

U.S.S. TITANIA

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1. Designation and composition of Units

a. #13 - Task Force - TransDiv #5

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2. 13.2. Convoy

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- 6. Montpelier
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(a) Operation order 1-42

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War Diaries
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December 1, 1942.

Moored berth 26, pier #4 Norfolk Navy Yard at Portsmouth, Va.,
undergoing yard repairs.

December 2, 1942.

Same as before.

December 3, 1942.

Same as before.

December 4, 1942.

Same as before.

December 5, 1942.

Same as before 1311 Left Norfolk Navy Yard for Army Base.
1500 Moored to pier #2, berth 21, Army Base, Norfolk, Va.

December 6, 1942.

Moored Stb'd. side to Pier 2, Berth "26, Army Base, Norfolk, Va.

December 7, 1942.

Same as before.

December 8, 1942.

Same as before, 1235 left Army Base for Pier 4 Naval Operating
Base, Va. 1322 Moored Stb'd. side Pier #4, Berth 41, N.O.B., Va.

December 9, 1942.

Same as before. 1045 Began combat loading.

December 10, 1942.

Same as before. Continued loading.

December 11, 1942.

Same as before. Continued loading.

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December 12, 1942.

Same as before. Continued loading.

December 13, 1942.

Same as before. Continued loading.

December 14, 1942.

Same as before. Continued loading.

December 15, 1942.

Same as before. Continued loading cargo. Began hoisting boats on board.

December 16, 1942.

Same as before. 1105 Left Pier #4, N.O.B. for Hampton Roads. 1139 Anchored in Berth #2, Hampton Roads.

December 17, 1942.

Anchored in berth 2 Hampton Roads, Virginia. 0810 Vessel got underway and stood down Hampton Roads. 1422 Convoy formed off "Xray Mike". 1422 Began zig-zagging.

2000 Position L. 36°-00N.
L. 74-00 W.

December 18, 1942.

Steaming in convoy.

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
L.	34° - 00' N	33° - 00' N	33° - 00' N
L.	73 - 00 W	72° - 00 W	70° - 00 W

December 19, 1942.
Steaming in convoy

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	30° - 00' N	29° - 00' N	27° - 00N.
	69° - 00' W	69° - 00' W	69° - 00' W.

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December 20, 1942.

Steaming in convoy.

	<u>0800</u>		<u>1200</u>		<u>2000</u>
L.	24° - 00' N.		23° - 00' N.		21° - 00' N.
L.	68° - 00' W.		68° - 00' W.		68° - 00' W.

December 21, 1942.

Steaming in convoy.

	<u>0800</u>		<u>1200</u>		<u>2000</u>
L.	19° - 00' N.		18° - 00' N.		17° - 00' N.
L.	68° - 00' W.		68° - 00' W.		69° - 00' W.

December 22, 1942.

Steaming in convoy.

	<u>0800</u>		<u>1200</u>		<u>2000</u>
L.	16° - 00' N.		16° - 00' N.		15° - 00' N.
L.	71° - 50' W.		73° - 00' W.		75° - 00' W.

December 23, 1942.

Steaming in convoy.

	<u>0800</u>		<u>1200</u>		<u>2000</u>
L.	14° - 00' N.		13° - 00' N.		12° - 00' N.
L.	76° - 00' W.		77° - 00' W.		78° - 00' W.

December 24, 1942.

Steaming in convoy. 0906 Arrived at Panama Canal swept channel. Ceased zig-zagging and manoeuvred to form the following column of ships: U.S.S. ALLEN, U.S.S. CLYMOR, U.S.S. HARRIS, U.S.S. ALGORAB, U.S.S. PENN, U.S.S. MONTPELIER, U.S.S. TITANIA, and U.S.S. TITANIA 1135 anchored in Port Simon Bay. 1213 Vessel got underway and stood in to dock 1312 Moored port side, Pier #7, Berth "C". Started to load stores, take fuel and water. 2220 Left the dock to transit the Panama Canal.

December 25, 1942.

Transiting the Panama Canal. 0210 Moored fore and aft to buoys in Gamboa Reach. Ship held up because of fog. 0740 Vessel proceeding. 1108 Entered Balboa Inner Harbor. 1135 Moored and anchored in Balboa Inner Harbor.

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December 26, 1942.

Same as before. 1255 Vessel got underway and stood out of Balboa Inner Harbor. 1749 Joined convoy and took station. 1806 Started zig-zagging.

December 27, 1942.

Steaming in convoy.

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
L.	07° - 00' N.	06° - 00' N.	05° - 16' N.
L.	82° - 00' W.	83° - 00' W.	85° - 04' W.

December 28, 1942.

Steaming in convoy.

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
L.	04° - 00' N.	04° - 00' N.	03° - 00' N.
L.	88° - 29' W.	88° - 29' W.	90° - 00' W.

