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U. S. S. _____ OREGON _____

_____ AKA-14 _____ Rate,

COMMANDED BY

_____ ION FURSELL, COMMANDER _____, U. S. Navy,

Attached to { _____ SOUTH PACIFIC FORCE _____ Division,
_____ _____ Squadron,
_____ PACIFIC _____ Fleet,

Commencing _____ FEBRUARY 1, _____, 19 43 ,

at _____ FORT MOIRIA, NEW CALEDONIA _____,

and ending _____ FEBRUARY 20, _____, 19 43 ,

at _____ BNA _____

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UNITED STATES SHIP ONERON AKA-14 Monday 1 February 1943
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ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

Identification number changed this date from AK-56, to AKA-14

0000-0400 Attached to ~~Commander~~ South Pacific Force, anchored in berth # 49, Isle Nou, anchorage, Port Noumea, New Caledonia in 11 fathoms of water with 30 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. No. 1 boiler in use. Anchorage bearings; Beacon "P" - 038°30', beacon "Q" 085°, beacon "R" 112°, beacon "S" 116°30'. Ships present, U.S.S. Argonne (SOPA) and various units of the Pacific fleet.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught
Lt.(jg) USNR.

0400-0600 Anchored as before.

0440 Set condition IIM, manned 3"/50 and 20 MM A.A. guns.

0455 Lit fires under boiler # 2.

0540 Cut in boiler # 2 on main steam line.

0525 U.S.S. Cony underway and stood out of inner harbor.

0631 Underway in company with Task Unit sixty-six point nineteen point one (66.19.1) U.S.S. William P Biddle flagship, escort U.S.S. Cony and Strong enroute to base Buton, Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on bridge, Executive Officer at Conn. Standard speed 15 knots (85 RPM), boilers # 1 and # 2 in use. Steaming on various courses and speeds conforming to channel.

0640 U.S.S. Strong underway and stood out of inner harbor.

0647 U.S.S. William P Biddle underway and stood out of inner harbor.

0706 U.S.S. William P Biddle passed abeam to port.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0812 Anadee lighthouse abeam to starboard, distance 1400 yards.

0830 Passed through Bulari northern passage, set course 230° true, speed 14.5 knots (84 RPM)

0903 Anadee lighthouse bearing 050° true, distance 8.2 miles, altered course to 149° true.

0910 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 11, base course 149° true.

1135 Sighted ship bearing 060° true, distance 15 miles.

Position 1200 Latitude 23°10'S Longitude 165°43' E.

E. Schaefer
E. Schaefer,
Lt.(jg) USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1211 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 149° true.

1215 Changed base course to 122° true by wheeling.

1219 Resumed zigzagging in accordance with plan # 11, base course 122° true.

1538 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course.

1543 Changed course by wheeling to 039° true.

1551 Resumed zigzagging in accordance with plan # 11, base course 039° true.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt.(jg) USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

D. W. Anderson
D. W. Anderson,
Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1807 Sighted Isle of Pines (New Caledonia) bearing 329° true, distance 20 miles. Steering 009° T

1826 Passed Isle of Pines abeam to port, distance 16 miles

1910 Ceased zigzagging and resumed mean course 039° true together.

Position 2000 Latitude 22°53' S Longitude 165°09' E.

E. Schaefer
E. Schaefer,
Lt.(jg) USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

C. E. Lingg
C. E. Lingg,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved:

J. P. Purcell
J. P. Purcell,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING

Examined:

W. Dougherty
W. DOUGHERTY
LIEUT. COMMANDER, D-M
U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON EA-14 Tuesday 2 February 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force sixty-six nineteen point one (66.19.1) U.S.S. William F. Biddle flagship, escort U.S.S. Cony and U.S.S. Strong, enroute to base. Button on course 039° true, standard speed 14.6 knots (84 RPM), both boilers in use.
 0202 Changed course by wheeling to 342° true.

R. G. Redmond
 R. G. Redmond,
 Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before
 0500 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 11, base course 342° true.
Position 0800 Latitude 20° 19' S Longitude 168° 36' E

D. F. Anderegg
 D. F. Anderegg,
 Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before
 0929 Reduced speed to 13.5 knots (80 RPM)
Position 1200 Latitude 19° 30' S Longitude 168° 17' E

E. Schaffer
 E. Schaffer,
 Lt. (jg) USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.
 1305 Sighted Broomanah Island bearing 050° true, approximate distance 50 miles.
 1341 Passed Broomanah Island abeam to starboard, approximate distance 46 miles.

A. A. Maught
 A. A. Maught,
 Lt. (jg) USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.
 1750 Sighted Efate Island bearing 030° true, approximate distance 43 miles.

C. C. Lingenfelter Jr.
 C. C. Lingenfelter Jr.,
 Ensign, USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.
 1800 Ceased zigzagging and resumed mean course 342° true.
Position 2000 Latitude 17° 50' S Longitude 167° 45' W.

E. Schaffer
 E. Schaffer,
 Lt. (jg) USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.
 2147 Changed course by wheeling to 025° true.

H. R. Spiers
 H. R. Spiers,
 Lt. (jg) USNR.

Approved:

G. Purcell
 G. PURSELL,
 COMMANDER, USN.,
 COMMANDING

Examined:

W. D. O'Querty
 W. D. O'QUERTY
 LIEUT. COMDR., D-M
 U. S. NAVY Navigator

UNITED STATES SHIP

OREGON AKA-14

Wednesday 3,

February

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force sixty-six point nineteen point one (66.19.1). U.S.S. William F Biddle, flagship. U.S.S. Cony, U.S.S. Strong escorts enroute to base Buton on course 028° true, standard speed 13½ knots (78 RPM), both boilers in use.

0130 Sighted Epi Island (The Foxland) bearing 089° true, distance approximately 8 miles.

0145 Sighted Malekula Island, bearing 310° true, distance approximately 2 miles.

0150 Passed Epi Island abeam to starboard, approximate distance 7 miles. Changed course to 00° true by wheeling.

0222 Sighted Ambrin Island bearing 029° true, approximate distance 9 miles. Sighted Pama Island bearing 084° true, approximate distance 12 miles.

0227 Changed course to 322° true by wheeling.

0252 Passed Ambrin Island abeam to starboard, approximate distance 15 miles.

0304 Changed course to 334° true by wheeling.

0332 Ambrin Island left tangent abeam to starboard, distance approximately 9 miles.

D. J. Anderegg
D. J. Anderegg,
Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0500 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 11, base course 334° true.

0607 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course, 334° true.

0609 Changed course by wheeling to 310° true.
Position 0600 Latitude 15° 30' S Longitude 167° 15' E

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0810 Bogacio Island abeam to port, distance 1300 yards, entering Luganville Harbor (Espirito Santo)

0831 U.S.S. Lang passed abeam to port.

0856 Passed through mine gate to inner harbor.

0925 Anchored in Pekoa channel, Espirito Santo Island in 21 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain out to starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Mission 269° true, Beacon "F" 234° T, "J" 342° T, "H" 109° T and beacon "C" 011° T. Ships present, U.S.S. Minneapolis (SOPA), U.S.S. Tangiers, U.S.S. Custer, U.S.S. Mackinac, U.S.S. Dixie, U.S.S. Henry T Allen, U.S.S. Titania, U.S.S. George Clymer, U.S.S. William F Biddle and various units of the Pacific fleet.

