinger Dock #9, Mickel Works, Noumea, New Caledonia. At 1311 commenced loading ship, as directed by ComTransRon 11.

30 - 31 March 1945 - Moored as before in company with TransRon 11, and various other units of the U. S. Pacific Fleet and Merchant ships. Continued loadin ship as directed by ComTransRon 11. J. W. MCCORMICK.

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# U. S. S. LIBRA (AKA-12) FLEET POST OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO. CALIFORNIA

CONFIDENTIAL AKA12/A12/A16. Serial - 015. 1 May 1945.

From:

The Commanding Officer.

To :

The Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Fleet.

Subject:

War Diary, Month of April 1945.

Reference:

- (a) ComInCh. Ltr. FF1/A12/A16-3, Serial 7152, of 29 October 1943.
- 1. In compliance with reference (a), the War Diary of this vessel for the month of April is submitted.
- 2. USS LIBRA (AKA12) attached to Transport Division 32, Transport Division Commander, Captain W. S. POPHAM, USN., USS PRESIDENT JACKSON (APA18) flagship. Under Transport Squadron 11, Squadron Commander, Commodore D. W. LOOMIS, USN., USS FREMONT (APA44), flagship.
- 1 April 1945 (Time -1100 Zone) Moored port side to Finger Dock #9, Nickel Works, Noumea, New Caledonia, loading ship as directed by ComTransRon 11.
- 2 April 1945 Moored as before, in company with TransRon 11, various other units of the United States Pacific Fleet, and Merchant ships. At 0540 secured from loading ship, as directed by ComTransRon 11. At 0800 made all preparations for getting underway, and at 0859 underway in accordance with visual dispatch 011417, of April 1945, from Port Director, Noumea, New Caledonia, to assigned berth. At 0951 anchored in berth #45, Dumbea Bay, New Caledonia.
- 3 5 April 1945 Anchored as before, in company with TransRon 11, various other units of United States Pacific Fleet, and Merchant ships. Navigation Instructions for officers, and Aircraft recognition classes for officers and crew were held on April fourth and fifth.
- 6 April 1945 Anchored as before, in company with TransRon 11, various other units of United States Pacific Fleet, and Merchant ships. At 0800 made preparations for getting underway, and at 0848 underway in accordance with visual message 050205, of April 1945, shifting to assigned berth at the Finger Dock, with civilian harbor pilot at the conn. At 0956 moored starboard side to Dock #10, Nickel Works, Noumea, New Caledonia. At 1011 commenced loading ship pursuant to orders of ComTransRon 11. At 1849 Com-

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pleted loading ship.

7 April 1945 - Moored as before, in company with TransRon 11, various other units of United States Pacific Fleet, and Merchant ships. At 0830 made all preparations for getting underway, at 0952 underway shifting berths to assigned anchorage in accordance with visual dispatch 062008, of April 1945, from the Port Director, Noumea, New Caledonia. At 1110 anchored in berth #43, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia.

8 April 1945 - Anchored as before, in company with TransRon 11, various other units of United States Pacific Fleet, and Merchant ships.

9 April 1945 - Anchored as before, in company with TransRon 11. various other units of United States Pacific Fleet, and Merchant ships. At 0610 made all preparations for getting underway, at 0651 underway in accordance with ComTransDiv 32, training order #A1-45. of 8 April 1945, with civilian harbor pilot at the conn. standing out of Noumea Harbor, in column through Bulari Passage, in company with ComTransDiv 32, with USS PRESIDENT JACKSON as O.T.C., and C.T.U. At 0854 formed cruising formation #2, as designated by training order of ComTransDiv 32. At 1017 commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan #6, USF10A. At 1501 exercised at general quarters. At 1505 set condition IA. At 1534 formation entered assigned transport area, off Isie Passage, New Caledonia, and commenced scheduled landing exercises, in accordance with ComTransDiv 32, training order. At 1704 secured from scheduled landing exercises, and standing out for night retirement as designated in training order.

10 April 1945 - At sea in company with TransDiv 32, with 0.T.C., and C. T. U., in USS PRESIDENT JACKSON, carrying out night retirement plan as directed by 0.T.C. At 0556 set condition IA. At 0618 formation entered transport area, and commenced scheduled landing exercises off Isie Passage, as directed by training order of 0.T.C. At 0635, after all designated boats had been lowered into water, secured from condition IA, and set condition of readiness III. Ship is manuvering in transport area, keeping station on USS PRESIDENT JACKSON, during the scheduled exercises. At 1658 received visual dispatch from ComTransDiv 32, ordering this ship to take in tow the USS PRESIDENT ADAMS, and arrive off Bulari Passage, Noumea, New Caledonia by 0800, 11 April 1945. At 1659 set the towing detail. At 1700 underway independently on various courses and speeds, manuvering to come alongside the USS PRESIDENT ADAMS, port side to, for receiving two and one-fourth (2½) inch

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cable tow line. At 1747 commenced receiving three (3) inch messenger manila hawser came on board. At 1804 commenced receiving two and one-fourth inch tow line, and at 1807 shackled tow line to towing bridle. At 1834 commenced taking strain on tow line with six (6) hundred feet of tow line out between the two ships.

11 April 1945 - At sea with USS PRESIDENT ADAMS in tow, in compliance with ComTransDiv 32 dispatch 100545, of April 1945, with SOPA in USS PRESIDENT ADAMS, and being screened by PC620 and PC1590 (Comescort). At 0617 sighted Amedee Light, Bulari Passage, bearing 100° True, distance seventeen (17) miles. At 0948 cast off tow line to USS PRESIDENT ADAMS, and stood by off Bulari Passage until the USS PRESIDENT ADAMS entered the harbor, in company with Navy Tug Boat. At 1212 underway through Bulari Passage to assigned anchorage. At 1402 anchored in berth #43, Dumbea Bay, New Caledonia. At 1510 pursuant to visual message 060455, of April 1945 from ComTransRon 11, received on board one (1) LCM ramp boat from USS ALMAACK for transportation to forward area boat pool. At 0806 the ship exercised at fire drills.

12 - 23 April 1945 - Anchored as before, in company with TransRon 11, and various other units of United States Pacific Fleet, and Merchant ships. Navigation Instructions for efficers and crew were held on the 12,13,14,16,17,18,20,21, and 23. Instructions in the ships steering gear and casualty steering drills were held on the 16th, and 18th. Instructions in the ships organization were held on the 18th, and 19th. Signal drills were held on 18,20, and 21. On the 16 April 1945 received 22,000 gallons of fresh water from YWO-12. On the 17 April 1945, Half-Masted colors in mourning the death of Franklin Delano ROOSEVELT, President of the United States, for a period of thirty (30) days; on the 15 April 1945 held memorial church services. On 19 April 1945, tested smoke generators, in compliance with ComTransDiv 32, visual message 180441, of April 1945. On 23 April 1945 the ship exercised at general quarters, simulated air-attacks, and casualties drills.

24 April 1945 - Anchored as before, in company with TransRon 11, various other units of United States Pacific Fleet, and Merchant ships. At 0730 made all preparations for getting underway, at 0749 underway with civilian harbor pilot at the conn, shifting berths in accordance with visual dispatch 230301, of April 1945, from Port Director, Noumea, New Caledonia. At 0856 moored port side to berth #9, Finger Docks, Nickel Works, Noumea, New Caledonia. At 0939 commenced unloading ship, and shifting cargo in accordance with orders from Com TransRon 11.

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25 - 26 April 1945 - Moored as before, in company with TransRon 11, various other units of United States Pacific Fleet, and Merchant ships. Continued shifting cargo in accordance with orders of ComTransRon 11. On the 26 April 1945 held recognition instructions for officers and crew.

27 April 1945 - Moored as before, in company with TransRon 11, various other units of United States Pacific Fleet, and Merchant ships. At 0730 completed shifting cargo and reloading ship. At 0830 made all preparations for getting underway, at 0919 underway, shifting berths in accordance with visual dispatch 260450, of April 1945. At 1015 anchored in berth #43, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia. At 1130 received from Radio Materel Office, Noumea, New Caledonia, one (1) Das Loran Receiver #173, together with spare parts.

28 - 30 April 1945 - Anchored as before, in company with TransRon 11, various other units of United States Pacific Fleet, and Merchant ships. On 28 April 1945, received from yard fuel barge #2, 40,000 gallons of fuel oil, and 7,169 gallons of diesel oil.

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#### U. S. S. LIBRA (AKA-12)

FLEET POST OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO. CALIFORNIA

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AKA12/A12/A16 Serial - 019 1 June 1945.

From:

The Commanding Officer.

To:

The Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet.

Subject:

War Diary, Month of May 1945.

Reference:

(a) ComInCh, ltr. FF1/A12/A16-3, Serial 7152, of

29 October 1945.

1. In compliance with reference (a), the War Diary of this vessel for the month of May is submitted.

- 2. USS LIBRA (AKA12) attached to Transport Division THIRTY-TWO, Transport Division Commander, Captain W. S. POPHAM, USN., USS PRESIDENT JACKSON (APA 18) flag ship. Under Transport Squadron ELEVEN, Squadron Commander, Commodore D. W. LOOMIS, USN., USS FREMONT (APA 44) flagship.
- 1 May 1945 (Time -1100 Zone). Anchored in Berth No. 43, Dumbea Bay, New Caledonia. Colors at half mast in mourning the death of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, late President of the United States. LIBRA embarking troops and equipment of the 322nd Infantry, 81st Infantry Division, U. S. Army, for transportation to Leyte Gulf, Leyte Island. Philippine Islands.
- 2 May 1945 Anchored as before in company with Transport Squadron ELEVEN, various other units of the U. S. Pacific Fleet and merchant ships present. At 1340 exercised crew at general drills. At 1620 finished embarking troops; embarked eight (8) Officers and one hundred forty-six (146) enlisted men of the 322nd Infantry, 81st Infantry Division, U. S. Army.
- 3 May 1945 Anchored as before in company with Transport Squadron ELEVEN, various other units of the U. S. Pacific Fleet and merchant ships present. At 0615 made all preparations for getting underway. At 0618 Transport Squadron ELEVEN commenced standing out of the harbor in column led by the USS FREMONT (OTC and CTG) and at 0720 underway in accordance with CTG 11.11 movement order number 4-45 of 28 April 1945. Proceeding on various courses and at various speeds conforming to the channel. Captain at conn, Executive Officer, and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed

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3 May 1945 - (cont). 15 knots (84 RPM). At 0821 Task Group commenced forming cruising disposition 3-AL-1. At 0930 took departure from Bulari Passage on base course 283° True. Task Group formed in cruising disposition 3-AL-1, as designated by OTC. Enroute to Manus Island, Admiralty Island, thence to Leyte Gulf, Leyte Island. Philippine Islands.

0800 1200 2000 Latitude -- 22°27'S 21°30'S Longitude -- 165°46'E 164°01'E

4 - 5 May 1945 - Steaming as before in company with TransRon ELEVEN, OTC and CTG and ComTransRon ELEVEN in USS FREMONT. The crew was exercised at general drills and instruction classes were helf for all Officers and Crew.

4th	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	19°34'S	19°06'S	1704318
Longitude	162°07'E	161°16'E	159°48'E
5th	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	15°33'S	14°39'S	12°56'S
Longitude	158°26'E	158°19'E	157°32'E

6 May 1945 - Steaming as before in company with TransRon ELEVEN, OTC and CTG and ComtransRon ELEVEN in USS FREMONT. At 0909 commenced firing practice, and exercised crew at general drills. At 0945 secured from general drills and firing practice; ammunition expended: 5"/38 Cal. - 26 rounds; 40 mm - 402 rounds; 20 mm - 909 rounds. At 1900 retarded clocks one half hour to conform with minus ten and one half time zone.

0800 1200 2000 Latitude 10°27'S 9°37'S 8°22'S Longitude 156°19'E 155°58'E 154°38'E

7 - 8 May 1945 - (Time -1030 Zone). Steaming as before in company with TransRon ELEVEN, OTC and CTG and ComTransRon ELEVEN in USS FREMONT. During the forenoon watch the Transport Squadron held flag hoist drills and tactical maneuvers. At 1900, 7 May 1945, retarded clocks one half hour to conform with minus ten time zone.

0800 7th 1200 2000 0704418 0703118 Latitude 07º06'S 152006'E 151031 'E 1490371E Longitude 0800 1200 2000 8th 05°54'S 1501118 03°46'S Latitude 147042'E 147º19'E 147º 28 'E Longitude

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9 May 1945 - (Time -1000 Zone) Steaming as before in company with TransRon ELEVEN, OTC and CTG and ComTransRon ELEVEN in USS FREMONT. At 0100 sighted Baluan Island bearing 006 true, distance 20 miles. At 0332 with Lou Island abeam to starboard, changed base course to 041 true. At 0445 Task Unit 11.11.12 proceeding independently to Manus Island, and at 0453 sighted Manus Island bearing 350 true, distance ten miles. At 0706 commenced steaming at various courses and at various speeds conforming to channel for entrance into Seeadler Harbor, Manus Island, Admiralty Islands. At 0816 entered Seeadler Harbor, Captain at the conn, Executive Officer, and Navigator on the bridge. At 0908 anchored in berth number 116, Seeadler Harbor, Manus Island, Admiralty Islands.

10 May 1945 - Anchored as before, in company with TransRon ELEVEN, various other units of the United States Pacific Fleet and merchant vessels present. At 1000 made all preparations for getting underway and at 1242 underway in accordance with CTG 11.11 secret movement order No. 4-45 of 28 April 1945. Captain at conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. Proceeding on various courses and at various speeds conforming to channel. At 1316 took departure from Seeadler Harbor, Manus Island, Admiralty Island with anti-submarine nets abeam to port and starboard. At 1317 formed cruising disposition 3-AL-1 with LSM Group No. 24 - 800 yards astern of formation and destroyer screen patrolling ahead on assigned stations. Instruction classes were held for all Officers and crew.