December 29, 1942.

Steaming in convoy.

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
L.	02° - 23' N.	02° - 00' N.	01° - 00' N.
L.	93° - 00' W.	94° - 00' W.	96° - 00' W.

December 30, 1942.

Steaming in convoy.

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
L.	00° - 38' N.	00° - 00' N.	00° - 00' N.
L.	98° - 00' W.	100° - 07' W.	101° - 00' W.

December 31, 1942.

Steaming in convoy.

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
L.	01° - 00' S.	01° - 00' S.	02° - 00' S.
L.	104° - 36' W.	105° - 00' W.	107° - 00' W.

This completes War Diary and Operational data for December, 1942.

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January 1, 1943.

Steaming in convoy.

L.	$\frac{0800}{03^{\circ}} - 00' S.$	$\frac{1200}{03^{\circ}} - 00' S.$	$\frac{2000}{04^{\circ}} - 00' S.$
L.	$109^{\circ} - 00' W.$	$110^{\circ} - 00' W.$	$112^{\circ} - 00' W.$

January 2, 1943.

Steaming in convoy.

L.	$\frac{0800}{05^{\circ}} - 00' S.$	$\frac{1200}{05^{\circ}} - 00' S.$	$\frac{2000}{05^{\circ}} - 21' S.$
L.	$115^{\circ} - 00' W.$	$116^{\circ} - 00' W.$	$117^{\circ} - 52' W.$

January 3, 1943.

Steaming in convoy.

L.	$\frac{0800}{06^{\circ}} - 00' S.$	$\frac{1200}{07^{\circ}} - 00' S.$	$\frac{2000}{07^{\circ}} - 00' S.$
L.	$121^{\circ} - 00' W.$	$122^{\circ} - 00' W.$	$123^{\circ} - 00' W.$

January 4, 1943.

Steaming in convoy.

L.	$\frac{0800}{08^{\circ}} - 00' S.$	$\frac{1200}{08^{\circ}} - 00' S.$	$\frac{2000}{08^{\circ}} - 11' S.$
L.	$126^{\circ} - 00' W.$	$127^{\circ} - 00' W.$	$128^{\circ} - 34' W.$

January 5, 1943.

Steaming in convoy.

L.	$\frac{0800}{09^{\circ}} - 00' S.$	$\frac{1200}{09^{\circ}} - 00' S.$	$\frac{2000}{10^{\circ}} - 00' S.$
L.	$131^{\circ} - 00' W.$	$132^{\circ} - 00' W.$	$133^{\circ} - 00' W.$

January 6, 1943.

Steaming in convoy.

L.	$\frac{0800}{11^{\circ}} - 00' S.$	$\frac{1200}{12^{\circ}} - 00' S.$	$\frac{2000}{12^{\circ}} - 00' S.$
L.	$136^{\circ} - 00' W.$	$137^{\circ} - 00' W.$	$138^{\circ} - 00' W.$

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January 6, 1943.

1010 Exercised crew in 20 M.M. practice. Expended.
1847 Sighted two ships on the horizon bearing 265° (T). Ships
were identified as: U.S.S. CHESTER and U.S.S. CLARK.

January 7, 1943.

Steaming in convoy.

L.	$\frac{0800}{12^\circ} - 00' S.$	$\frac{1200}{12^\circ} - 00' S.$	$\frac{2000}{12^\circ} - 00' S.$
L.	141° - 00' W.	142° - 00' W.	144° - 00' W.

January 8, 1943.

Steaming in convoy.

L.	$\frac{0800}{13^\circ} - 00' S.$	$\frac{1200}{13^\circ} - 00' S.$	$\frac{2000}{13^\circ} - 00' S.$
L.	146° - 00' W.	147° - 00' W.	149° - 00' W.

January 9, 1943.

Steaming in convoy.

L.	$\frac{0800}{13^\circ} - 00' S.$	$\frac{1200}{13^\circ} - 00' S.$	$\frac{2000}{14^\circ} - 00' S.$
L.	152° - 00' W.	153° - 00' W.	154° - 00' W.

1337 Exercised crew in 20 M.M. firing. Expended.

January 10, 1943.

Steaming in convoy.

L.	$\frac{0800}{14^\circ} - 00' S.$	$\frac{1200}{14^\circ} - 00' S.$	$\frac{2000}{15^\circ} - 00' S.$
L.	157° - 00' W.	158° - 00' W.	160° - 00' W.

January 11, 1943.

Steaming in convoy.

L.	$\frac{0800}{15^\circ} - 00' S.$	$\frac{1200}{15^\circ} - 00' S.$	$\frac{2000}{16^\circ} - 00' S.$
L.	163° - 00' W.	164° - 00' W.	165° - 00' W.

January 12, 1943.

Steaming in convoy.