0926 Detached from Task Force # 66.19.1.

1000 Secured # 2 boiler.

1000 Captain left ship on official call on the Commanding Officer at Naval Base.

1120 Captain returned on board.

E. Schaffer
E. Schaffer,
Lt. (jg) USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

1345 U.S.S. Strong underway and stood out.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt. (jg) USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

E. Schaffer
E. Schaffer,
Lt. (jg) USNR.

Approved:

Earl Purcell
EARL PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING

Examined:

W. Dougherty
W. DOUGHERTY
LIEUT. COMMANDER, USN.
U. S. NAVY Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP

OSEROE AXA-14

Thursday 6 February 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000-0400 Anchored in Peloa channel Espiritu Santo Island, in 21 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor on the following true bearings; Mission 267° T, Beacons "M" 234°, "J" 342°, "H" 109° and "C" 011° True, boiler # 1 in use. Ships present U.S.S. Dixie (SCPA) U.S.S. Minneapolis, U.S.S. Tangiers, U.S.S. Curtis, U.S.S. Henry T Allen, U.S.S. George Clymer, U.S.S. William P Biddle U.S.S. American Legion and various units of the Pacific fleet. Maintaining condition IIM, all A.A. battery manned.

A. A. Maugh
A. A. Maugh,
Lt. (jg) USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

R. S. Redmond
R. S. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.
0800 Crew commenced discharging cargo from holds # 1, 2, 4 and 5 using LCM's and 1 barge.

C. C. Lingersh, Jr.
C. C. Lingersh, Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt. (jg) USNR.

1600-1800 Anchored as before.
1655 Secured # 1 boiler and lit off # 2 boiler.

E. Schaefer
E. Schaefer,
Lt. (jg) USNR.

1800-2000 Anchored as before.
1900 Ceased discharging cargo for the day.

E. Schaefer
E. Schaefer,
Lt. (jg) USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

A. A. Maugh
A. A. Maugh,
Lt. (jg) USNR.

Approved:

Earl Purcell
EARL PURCELL
COMMANDER, USN..
COMMANDING

Examined:

W. Dougherty
W. DOUGHERTY
LIEUT. COMMANDER, USN.
U. S. Navy Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OSERON AKA-14

Friday

5 February

1945

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000-0400 Attached to South Pacific Force, anchored in Pekoa^{Pr} channel, Espiritu Santo island, New Hebrides, in 21 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor on the following true bearings; Mission 269°, beacons "M" 234°, "J" 342° "H" 109° and "C" 011°. Boiler # 1 in use. Ships present; U.S.S. Dixie(SOPA), U.S.S. Minneapolis, U.S.S. Tangiers, U.S.S. Curtis, U.S.S. Mackinac, U.S.S. Henry T. Allen, U.S.S. George Clymer, U.S.S. Hunter Liggett, U.S.S. William F. Biddle, U.S.S. Titania, U.S.S. American Legion and various units of the Pacific fleet and harbor craft. Maintaining condition IIM, all A.A. battery manned.

P. G. Redmond
P. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.
0545 U.S.S. American Legion stood out.
0655 U.S.S. George Clymer stood out.
0630 Crew resumed unloading cargo, using LCM's and 1 barge.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.
1041 U.S.S. Biddle stood out.
1100 Lit off # 1 boiler and out in # 2 boiler on main steam line.
1110 Made all preparations for getting underway.
1151 Underway for changing berths, Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge, Executive Officer at the Conn., boilers # 1 and # 2 in use, steaming on various courses at various speeds conforming to the channel and harbor traffic.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt.(jg) USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.
1345 Anchored in berth # 2 inner harbor Pekoa^{Pr} channel Espiritu Santo island in 30 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain out to the port anchor on the following true bearings; Beacon "Dog" 185°, "Jig", 265°, "Easy" 293°, "Cost" 343°, "Hypo" 228°, "Affirm" 064°. Maintaining condition IIM.
1347 Secured # 1 boiler, # 2 boiler in use for auxiliary purposes.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt.(jg) USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

A. A. Maugh
A. A. Maugh,
Lt.(jg) USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.
2100 Crew ceased unloading activities for the day.

P. G. Redmond
P. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved:

Earl Purcell
EARL PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING

Examined:

W. Dougherty
W. DOUGHERTY
LIEUT. COMMANDER, U.S. NAVY,
U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OBERON AKA-14

Saturday 6 February 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000-0400 Anchored in Peking channel Esperito Santo island, New Hebrides, in 30 fathoms of water with 80 fathoms of chain out to port anchor, on the following bearings: Beacon Nygo 228° T, beacon Dog 183° T, beacon Easy 293° T, and beacon Jig 263° T. Boiler # 1 in use. Ships present: U.S.S. Dixie (SOPA) U.S.S. Minneapolis, U.S.S. Tangiers, U.S.S. Curtis, U.S.S. Mackinac, U.S.S. Titanic, U.S.S. Henry T Allen, U.S.S. Hunter Liggett and various units of the South Pacific fleet and harbor craft. Maintaining condition IIM, all A. A. battery manned.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.
0630 Crew resumed unloading cargo.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt.(jg) USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.
1140 U. S. S. Maury stood out.

E. Schaffer
E. Schaffer,
Lt.(jg) USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.
1540 Lit off # 1 boiler and secured # 2.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught
Lt.(jg) USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.
1630 U.S.S. Reid stood in and anchored.
1730 U.S.S. Mahan stood in and anchored.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.
Crew continued discharging cargo throughout the night.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
Ensign, USNR.

Approved:

Tom Purcell
TOM PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING

Examined:

W. Dougherty
W. DOUGHERTY
LIEUT. COMDR. D-4
U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

ORSON AKA-14

Sunday

7

February

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000-0400 Anchored in Peka channel Esperita Santo island, New Hebrides, in 30 fathoms of water with 30 fathoms of chain out to the port anchor, on the following bearings: Beacon "Jig" 263° True, Beacon "Dog" 183° True, Beacon "Easy" 293° and Beacon "Hype" 228° True. Boiler # 1 in use. Ships present; U. S. S. Dixie, (SOPA) U.S.S. Minneapolis, U.S.S. Tangiers, U.S.S. Curtis, U.S.S. Mackinac, U.S.S. Titania, U.S.S. Henry T Allen, U.S.S. Hunter Liggett and various ships of the South Pacific fleet and harbor craft. Maintaining condition IIM. Continuous work discharging cargo.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt. (jg) USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

E. Schafar
E. Schafar,
Lt. (jg) USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt. (jg) USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.
1330 U.S.S. Stringham stood out.

R. G. Radford
R. G. Radford,
Ensign, USNR.

1800-2000 Anchored as before.
1815 Completed unloading # 1 hatch.
1815 U.S.S. Skylark stood in.
1818 U.S.S. Sands stood in and anchored ~~starboard bow~~.
1800 U.S.S. Mahan stood out.
1830 U.S.S. Titania, U.S.S. Island Mail stood out.