0800 1200 2000 Latitude -- 01°03'S Longitude -- 146°43'E

11 - 15 May 1945 - Steaming as before in company with TransRon ELEVEN, OTC and CTG and ComTransRon ELEVEN in USS FREMONT, in cruising disposition 3-AL-1 with LSM Group No. 24 - 800 yards astern of formation, and destroyer screen patrolling ahead on assigned stations. Zigzagging during the day in accordance with Plan #6 (USF 10A). Instruction classes were held during this period for all Officers and crew. At 1900, 14 May 1945 retarded clocks one half hour to conform with minus nine and one half time zone. At 1900, 15 May 1945 retarded clocks one half hour to conform with minus nine time zone.

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 0800
 1200
 2000

 Latitude
 00°26'S
 01°01'N
 01°50'N

 Longitude
 145°15'E
 144°36'E
 143°24'E

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12th	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	03°08'N	03°45'N	04°42'N
Longitude	141°30'E	140°55'E	139°54'E
13th	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	05°56'N	06°27'N	07°15'N
Longitude	137°56'E	137°09'E	137°53'E
14th	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	09°04'N	09°35'N	09°55'N
Longitude	134°42'E	133°53'E	132012'E
15th	0800 -	1200	2000
Latitude	10°14'N	10°24'N	10°24'N
Longitude	129°46'E	128°48'E	127°24'E

16 May 1945 - (Time -9 Zone). Steaming as before in company with TransRon ELEVEN, OTC and CTG and ComtransRon ELEVEN in USS FREMONT, in cruising disposition 3-AL-1 with LSM Group No. 24 - 800 yards astern of formation. In accordance with orders from OTC and CTG the Transport Group two-blocked colors. At 0808 entered Leyte Gulf and at 0845 commenced maneuvering on various courses and at various speed off the Daguitan River, Leyte Gulf, awaiting berth assignment by OTC. Captain at conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. At 1307 anchored in Berth No. 797, Leyte Gulf, Leyte Island, Philippine Islands and commenced making preparations for unloading.

0800 1200 2000
Latitude 10°46'N -- -Longitude 129°29'E -- --

17 May 1945 - Anchored as before, in company with TransRon ELEVEN, SOPA in USS FREMONT. At 0920 commenced unloading the ship. Pursuant to message from ComTransDiv THIRTY-TWO, sent five (5) LCM's to the USS PRESIDENT HAYES for duty. All LCM's returned to the ship after making one trip with priority cargo from the USS PRESIDENT HAYES.

18 May 1945 - Anchored as before, unloading ship during daylight hours. At 0652 received LCT #1159 alongside the starboard side of #3 hold. At 0918 received LSM #182 alongside the port side of #2 hold. At 1301 cast off LCT #1159, loaded, and dispatched to the beach. At 1508 received LCT #899 alongside the port side #4 hold. At 1730 furnished 1500 gallons of fresh water to LSM #182.

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19 May 1945 - Anchored as before, unloading ship during daylight hours. At 1004 cast off LCT #899, loaded, and dispatched to the beach. At 1040 received LSM #91 alongside the starboard side forward. At 1713 cast off LSM #182, loaded, and dispatched to the beach. At 1750 LSM #185 moored alongside the port side forward.

20 May 1945 - Anchored as before, unloading ship during daylight hours.

21 May 1945 - Anchored as before, unloading ship during daylight hours. At 0615 cast off LSM #182, loaded, and dispatched to the beach. At 0619 cast off LSM #91, loaded and dispatched to the beach. At 1200 received LCT #1080 alongside the port side of #2 hold. At 1530 tested the electric and telemotor steering gear, test satisfactory.

22 May 1945 - Anchored as before, unloading ship during daylight hours. At 0612 cast off LCT #1080, loaded, and dispatched for the beach. At 0700 completed unloading ship, having discharged all cargo and embarked army personnel, of the 322nd Infantry, 81st Division, United States Army. Made all preparations for getting underway. At 0900 in accordance with ComTransRon ELEVEN. voice message, 230000 of May 1945, underway for assigned berth in San Pedro Bay, Philippine Islands. Proceeding on various courses and various speeds conforming to the channel. Captain at conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on bridge. Standard speed set at 15 knots (84 RPM). At 1140 moored along the starboard side of the U. S. Coast Guard Tanker, IX 131, USS ABARENDA, port side to, in Berth #92, San Pedro Bay, Philippine Islands to receive fuel. Draft of ship before fueling, forward 12'6", aft 22'3". At 1532 completed fueling ship, having received 127,000 gallons of fuel oil. Draft of ship forward. 14' 6", aft 21'1". At 1600 made all preparations for getting underway. At 1612 underway in accordance with ComTransRon ELEVEN. voice circuit message 230000 of May 1945 to assigned berth. Captain at conn. Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. Steaming on various courses and speeds to conform with the channel. Standard speed set at 15 knots (84 RPM). At 1648 anchored in berth #87 San Pedro Bay, Leyte Gulf. Philippine Islands.

23 - 25 May 1945 - Anchored as before in berth #87, San Pedro Bay, Leyte Gulf, Philippine Islands with various ships of the United States and British fleet and merchant fleet being present and SOPA in the USS ARGONNE (AG 31). At 0924, 24 May 1945 received LCT #899 alongside the starboard side of #2 hold for

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29 May 1945 - (Time -92 Zone). Steaming as before in company with the USS PRESIDENT HAYES as OTC and Column Guide with CTD THIRTY-TWO in the USS PRESIDENT HAYES. Zigzagging in accordance with Plan #6 (USF 10A). At Ollo advanced all clocks to conform with minus ten time zone. At 1215 sighted Cape Soeadja, New Guinea, bearing 1360 true, distance 30 miles. At 1335 commenced steaming on various courses and various speeds conforming to the channel into Humboldt Bay, Hollandia, New Guinea. Captain at the conn. Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. At 1415 anchored in Berth "N66", Humboldt Bay, Hollandia, New Guinea. Sent ashore for routing instructions and communication plan to Milne Bay, New Guinea. At 1646 made all preparations for getting underway. At 1715 underway in accordance with CTG 76.6 secret dispatch, 250100 of May 1945. Standard speed set at 16 knots (90 RPM). Proceeding independently on various courses and speeds conforming with channel. Captain at the conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. During the morning watch a Recognition Class was held for the crew, and a Loran Navigation Class for all Deck Officers.

Longitude 01°24'S 1200 2000 02<sup>0</sup>32'S 02<sup>0</sup>31'S 140<sup>0</sup>44'E 141<sup>0</sup>26'E

30 - 31 May 1945 - (Time -1000 Zone). Steaming independently as before enroute to Milne Bay, New Guinea. In the morning the ship held Damage Control problems and instruction class for all lookouts, and a Blinker and Semaphore Instruction Class for all Deck Officers. In the afternoon watch instruction class was held for the Damage Control parties and a Recognition Class for the crew. At 1715, 30 May 1945 entered Isumrud Straits. At 2240 sighted Long Island, bearing 045 true. At 0225, 31 May 1945 passed Rooke Island abeam to port, distance 19 miles. At 1116, 31 May 1945 passed Cape Ward Hunt (Mitre Rock) abeam to starboard, distance 62 miles. At 1322 passed Eve Shoal buoy abeam to starboard, distance 100 yards. At 1725 passed Hall Point Light abeam to starboard, distance 2.5 miles. At 1821 passed Hall Point Light abeam to starboard, distance 2.5 miles. At 1821 passed Ham Reef abeam to starboard, distance 800 yards. At 2350 passed Ipoteto Island light abeam to starboard, distance 1.5 miles. During the nights of 30 and 31 May 1945, dimmed running lights were used; and mast head lights were shown when ships were in close proximity, pursuant to instructions from the Port Director, Hollandia, New Guinea.

30th 0800 1200 2000

03°03'S Latitude 144 018'E Longitude

030 3718 15°14'S 145001'E 146013'E

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30 - 31 May 1945 - (Cont). 31st 0800 31st Latitude 07011'S Longitude 148009'E

1200 08°12'S 148°13'E

2000 09°19'S 149°38'E

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#### CONFIDENTIAL

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From:

The Commanding Officer.

To:

The Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet.

Subject:

War Diary, Month of June 1945.

Reference:

(a) ComInCh ltr. FF1/A12/A16-3, Serial 7152 of 29 October 1945.

- 1. In compliance with reference (a), the War Diary of this vessel for the month of June is submitted.
- 2. USS LIBRA (AKA 12) attached to Transport Division THIRTY-TWO, Transport Division Commander Captain W. S. POPHAM, USN. USS PRESIDENT HAYES (APA 20) flagship.
- l June 1945 (Time -10 Zone) Steaming independently enroute to Milne Bay, New Guinea in accordance with CTG 76.6 Secret Dispatch 250100 of May 1945. Standard speed is set at 16 knots (90 RPM). At 0807 passed through Raven Channel and entered Milne Bay. At 1103 moored port side to U. S. Army dock #7, Wanaduela Bay, Milne Bay, New Guinea, made all preparations to load designated cargo. At 1350 commenced loading ship. Instructions for damage control party and a recognition class for officers was held during the morning watch.

0800 1200 2000
Latitude 09°14'S -- -Longitude 150°57.5'E -- --

- 2 4 June 1945 Moored as before, port side to Dock #7, Wanaduela Bay, Milne Bay, New Guinea, loading designated cargo. At O810, 3 June 1945 commenced receiving fresh chlorinated water from the dock.
- 5 June 1945 Moored as before, port side to Dock #7, Wanaduela Bay, Milne Bay, New Guinea, loading designated cargo. At 1325 secured from taking on fresh chlorinated water from the dock. At 1400 secured from loading ship, having received on board for further transportation and delivery to Manila, Luzon Island, Philippine Islands, the following boats in addition to 1600 tons

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5 June 1945 - (Cont.) of general cargo: Two (2) picket boats, one (1) motor launch, four (4) LCM's(6), one (1) LCM(3), two (2) Army "D" boats. At 1415 pursuant to movement order #135, HDQ Base A, USASOS, APO 928, two hundred ninety-six (296) enlisted men and eight (8) officers of the 3075 QM Bakery Co., 4287 QM Salvage Repair Co., 370 QM Bakery Co., reported aboard for further transportation. At 1505 made all preparations for getting underway. At 1554 underway, shifting berths to anchorage on orders of the Commanding Officer, at various speeds and courses conforming to the channel, Captain at the Conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed set at 10 knots (55 RPM). At 1641 anchored in berth J-3, Gili Anchorage, Milne Bay, New Guinea. Instructions were held for officers during the afternoon watch in landing craft and first aid.

Milne Bay, New Guinea. At 0530 made all preparations for getting underway. At 0554 underway independently for Hollandia (Humboldt Bay), New Guinea in compliance with CNB Milne Bay dispatch 050842 of June 1945 and CTG 76.6 Movement Order 250100 of May 1945. Proceeding on various courses and speeds conforming to the channel, Captain at the conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed set at 16 knots (90 RPM). During the morning watch instructions were held for all officers in aircraft recognition, WIMS, and Rules of the Road.

0800 1200 2000 Latitude 10°17'S 09°44'S 08°33'S Longitude 150°51'E 150°14'E 148°28'E

7 June 1945 - Steaming independently as before, enroute to Hollandia, Humboldt Bay, New Guinea. During the morning watch drills were held for 5"/38 gun crews and all 20 mm gun crews. Recognition instruction for the crew and signal drill for all officers. During the afternoon watch instructions wereheld for officers in the Ship's Organization and in Cargo Handling.

0800 1200 2000 Latitude 05°42'S 05°05'S 03°18'S Longitude 147°16'E 146°16'E 144°55'E

8 June 1945 - Steaming independently as before, enroute to Hollandia, Humboldt Bay, New Guinea. At 0843 sighted entrance to Humboldt Bay, bearing 257 T., distance 36 miles. At 1139 anchored outside berth N-4, Humboldt Bay awaiting permission to go along-side tanker for fuel. At 1204 pursuant to visual message 080025

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B June 1945 - (Cont.) of June 1945 from the Port Director, Hollandia, underway shifting berths, and at 1232 moored port side to USS ARAYAT (IX-134), berth #4, Humboldt Bay. At 1306 commenced fueling ship, and at 1528 secured from fueling ship, having received one hundred twenty-seven thousand (127,000) gallons of fuel oil. At 1549 underway shifting berths to outer anchorage on orders of the Commanding Officer, proceeding on various courses and speeds conforming to the channel, Captain at the conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. At 1627 anchored in berth N-57, Humboldt Bay. At 1700 retarded the ship's clocks to conform with -9 Zone Time. During the morning watch drills were held for the 5"/38 and 20 mm gun crews and recognition instruction for officers.

0800 1200 2000 Latitude 02°32'S -- --Longitude 141°36'E -- --

9 June 1945 - (Time -9 Zone) Anchored as before in berth N-57, Humboldt Bay, Hollandia, New Guinea. Various U. S. Naval vessels, merchant ships and small craft present. At 0640 made all preparations for getting underway. At 0658 underway for Manila, Luzon Island, Philippine Islands in obedience to Convoy Cruising Order T-3 of 8 June 1945 from the Port Director, Hollandia, New Guinea. Proceeding on various courses and speeds conforming to the channel, Captain at the conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge, forming cruising disposition A-1. CTG and Convoy Guide in USS ST CROIX (APA 231). Column guide in USS TODD (AKA 71). Formation being screened by USS PARLE (DE-708) on the port bow and USS GILLETTE (DE-681), Commander of Escort, on the starboard bow. Convoy speed set at ten (10) knots (55 RPM). WIMS are in force.

0800 1200 2000 Latitude 02°32'S 01°53'S 01°03'S Longitude 140°48'E 140°44'E 139°31'E

10 - 16 June 1945 - Steaming as before in company with Hollandia-Manila convoy T-3 as third ship in column 03 astern of USS JAMES O'HARA, OTC and convoy guide in USS ST CROIX (APA 231). During this cruise the ship exercised at General Quarters, held fire drill and firing gunnery exercises. Daily instruction in WIMS were held for all officers and two classes were held in "Weather Conditions for the Philippine Area". Daily recognition instruction for both crew and officers was held.