L.	$\frac{0800}{16^\circ} - 00' S.$	$\frac{1200}{16^\circ} - 00' S.$	$\frac{2000}{16^\circ} - 00' S.$
L.	168° - 00' W.	169° - 00' W.	170° - 00' W.

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January 13, 1943.

Steaming in convoy.

L.	$\frac{0800}{17^{\circ}} - 00' S.$	$\frac{1200}{17^{\circ}} - 00' S.$	$\frac{2000}{18^{\circ}} - 00' S.$
L.	$173^{\circ} - 00' W.$	$174^{\circ} - 00' W.$	$175^{\circ} - 00' W.$

January 14, 1943.

Steaming in convoy.

L.	$\frac{0800}{20^{\circ}} - 00' S.$	$\frac{1200}{21^{\circ}} - 00' S.$	$\frac{2000}{22^{\circ}} - 00' S.$
L.	$177^{\circ} - 00' W.$	$177^{\circ} - 00' W.$	$179^{\circ} - 00' W.$

Crossed 180th. Skipped the 15th of January.

January 16, 1943.

Steaming in convoy.

L.	$\frac{0800}{22^{\circ}} - 00' S.$	$\frac{1200}{23^{\circ}} - 00' S.$	$\frac{2000}{23^{\circ}} - 00' S.$
L.	$178^{\circ} - 00' E.$	$177^{\circ} - 00' E.$	

January 17, 1943.

Steaming in convoy.

L.	$\frac{0800}{23^{\circ}} - 00' S.$	$\frac{1200}{23^{\circ}} - 00' S.$	$\frac{2000}{24^{\circ}} - 00' S.$
L.	$175^{\circ} - 00' E.$	$172^{\circ} - 00' E.$	$169^{\circ} - 00' E.$

January 18, 1943.

Steaming in convoy.

L.	$\frac{0800}{23^{\circ}} - 00' S.$
L.	$166^{\circ} - 00' E.$

- 0940 Sighted land (New Caledonia). Weather overcast thick haze.
- 1108 Convoy forming single formation, distance 800 yards in the following order: U.S.S. CLYMER, U.S.S. PENN, USS MONTPELIER, U.S.S. ALGORAB, U.S.S. TITANIA and U.S.S. CHENANGO.
- 1150 Various speeds proceeding through Bulari Passage.
- 1246 Amedee Island light .6 mile abeam. Various courses proceeding up channel, standard speed 14 knots.
- 1430 Anchored in berth #54 outside Great Roads, New Caledonia, in 10 fathoms of water, 60 fathoms of chain to port anchor on the following bearings:

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January 18, 1943 (Cont'd.)

Beacon, "Option 125° (T.), beacon "Prep" 180° (T)
Beacon "Baker" 330° 30'

January 19, 1943.

Anchored in berth #54 off Great Roads, New Caledonia.
0700 Started to discharge cargo.

January 20, 1943.

Anchored as before in berth #54 off Great Roads, New Caledonia.
Continued discharging cargo.

January 21, 1943.

Anchored as before. Continued discharging cargo.

January 22, 1943.

Anchored as before. Continued discharging cargo.

January 23, 1943.

Anchored as before. Continued discharging cargo.

January 24, 1943.

Anchored as before. Continued discharging cargo.

January 25, 1943.

Anchored as before. Completed discharging, made all preparations
to dock ship and commence loading.

January 26, 1943.

0500 Made all preparations for getting underway. 0921 Vessel
stood down stream proceeding to Noumea docks, Captain at the
conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on bridge. 0943 Pilot
Louis Henin on board. 1055 Ship moored starboard side to
Noumea docks. 1055 Started loading Marine and Army cargo.

January 27, 1943.

Moored as before. Continued loading cargo. 0635 Completed
loading holds #3 and #4. 2340 Finished loading all cargo.

January 28, 1943.

1530 Made all preparations for getting underway. 1555 Pilot
Charles Legras reported on board. 1611 Let go all lines,
Vessel got underway and stood down harbor; Pilot at the conn,
Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on bridge.

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January 28, 1943. (Cont'd.)

1653 Anchored in berth #39 in Dumbea Roads.

January 29, 1943.

0530 Made all preparations for getting underway. 0644 Vessel got underway and stood down stream, Captain at the conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on bridge. Order of ships: U.S.S. ALLEN, U.S.S. TITANIA, escort vessel H.M.S. SHELL-DRAKE.

Steaming in convoy.

1200

2000

L. 23° - 00' S.
L. 167° - 00

23° - 00' S.
108° - 00' E.

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Steaming in convoy.

0800

1200

2000

L. 20° - 00' S.
L. 169° - 00' E.

L. 19° - 00' S.
L. 168° - 00' E.

L. 17° - 00' S.
L. 168° - 00' E.

January 31, 1943.

Steaming in convoy.

0750 Anchored in berth #42. Spirito Santo Island Harbor, 80 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor in 20 fathoms of water.

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