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.
Crew continued discharging cargo throughout the night.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt. (jg) USNR.

Approved:

Tom Purcell
TOM PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING

Examined:

W. Dougherty
W. DOUGHERTY
LIEUT. COMMANDER, USN.
U. S. NAVY

UNITED STATES SHIP

OBERON AKA-56

Monday

8

February

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000-0400

Anchored in berth # 2 Pekoa channel, Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides in 30 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain out to the port anchor on the following true bearings; Beacon "Hypo" 223°, beacon "Dog" 183°, beacon "Easy" 293° and beacon "Jig" 263°. Ships present; U.S.S. Dixie(SOPA), U.S.S. Minneapolis, U.S.S. Tangiers, U.S.S. Curtis, U.S.S. Machinao, U.S.S. Henry T. Allen, U.S.S. Hunter Liggett and various units of the Pacific fleet and harbor craft. Boiler # 1 in use. Maintaining condition IIM. Continuous work discharging cargo.

E. Schaefer
E. Schaefer,
Lt.(jg) USNR.

0400-0800

Anchored as before.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt.(jg) USNR.

0800-1200

Anchored as before.

1000

Completed unloading # 3 hatch.

1120

Received on board 39 bags of U.S. Mail for transportation.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600

Anchored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

1600-2000

Anchored as before.

1815

U.S.S. Anderson stood out.

1950

U.S.S. Strong, stood out.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt.(jg) USNR.

2000-2400

Anchored as before.

Crew continued discharging cargo throughout the night.

E. Schaefer
E. Schaefer
Lt.(jg) USNR.

Approved:

E. J. Russell
E. J. RUSSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

W. Dougherty
W. DOUGHERTY
LIEUT. COMMANDER, USN.
U.S. Navy Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON AXA-14 Tuesday 9 February 1945
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000-0400 Anchored in berth # 2 Pekoa channel, Espirito Santo island, New Hebrides, in 30 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain out to the port anchor on the following true bearings; Beacon "Jig" 263°, beacon "Dog" 183°, beacon "Easy" 293° and beacon "Hype" 228°. Boiler # 1 in use. Ships present; U.S.S. Dixie (SCPA), U.S.S. Tangiers, U.S.S. Curtis, U.S.S. Mackinac, U.S.S. Minneapolis, U.S.S. Henry T Allen, U.S.S. Hunter Ligett and various units of the Pacific fleet and harbor craft. Maintaining condition IIM.

A. A. Maugh
A. A. Maugh,
Lt(jg) USNR.

0400-0800
0530 Anchored as before.
Completed unloading # 2 hatch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.
0825 U.S.S. Chandalier stood out.
0800 U.S.S. Titania, USS Island Mail stood in and anchored.
0955 U.S.S. Wasmuth, and U.S.S. Skylark stood in
1020 U.S.S. Pathfinder stood in.
1125 U.S.S. Reid stood out.

C. C. Lingerfeld Jr.
C. C. Lingerfeld Jr.
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.
1230 U.S.S. Anderson stood in and anchored.
1245 U.S.S. Paine stood in and anchored.
1407 Finished unloading all cargo.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt. (jg) USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.
1645 Pursuant to Comsopac dispatch 031101 of February, transferred 2 Officers and 44 enlisted personnel to base Buton for duty. In compliance with above dispatch delivered eight (8) LCM's and fourteen (14) LCV's to Commander Naval Base, Base Buton.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

A. A. Maugh
A. A. Maugh,
Lt.(jg) USNR.

Approved: *Tom Purcell*
TOM PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING

Examined: *W. Dougherty*
W. DOUGHERTY
LIEUT. COMMANDER, U.S. NAVY

UNITED STATES SHIP

OSERON AKA-14

Wednesday 10 February

1945

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000-0400 Anchored in berth # 2, Pekoa channel, Espiritu Santo island, New Hebrides in 30 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain out to the port anchor on the following true bearings; beacon "Jig" 263°, beacon "Dog" 183°, beacon "Easy" 295° and beacon "Hyco" 228°. Boiler # 1 in use. Ships present; U.S.S. Dixie (SOPA), U.S.S. Tangiers, U.S.S. Curits, U.S.S. Mackinac, U.S.S. Minneapolis, U.S.S. Henry T Allen, U.S.S. Hunter Liggett, and various units of the Pacific fleet and harbor craft. Maintaining condition IIM.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0600 Anchored as before.
0550 Lit off # 2 boiler.
0650 Cut in # 2 boiler to main steam line.
0730 Made all preparations for getting underway.

W. Dougherty
W. Dougherty,
Lieut. Comdr. USNR.

0800-1200
0800

Underway steaming independently enroute Balboa, Canal Zone in accordance with ComSoPac dispatch 070452 of February, Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge, Executive Officer at the Conn. Standard speed 16 knots (90 RPM). Steaming on various courses at various speeds conforming to channel.

0838 Passed Bogacio island abeam to starboard, distance 500 yds., cleared harbor.
0840 Set base course 116° PGC and T, set speed 90 RPM (16.4 knots) ~~16.4~~ knots speed of advance
0841 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 11, base course 116° PGC and True, 085° PSC.
0942 Set condition II
0950 Passed Malekula island, north tangent abeam to starboard, distance 23 miles.
1039 Passed Aoba island, right tangent abeam to port, distance 22 miles.
1045 Changed base course to 110° PGC and T. 080° PSC.
Av. Rpm. 84.9, Av. Steam 428
Position 1200 latitude 16°59' S Longitude 168°00' E.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.
1207 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course (108°T)
1245 Passed south point Pentacost island abeam to port, distance 3 miles, changed base course to 115°T, and commenced zigzagging according to plan # 11.
Av. Rpm. 90.2, Av. steam 430.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt. (jg) USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

A. A. Maughit
A. A. Maughit,
Lt. (jg) USNR.

1900-2000 Steaming as before.
Av. Rpm. 89.9, Av. steam 426
Position 2000 Longitude 169°52' E. Latitude 16°49' S.

D. P. Anderson
D. P. Anderson,
Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.
2230 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 116° PGC and T. 084° PSC.
Av. RPM. 90.4, Av. steam 423.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond, Ensign, USNR.

Approved:

Ion Purcell
ION PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING

Examined:

W. Dougherty
W. DOUGHERTY
LIEUT. COMDR. USN.
U. S. Nav. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OSERON AKA-14

Thursday 11, February 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming independently enroute from Espiritu Santo to Balboa, Canal Zone on course 115° T and PGC. Speed 90 RPM (15.4 knots). Both boilers in use.

0000 Clocks advanced 30 minutes.
Av.Rpm. 90.3 Av. steam 430.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt.(jg) USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0400 Advanced clocks 30 minutes to zone 12 time

0530 Resumed zigzagging according to plan # 11.

Av.Rpm. 90.4, Av.steam 428.

Position 0300 Latitude 16°04' S Longitude 172°31' E.

W. Dougherty
W. Dougherty,
Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0800 Adjusted mean course to 113° PGC and True and 078° PSC.