 10th
 0800
 1200
 2000

 Latitude
 00°15'N
 00°26'N
 01°16'N

 Longitude
 137°56'E
 137°04'E
 135°54'E

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llth Latitude Longitude	0800 02°26'N 134°09'E	1200 02°49'N 133°45'E	2000 03°35'N 132°36'E	
12th Latitude Longitude	04°36'N 131°04'E	05°00'N 130°59'E	05°37'N 130°31'E	
13th Latitude Longitude	07°04'N 129°37'E	07°24'N 129°22'E	08°17'N 128°31'E	
14th Latitude Longitude 15th	09°31'N 126°58'E	10°02'N 126°29'E	10°36'N 125°24'E	
Latitude Longitude 16th	09°13'N 124°10'E	08°59'N 123°31'E	09°18'N 122°26'E	
Latitude Longitude	11°07'N 121°28'E	11°44'N 121°07'E	12°55'N 120°35'E	

17 June 1945 - Steaming as before in company with Hollandia-Manila convoy T-3 as third ship in column 03 astern of USS JAMES O'HARA, OTC and convoy guide in USS ST CROIX (APA 231). At 0920 passed Corregidor Island abeam to port, entered channel, standing in to Manila Harbor, Luzon Island, Philippine Islands. At 1304 anchored in berth #18, South Anchorage, Manila Bay. At 1615 the following boats and their personnel were delivered to UCIT-98, Luzon: Two (2) picket boats, one (1) motor launch, four (4) LCM's(6), one (1) LCM(3), one (1) PRB and two (2) Army "D" boats.

0800 1200 2000
Latitude 14°17.5'N -- -Longitude 120°32'E --

18 - 21 June 1945 - Anchored as before in berth #18, South Anchorage, Manila Bay, Luzon Island, Philippine Islands with various United States Men of War, merchant ships and small craft present. SOPA in APC 10.

22 June 1945 - Anchored as before in berth #18, South Anchorage Manila Bay, Luzon Island, Philippine Islands with various United States Men of War, merchant ships and small craft present. SOPA in APC 10. At 0621 made all preparations for getting underway. At 0719 underway in accordance with orders of HDQ Base X, US Army Service of Supply, Manila of 21 June 1945, shifting berths

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22 June 1945 - (Cont.) to berth #1, pier #9, Army Harbor pilot, Captain CASTILLO at conm, Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge, proceeding at various courses and speeds conforming to the channel. At 0840 moored starboard side to Pier #9, Berth #1, Manila Harbor. At 0925 commenced discharging general cargo, and continued unloading ship throughout the night.

24 - 26 June 1945 - Moored as before, starboard side to Pier #9, Berth #1, Manila Harbor, Luzon Island, with various United States Men of War, merchant ships and small craft present. SOPA in APC 10. Unloading ship twenty-four hour per day. During this period a total of about 1500 bags of U. S. Mail was received aboard as cargo for delivery to Leyte, Philippine Islands; a continuous twenty-four hour guard watch was established.

27 June 1945 - Moored as before, starboard side to Pier #9, Berth #1, Manila Harbor, Luzon Island, with various United States Men of War, merchant ships and small craft present. SOPA in APC 10. Continued unloading ship. At 0710 completed unloading ship. At 0715 made all preparations for getting underway. At 0736 underway in accordance with order of HDQ Base X, U. S. Army Service of Supply, Manila, of 26 June 1945, shifting from Berth #1, Pier #9, to outer anchorage. U. S. Army Harbor pilot, Captain GALLAGA at the conn, Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. U. S. Army tug ST-3 aiding in maneuvering on various courses and speeds conforming to the channel. At 0854 anchored in berth #67, Manila Bay, standing by to get underway at 1400. At 1356 underway for Leyte Gulf, via San Beradino Straits, Philippine Islands in accordance with Port Director, Manila, movement order 00419 of 24 June 1945. Captain at conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed set at 12 knots (67 RPM). At 1600 increased standard speed to 15.5 knots (87 REM).

0800 1200 2000 Latitude -- 13°37'N Longitude -- 120°48'E

28 June 1945 - Steaming independently as before enroute to Leyte Gulf, Philippine Islands. At 0708 changed standard speed to 12 knots (67 RPM). At 1227 passed western entrance to San Beradino Straits. At 1230 changed standard speed to 14 knots (78 RPM). At 1545 commenced zigzagging in accordance with Plan #6 (USF 10A). During the morning watch instruction for officers were held in recognition, and oxygen breathing apparatus.

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0800 1200 2000 Latitude 12°41'N 12°39'N 12°09'N Longitude 123°43'E 124°15'E 125°38'E

29 June 1945 - Steaming independently as before enroute to Leyte Gulf, Philippine Islands. 0715 Commenced steaming on various courses and speeds conforming to channel proceeding to assigned anchorage, San Pedro Bay, Leyte Gulf, Philippine Islands, Captain at the Conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. At 0852 anchored in berth #50, San Pedro Bay, Leyte Gulf, Philippine Islands. At 1250 completed discharging cargo of U. S. Mail. At 1450 received on board LCM's AKA 12, numbers one through eight, inclusive, and LCVP's, numbers one through eight, inclusive, together with their crews from Navy 3964, having completed their temporary duties.

June 1945 - Anchored as before in berth #50, San Pedro Bay, Leyte Gulf, Philippine Islands, with various U. S. Men of War, merchant ships and small craft present. At 0700 made all preparations for getting underway. At 0752 underway on various courses and speeds pursuant to CTU 72.7.1 Visual Message 290603 of June 1945, Captain at the conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. At 1126 moored port side to merchant tanker SS CATAWBA FORD in berth #96 to receive fuel. At 1426 completed fueling ship, having received on board ninety thousand, eight hundred eight (90,808) gallons of fuel oil and four thousand, six hundred sixty-two (4,662) gallons of diesel oil. At 1453 underway on orders of the Commanding Officer, shifting berths to outer anchorage. At 1611 anchored in berth #66, San Pedro Bay, Leyte Gulf, Philippine Islands with various U. S. Men of War, merchant ships and small craft present.

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### U. S. S. LIBRA (AKA-12) FLEET POST OFFICE

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

CONFIDENTIAL

2 August 1945

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From:

The Commanding Officer.

To:

The Commander in Chief. U. S. Fleet.

Subject:

War Diary, Month of July 1945.

Reference:

(a) ComInCh ltr. FF1/A12/A16-3. Serial 7152 of 29 October 1945.

- In compliance with reference (a) the War Diary of this vessel for the month of July is submitted.
- USS LIBRA (AKA 12) attached to Transport Division THIRTY-TWO, Transport Division Commander, Captain C. W. WEITZEL, USN., USS PRESIDENT JACKSON (APA 18) flagship.
- 1 July 1945 (Time -9 Zone) Anchored in berth #66, San Pedro Bay, Leyte Gulf, Philippine Islands. At 0530 made all preparations for getting underway. At 0557 underway independently in accordance with orders from Port Director, Navy 3964, Secret serial 521 of 1 July 1945 for Oro Bay, New Guinea. Captain at conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on bridge. Standard speed is set at 16 knots (90 RPM).

1200 10°11'N 126°14'E Latitude 10°53'N 2000 08°53'N 125°28'E 127°59'E Longitude

2 - 5 July 1945 - Steaming independently as before enroute to Oro Bay. New Guinea. During the morning watch, 2 July 1945 recognition instruction was held for officers and the crew; during the afternoon watch the ship exercised at General Quarters. fire drills, after steering, and recognition instruction was held for officers and the crew. During the morning watch, 3 July 1945 Deck Watch Officers exercised at after steering drill: during the afternoon watch the ship exercised at General Quarters. and held anti-aircraft firing practice. During the afternoon watch. 5 July 1945 the ship exercised at General Quarters. tracking drills. Condition I-A and Damage Control problems.

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2 - 5 July 1945 - (Cont)					
2nd Latitude Longitude	0800 07°08'N 130°49'E	1200 06°31'N 131°50'E	2000 05°09'N 133°21'E		
3rd Latitude Longitude	02°39'N 135°50'E	01046'N 136033'E	00°09'N 138°01'E		
4th Latitude Longitude	01°57'S 140°30'E	02°10'S 141°27'E	02°45'S 143°00'E		
5th Latitude Longitude	04°15'S 145°24'E	04°58'S 146°04'E	06°00'S 147°39'E		

6 July 1945 - Steaming independently as before enroute to Oro Bay, New Guinea. At 0939 anchored in Oro Bay, New Guinea awaiting orders to proceed to dock. At 1230 advanced ship's clocks one hour to conform with -10 zone time.

0800 1200 2000 Latitude 08°38'S -- --Longitude 148°33'E -- --

7 July 1945 - (Time -10 Zone) Anchored as before in Oro Bay, New Guinea. At 0535 made all preparations for getting underway. At 0655 underway in accordance with Oro Bay Shore Station visual message PTO of 6 July 1945, shifting berth to dock. Civilian harbor pilot, R. CROOKSHANK at the conn, Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed set at 12 knots (66 RPM). At 0748 moored port side to berth "I", Liberty Dock, Oro Bay, New Guinea. At 0932 commenced unloading mail, from #3 hold, at 1052 completed unloading United States mail. At 1353 commenced loading ship.

8 - 9 July 1945 - Moored as before to berth "I", Liberty Dock, Oro Bay, New Guinea, loading ship 24 hours per day. At 0800, 8 July 1945 half masted colors in mourning of the death of Prime Minister Curtin of Australia. During the morning watch, 9 July 1945 held loading and tracking drills for Condition I-A gun crews.

10 July 1945 - Moored as before to berth "I", Liberty Dock, Oro Bay, New Guinea, continued loading ship. At 0745 completed loading all cargo. At 0800 in accordance with Commander Army Base "B", Troop Movement Order #70 of 30 June 1945 received aboard, two officers and fifty-five enlisted men of the 170th Ord. Depot: five officers and seventy-three enlisted men of

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10 July 1945 - (Cont.) HDQ Engineering School, U. S. Army; one officer and fifteen enlisted men of the 324th QM Truck Co; twenty enlisted men of the 325th QM Gasoline Supply Co; thirteen enlisted men of the 634th Ord. Ammunition Co; one officer and two enlisted men of HDQ Armed Forces Radio Section; ten officers and seventeen enlisted men of the 3481st Maintenance Co., for further transportation to Manila, Luzon Island, Philippine Islands. At 0915 made all preparations for getting underway. At 1055 underway independently in accordance with orders from Port Director, Oro Bay, New Guinea of 9 July 1945 for Hollandia, New Guinea, Captain at the conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed set at 14.3 knots (80 RFM). During the afternoon watch drills were held for Condition I-A gun crews.

0800 1200 2000 Latitude -- -- 06°43'S Longitude -- 148°08'E

ll July 1945 - Steaming independently as before enroute for Hollandia, New Guinea. During the morning watch recognition instructions were held for the crew, signal instructions for boat coxswains and beach parties. During the afternoon watch ship exercised at General Quarters, Condition I-A, held antiaircraft firing practice for Condition I-A gun crews, exercised at "Abandon Ship" stations and held look-out instructions for the crew. At 1800 retarded all Ship's clocks one hour to conform to -9 Time Zone.

0800 1200 2000 Latitude 04°46'S 03°53'S 02°45'S Longitude 145°51'E 145°17'E 143°29'E

12 July 1945 - (Time -9 Zone) Steaming independently as before enroute to Hollandia, New Guinea. At 0806 anchored in assigned berthing area, Humboldt Bay, Hollandia, New Guinea, awaiting further orders. At 1300 made all preparations for getting underway. At 1310 received aboard for transportation to Commanding Officer, Receiving Station, Navy 3142, one officer and five enlisted men. At 1325 underway independently in accordance with Fort Director Hollandia, order of 12 July 1945 for Manila, Luzon Island, Philippine Islands, Captain at the conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed is set at 16 knots (90 RFM). Zigzagging in accordance with Plan #6 (USF 10B). During the morning watch 20MM gun drills were held for the Condition I-A gun crews.

0800 1200 2000 Latitude -- -- 01°10'S Longitude -- 139°46'E

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13 - 16 July 1945 - Steaming independently as before enroute to Manila, Luzon Island, Philippine Islands, zigzagging in accordance with Plan #6 (USF 10B). During the morning watch, 13 July 1945 recognition instruction was held for the crew and instructions in hand to hand combat was held for beach parties. During the afternoon watch 13 July 1945 ship exercised at fire drill and held lookout instruction for the crew. During the morning watch 14 July 1945 recognition instruction was held for the crew and medical instruction was held for the crew. During the afternoon watch 14 July 1945 recognition instruction was held for the crew and signal instruction for the beach parties. At 0927, 16 July 1945 the ship entered San Bernardino Straits and passed through the Philippine archipelago. During the morning watch 16 July 1945 the ship exercised at General Quarters, and held recognition instruction for the crew. During the afternoon watch instruction was held for the beach party and boat coxswains.

13th	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	01°24'N	01°51'N	03°16'N
Longitude	137°33'E	137°01'E	135°44'E
14th Latitude Longitude 15th	05°30'N 133°46'E	05°58'N 132°59'E	06°59'N 131°21'E
Latitude Longitude . 16th	08°36'N 128°39'E	09°13'N 127°48'E	10°25'N 127°26'E
Latitude	12°47'N	12°35'N	13°06'N
Longitude	124°52'E	124°14'E	122°02'E

17 July 1945 - Steaming independently as before enroute for Manila, Luzon Island, Philippine Islands. At 0645 passed Corregidor Island and entered Manila Bay. At 0855 anchored in berth #31, Manila Bay, Luzon Island, Philippine Islands. At 1705 made all preparations for getting underway. At 1719 underway shifting berths in accordance with voice circuit message 1707312 from the Port Director, Manila, of July 1945. Captain at the conn, Executive Officer and Mavigator on the bridge, proceeding on various courses and speeds conforming to the channel. At 1830 anchored in berth #21, Manila Bay, Luzon Island, Philippine Islands. At 0920 one officer and five Navy enlisted men disembarked, having completed transportation.

18 - 24 July 1945 - Anchored as before in berth #21, Manila Bay, Luzon Island. Philippine Islands with various ships of the

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18 - 24 July 1945 - (Cont) United States Navy and merchant fleet present and Com Seventh Fleet, Manila, SOPUS. At 0700, 18 July 1945 commenced unloading vehicles into Ship's boats for delivery to the beach. At 1552 secured from unloading vehicles. During the morning watch 23 July 1945 ship exercised at General Quarters, Collision Drill, Fire Drill, Condition I-A, Life Raft stations and Fire and Rescue drill. During the morning watch 24 July 1945 held flag hoist drill for signalmen.

25 July 1945 - Anchored as before in berth #21. Manila Bay. Luzon Island, Philippine Islands in company with various ships of the United States Navy and merchant fleet with Com Seventh Fleet, Manila, SOPUS. At 0700 made all preparations for getting underway. At 0826 underway in accordance with voice circuit message 2413592 of July 1945 from the Port Director, Manila, shifting berth to dock. Pilot at the conn, Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. Proceeding on various courses and speeds conforming to the channel. At 0957 anchored 200 yards east of berth "E". Manila Bay, awaiting clearance of the dock. At 1325 underway with Harbor army pilot CLEMENTE at the conn, Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge, proceeding at various courses and speeds conforming to the channel. At 1440 moored starboard side to Pier #9. Berth #4. Manila Harbor, Luzon Island, Philippine Islands. At 1600 commenced unloading ship.

26 July 1945 - Moored as before, starboard side to Pier #9, Berth #4, Manila Harbor, Luzon Island, unloading ship 24 hours per day.

27 July 1945 - Moored starboard side to Pier #9, Berth #4, Manila Harbor, Luzon Island, unloading ship 24 hours per day. At 1430 in accordance with orders from Com Seventh Amphibious Force, serial P16-3/00 of 26 July 1945 the Ship's Transport Quartermaster, Lieut. Ben W. WHITE left the ship for temporary additional duty relative to making arrangements for the ship's next operation. At 1550 completed discharging all cargo and the disembarkment of all Army personnel. At 1600 made all preparations for getting underway. At 1623 underway in accordance with visual message 270248 of July 1945 from the Port Director, Manila, shifting berths to outer harbor, Manila Bay. Harbor Pilot R. RAZON at conn, Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge, proceeding on various courses and speeds conforming to the channel. At 1715 anchored in berth #65, Manila Bay, Luzon Island, Philippine Islands.

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28 July 1945 - Anchored in berth #65, Manila Bay, Luzon Islands with various ships of the United States Navy and merchant fleet present and Com Seventh Fleet, SOPUS. At 1500 made all preparations for getting underway. At 1601 underway independently in accordance with Movement Order 00777 of 27 July 1945 from the Port Director, Manila, for San Pedro Bay, Leyte Gulf, Leyte Island, Philippine Islands. Captain at the conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge, proceeding on various courses and speeds conforming to the channel, standard speed set at 15.5 knots (87 RPM). The ship is proceeding to Leyte Island via Verde Island Passage and San Bernardino Straits.

29 July 1945 - Steaming independently as before enroute to San Pedro Bay, Leyte Gulf, Philippine Islands. At 1713 having passed through San Bernardino Straits, commenced zigzagging in accordance with Plan #6 (USF 10B).

0800 1200 2000 Latitude 12°41'N 12°30'N 12°25'N Longitude 123°21'E 124°07'E 125°32'E

30 July 1945 - Steaming independently as before for Leyte Gulf, San Fedro Bay, Philippine Islands. At 0547 anchored two miles south of HECP Signal Tower, Homonhon Island, Philippine Islands, on orders from the Signal Station that they had new orders for the ship. At 0815 underway in accordance with visual directions from HECP., Homonhon Island, for San Pedro Bay, Leyte Gulf, Philippine Islands, on various courses and speeds conforming to the channel. At 1252 anchored 400 yards south of berth #107, San Pedro Bay, Leyte Gulf, Philippine Islands, awaiting assignment to tanker for fueling. At 1504 underway, shifting berths to tanker. At 1615 moored port side to the port side of YO 162 in berth #107, San Pedro Bay, Leyte Gulf, Philippine Islands. At 2300 completed fueling ship, having received aboard, one hundred ninety-three thousand, five hundred forty-one (193,541) gallons of fuel oil.

31 July 1945 - Moored as before to the port side of YO 162 in berth #107, Sen Pedro Bay, Philippine Islands with various ships of the United States Navy and merchant fleet present. At 0635 made all preparations for getting underway. At 0630 underway in accordance with voice message #300155 of July 1945 from Port Director, Leyte, Captain at the conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. Proceeding on various courses and speeds to conform with the channel to assigned anchorage. At 0757 anchored in berth #36, San Pedro Bay, Leyte Gulf, Philippine Islands. At 0912 AOG 18, moored to port side, aft, to deliver diesel oil. At 1120 completed taking on diesel oil,

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having received on board, eight thousand and two (8002) gallons. At 1125 cast off AOG 18. At 1340 made all preparations for getting underway. At 1400 underway independently in accordance with Secret Movement Order 846 of July 1945 from the Port Director, Navy 3964 for Finschaven, New Guinea, proceeding on various courses conforming to the channel, Captain at the conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge, standard speed set at 15.5 knots (87 RPM)

0800 1200 2000
Latitude -- -- 10°12'N
Longitude -- 126°13'E

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3 September 1945.

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From:

The Commanding Officer.

To:

The Commander in Chief. U. S. Fleet.

Subject:

War Diary. Month of August 1945.

Reference:

(a) ComInCh ltr. FF1/A12/A16-3, Serial 7152 of 29 October 1945.

1. In compliance with reference (a) the War Diary of this vessel for the month of August is submitted.

- 2. USS LIBRA (AKA 12) attached to Transport Division THIRTY-TWO, Transport Division Commander, Captain C. W. WEITZEL, USN. USS PRESIDENT JACKSON (APA 18) flagship.
- 1 4 August 1945 (Time -9 Zone) Steaming independently as before enroute to Finschafen, New Guinea. During the morning watch, 1 August 1945 held recognition instruction for the crew, lookout instruction and loading and tracking drill for Condition I-A - 40MM gun crews. During the afternoon watch held signal instruction for boat crews and beach party personnel. During the morning watch, 2 August 1945 exercised at General Quarters, steering casualty drill, debarkation stations and held anti-aircraft firing practice. During the afternoon watch held pistol practice for officers, recognition instruction for crew and machine gun instruction for beach party and boat crew personnel. At 1800 advanced all Ship's clocks one hour to conform with minus ten zone time. During the morning watch, 4 August 1945 held recognition instruction for crew, signal instruction for boat crew and beach party. During the afternoon watch held instructions for lookouts.

0800	1200	2000
08°20'N	08°44'N	06°37'N
128°43'E	129°38'E	131°30'E
0800	1200	2000
04°36'N	03°55'N	02°46'N
133°53'E	134°33'E	135°50'E
0800	1200	2000
00°43'N	00°0718	01031'S
137°44'N	138°24'E	139°52'E
	128°43'E 0800 04°36'N 133°53'E 0800 00°43'N	08°20'N 08°44'N 128°43'E 129°38'E 0800 1200 04°36'N 03°55'N 133°53'E 134°33'E 0800 1200 00°43'N 00°07'S

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 4th
 0800
 1200
 2000

 Latitude
 02°29'S
 02°49'S
 03°37'S

 Longitude
 142°25'E
 143°18'E
 145°01'E

5 August 1945 - (Time -10 Zone). At 1424 commenced steaming on various courses and speeds entering Langemark Bay, Finschafen, New Guinea, in preparation for mooring. At 1545 moored port side to pier #8, Langemark Bay, with Harbor Pilot Lieut. E. D. McDONALD, RAN., at the conn, Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. At 1925 commenced loading ship. 1930 Commenced receiving fresh water from the dock.

0800 1200 2000 Latitude 05°33'S 06°58'S --Longitude 146°55'E 147°42'E --

6 August 1945 - Moored port side to Pier #8, Langemark Bay, Finschafen, New Guinea as before, loading ship continuously 24 hours per day. At 1815 received on board, pursuant with Troop Movement Order from Base "F", AFWESPAC, APO 322, of 6 August 1945, nine officers and sixty-eight enlisted men of nine service units, United States Army, for transportation. At 2155 completed loading ship. At 2245 secured from receiving fresh water from the dock.

7 August 1945 - Moored port side to Pier #8, Langemark Bay, Finschafen; New Guinea as before, loading ship continuously 24 hours per day. At 0535 made all preparations for getting underway. At 0606 underway from the dock in accordance with orders from the Naval Staff Office, Langemark Bay, New Guinea routing orders of 6 August 1945, for Hollandia, New Guinea. Captain at the conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. Proceeding on various courses and speeds, independently, conforming to the channel. During the morning watch held recognition instructions for the crew and signal instruction for boat crews and beach party. During the afternoon watch held recognition instruction for the crew. At 1800 retarded Ship's clocks one hour to conform with minus nine time zone.

0800 1200 2000 Latitude 06°12'S 05°30'S 03°44'S Longitude 147°47'E 146°53'E 145°12'E

8 August 1945 - (Time -9 Zone). Steaming independently as before enroute for Hollandia, Humboldt Bay, New Guinea. At 1251 commenced steaming on various courses and speeds conforming to channel, entering Humboldt Bay. Captain at the conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. At 1315 Harbor Pilot Lieut. H. JEANS, RAN., came aboard. At 1415 moored port side

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8 August 1945 - (Cont.) to Dock #2, Challenger Cove, Humboldt Bay, New Guinea. At 1914 secured #1 boiler and commenced operating emergency diesel generator for auxiliary purposes in order to allow emergency repairs in boiler room. 1930 Commenced receiving fresh water from dock.

0800 1200 2000 Latitude 02°36'S 02°32'S --Longitude 142°12'E 141°02'E --

9 August 1945 - Moored as before, port side to Dock #2, Challenger Cove, Humboldt Bay, New Guinea. 0540 Cut in boiler #1 for auxiliary purposes and secured emergency diesel generators. At 1035 in accordance with Troop Movement Order No. 123 HDQ Base "G", AFWESPAC, APO 565 of 2 August 1945, two officers and twenty-six enlisted men of three United States Army Service Units came aboard for transportation.

Challenger Cove, Humboldt Bay, New Guinea. At Ol2O secured from loading ship. At 1030 secured from taking fresh water from the dock, having received aboard 50,000 gallons. At 1035 secured from loading boats, having received as cargo from Naval Base Pool, Navy 3115, for delivery to Naval Base Boat Pool, Navy 3142, the following boats: 6 - LCM's, 2 - LCP(L)'s, 5 - LCVP's (unarmored) and 1 - LCVP (armored). At 1045 made all preparations for getting underway. At 1100 underway independently in accordance with orders from the Port Director, Hollandia, New Guinea, of 9 August 1945 for Biak, Sorido Lagoon, Schouten Group, with Harbor Pilot Lieut. H. JEANS, RAN., at the conn. Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge, proceeding at various courses and speeds conforming to the channel

0800 1200 2000
Latitude -- 01°20'S
Longitude -- 138°50'E

ll August 1945 - Steaming independently as before enroute for Sorido Lagoon, Biak Island, Schouten Group. At 0652 commenced steaming at various courses and speeds conforming to the channel, entering Sorido Lagoon, Captain at the conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. At 0837 Dutch Harbor Master came aboard with orders to proceed to Dock #1, Sorido Lagoon. At 0932 moored starboard side to Dock #1, Sorido Lagoon. At 1030 three officers and twenty army personnel of the 13th Base Post Office, disembarked, having completed their transportation. At 1301 commenced unloading United States registered mail. At

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11 August 1945 - (Cont.) 1330 completed unloading United States registered mail. At 1426 commenced loading ship. At 1445 commenced receiving fresh water from the dock.

12 August 1945 - Moored as before, starboard side to Dock #1, Sorido Lagoon, Biak Island, Schouten Group, continuously loading ship. At 1013 secured from loading ship. At 1230 pursuant to Movement Order from Base "H" APO 920 of 12 August 1945, six officers and one hundred forty-seven enlisted men of various United States Army Service Units reported aboard for transportation. At 1315 made all preparations for getting underway. At 1347 underway with Harbor Pilot W. WHITTON, RANR., at the conn, Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge, in accordance with orders of Port Director, Biak, of 12 August 1945, for Manila, Luzon Island, Philippine Islands, proceeding at various courses and speeds conforming to the channel.

0800 1200 2000
Latitude -- -- 00°08'S
Longitude -- 135°54'E

13 - 15 August 1945 - Steaming independently as before enroute to Manila, Luzon Island, Philippine Islands. During the morning watch, 13 August 1945 held instruction for boat coxswains in "Rules of the Road". During the morning watch, 14 August 1945, the ship exercised at General Quarters and held antiaircraft firing practice. During the afternoon watch held signal and "Rules of the Road" instruction for all boat coxswains. During the morning watch, 15 August 1945, held loading and tracking drills for 5"/38 gun crew. At 1243 passed San Bernardino light, entering San Bernardino Straits for passage through the Philippine Archipelago.

13th 0800 1200 2000
Latitude 02°52'N 03°51'N 05°44'N
Longitude 134°17'E 133°47'E 132°56'E
14th
Latitude 07°50'N 08°32'N 10°02'N
Longitude 130°23'E 129°33'E 127°49'E
15th
Latitude 12°19'N 12°44'N 12°56'N
Longitude 125°28.5'E 124°31'E 122°32'E

16 August 1945 - Steaming independently as before enroute for Manila, Luzon Islands, Philippine Islands. At 0640 passed Corregidor Island abeam to port and entered Manila Bay, and commenced steaming on various courses and speeds conforming to the channel, Captain at the conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. At 0843 anchored in Berth #47, Manila Harbor, Luzon Island, Philippine Islands. At 1545 seven officers and

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16 August 1945 - (Cont.) one hundred fifty-nine enlisted personnel of various United States Army Service Units left the ship, having completed their transportation.