Av.Rpm. 90, Av. steam 428.

Position 1200 Latitude 16°-30' S Longitude 173°-26' E.

A. A. Maughit
A. A. Maughit,
Lt.(jg) USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

Av.Rpm. 90°, Av.steam 430.

D. F. Anderson
D. F. Anderson,
Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

Av. RPM. 82.8 Av. steam 426

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt.(jg) USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2340 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 113° PGC and True and 078° PSC.
Av. RPM 90, Av. steam 428.

A. A. Maughit
A. A. Maughit,
Lt.(jg) USNR.

Approved:

Eric Purcell
ERIC PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING

Examined:

W. Dougherty
W. DOUGHERTY
LIEUT. COMMANDER
U. S. NAVY

UNITED STATES SHIP OREGON AEA-14 Friday 12, February, 1943
(Date) (Date) (Date)

ZONE DESCRIPTION 12

REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming independently enroute from Espiritu Santo to Balboa, Canal Zone on course 113° POC and true, 078° PSC. Standard speed 15.4 knots (90 RPM). Both boilers in use.

0000 Clocks advanced 30 minutes.
 Av.RPM. 90.3, Av. steam 426.

R. J. Redmond
 R. J. Redmond,
 Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0600 Resumed zigzagging according to plan # 11.

0740 Changed base course to 077° POC and true.

Av.RPM. 90.1, Av. steam 428

Position 0800 Latitude 20°18' S Longitude 178°06' E

W. Dougherty
 W. Dougherty,
 Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0915 Made weekly inspection and test of magazine sprinkling system, condition normal.

Av.RPM 89.9, Av. steam 429.

Position 1200 Latitude 20°08' S Longitude 179°06' E.

D. F. Anderegg
 D. F. Anderegg,
 Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

Av.RPM 90.2, Av. steam 430.

A. A. Maughit
 A. A. Maughit,
 Lt. (jg) USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

H. R. Spiers
 H. R. Spiers,
 Lt. (jg) USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

Av.RPM 90.4, Av. steam 430.

Position 2000 Latitude 20°06' S Longitude 179°06' W.

R. J. Redmond
 R. J. Redmond,
 Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2200 Changed course to 074° true and gyro. Modified zigzagging to 10° to the right and left of base course at 5 minute intervals.

2313 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 074° true and gyro.

Av.RPM 90.5, Av. steam 430.

D. F. Anderegg
 D. F. Anderegg,
 Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

Approved:

Ion Purcell
 ION PURSELL
 COMMANDER, USN.,
 COMMANDING

Examined:

W. Dougherty
 W. DOUGHERTY
 LIEUT. COMDR. D-4
 U. S. NAVY Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

ONRON AEA-14

Friday 12 February 1943
(Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION 12

REMARKS

Incident to crossing the International Date line Friday Feb. 12, is repeated.

0000-0400

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Steaming independently enroute from Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides to Balboa, Canal Zone on course 074° PGC and true, 043° PSC. Zigzagging according to plan # 11. Clocks advanced 30 minutes to zone 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ time. Av.RPM 90.7, Av.steam 423.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught
Lt.(jg) USNR.

0400-0600

0600

0711

Steaming as before.
Resumed zigzagging according to plan # 11.
Sighted Kao Island bearing 138 true, distance 74 miles.
Av.RPM 90.5, Av.steam 423
Position 0900 Latitude 18°42' S Longitude 175°41' S.

W. Dougherty
W. Dougherty
Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

0800-1200

0800

0910

0928

1131

1144

Steaming as before.
Adjusted base course to 078° T and PGC.
Sighted Late Island bearing 100° true, base course 078° true, distance approximately 37 miles.
Kao Island abeam to starboard, distance approximately 61 miles.
Late Island abeam to starboard, distance approximately 13 miles.
Sighted Vavan Island, Matakiniwa Point bearing 095° T, distance approximately 33 miles.
Av.RPM 90.2, Av.steam 428.
Position 1200, Latitude 18°29' S Longitude 174°34' W.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt.(jg) USNR.

1200-1600

1300

1320

1329

1410

Steaming as before.
Adjusted base course to 076° PGC and T, 046° PSC.
Adjusted base course to 074° PGC and T, 043° PSC.
Passed Fanua Lai island abeam to port, distance 20 miles.
Passed Vavan island, Matakiniwa point, abeam to starboard, distance 12 miles. Adjusted base course to 076° PGC and T, 046° PSC.
Av.RPM 90.2, Av.steam 425.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

1600-1800

Steaming as before.

D. P. Anderegg
D. P. Anderegg,
Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

1800-2000

Steaming as before.
Av.RPM 89.9, Av.steam 426.
Position 2000 Latitude 18°03' S Longitude 172°34' W.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught
Lt.(jg) USNR.

2000-2400

2200

Steaming as before
Adjusted base course to 078° T and PGC.
Av.RPM 89.9, Av.steam 423.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers, Lt.(jg) USNR.

Approved:

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ICH PERSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING

Examined:

W. Dougherty
W. DOUGHERTY
LIEUT. COMDR. D-11
U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON AKA-14 Saturday 13, February 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)ZONE DESCRIPTION 10

REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming independently under boilers # 1 and # 2 enroute from Espiritu Santo island to Balboa, Canal Zone on course 078° true and gyro 47° pac. standard speed 90 R.P.M 18.4 knots. Zigzagging according to plan # 11.
 0000 Advanced clocks 30 minutes, zone+10 time.
 0210 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 078° true. Av.RPM 90.0, Av.steam 428.

D. F. Anderegg
 D. F. Anderegg,
 Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.
 0600 Resumed zigzagging according to plan # 11. Av.RPM 90.1, Av.steam 425.
Position 0800 Latitude 17°21' S Longitude 169°35' W.

W. Dougherty
 W. Dougherty,
 Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.
 Av.RPM 89.9, Av.steam 425
Position 1200 Latitude 17°08' S Longitude 168°33' W.

R. G. Redmond
 R. G. Redmond,
 Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.
 Av.RPM 90, Av.steam 427.

H. R. Spiers
 H. R. Spiers,
 Lt. (jg) USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

A. A. Maught
 A. A. Maught,
 Lt. (jg) USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.
 Av.RPM 90, Av.steam 430.
Position 2000 Latitude 16°43' S Longitude 168°35' W.

D. F. Anderegg
 D. F. Anderegg,
 Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.
 Av.RPM 90.1, Av.steam 428.

R. G. Redmond
 R. G. Redmond,
 Ensign, USNR.

Approved:

W. S. Purcell
 W. S. PURCELL,
 COMMANDER, USN,
 COMMANDING.

Examined:

W. Dougherty
 W. DOUGHERTY
 LIEUT. Comdr. USN
 U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OSERON AKA-14

Sunday

14, February

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION + 9 $\frac{1}{2}$

REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming independently enroute from Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides to Balboa, Canal Zone, #1 and #2 boilers in use, course 079° T and PGC, speed 90 RPM (15.4 knots)
0200 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 079° T and PGC.
 Av.RPM 90.45, Av.steam 427.5 Zigzagging according to plan # 11.