17 - 20 August 1945 - Anchored as before in Berth #47, Manila Harbor, Luzon Island, Philippine Islands. At 0800, 17 August 1945, completed delivery of 6 - LCM's, 2 - LCP(L)'s, 5 - LCVP's (unarmored) and 1 - LCVP (armored) to Navy Base Boat Pool, Navy 3142, from Navy Base Boat Pool, Navy 3115. At 0805 Lieutenant Commander P. M. SMITH Jr., (DM), USNR., took command of this vessel, having relieved Captain George W. McCOHMICK, (DM), USNR., pursuant to orders from BuPers ltr. 090908 Pers-3116-HS-6E of 23 July 1945.

21 August 1945 - Anchored as before in Berth #47, Manila Harbor, Luzon Island, Philippine Islands with various other ships of the United States and merchant fleet present. SOPUS is Com Seventh Fleet., Manila. At 0721 made all preparations for getting underway. At 0734 underway pursuant to Port Director Manila voice message 201141 of 20 August 1945 with Harbor Pilot P. CONGE at the conn, Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge, proceeding on various courses and speeds conforming to the channel into inner harbor. At 0937 moored starboard side to berth #2, Pier #1, Manila Harbor, Luzon Island, Philippine Islands. At 1000 commenced unloading ship.

22 - 23 August 1945 - Moored as before. At 0100, 22 August 1945 commenced loading ship as soon as holds were discharged and ready to receive cargo. Continuous twenty-four hours per day both discharging and loading cargo. At 2300, nine officers and sixty-eight enlisted men from four United States Signal Corps Groups and five officers and seventeen enlisted men of Naval Mobile Communications Units 470, reported aboard for transportation, pursuant with Signal Corps Project 8500 of 15 July 1945.

24 August 1945 - Moored as before, Berth #2, Dock #1, Manila Harbor, Luzon, Philippine Islands. At 0033 completed loading ship. At 0615 made all preparations for getting underway. At 0645 underway in accordance with Port Director Manila voice message 231305Z of 23 August 1945 with Harbor Pilot Captain R. RAZON at the conn, Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge, proceeding at various courses and speeds to berth in outer harbor. At 0820 moored starboard side to the port side of IX 132 in berth 180, Manila Bay, Luzon Island, Philippine Island

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24 August 1945 - (Cont.) for fuel. At 1245 cast off from tanker, having received one hundred fifty-eight thousand (158,000) gallons of fuel oil, and underway for anchorage in accordance with voice message 240052Z of 24 August 1945. Captain at the conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge, proceeding on various courses and speeds to anchorage. At 1314 anchored in Berth #69, Manila Bay, Luzon Island, Philippine Islands.

25 August 1945 - Anchored as before in Berth #69. Manila Bay. Luzon Island, Philippine Islands. At 1300 made all preparations for getting underway. At 1331 underway in accordance with Movement Order ComPhibGrp. TWELVE, No. Al220-45, Captain at the conn. Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge, proceeding on various courses and speeds conforming to channel, forming column standing out of Manila Bay as follows: USS SKAGIT (guide), USS BOTETOURT, USS TODD, USS GASCONADE, USS LIBRA and USS SERONA with Captain PARKER in the USS SKAGIT as OTC. At 1611 commenced proceeding independently to take previously assigned stations in cruising disposition "C-1". in accordance with ComPhibGrp TWELVE Movement Order A1220-45 in column #2 composed of temporary TransDiv FORTY-SEVEN as follows: USS RUTLAND. (Captain HUTTON), Column Guide, USS HIGHLANDS, USS ST. MARYS. USS SHERBORNE, USS YANCEY and USS LIBRA as part of Task Group 33.1 with Rear Admiral HALL in the USS HANSFORD as OTC and Fleet Guide and Third Amphibious Flag Ship, USS OLYMPUS astern of USS HANSFORD in column #3. Underway as part of the first echelon of the Toyko Force of the Third Amphibious Force as set forth in The Campus Operation Plan Al601-45.

0800 1200 2000
Latitude -- 14°50'N
Longitude -- 119°49'E

26 August 1945 - Underway as before in company with Task Group 33.1 in steaming disposition "C-1" with USS HANSFORD as fleet guide, CTG and OTC. Having received information of typhoons in the target area the Task Force was turned around in contemplation of anchoring in Subic Bay, Luzon Island, Philippine Islands. At 1407 anchored in Berth #122, Subic Bay, Luzon Islands, standing by to get underway on two hours notice.

27 August 1945 - Anchored as before in Berth #122, Subic Bay, Luzon Island, Philippine Islands. At 1015 made all preparations for getting underway. At 1040 underway in accordance with Movement Order ComPhibGrp. TWELVE, A1220-45. Captain at the conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge, proceeding on various courses and speeds conforming to the channel to form cruising disposition "C-1" as set forth in Movement Order. At 1338 completed forming cruising formation "C-1".

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27 August 1945 - (Cont.)

0800 1200 2000

Latitude -- -- 15°30'N

Longitude -- -- 119°44'E

28 August 1945 - Steaming as before as sixth ship in Column #2 in company with Task Group 33.1, cruising disposition "C-1" with OTC, CTG and fleet guide in the USS HANSFORD, Column Guide in USS RUTLAND. During the morning watch held emergency drills, the ship exercising at General Quarters, life raft stations, fire drills and tracking and loading drills,

0800 1200 2000 Latitude 18°02'N 18°58'N 20°00'N Longitude 120°12'E 120°33'E 121°53'E

29 August 1945 - Steaming as before as sixth ship in Column #2 in company with Task Group 33.1, cruising disposition "C-1" with OTC, CTG., and fleet guide in USS HANSFORD, Column Guide in USS RUTLAND. During the morning watch the ship exercised at emergency drills, holding General Quarters, tracking and loading drills, life raft stations and fire drills. The ships in formation maneuvered at tactical drills. During the afternoon watch held flag hoist drill.

0800 1200 2000 Latitude 21°34'N 22°11'N 23°27'N Longitude 124°19'E 125°02'E 126°31'E

30 August 1945 - Steaming as before as sixth ship in Column #2 in company with Task Group 33.1, cruising disposition "C-1" with OTC, CTG., and Fleet Guide in USS HANSFORD, column guide in USS RUTLAND. During the morning watch the ships maneuvered at tactical drills. At 1241 commenced maneuvering on orders from the OTC on various courses and speeds to take station astern of the USS GASCONADE as fifth ship in column 2 as part of temporary TransDiv SIXTEEN comprising column #2 as follows: USS SKAGIT, Column Guide, USS TODD, USS BOTETOURT, USS GASCONADE, USS LIBRA and USS SERONA.

0800 1200 2000 Latitude 25°13'N 25°49'N 26°57'N Longitude 128°33'E 129°27'E 130°52'E

31 August 1945 - Steaming as before as fifth ship in Column #2 in company with TransGrp 33.1, cruising disposition "C-1", with OTC, CTG., and Fleet Guide in USS HANSFORD, Column Guide

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31 August 1945 - (Cont.) in USS SKAGIT. During the morning watch the ships maneuvered at tactical drills, and held signal and

flag hoist drills.

0800 1200 2000 Latitude 28°54'N 29°31'N 30°43'N Longitude 133°13'E 134°00'E 135°36'E

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#### FLEET POST OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

#### CONFIDENTIAL

2 October 1945.

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From:

The Commanding Officer.

To:

The Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet.

Subject:

War Diary. Month of September 1945.

Reference: (a) ComInCh ltr. FF1/A12/A16-3, Serial 7152 of 29 October 1944.

- In compliance with reference (a) the War Diary of this vessel for the month of September is submitted.
- USS LIBRA (AKA 12) attached to TransDiv THIRTY-TWO, TransDiv Commander, Captain C. W. WEITZEL, USN., USS PRESIDENT JACKSON (APA 18) flagship. At present temporarily assigned to Task Group 33.1, Task Group commander, Rear Admiral J. L. HALL JR., USN., USS HANSFORD, flagship. Underway as part of the first echelon of the Tokyo Force of the Third Amphibious Force, as set forth in the "Campus" operation plan, Al601-45.
- 1 September 1945 (Time -9 Zone). Steaming in company with Task Group 33.1 as part of the first echelon of the Tokyo Force of the Third Amphibious Force. Material Condition "Afirm" set. below decks.

0800 1200 32°55' N 33°47'N 139°52'E Latitude 32°17'N 138°36'E Longitude 138°02'E

2 September 1945 - Steaming as before with cruising formation in single column. Steaming on various courses and speeds conforming to channel entering Tokyo Bay, Honshu Island, Japan. At 0945 entered Tokyo Bay. At 1012 exercised crew at General Quarters. At 1121 anchored in berth #9, Yokohama District, Tokyo Bay, Honshu Island, Japan. At 1125 secured from General Quarters, set Condition of Readiness III.

3 September 1945 - Anchored as before in berth #9, Yokohama District, Tokyo Bay, Honshu Island, Japan. At 1118 underway in accordance with ComTransRon SIXTEEN visual message 030157 of 3 September 1945, proceeding on various courses and various speeds conforming to the channel, shifting to Yokohama Northeast dock "Dog". At 1245 moored starboard side to dock "Dog", Yokohama. At 1750 in accordance with ComTransRon SIXTEEN voice message 1527 of 3 September 1945 transferred the following boats and equipment to the USS SKAGIT (AKA 105): Eight (8) LCM (3)'s, two (2) LCVP's, one (1) LCP(L), complete with guns, gun mounts and cradles

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3 September 1945 - (Cont) and the following ammunition, eight thousand (8000) rounds 50 Cal. ammunition; four thousand five hundred (4500) rounds 30 caliber ammunition. At 1310 commenced unloading ship.

4 September 1945 - Moored as before to starboard side of Yokohama Northeast Dock "Dog", Yokohama Harbor, Honshu Island, Japan. Unloading ship. At 0415 completed unloading ship and at 0500, in accordance with signal corps project 3500 of 15 July 1945, nine (9) army officers and sixty-eight (68) army enlisted personnel, five (5) navy officers and seventeen (17) navy enlisted personnel left the ship, transportation completed. At 0639 underway in accordance with TransRon SIXTEEN voice message of 3 September 1945, shifting to anchorage. At 0748 anchored in berth #9. Yokohama District, Tokyo Bay, Honshu Island, Japan. At 1223 made all preparations for getting underway. Set Material Condition "Afirm" and Condition of Readiness III. At 1236 underway in accordance with ComThirdPhibFor secret message 031412 of 3 September 1945. Steaming on various courses and speeds conforming to channel, forming column astern of the OTC in the USS SKAGIT (AKA 105), proceeding down Tokyo Bay to Tateyama Wan. At 1550 anchored at Tateyama Wan, Honshu Island, Japan. At 1630 made all preparations for getting underway and at 1648 underway in accordance with ComTranDiv SIXTY-FIVE movement order A1-45 of 4 September 1945, proceeding on various courses and speeds leaving Tateyama Wan, formed single column cruising disposition proceeding out of Tokyo Bay. At 2045 commenced forming cruising disposition "Charlie 2" and at 2130 completed forming cruising disposition "Charlie 2". At 2215 took departure from Tokyo Bay, enroute to Okinawa Island

0800 1200 2000
Latitude -- -- 34°54'N
Longitude -- 139°20'E

5 - 6 September 1945 - Steaming as before in company with Trans Div SIXTY-FIVE. OTC and CTD SIXTY-FIVE in the USS LAVACA (APA 180), enroute to Okinawa Island, Southwestern Islands, Japan. 0800 1200 5th 2000 Latitude 33 11'N Longitude 137 03'E 31º26'N 134º58'E 32038 IN 136° 34'E 6th 29°21'N Latitude 29057'N 28°01'N 131°28'E Longitude 132009'E 130°05'E

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7 September 1945 - Steaming as before in company with TransDiv SIXTY-FIVE. OTC and CTD SIXTY-FIVE in USS LAVACA (APA 180). At 0635 commenced forming single column cruising disposition steaming at various courses and speeds conforming to the channel entering Buckner Bay, Okinawa Island. At 0810 entered Buckner Bay and at 0858 anchored in berth B-47, Buckner Bay, Okinawa Island. At 1158 underway in accordance with ComThirdPhibFor secret dispatch 031412 of September 1945. Steaming on various courses and at various speeds conforming to channel standing out of Buckner Bay. At 1230 took departure from Buckner Bay, enroute to Leyte Gulf, Leyte Island, Philippine Islands.

0800 1200 2000 Latitude -- 24°25'N Longitude -- 127°37'E

8 - 10 September 1945 - Steaming as before in company with USS HILIARY P. JONES (DD 427) and USS CHARLES F. HUGHES (DD 428).

OTC in the USS HILIARY P. JONES. LIBRA acting as formation guide. Material Condition "Baker" set. At 1816 on 8 September 1945 changed route in order to pass clear of reported storm during which time encountered heavy seas. Set typhoon Condition II. 8th 0800 1200 2000

Latitude 21°24'N 20°21'N 18°48'N Longitude 127°09'E 127°36'E

 9th
 17°33'N
 17°03'N
 16°07'N

 Longitude
 128°43'N
 129°04'E
 129°18'E

 10th
 13°30'N
 11°59'N

 Longitude
 128°26'E
 127°55'E
 126°53'E

11 September 1945 - Steaming as before in company with USS HILIARY P. JONES (DD 427) and USS CHARLES F. HUGHES (DD 428). OTC in the USS HILIARY P. JONES. LIBRA acting as formation guide. At 0408 commenced steaming at various courses and speeds conforming to channel entering Leyte Gulf, Leyte, Philippine Islands. At 0842 entered San Pedro Bay and at 0912 anchored in berth #297 and immediately reported to ComTaskFor THIRTY-FOUR for duty.

12 September 1945 - Anchored as before in berth #297, San Pedro Bay, Leyte Gulf, Leyte, Philippine Islands. SOPA in USS STRATFORD (APA 41). At 1013 underway in accordance with ComSer Div SEVENTY-TWO visual UR110420 of 12 September 1945, proceed-

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12 September 1945 - (Cont.) ing to assigned fueling berth. At 1204 moored starboard side to USS TRINITY (AO 13) and commenced taking on fuel. At 1510 completed fueling ship and made preparations for getting underway and at 1522 underway shifting berths, proceeding to Southern Anchorage. At 1603 took departure from San Pedro Bay and commenced steaming at various courses and speeds to assigned berth, Southern Anchorage. At 1804 anchored in berth #873, Leyte Gulf, Leyte, Philippine Islands.

13 September 1945 - Anchored as before in berth #873, Leyte Gulf, Leyte, Philippine Islands, awaiting orders to commence loading ship.

14 September 1945 - Anchored as before in berth #873, Leyte Gulf, Leyte, Philippine Islands. At 0615 in accordance with CTF THIRTY-FOUR transfer order, serial 01216 of 9 September 1945, the following boats and equipment was transferred to the boat pool at Guiuan, Leyte, Philippine Islands: Two (2) LCVP's. At 1122 underway in accordance with CTF THIRTY-FOUR visual dispatch 140044 of 14 September 1945, shifting berths. At 1233 anchored in berth #676, Leyte Gulf, Leyte, Philippine Islands and at 1845 commenced loading ship, loading as cargo, equipment of the IX Corps and 81st Infantry Division, U. S. Army.

15 September 1945 - Anchored as before in berth #676, Leyte Gulf, Leyte, Philippine Islands. SOPA in USS APPALACHIAN (AGC 1). Continued loading ship. At 1615 made all preparations for getting underway and at 1634 underway in accordance with ComPhibGr 3 visual message 150302 of September 1945, shifting berths. At 1753 anchored in berth #881, Leyte Gulf, Leyte, Philippine Islands and continued loading ship.

16 September 1945 - Anchored as before in berth #881, Leyte Gulf, Leyte, Philippine Islands. Continued loading ship.

17 September 1945 - Anchored as before in berth #881, Leyte Gulf, Leyte, Philippine Islands. Continued loading ship. At 1200 completed loading ship and embarked for transportation, five (5) officers and one hundred ten (110) enlisted men of various units of the 81st Infantry and IX Corps, U. S. Army.

18 September 1945 - Anchored as before in berth #881, Leyte Gulf, Leyte, Philippine Islands. At 0620 made all preparations for getting underway and at 0641 underway in accordance with CTF THIRTY-FOUR sortie plan 1-45 (confidential mailgram) of 15 September 1945, proceeding on various courses and speeds conforming to the channel forming in divisions. At 0815 completed forming division, as

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18 September 1945 - (Cont.) fourth ship astern of USS WARRICK (AKA 89) in division "X-ray" operating under TransDiv SIXTY-SIX. OTC and CTF THIRTY-FOUR, Rear Admiral R. L. CONOLLY, USN., in USS APPALACHIAN (AGC 1) with formation guide in USS KERSHAW (APA 176). At 0815 formed cruising disposition "2-T" and at 0917 with Taytay Point bearing 268° T., took departure from Leyte Gulf, Leyte, Philippine Islands at point X-ray. In Transport Group 34.3 (Aomori - Ominato - Hokkaido Force) as set forth in ComPhibGr THREE operation order numbers A-304-45 and A-305-45. This force will conduct approach into Mutsu Bay in order to land embarked troops.

0800 1200 2000 Latitude -- 10°35'N 12°03'N Longitude -- 125°57'E 126°57'E

19 - 24 September 1945 - Steaming in company with Task Force THIRTY-FOUR, cruising disposition "1-T" as fourth ship in Trans Div X-ray. OTC and CTF in USS APPALACHIAN (AGC 1), formation guide in USS KERSHAW (APA 176), column guide in USS OIMSTEAD (APA 188). Formation screened by USS JONES (DD 427) and USS HUGHES (DD 428) as a part of the Aomori - Ominato - Hokkaido Transport Group. At 0849, 19 September 1945 USS ROCKINGHAM (APA 229, USS CORVUS (AKA 26) and USS SHOSHONE (AKA 65) took stations in the transport group. At 1615, 19 September 1945 USS HUGHES (DD 428) and USS WARRICK (AKA 89) left formation, USS WARRICK being unable to maintain fleet speed. At 1212 on 22 September 1945 fueled the USS JONES (DD 427). During this period the Transport Group exercised at signal drills, emergency drills and tactical maneuvers. At 2240, 24 September 1945 sighted Hokkaido Island bearing 300° T., and at 2325 entered Tsugaru Strait, proceeding on various courses and speeds conforming to swept channel following orders of OTC.

19th 1200 0800 2000 16°57'N 129°32'E Latitude 14°27'N 15°18'N Longitude 218°07.5'E 128°37'E 20th 20°18'N 131°20'E Latitude 19°24'N 22°01'N 132°22'E Longitude 130°50'E 21st Latitude 24°30'N 25026'N 27007 N Longitude 133041'E 134012'E 135°13'E 22nd Latitude 29043'N 30°28'N 32°01'N Longitude 136°50'E 137º18'E 138°17'E 23rd 35°14'N 37°16'N 141°59'E Latitude 34021'N Longitude 140034'E

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24th 0800 1200 2000 Latitude 39°52'N 40°27'N 41°35'N Longitude 142°36'E 142°25'E 142°02'E

25 September 1945 - Steaming as before in company with Task Force THIRTY-FOUR in TransDiv X-ray. OTC and CTF THIRTY-FOUR, Rear Admiral R. 1. CONOLLY, USN., USS APPALACHIAN (AGC 1) with formation guide in USS KERSHAW (APA 176). LIBRA temporarily assigned to Transport Group 34.3 (Aomori - Ominato - Hokkaido Force). This force will conduct approach into Mutsu Bay in order to land embarked troops and cargo of the 81st Infantry and IX Corps. U. S. Army, as set forth in ComPhibGr 3 operation orders numbers A-304-45 and A-305-45. Material Condition "Afirm" set. At 0252 entered Tairadate Strait and commenced steaming on various courses and speeds conforming to swept channel following out the orders of the formation guide. At 0449 entered Aomori Wan, Honshu Island, Japan, left Tairadate Strait, proceeding to assigned anchorage. At 0641 anchored in berth #23, Acmori Wan, Honshu Island, Japan. At 1517 made all preparations for getting underway and at 1527 underway in accordance with CTF 34.3 visual message 250500 September 1945 to shift berths. At 1556 anchored in berth#4. Aomori Wan. Honshu Island. Japan. At 1750 commenced discharging fuel and provisions to the USS SEIVERLING (DE 44).

26 September 1945 - Anchored as before in berth #4, Aomori Wan, Honshu Island, Japan in company with Task Force THIRTY-FOUR. SOPA in USS APPALACHIAN (AGC 1). At 1223 made all preparations for getting underway and at 1226 underway in accordance with CTG 34.3 voice circuit message 1143 of 26 September, shifting berths. At 1258 anchored in berth #43, anchorage Baker, Aomori Wan, Honshu Island, Japan. At 1305 commenced unloading ship.

27 - 30 September 1945 - Anchored as before in berth #43, anchorage Baker, Aormori Wan, Honshu Island, Japan, in company with task force THIRTY-FOUR. SOPA in USS APPALACHIAN (AGC 1). Continued unloading ship. At 1200, 27 September 1945 secured from unloading ship, with the remainder of the cargo belonging to IX Corps, U. S. Army aboard for further transportation. On 28 September 1945, in accordance with AlNav 209-45, four enlisted men were transferred to the USS KERSHAW (APA 176) for transportation to the nearest receiving ship or station, continental United States for reenlistment and rehabilitation leave and reassignment by Comwessea Frontier. In accordance with AlNav 252-45, fifty-seven (57) enlisted men were transferred to the USS KERSHAW (APA 176) for transportation to nearest receiving ship

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or station, continental United States FFT to personnel separation centers for discharge.

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From: To: The Commanding Officer.

The Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet.

Subject:

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Reference:

(a) ComInCh ltr. FF1/Al2/Al6-3, Serial 7152 of 29 October 1944.

1. In compliance with reference (a) the War Diary of this vessel for the month of October is submitted.

- 2. USS LIBRA (AKA 12) attached to TransCiv THIRTY-TWO, TransDiv Commander, Captain C. W. WEITZEL, USN., USS PRESIDENT JACK-SON (APA 18) flagship. Temporarily assigned to Task Force 34, Task Force Commander, Rear Admiral R. L. CONOLLY, USN., in USS APPALACHIAN (AGC 1), flagship. Anchored in berth 43, Anchorage Baker, Aomori Harbor, Honshu Island, Japan. Troops and equipment of the IX Corps., U.S. Army aboard awaiting impending operation, as set forth in ComPhibGrp 3 Operation Plan No. A304-45, A305-45 and A306-45.
- 1 3 October 1945 (Time -9 Zone). Anchored in berth 43, Anchorage Baker, Aomori Harbor, Honshu Island, Japan, in company with various units of Task Force 34. SOPA in USS APPALACHIAN (AGC 1). Shifted berths the 3rd of October during heavy weather. Encountered winds up to forty knots and port anchor dragged.

4 October 1945 - Anchored as before in berth 10, Aomori Harbor, Hon-shu Island, Japan, in company with various units of Task Force 34, SOPA in USS APPALACHIAN (AGC 1). At 0315 made all preparations for getting underway and at 0404 underway in accordance with movement order ComPhibGrp 3 No. A308-45 of 1 October 1945, enroute to Otaru, Hokkaido, Japan. Formed cruising disposition "C-1" astern of USS SHOSHONE (AKA 65) in company with Task Unit 34.8.3, CTG 34.8 and OTC in USS HARRIS (APA 2). Formation screened by USS CHARLES F. HUGHES (DD 428) and USS MAYO (DD 422).

0800 1200 2000 Latitude 41°25N 41°31'N 42°46'N Longitude 140°35'E 139°56'E 139°40'E

5 October 1945 - Steaming as before in company with Task Group 34.8. CTG, OTC and uide in USS HARRIS (APA 2). Screen patroling ahead on assigned stations. At 0439 entered Otaru Bay, Otaru, Hokkaido, Japan,

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5 October 1945 - (Cont) and at 0618 anchored in berth 55. Otaru Bay. At 1615 commenced unloading ship, using landing craft. SOPA in USS APPALACHIAN (AGC 1).

6 October 1945 - Anchored as before in berth55, Otaru Bay, Otaru, Hokkaido, Japan. Unloading ship using landing craft. At 1243 under-way in accordance with CTG 34.8 visual message number 052352 of October 1945, proceeding at various speeds and on various courses to assigned dock. At 1444 moored port side to East End of Pier #2. and commenced unloading ship.

7 October 1945 - Moored as before to East End of Pier #2, Otaru Bay, Otaru, Hokkaido, Japan, unloading ship. At 0339 completed unloading ship, disembarked 4 officers and 45 enlisted men of the IX Corps., U.S. Army, transportation having been completed. At 0547 underway, shifting berths. At 0629 anchored in berth 55 Otaru Bay, Otaru, Hokkaido, Japan.

8 October 1945 - Anchored as before in berth 55, Otaru Bay, Otaru, Hokkaido, Japan. SOPA in USS APPALACHIAN (AGC 1). At 0600 made all preparations for getting underway for Leyte, Philippine Islands and at 0647 underway in accordance with CTF 34 dispatch071402 of 8 October 1945 in company with Task Unit 34.8.10. OTC, CTU and Guide in USS SHO-SHONE (AKA 65) enroute to Leyte, Philippine Islands. Material condition "Affirm" set.

1200 0800 2000 43°27'N 41°50'N 430271N Latitude 140°06'E Longitude 139054'E . 139°30'E

9 October 1945 - Steaming as before in company with Task Unit 34.8.10. OTC, CTU and Guide in USS SHOSHONE (AKA 65). At 1326 in accordance with orders from CTU 34.8.10 reversed course and commenced proceeding to Ominato Bay, Honshu, Japan, in an attempt to avoid typhoon reported south of Okinawa and recurving north-east. Experienced moderate winds. At 2122 in accordance with CTF 32 radio dispatch 091136 of October 1945 reversed course toward destination. Reduced standard speed from 15 knots to 12 knots and commenced steaming at two-thirds speed.

0800 1200 2000 39°49'N 142°27'E Latitude 40°48'N Longitude 142°14'E 41°01'N 141°58'E

10 October 1945 - Steaming as before in company with Task Unit 34.8.10.

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10 October 1945 - (Cont) OTC, CTU and Guide in USS SHOSHONE (AKA 65), at reduced speed (two Thirds). Weather conditions unchanged, barometer steady throughout the day. At 0600 commenced steaming at 6 knots in accordance with orders from OTC, Task Unit remaining north of latitude 40° as ordered by CTF 32. Task Unit steamed at various speeds and on various courses remaining north of latitude 40°N.

0800 1200 2000 Latitude 40°7'N 40°07'N 41°14'N Longitude 142°20'E 142°15'E 142°09'E

ll October 1945 - Mameuvering at various courses and at various speeds remaining north of latitude 40°N., in an attempt to avoid previously reported typhoon. In company with Task Unit 34.8.10. OTC, CTU and Guide in USS SHOSHONE (AKA65). At 1158 in compliance with CTU 34.8.10 visual dispatch 110300 of 11 October 1945, Task Unit reversed course and proceeded to Hakadate, Hokkaido, Japan. At 1629 anchored in berth 121, Hokadate Wan, Hokkaido, Japan, in company with various units of Japanese Fleet and Task Unit 34.8.10. Made all preparations for heavy weather. Heavy weather encountered between the hours of 0600 and 1400, estimate winds 35 - 40 knots, force 7. At 1901 shifted berths, nearby ships closing due to bad weather and variable winds.

0800 1200 2000 Latitude 40°55'N 41°23'N ----Longitude 142°35'E 141°58'E ----

12 October 1945 - Anchored as before in Hokadate Wan, Hokkaido, Japan, in company with Task Unit 34.8.10 and various units of the Japanese Fleet. OTC, CTU and SOPA in USS SHOSHONE (AKA 65). At 0800 made all preparations for getting underway and at 0828 underway in accordance with CTU 34.8.10 visual dispatch 112215 of 12 October 1945, enroute to Leyte, Philippine Islands. Typhoon having passed over Northern Honshu and to the north-east.