H. R. Spiers
 H. R. Spiers,
 Lt.(Jg) USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.
0400 Advanced clocks 30 minutes to ~~9~~⁷ zone time.
0600 Resumed zigzagging according to plan # 11.
 Av.RPM 90.5, Av.steam 428.
Position 0800 Latitude 16°-13' S Longitude 163°-35' W.

W. Dougherty
 W. Dougherty,
 Lieut. Comdr. USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.
 Av.RPM 90.5, Av.steam 430
Position 1200 Latitude 16°-01' S Longitude 162°-34' W.

A. A. Maught
 A. A. Maught,
 Lt.(Jg) USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.
 Av.RPM 90.2, Av.steam 428

D. J. Anderegg
 D. J. Anderegg,
 Lieut. Comdr. USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

R. C. Redmond
 R. C. Redmond,
 Ensign, USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.
 Av.RPM 90.2, Av.steam 430.

H. R. Spiers
 H. R. Spiers,
 Lt.(Jg) USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.
 Av.RPM 90.3, Av.steam 430
Position 2000 Latitude 15°-37' S, Longitude 160°-25' S.

A. A. Maught
 A. A. Maught,
 Lt.(Jg) USNR.

Approved:

Con Fursell
 CON FURSELL,
 COMMANDER, USN.,
 COMMANDING

Examined:

W. Dougherty
 W. DOUGHERTY,
 LIEUT. COMDR. USN.
 U. S. NAV. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OSERON AKA-14

Monday

15, February

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION # 9¹

REMARKS

0000-0400

Steaming independently enroute from Espiritu Santo island, New Hebrides to Balboa, Canal Zone on base course 078° PGC and true, 047° PSC. Standard speed 15.4 knots (90 RPM), boilers # 1 and # 2 in use. Zigzagging according to plan # 11.

0317 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 078° PGC and T.
Av. RPM 80.1, Av. steam 425

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800

Steaming as before.
Resumed zigzagging according to plan # 11.
Av. RPM 80.1, av. steam 428.
Position 0800 Latitude 14° 58' S Longitude 157° 07' W.

W. Dougherty
W. Dougherty,
Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

0800-1200

Steaming as before.
Av. RPM 80.0, av. steam 425.
Position 1200 Latitude 14° 48' S Longitude 156° 11' W.

D. P. Anderegg
D. P. Anderegg,
Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

1200-1600

Steaming as before.
Av. RPM 82.2, av. steam 430

A. A. Maughit
A. A. Maughit
Lt. (jg) USNR.

1600-1800

Steaming as before.

H. W. Spiers
H. W. Spiers,
Lt. (jg) USNR.

1800-2000

Steaming as before.
Position 2000 Latitude 14° 28' S Longitude 154° 11' W.
Av. RPM 80.0, av. steam 429

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400

Steaming as before.
Av. RPM 80.2, av. steam 425.

D. P. Anderegg
D. P. Anderegg,
Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

Approved:

ICM Fursell
ICM FURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING

Examined:

W. Dougherty
W. DOUGHERTY,
LIEUT. COMDR., USN.
U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OBERON AKA-14

Tuesday 16, February 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)ZONE DESCRIPTION ± 9

REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming independently enroute from Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides, to Balboa Canal Zone on base course 078° PGC and T, 047° PSC. Standard speed 15.4 knots (90 RPM), boilers #1 and #2 in use. Zigzagging according to plan #11.
0000 Advanced clocks 30 minutes to ± 9 zone time.
Av.RPM 90.0, av.steam 420.

A. A. Maucht
A. A. Maucht,
Lt.(jg) USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before. 0430 Ceased zigzagging.
0800 Resumed zigzagging according to plan #11.
Av.RPM 90.4, av.steam 423.
Position 0800 Latitude $13^{\circ}53'$ S Longitude $151^{\circ}17'$ W.

W. Dougherty
W. Dougherty,
Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.
Av.RPM 90.4, av.steam 427
Position 1200 Latitude $13^{\circ}40'$ S Longitude $150^{\circ}17'$ W.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt.(jg) USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.
1315 Sighted unidentified vessel bearing 042° true, distance 12 miles. All hands to general quarters.
1323 Changed base course to 168° PGC and T, 160° PSC.
1327 Changed base course to 120° PGC and T, 089° PSC.
1329 Secured from general quarters, set condition II
1332 Changed base course to 078° PGC and T, 047° PSC.
1346 Changed base course to 100° PGC and T, 072° PSC.
1400 Changed base course to 078° PGC and T, 047° PSC.
Av.RPM 90.3, av.steam 430.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.
1800 Altered course to 094° true and gyro, 055° PSC.
Av.RPM 90.5, av.steam 506.

D. F. Anderegg
D. F. Anderegg,
Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.
Av.RPM 90.5, av.steam 426.
Position 2000 Latitude $13^{\circ}34'$ S Longitude $148^{\circ}13'$ W.

A. A. Maucht
A. A. Maucht, Lt.(jg) USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.
2100 Adjusted base course to 080° T and PGC.
Av.RPM 90.5, Av.steam 474.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers, Lt.(jg) USNR.

Approved:

Tom Purcell
TOM PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

W. Dougherty
W. Dougherty,
Lieut. Comdr., D-M
U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OSBERON AKA-14

Wednesday 17, February, 1953
(Day) (Date) (Month)ZONE DESCRIPTION 8 1/2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming independently enroute from Espiritu Santo island, New Hebrides to Balboa Canal Zone under boilers # 1 and # 2 on course 080° true and gyro, PSC 061°, standard speed 15.4 knots (90 RPM). Zigzagging according to plan # 11.
0000 Advanced clocks 30 minutes to zone 8 1/2 time. Zigzagging according to plan # 11 @ Av.RPM 90.7, av.steam 430.

D. F. Anderegg
D. F. Anderegg,
Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

0500-0800 Steaming as before.
Av.RPM 90.7, av.steam 430
Position 0800 Latitude 13°03' S Longitude 145°11' W.

W. Dougherty
W. Dougherty
Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.
Av.RPM 90.7, av.steam 429
Position 1200 Latitude 12° 52' S Longitude 144°09' W.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.
1200 Changed speed to 83 RPM, and adjusted base course to 082°T and PGC.
Av.RPM 87.9, av.steam 430;

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt. (jg) USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt. (jg) USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.
Av.RPM 88.3, av.steam 430
Position 2000 Latitude 12°37' S. Longitude 142°07' W.

D. F. Anderegg
D. F. Anderegg,
Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.
Av.steam 430, Av.RPM 88.0

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved:

Tom Purcell
TOM PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING

Examined:

W. Dougherty
W. DOUGHERTY
LIEUT. COMDR., USN.
U. S. S. Osberg

UNITED STATES SHIP

OBERON AXA-14

Thursday 18, February, 1923

ZONE DESCRIPTION * 83

REMARKS

0000-0400

Steaming independently enroute from Espiritu Santo island, New Hebrides to Balboa, Canal zone, on base course 092° T and P00. Speed 15.2 knots (86 RPM). Boilers # 1 and # 2 in use. Zigzagging according to plan # 11. Av. RPM 86.3, av. steam 430.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt. (jg) USNR.

0400-0800

Steaming as before.
Av. steam 430, av. RPM 87.9
Position 0800 Latitude 12°17' S Longitude 139°07' E.

W. Dougherty
W. Dougherty,
Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

0800-1200

Steaming as before.
Av. RPM 86.1, av. steam 430.
Position 1200 Latitude 12°09' S Longitude 138°08' W.

A. A. Maugh
A. A. Maugh,
Lt. (jg) USNR.

1200-1600

Steaming as before.
Av. RPM 88.4, av. steam 430.

D. F. Anderegg
D. F. Anderegg,
Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

1600-1900

Steaming as before.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

1900-2000

Steaming as before.
Av. RPM 87.9, av. steam 430
Position 2000 Latitude 11°55' S Longitude 138°08' W.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt. (jg) USNR.

2000-2400

Steaming as before.
Av. RPM 88.0, av. steam 428.

A. A. Maugh
A. A. Maugh,
Lt. (jg) USNR.

Approved:

Ion Fursell
ION FURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING

Examined:

W. T. Dougherty
W. T. DOUGHERTY,
LIEUT. COMDR. U.S.N.
D. S. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

ONERON AXA-14

Friday 18, February, 1955
(Day) (Date) (Month)ZONE DESCRIPTION + 8

REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming independently enroute from Espiritu Santo island, New Hebrides to Balboa, Canal zone, boilers # 1 and # 2 in use. Base course 082° T and POC, 052° PSC. Standard speed 15.2 knots (88 RPM). Zigzagging according to plan # 11.
0000 Advanced clocks 30 minutes to zone +8 time.
 Av. RPM 88.2 Av. steam 430.

R. J. Redmond
 R. J. Redmond,
 Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.
 Av. RPM 86.1, Av. steam 430.
Position 0800 Latitude 11°34' S Longitude 133°20' W.

W. Dougherty
 W. Dougherty,
 Lieutenant, USNR.

0800-1200
0800 Changed course to 078° T and POC, PSC 051°.
 Av. RPM 86.0, Av. steam 430.
Position 1200 Latitude 11°22' S Longitude 132°22' W.

D. J. Anderegg
 D. J. Anderegg,
 Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

1200-1600
1200 Steaming as before.
 Reduced standard speed to 14.8 knots (86 RPM).
 Av. RPM 86.2, av. steam 430.

R. A. Maught
 R. A. Maught,
 Lt. (jg) USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

H. R. Spiers
 H. R. Spiers,
 Lt. (jg) USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.
 Av. RPM 86.2, av. steam 430.
Position 2000 Latitude 11°00' S Longitude 130°30' W.

R. J. Redmond
 R. J. Redmond,
 Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.
 Av. RPM 86.0, av. steam 430.

D. J. Anderegg
 D. J. Anderegg,
 Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

Approved:

Tom Purcell
 TOM PURCELL,
 COMMANDER, USN.,
 COMMANDING.

Examined:

W. Dougherty
 W. DOUGHERTY
 LIEUT. COMDR. U.S. NAVY
 U. S. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OREGON AKA-14

Saturday

20

February

1945

ZONE DESCRIPTION $\pm 7\frac{1}{2}$

REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming independently enroute from Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides to Balboa, Canal zone. Boilers # 1 and # 2 in use. Base course 078° PGC and True and 051° PSC. Standard speed 14.8 knots (86 RPM) Zigzagging according to plan # 11. Av. RPM 86.1, av. steam 430.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt. (jg) USNR.

0400-0800
0400 Steaming as before.
Advanced clocks 30 minutes to $\pm 7\frac{1}{2}$ zone time.
Av. RPM 86.1, av. steam 430
Position 0800 Latitude 10°21' S Longitude 127°56' W.

W. Dougherty
W. Dougherty,
Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

0800-1200
0800 Steaming as before.
1200 Changed base course to 080° PGC and true.
Changed speed to 88 RPM, (13.1 knots).
Av. RPM 86.2, av. steam 430.
Position 1200 Latitude 10°11' S Longitude 127°00' W.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt. (jg) USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.
Av. RPM 88.4, Av. steam 430

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

D. F. Anderson
D. F. Anderson,
Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.
Av. RPM 86.1, av. steam 430.
Position 2000 Latitude 09°58' S Longitude 125°00' W.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt. (jg) USNR.

2000-2400
2100 Steaming as before.
Adjusted base course to 078° T and PGC.
Av. RPM 88.4, av. steam 430

Approved:

Jon Purcell
JON PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING

Examined:

W. Dougherty
W. DOUGHERTY,
LIEUT. COMDR. D-4
U. S. NAVY

UNITED STATES SHIP

OBERON AKA-14

Sunday 21, February

1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION +7

REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming independently enroute from Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides to Balboa, Canal Zone under boilers # 1 and # 2 on base course 073° true and gyro, 063° PSC. Standard speed 88 RPM (15 knots). Zigsagging according to plan # 11.
Av. RPM 88.0, av. steam 430.

D. J. Anderegg
D. J. Anderegg,
Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

0400-0600 Steaming as before.
0400 Advanced clocks 30 minutes to zone 7 time.
Av. steam 430, av. RPM 88.1.
Position 0300 Latitude 08°23' N, Longitude 122°21' W.

W. Dougherty
W. Dougherty,
Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

0600-1200 Steaming as before.
Av. RPM 88.3, av. steam 430
Position 1200 Latitude 09°17' S Longitude 121°22' W.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.
Av. RPM 88.1, av. steam 430.

H. R. Piers
H. R. Piers,
Lt. (jg) USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

A. A. Maughit
A. A. Maughit,
Lt. (jg) USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.
Av. RPM 87.9, av. steam 430.
Position 2000 Latitude 08°54' S Longitude 119°29' W.

D. J. Anderegg
D. J. Anderegg,
Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.
Av. RPM 88.3, av. steam 430.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved:

Tom Pursell
TOM PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

W. Dougherty
W. DOUGHERTY
LIEUT. COMDR. U.S.N.
E. L. R. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP OSBERON AKA-14 Monday 22, February 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION + 7

REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming independently enroute from Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides to Balboa, Canal Zone on base course 073° PGO and T, 058° PSC, speed 38 RPM (15.2 knots). Zigzagging according to plan # 11. Boilers # 1 and # 2 in use. Av. RPM 38.1, av. steam 430.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt. (jg) USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.
0500 Ceased zigzagging.
0550 Resumed zigzagging according to plan # 11.
Av. RPM 38.1, av. steam 430.
Position 0800 Latitude 08°18' S Longitude 116°36' W.

W. Dougherty
W. Dougherty,
Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.
Av. RPM 38.1, av. steam 430.
POSITION 1200 08°-06' S Longitude 115°41' W.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt. (jg) USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.
Av. RPM 38.0, av. steam 430.

D. J. Anderson
D. J. Anderson,
Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.
1944 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 073° T and PGO.
Av. RPM 38.3, av. steam 430
Position 2000 Latitude 07°40' S Longitude 113°42' W.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt. (jg) USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.
2125 Resumed zigzagging according to plan # 11.
Av. RPM 38.5, av. steam 430.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught, Lt. (jg) USNR.