0800 1200 2000 Latitude --- 41°37'N 40°28'N Longitude --- 141°24'E 142°10'E

13 - 14 October 1945 - Steaming as before in company with Task Unit 34.8.10, OTC, CTU and Guide in USS SHOSHONE (AKA 65), enroute to Leyte. Philippine Islands.

13th	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	38°00'N	37012'N	35°11'N
Longitude	142°18'E	141055'E	141°19'E
14th Latitude Longitude	33°10'N 139°14'E	32°15'N 138°18'E	30°58'N 137°03'E

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10 October 1945 - (Cont) OTC, CTU and Guide in USS SHOSHONE (AKA 65), at reduced speed (two Thirds). Weather conditions unchanged, barometer steady throughout the day. At 0600 commenced steaming at 6 knots in accordance with orders from OTC, Task Unit remaining north of latitude 40° as ordered by CTF 32. Task Unit steamed at various speeds and on various courses remaining north of latitude 40°N.

0800 1200 2000 Latitude 40°7'N 40°07'N 41°14'N Longitude 142°20'E 142°15'E 142°09'E

ll October 1945 - Mameuvering at various courses and at various speeds remaining north of latitude 40°N., in an attempt to avoid previously reported typhoon. In company with Task Unit 34.8.10. OTC, CTU and Guide in USS SHOSHONE (AKA65). At 1158 in compliance with CTU 34.8.10 visual dispatch 110300 of 11 October 1945, Task Unit reversed course and proceeded to Hakadate, Hokkaido, Japan. At 1629 anchored in berth 121, Hokadate Wan, Hokkaido, Japan, in company with various units of Japanese Fleet and Task Unit 34.8.10. Made all preparations for heavy weather. Heavy weather encountered between the hours of 0600 and 1400, estimate winds 35 - 40 knots, force 7. At 1901 shifted berths, nearby ships closing due to bad weather and variable winds.

0800 1200 2000 Latitude 40°55'N 41°23'N ----Longitude 142°35'E 141°58'E ----

12 October 1945 - Anchored as before in Hokadate Wan, Hokkaido, Japan, in company with Task Unit 34.8.10 and various units of the Japanese Fleet. OTC, CTU and SOPA in USS SHOSHONE (AKA 65). At 0800 made all preparations for getting underway and at 0828 underway in accordance with CTU 34.8.10 visual dispatch 112215 of 12 October 1945, enroute to Leyte, Philippine Islands. Typhoon having passed over Northern Honshu and to the north-east.

0800 1200 2000 Latitude --- 41°37'N 40°28'N Longitude --- 141°24'E 142°10'E

13 - 14 October 1945 - Steaming as before in company with Task Unit 34.8.10, OTC, CTU and Guide in USS SHOSHONE (AKA 65), enroute to Leyte, Philippine Islands.

13th	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	38°00'N	37012'N	35°11'N
Longitude	142°18'E	141055'E	141°19'E
14th Latitude Longitude	33°10'N 139°14'E	32°15'N 138°18'E	30°58'N 137°03'E

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15 October 1945 - Steaming as before in company with Task Unit 34.8.10, OTC, CTU and Guide in USS SHOSHONE (AKA 65), enroute to Leyte, Philippine Islands. Received CTF 32 dispatch 150004 stating, "Task Force 34 dissolved as of 1500 Ol/Z. Task Units this force retain same numerical designation under operational control Task Force 32, until respective dissolution." At 1210 Task Unit changed course and commenced proceeding to Okinawa in compliance with CTF 32 dispatch 142358 of 14 October 1945, to deliver excess provisions to Naval Forces.

0800 1200 2000 Latitude 28°21'N 27°36'N 27°18'N Longitude 135°35'E 135°10'E 133°08'E

16 October 1945 - Steaming as before in company with Task Unit 34.8.10, OTC, CTU and Guide in USS SHOSHONE (AKA 65), enroute to Okinawa. At 1237 sighted Okinawa Shima off starboard bow, distance 18 miles, and at 1426 entered Buckner Bay and proceeded independently to assigned anchorage. Anchoring at 1645 in berth B99, Buckner Bay, Okinawa Shima, Nansei Shoto. SOPA in USS LAERTES (AR 20).

0800 1200 2000 Latitude 26°38'N 26°29'N ----Longitude 129°56'E 128°58'E ----

17 October 1945 - Anchored as before in berth B99, Buckner Bay, Okinawa Shima, Nansei Shoto, in company with various units of the U.S. Pacific Fleet and U.S. Merchant Ships. SOPA in USS LAERTES (AR 20). At 0703 shifted berths and moored alongside USS CAMEL (IX 135) and at 0750 commenced taking on fuel. Completed fueling at 1245, having received 228,000 gallons, and at 1255 underway, shifting berths. At 1312 anchored in berth B70, Buckner Bay. At 1440 underway, shifting berths and at 1545 anchored in berth B80 and commenced making preparations for discharging provisions using LIBRA LCVP's. At 2300 completed discharging provisions to U.S. Navy Suply Depot, Buckner Bay, Okinawa Shima, Nansei Shoto, having discharged 38, 653 pounds of dry provisions amounting to \$6, 779.36 and 46,461 pounds of fresh and frozen provisions amounting to \$12,459.49.

18 October 1945 - Anchored as before in berth B80, Buckner Bay, Okinawa Shima, Nansei Shoto, in company with various units of the U. S.
Pacific Fleet and U. S. Merchant Ships. SOPA in USS LAERTES (AR 20).
At 0530 made all preparations for getting underway and at 0559 underway in accordance with CTU 34.8.10 voice message 170920 of 17 October
1945. Standing out of Buckner Bay enroute to Leyte, Philippine Islands.

0800 1200 2000 Latitude 25°57'N 25°01'N 23°04'N Longitude 127°55'E 127°37'E 127°21'E

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19 - 20 October 1945 - Steaming as before in company with Task Unit 34.8.10, OTC, CTU and Guide in USS SHOSHONE (AKA 65), enroute to

Levte. Philippine Islands.

19th	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	19°57'N	19°02'N	17°06'N
Longitude	126°56'E	126°46'E	126°38'E
20th			

14°15'N 13°33'N 12°15'N 126°16'E 126°06'E 12015'N Latitude Longitude

21 October 1945 - Steaming as before in company with Task Unit 34.8.10. OTC, CTU and Guide in USS SHOSHONE (AKA 65), enroute to Leyte, Philippine Islands. At 0600 with Suluan Island abeam to starboard, distance 8 miles, entered Surigao Strait. At 0727 left Suriagao Strait and entered Leyte Gulf, Leyte, Philippine Islands. At 0939 entered San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands and at 1044 moored starboard side to USS ABRENDA (IX 131) and commenced fueling ship. At 1345 completed fueling ship having received 47,896 gallons of fuel oil, 10854 gallons of diesel oil and 45,000 gallons of fresh water. At 1401 underway from alongside USS ABRENDA (IX 131) and at 1446 anchored in berth 215, San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands.

1200 0800 Latitude 10048.8'N 125°27.5'E Longitude

22 October 1945 - Anchored as before in berth 215, San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands, in company with various units of the U.S. Pacific Fleet and Merchant Ships. SOPA in USS STRATFORD.

23 october 1945 - Anchored as before in berth 215, San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands, in company with various units of the U. S. Pacific Fleet and Merchant Ships. SOPA in USS STRATFORD. At 0530 made allpreparations for getting underway and at 0603 underway in accordance with ComLSTFlot 25 voice message 34.8, 221242 of 23 october 1945, standing out of San Pedro Bay, shifting to Southern anchorage. Leyte Gulf. At 0927 anchored in berth 762, Leyte Gulf, Leyte, Philippine Islands.

24 October 1945 - Anchored as before in berth 762, Leyte Gulf, Leyte, Philippine Islands. At 1605 commenced loading ship. Loading troops and equipment of the IX Corps., U. S. Army.

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25 - 28 October 1945 - Anchored as before in berth 762, Leyte Gulf, Leyte, Philippine Islands, continued loading troops and equipment of the IX gorps., U. S. Army. At 1605 on the 27th of ctober completed loading ship in accordance with I. E. Field Order #8, Headquarters, 81st Infantry Division, U. S. Army, 16 September 1945 and Field Order #1, Headquarters Base Echelon, 81st Infantry Division, 24 ctober 1945. Received aboard for transportation four (4) officers and 54 enlisted men and seven hundred twelve (712) ton of equipment, At 1820, the 28th of October 1945, in accordance with 81st Infantry Division voice message 1755 of 28 October 1945, received 12 U. S. Army enlisted men aboard for transportation to destination or until such time as they may be transferred to LST 1072.

29 ctober 1945 - Anchored as before in berth 762, Leyte Gulf, Leyte, Philippine Islands. At 0620 made all preparations for getting underway and at 0648 underway in accordance with ComPhibsGrp Nine Confidential Movement Order No. A923-45 of 24 ctober 1945, standing out of Leyte Gulf, enroute to Otaru, Hokkaido, Japan. This movement order is derived from Movement Plan Commander, Third Amphibious Forces Operation Plan No. A1601-45 and Commander Amphibious Group Three Operation Plan No. A304-45. LIBRA second ship in column astern of USS SHOSHONE (AKA 65) in Task Unit 34.9.13. OTC, CTU and Guide in USS SHOSHONE (AKA 65)

0800 1200 2000 Latitude --- 10°43.5'N 11°58'N Longitude --- 126°07.5'E 127°06'E

30 - 31 October 1945 - Steaming as before in company with Task Unit 34.9.13, OTC, CTU and Guide in USS SHOSHONE (AKA 65), enroute to Otaru, Hokkaido, Japan. In the forenoon watch exercised ship's compliment at emergency drills.

30th 0800 1200 2000 14°54'N 16°22'N 129°05'E 130°08'E 14º10'N Latitude 128°36'E Longitude 31st Latitude 18040'N 19029'N 21004'N 131049'E 132043'E 131024'E Longitude

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From: To:

The Commanding Officer.

29 October 1944.

The Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet Copy No.

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In compliance with reference (a) the War Diary of this vessel for the month of November is submitted.

- USS LIBRA (AKA 12) attached to TransDiv THIRTY-TWO. TransDiv Commander, Captain C. W. WEITZEL, USN, located at room 34, building 45, Roosevelt Base, Terminal Island, San Pedro, California. Temporarily assigned to Task Force 32, Task Unit 34.9.13, Task Unit Commander, Commander FLENNIKIN, USN, in USS SHOSHONE (AKA 65), flagship. Steaming in company with USS SHOSHONE (AKA 65) and USS WARRICK (AKA 89) as task unit 34.9.13, enroute to Aomori, Honshu Island, Japan. Troops and equipment of the 81st Infantry Division on board for transportation.
- 1 4 November 1945 (Time -9 Zone). Steaming in company with USS SHOSHONE (AKA 65) and USS WARRICK (AKA 89), attached to Task Unit 34.9.13, as second ship in column astern of USS SHOSHONE (AKA 65). O.T.C. and C.T.U. in USS SHOSHONE (AKA 65). 1 November 1945 exercised at emergency drills. At 0930 on 3 November 1945 commenced maneuvering on various courses and at various speeds to sink mine sighted on our starboard hand. 0958 USS SHOSHONE (AKA 65) sunk mine. On 4 November 1945 USS WARRICK (AKA 89) sheered out of formation to destroy mine. 0914 USS WARRICK (AKA 89) exploded mine. At 1210 on 4 November 1945 LIBRA left formation to sink mine. 1237 Mine sunk

by gunfire. lst Latitude Longitude 2nd	0800	1200	2000
	23°32'N	24°25'N	26°01'N
	133°54'E	134°15'E	135°02'E
Latitude Longitude 3rd	28°33'N 135°59'E	29°23'N 136°27'E	· 31°03'N 137°14'E
Latitude Longitude 4th	32°41'N 138°14'E	33°09'N 138°50'E	34°24'n 140°50'E
Latitude	37 <sup>0</sup> 06'N	37°55'N	59°3017
Longitude	141 <sup>0</sup> 45'B	141°56'E	142°4115

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5 November 1945 - Steaming as before. At 0516 entered Tsugaru Straits and at 1150 left Tsugaru Straits and entered Tairadate Straits. 1315 Proceeded independently to anchorage and at 1343 anchored in berth #16, anchorage "Baker", Aomori Wan, Mutsu Kaiwan, Honshu Island, Japan. At 1351 secured from material condition "Afirm". At 1351 made all preparations for getting underway and at 1418, underway, shifting berths. At 1436 anchored in berth #136, anchorage "Able", Aomori Wan. At 1510 in accordance with BuPers Cir. 1tr. 158-42 (Expiration of enlistment) transferred two enlisted men for further transportation to the nearest Receiving Ship or Station in the continental United States and discharge from the naval service. In accordance with AlNav 252-45, transferred one enlisted man for further transportation to the nearest Receiving Ship or Station, continental United States for discharge. In accordance with AlNav 345-45 transferred twenty-nine (29) enlisted men for further transportation to nearest Receiving Ship or Station, continental United States for discharge. 0800

0800 1200 2000
Latitude 41°41'N ---- ---Longitude 141°25.5'E ----

6 - 13 November 1945 - Anchored as before. At 1400 on 6 November 1945, due to heavy weather made all preparations for getting underway, shifting to a safer anchorage. 1436 Underway and at 1459 anchored in berth #130, anchorage "Baker", Aomori Wan. Encountered winds up to 25 knots. At 0800 on 7 November 1945 debarked four (4) officers and fifty-four (54) enlisted men of the 81st Infantry Division, U. S. Army, having completed transportation and commenced unloading ship. At 1610 on 8 November 1945 completed unloading ship. During this period to heavy weather, used both starboard and port anchors.