Approved:

Low Purcell
LOW PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

W. Dougherty
W. DOUGHERTY,
LIEUT. COMMANDER, USN.,
U. S. NAVY Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OBERON AXA-14

Tuesday 23, February, 1923
(Day) (Date) (Month)ZONE DESCRIPTION r 5 1/2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming independently enroute from Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides to Balboa, Canal Zone on base course 078°T and PCG, 055° PSC. Standard speed 15.2 knots (88 RPM) boilers #1 and #2 in use. Zigzagging according to plan # 11.

0000 Advanced clocks 30 minutes to zone plus 0 1/2 time.
Av. RPM 88.0, av. steam 430.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.
Av. RPM 88.1, av. steam 430.
Position 0800 Latitude 07°05' S Longitude 110°59' W.

W. Dougherty
W. Dougherty,
Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.
Av. RPM 88.3, av. steam 430.
Position 1200 Latitude 06°53' S Longitude 110°00' W.

D. F. Anderson
D. F. Anderson,
Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.
Av. RPM 88.1, av. steam 430

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt. (JG) USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

H. R. Siers
H. R. Siers,
Lt. (JG) USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.
Av. RPM 87.8, av. steam 430.
Position 2000 Latitude 06°26' S Longitude 108°07' W.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.
2000 Altered course to 080°T and gyro, PSC 053°. Ceased zigzagging.
2150 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 11.
Av. RPM 88.4, av. steam 430.

D. F. Anderson
D. F. Anderson, Lieut. Comdr., USNR

Approved: *John Russell*
Comdr., U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Examined:

W. Dougherty
W. DOUGHERTY
LIEUT. COMDR. U.S. NAVY

UNITED STATES SHIP

USSON AT-14

Wednesday 24 February 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)ZONE DESCRIPTION + 6

REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming independently enroute from Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides to Malba, Canal zone on base course 080° PGC and True, 063° PGC. Standard speed 15.3 knots (88 RPM) boilers # 1 and # 2 in use. Zigzagging according to plan # 11.

A. A. Maughit
A. A. Maughit,
Lt.(jg) USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.
Av. RPM 83.0, av. steam 430.
Position 0600 Latitude 08°22' S Longitude 105°25' W.

W. Dougherty
W. Dougherty,
Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.
Reduced speed to 88 RPM (15.0 knots)
Av. RPM 86.1, av. steam 430.
Position 1200 Latitude 05° 42' S Longitude 104°29' W.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt.(jg) USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.
Av. RPM 86.3, av. steam 431.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

D. J. Anderogg
D. J. Anderogg,
Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.
Av. RPM 86.0, av. steam 432.5
Position 2000 Latitude 05°24' S Longitude 102°39' W.

A. A. Maughit
A. A. Maughit,
Lt.(jg) USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.
Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 060° T and PGC.
2000 Resumed zigzagging according to plan # 11 on base course 080° T and PGC.
2350 Av. RPM 83.3, av. steam 430.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers, Lt.(jg) USNR.

Approved:

J. C. Purcell
J. C. Purcell,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

W. Dougherty
W. Dougherty,
Lieut. Comdr., USN.
U. S. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP OSBORN AEA-14 Thursday 25 February 1945
(Ship) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION 7 G REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming independently enroute from Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides to Balboa, Canal zone under boilers # 1 and # 2 and on base course 080° true and gyro, 083° PSC. Standard speed 16 knots (66 RPM). Zigzagging according to plan # 11. Av. RPM 66.5, av. steam 430

D. F. Anderegg
 D. F. Anderegg,
 Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before. Av. RPM 66.4, av. steam 430. Position 0800 Latitude 04° 56' S Longitude 99° 52' W.

W. Dougherty
 W. Dougherty,
 Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before. Av. RPM 66.3, av. steam 430. Position 1200 Latitude 04° 46' S Longitude 98° 56' W.

R. J. Redmond
 R. J. Redmond,
 Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before. Av. RPM 66.0, av. steam 430.

H. R. Spiers
 H. R. Spiers,
 Lt. (jg) USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

A. L. Maugh
 A. L. Maugh,
 Lt. (jg) USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before. Av. RPM 66.1, av. steam 430. Position 2000 Latitude 04° 29' S Longitude 96° 56' W.

D. F. Anderegg
 D. F. Anderegg,
 Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before. Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. Changed base course to 078° PSC and T 053° PSC. Reduced standard speed to 14.5 knots (64 RPM). Resumed zigzagging under plan # 11 on base course 073° PSC and T. Av. RPM 64, av. steam 435.

R. J. Redmond
 Ensign, USNR

Approved:

Tom Purcell
 TOM PURCELL,
 COMMANDER, USN.,
 COMMANDER G.

Examined:

W. Dougherty
 W. DOUGHERTY,
 LIEUT. COMDR., USNR.
 U. S. S. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

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Friday 26, February

1945

ZONE DESCRIPTION 5 1/2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming independently enroute from Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides to Balboa, Canal zone on base course 078° PGC and T. Standard speed 34 RPM (14.5 knots) Both boilers in use. Zigzagging according to plan # 11.
0000 Advanced clocks 30 minutes to zone # 5 1/2 time.
 Av. RPM 34.1, av. steam 430.

H. R. Spiers
 H. R. Spiers,
 Lt.(jg) USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.
 Av. RPM 34.2, av. steam 430.
Position 0800 Latitude 03° 58' S Longitude 94° 08' W.

W. Dougherty
 W. Dougherty,
 Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.
 Av. RPM 34.1, av. steam 430
Position 1200 Latitude 03° 48' S Longitude 93° 09' W.

A. A. Maught
 A. A. Maught,
 Lt.(jg) USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.
1200 Ceased zigzagging according to plan # 11, commenced zigzagging according to plan # 23.
1300 Adjusted course to 060° true and gyro, 054° PGC.
 Av. RPM 34.1, av. steam 430

D. F. Anderegg
 D. F. Anderegg,
 Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

R. J. Redmond
 R. J. Redmond,
 Ensign, USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.
 Av. RPM 34.1, av. steam 432
Position 2000 Latitude 03° 12' S Longitude 91° 27' W.

H. R. Spiers
 H. R. Spiers,
 Lt.(jg) USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.
2000 Changed base course to 066° PGC and true and 054° PGC.
 Av. RPM 34, av. steam 440.

A. A. Maught
 A. A. Maught, Lt.(jg) USNR.

Approved:

J. J. Farrell
 J. J. Farrell,
 COMMANDER, USN.,
 COMMANDING.

Examined:

W. Dougherty
 W. DOUGHERTY,
 LIEUT. COMDR., D-1
 U. S. NAVY.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OSGROE ANA-14

Saturday 27 February 1943
(Date) (Date) (Date)

ZONE DESCRIPTION # 5

REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming independently enroute from Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides, to Balboa, Canal zone on base course 085° PGC and T, 059° PSC. Standard speed 14.8 knots (64 RPM) Rollers # 1 and # 2 in use. Zigzagging according to plan # 23.
0000 Advanced clocks 30 minutes to zone # 5 time.
Av. RPM 64.2, av. steam 436.2.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.
Av. RPM 64.0, av. steam 436.
Position 0800 Latitude 03° 04' S Longitude 89° 05' W.