14 November 1945 - Anchored as before. At 0500 made all preparations for getting underway and at 0600 underway in accordance with Port Director, Aomori visual message, proceeding to Ominato Ko, Mutsu Kaiwan, Honshu Island, Japan. 0900 Arrived at minato Ko and moored alongside USS TIPPECANOE (AO 21) in berth #20. At 0910 commenced fueling ship and at 1128 completed fueling ship having received 115,000 gallons. At 1200 Made all preparations for getting underway and at 1242 underway in accordance with Port Director, Aomori visual message, returning to Aomori Wan. At 1504 anchored in berth #5, anchorage "Baker", Aomori Wan, Honshu Island, Japan.

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- 15 18 November 1945 Anchored as before. At 1200 on 15 November 1945, took all necessary precautions for heavy weather and at 1625 made all preparations for getting underway in compliance with Port Director, Acmori voice message to go into Heavy Weather Plan "Baker", Annex "Fox", SOPA instructions. At 1830 commenced making 5 RPM ahead to ease the strain on the anchor chain. At 0530 on 16 November 1945, secured from making 5 RPM and put the engine room on a two hour notice. Encountered heavy seas and winds up to 40 knots.
- 19 20 November 1945 Anchored as before. At 1015,19 November 1945, commenced receving on board U.S. Army and U.S. Navy passengers for transportation to the continental United States for further transportation to separation centers for discharge. Embarked one (1) officer and twenty-nine (29) enlisted men U.S. Navy and sixteen (16) officers and two hundred sixty two (262) enlisted men U.S. Army as passengers.
- 21 November 1945 Anchored as before. At 0500 commenced making all preparations for getting underway and at 0600 underway in accordance with Port Director, Aomori of 20 November 1945, in reference to Com WestSeaFron secret dispatch 151818, enroute to Seattle, Washington, United States. At 0700 entered Tairadate Straits and at 0800 left Tairadate Straits and entered Tsugaru Straits. At 1057, with Shuriya Saki light abeam to starboard, distance ten miles, left Tsugaru Straits, and took departure from Honshu Island, Japan, enroute to Seattle, Washington, United States. At 1800 advanced all clocks one (1) hour to conform with minus ten (-10) time zone.

0800 1200 2000 Latitude --- 41°35'N 41°33'N Longitude --- 141°53'E 144°12'E

22 November 1945 - (Time -10 Zone). Steaming as before.

0800 1200 2000

Latitude 43°14.5'N 43°47'N 44°45'N

Longitude 147°39'E 148°54'E 151°26'E

23 November 1945 - Steaming as before. At 0830 exercised at emergency drills. At 1800 advanced all clocks one (1) hour to conform with minus eleven (-11) time zone.

0800 1200 2000 Longitude 155°27'E 156°33'E 159°04'E Latitude 45°54'N 46°27'N 46°55'N

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 24 November 1945 - (Time -11 Zone). Steaming as before.

 0800
 1200
 2000

 Latitude
 47°41'N
 48°11'N
 48°37.5'N

 Longitude
 163°13'E
 164°58'E
 167°58'E

25 November 1945 - (Time - 11 Zone). Steaming as before. At 1700 advanced all clocks one (1) hour to conform with minus twelve (-12) time zone. At 1854 Crossed the International Date Line at latitude 49°34'N., longitude 176°36'E and entered plus twelve (+12) time zone., changing the date; new date 24 November 1945.

0800 1200 2000 Latitude 49°12'N 49°19'N 49°33'N Longitude 172°40'E 174°14'E 176°44'E

25 November 1945 - (Time +12 Zone). Steaming as before. At 1800 advanced all clocks one (1) hour to conform with plus eleven (+11) time zone.

0800 1200 2000 Latitude 49°45'N 49°53'N 49°57'N Longitude 178°32'W 175°53'W 174°00'W

26 November 1945 - Time +11 Zone). Steaming as before. 1800 Advanced all clocks one (1) hour to conform with plus ten (+10) time zone.

0800 1200 2000 Latitude 50°02'N 50°00'N 50°00'N Longitude 168°40'W 167°01'W 164°41'W

27 November 1945 - (Time +10 Zone). Steaming as before. At 0815 exercised at emergency drills. At 1300 exercised at general quarters and held firing practice. At 1500 noted barometer falling. Encountered strong winds from northwest and very rough seas. Maintained course and speed on North Pacific Great Circle Tract. Extent of damage due to weather; none.

0800 1200 2000 Latitude 49057'N 49054'N 49055'N Longitude 159048'W 157038'W 154029'W

28 November 1945 - Steaming as before. Barometer still falling, encountered very rough seas with poor visibility. At 1340 had gyro compass casualty and commenced steering by magnetic compass. At 1800 advanced all clocks one (1) hour to conform with plus nine (+9) time zone.

0800 1200 2000 Latitude 49°15'N 49°04'N 49°02'N Longitude 149°27'W 157°38'W 154°29'W

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29 November 1945: (Time plus 9 Zone). Steaming as before. Barometer still falling, steadying at 29.35 during the evening watch. Condition of seas rough, winds force four (4) moving from the west. At 1800 advanced all clocks one hour to conform with plus eight time zone.

0800 1200 2000 Latitude 48°56'N 48°57'N 48°50'N Longitude 140°52'W 139°16'W 136°28'W

30 November 1945 - (Time plus 8 Zone). Steaming as before. Barometer steady at 2935. Winds moving from the southwest at force four (4) with moderate seas. No damage occured due to bad weather during this period. At 2330 sighted Pachena Point light, Vancouver Island, bearing 075 T., distance 22 miles. Estimated time of arrival, Seattle, Washington, 1900 G.C.T., 1 December 1945.

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From: To: The Commanding Officer.

The Commander in hief, U. S. Fleet.

Subject:

War Diary, Month of December 1945.

Reference:

(a) ComInCh ltr. FF1/A12/A16-3, Serial 7152 of 29 October 1944.

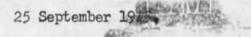
- 1. In compliance with reference (a), the War Diary of this vessel for the month of ecember is submitted.
- 2. USS LIBRA (AKA 12) attached to TransDiv THIRTY-TWO, TransDiv Commander, Captain C. W. WEITWEL, USN, located at room 34, building 45, Roosevelt Base, Terminal Island, San Pedro, California. Attached to Chief of Naval Operations (Naval Transport Service).
- l December 1945 (Time plus 8 Lone). Steaming independently enroute to Seattle, Washington, United States. At 0040 sighted Juan DeFuca light ship bearing 099° T., distance 18 miles. At 0110 sighted Cape Flaherty abeam to port, distance 12 miles. At 0135 with Camanah Point light abeam to port, distance 7.5 miles entered Straits of Juan DeFuca. At 0639, lying to off Port Angeles, Pilot H. L. HALVERSON came aboard. At 1037 passed West Point light abeam to port, distance 7.5 miles and proceeded to Pier #91. At 1142 moored port side to Pier #91, Berth "Fox", Elliott Bay, Seattle, Washington. At 1230 in accordance with C. B. Headquarters, 4th Replacement Depot movement order, debarked 262 Army enlisted personnel and 16 Army officers of the 81st Infantry Division, having completed transportation. At 1355 in compliance with Commanding Officer's order, transferred 63 Navy enlisted personnel and one Navy officer to the nearest receving ship or station for further transportation to Separation centers for discharge, having completed transportation.
- 2 December 1945 Moored as before, port side to Pier #91, Berth "Fox", Elliott Bay, Seattle, Washington.
- 3 December 1945 Moored as before, port side to Pier #91, Berth "Fox", Elliott Bay, Washington. At 0800 made all preparations for getting underway and at 0902 underway in accordance with Port Director, Seattle, Washington movement order of 1 December 1945. Pilot Lt. Comdr. C. B. CHRISTENSEN, USN, at the conn. Shifting berths to Everett Harbor, Port Gardner, Washington. At 1058 entered Everett Harbor and received two tugs from the ATB Company to assist in mooring. At 1117 moored port side to starboard side of USS TYRELL (AKA 80), Pier "E", Everett-Pacific Shipyards, Everett Harbor, Port Gardner, Washington.

CONFIDENTIAL AKA12/A12/A16 USS LIBRA (AKA 12) Serial - 001 1 January 1946 Subject: War Diary, Month of December 1945. 4 - 31 December 1945 - Moored as before. During this period contracted repairs and alterations took place. Leave for officers and men was granted, keeping, however, a sufficient number of officers and men on board to aid in the completion of the ship's work. cc: CinCPac.

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From: To: The Commanding Officer.
The Secretary of the Navy.

Subject:

U.S.S. LIBRA (AKA12) - Brief History of.

Reference:

(a) ALPAC 202 of 16 September 1945.

Enclosure:

(A) U.S.S. LIBRA (AKA12), Brief History of.

1. In compliance with reference (a), enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith.



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The U.S.S. LIERA was built by the U.S. Maritime Commission at the Federal Ship Building and Dry Dock Company, Kearney, New Jersey, as the S.S. Jean Lykes (Hull No. 181). On 13 May 1942, at 1200, at Brewer's Dry Dock Company, Staten Island, New York, in compliance with Commandant Third Naval District orders, File AK53, of 12 May 1942, the U.S.S. LIERA was placed in full commission as the AK53.

The U.S.S. LIBRA remained at Brewer's Dry Dock Company for completion of work of conversion to a Cargo Ship, Combat Loaded. The original crew consisted of 183 enlisted men and 13 officers. On 31 May 1942, the U.S.S. LIBRA received COMAMPHOR-LANT 301825 of May 1942 to report on 5 June to Naval Transportation Service for duty. On 10 June 1942, the U.S.S. LIBRA took departure from Norfolk, Virginia en route to Wellington, New Zealand.

On 1 February 1943, the classification of the U.S.S. LIBRA was changed from AK53 to AKA12.

The U.S.S. LIFFA made the initial assault at Guadalcanal on 7 August 1942, and served in the Pacific Theater, participating in the following major amphibious campaigns:

7 - 9 August 1942 - Guadalcanal - Tulagi Iandings including First Savo. 10 August 1942 to 8 February 1943 - Capture and Defense of Guadalcanal.

12-15 November 1942 - Guadalcanal - Third Savo.

8 February 1943 to 15 March 1945 - Consolidation of Solomon Islands. 20 June to 31 August 1943 - New Georgia, Rendova, Vangunu Occupation.

1 November to 15 December 1943 - Occupation and Defense of Cape Torokina.

10 June to 27 August 1944 - Marianas Operation.

4-18 January 1945 - Lingayen Gulf Landing.

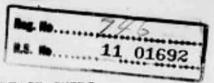
15 February to 16 March 1945 - Iwo Jima Operation

The U.S.S. LIHRA landed additional men and material in support of these and other advance bases.

While participating in the above mentioned major campaigns, the U.S.S. LIBRA was accredited with 10 enemy planes shot down, 9 probables, and 15 assists.

The U.S.S. LIERA was the oldest veteran in the Transport group to enter Tokyo Bay, 2 September 1945. Since the initial landing at Guadalcanal, the U.S.S. LIERA has traveled approximately 160,000 miles and carried approximately 52,559 tons of combat cargo.

Commander William B. Fletcher, Jr., USN, assumed command of the U.S.S. LIERA on commissioning, 13 May 1942. Captain Fletcher was relieved on 2 July 1943 by Commander Floyd F. Ferris, USN. Captain Ferris was relieved on 31 July 1944 by Commander George W. McCormick, (DM), USNR. Captain McCormick was relieved on 20 August 1945 by Lt. Commander Philip M. Smith, Jr., (DM), USNR.



ANTI-AIRCRAFT ACTION BY SURFACE SHIPS.

Location of Ship Off Cape Tobekina, Bougainvilley.3.3.LIBRA(AKA12)
Date 8 Nov. 194

	Lat. 6025 S; Long 154045 E
(a)	NOTES  Repel Attack First - then collect data for this report!  Do not "gun deck" this report - if data connot be estimated with reasonable accuracy enter dash in space for which no data is available.
(c)	These sheets are to be filled out immediately after action is completed with data available from ship's log, memory, and consultation with ship's officers. Information is essential in order that the effectiveness of our equipment can be determined. Where data is of doubtful accuracy fill in with general terms. The obtaining of this information must not be allowed in any way to adversely affect the handling of equipment during action.
T.	Surprise attack (Yes or No) No
2.	Method picking plane up (Redar, binoculars, naked eye) Radar from (If by Radar state type of set other ships, then by binoculars.
з.	Range plane was picked up (50 miles, 30 miles, 10 miles, less 5. miles) Radar about 40 miles.
4.	Fumber of planes. Estimated 20 - 25 attacked convoy.
5.	Type of plane (Fighter, scout, dive-bomber) "Val"(Dive bomber).  Type of attack and "Betty" (Torpedo) simultaneously.
6.	Speed & sltitude (High and fast, intermediate and fact, low and fast, high and slow, intermediate and slow, low and
	slow, Lowand Fast.
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8.	Guns firing 17 Size 3" Number 4 and 350 cal Method of control 3" - central Method of spotting Local .  Only  Amounition expended 3" - 89 rounds; 20 mm - 1,800 rounds; .50cal .  Percent service allowance expended 3" - 10%; 20 mm - 3%.  Approximate time tracking to first shot 2 minutes
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17.	Approximate range first shot 2,500 - 3,000 yards
18.	Approximate range last shot 1,500 yards
19.	Approximate altitude of bomb release 500 ft.Type bomb very small
20.	Approximate range torpedo release saw none released.
21.	Hits on ship None Was ship strafed Yes Size gun .50 cal.
22.	Number near bomb misses none Casualties from strafing one
23.	Planes shot down 2 Sure 1 Possible 1 Damaged 1 By what size gur 3" and 20 mm.
24.	Details of Damage to target by gunfire if available
	Target exploded in mid air from 3" bursts - one unaided by
	other gunfire; one doubtful if we were aided.
28.	Performance of ammunition (Excellent, good, bad, poor)
	3" Excellent; 20 mm had 3 short blowbacks.
	(a) Indicate direction of attack relative ship's head.  (b) Show relative position of sun.  (c) Indicate own maneuvers.  Sun astern, position angle 75° steered various courses on radical zig zag. Ships in two columns (Transports) dispersed, screen of destroyers.
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f. F. FERRIS, Comdr., USN., Commanding.