W. Dougherty
W. Dougherty,
Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.
0800 Adjusted base course to 075° true and gyro, 030° PSC.
Av. RPM 64.0, av. steam 435.
Position 1200 Latitude 02° 52' S Longitude 89° 13' W.

D. F. Anderegg
D. F. Anderegg,
Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.
1200 Ceased zigzagging according to plan # 23 and commenced zigzagging according to plan # 11.
1230 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course.
1335 Changed base course to 045° PGC and T, 024° PSC and resumed zigzagging according to plan # 11. Standard speed 14.8 knots (64 RPM).
Av. RPM 64, av. steam 435.

A. C. Maugh
A. C. Maugh,
Lt. (jg) USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

H. R. Hiers
H. R. Hiers,
Lt. (jg) USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.
Av. RPM 64.0, av. steam 391.
Position 2000 Latitude 01° 26' S Longitude 86° 50' W.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.
2100 Adjusted course to 045° true and gyro, 027° PSC.
Av. RPM 64.1, Av. steam 438.

D. F. Anderegg
D. F. Anderegg,
Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

Approved:

Ign Purcell
IGN PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

W. Dougherty
W. DOUGHERTY
LIEUT. COMDR. D-1
U. S. NAVY

UNITED STATES SHIP OSBORN ASA-14 Sunday 26 February 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION 5

REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming independently enroute from Espirito Santo, New Hebrides to Balboa, Canal zone on base course 048° PGC and T, 027° PGC. Standard speed 14.8 knots (84 RPM) Boilers # 1 and # 2 in use. Zigzagging according to plan # 11. Av. RPM 84.0, av. steam 438.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt. (jg) USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.
Av. RPM 84.0, av. steam 440
Position 0600 Latitude 00°23' N. Longitude 86°02' W.

W. Dougherty
W. Dougherty,
Lieut. Comdr. USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.
Av. RPM 84.3, av. steam 431
Position 1200 Latitude 01°04' N Longitude 84°25' W.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt. (jg) USNR.

1200-1800 Steaming as before.
1800 Adjusted base course to 060° PGC and T, 026° PGC.
Av. RPM 84.0, av. steam 436.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

1800-1800 Steaming as before.
1800 Adjusted course to 052° true and gyro, 033° PGC.

D. A. Anderson
D. A. Anderson,
Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.
Av. RPM 84.1, av. steam 440.
Position 2000 Latitude 02°13' N Longitude 83°15' W.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt. (jg) USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.
2000 Ceased zigzagging according to plan # 11 and resumed base course.
Av. RPM 84.1, av. steam 440.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt. (jg) USNR.

Approved:

I. C. Purcell
I. C. PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

W. Dougherty
W. DOUGHERTY
LIEUT. COMDR. USN.
U. S. N. Navigator.



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ZONE DESCRIPTION 5

REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming independently enroute from Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides to Balboa, Canal Zone under boilers # 1 and # 2 on base course 052° true and gyro, 032° PSC. Standard speed 14.8 knots (34 RPM) zigzagging according to plan # 11.
Av. RPM 34.0, av. steam 430

D. F. Anderegg
D. F. Anderegg,
Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.
0632 Sighted Malpele island, bearing 324° true, approximate distance 23 miles.
0632 Malpele island abeam to port, distance 21 miles.
Av. RPM 34.0, av. steam 433.
Position 0800 Latitude 03° 54' N Longitude 81° 00' W.

W. Dougherty
W. Dougherty,
Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.
Av. RPM 34.0, av. steam 435
Position 1200 Latitude 04° 27' N Longitude 80° 22' W.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.
1355 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 052° T and PSC.
1400 Changed base course to 008° T and POC and resumed zigzagging according to plan # 11.
Av. RPM 34.0, av. steam 435.75,

H. R. Sifers
H. R. Sifers,
Lt. (jg) USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

A. A. Lambert
A. A. Lambert,
Lt. (jg) USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.
Av. RPM 34.0, av. steam 430
Position 2000 Latitude 06° 01' N Longitude 79° 52' W.

D. F. Anderegg
D. F. Anderegg,
Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.
2002 Changed base course to 014° T and POC, 003° PSC and ceased zigzagging.
Av. RPM 34.1, av. steam 440.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved:

Carl Purcell
ICM PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

W. Dougherty
W. DOUGHERTY,
LIEUT. COMMANDER,
U. S. NAVY.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OBISERON AXA-14

Tuesday 2

March

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION 5

REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming independently enroute from Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides to Balboa, Canal zone under boilers # 1 and # 2, on base course 014° true and POC, 003° PSC, Standard speed 34 RPM (14.5 knots)
 0320 Commenced zigzagging 14° to the left and right of the base course at 5 minute intervals.
 0330 Changed zigzag from 14° to 20° to left and right of base course at 5 minute intervals.
 0359 Adjusted base course to 008° T and POC.
 Av. RPM 34.0, av. steam 439.

H. R. Spiers
 H. R. Spiers,
 Lt.(jg) USNR.

0400-0600 Steaming as before.
 0455 Adjusted base course to 000°
 0612 In compliance with orders of guard boat P.C. 456, reduced speed to 70 RPM to arrive off Taboga island at 1100. Commenced zigzagging 40° each side of base course at 5 minutes intervals, base course 000°
 0628 Sighted Bona island bearing 337° T, approximate distance 20 miles.
 Av. RPM 75.3, av. steam 440.
 Position 0800 Latitude 09° 33' N Longitude 79° 29' W.

W. Dougherty
 W. Dougherty,
 Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.
 0811 Bona island abeam to port, distance 6 miles.
 0830 Reversed base course to 180° T and POC, 179° PSC. Resumed zigzagging at 5 minute intervals, 40° to the left and right of base course to use up time required to arrive off Taboga island at 1100.
 0900 Reversed base course to 000° POC and true, and resumed zigzagging at 5 minute intervals 40° to the left and right of base course.
 0924 Reduced standard speed to 10.3 knots (60 RPM)
 1033 Changed zigzag to 20° to the right and left of base course.
 1038 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 000° POC and true.
 1042 Changed course to 355° POC and true.
 1044 Adjusted base course to 350° POC and true.
 1048 Reduced speed to 1/3 ahead (Standard speed 80 RPM).
 1049 Tabaguilla island light abeam to port, distance 1200 yds.
 1054 Changed course to 355° POC and true.
 1100 Stopped engines.
 1103 Pilot W. G. Farrell came aboard and took the conn. Proceeded at various courses and speeds to conform with channel entering Balboa, Canal zone.
 Av. RPM 34.7, av. steam 440.

A. A. Maught
 A. A. Maught,
 Lt.(jg) USNR.

1200-1800
 1227 Anchored in Balboa harbor, Canal zone with 45 fathoms of chain out to starboard anchor in 45 feet of water on the following bearings, signal tower 084° true, buoy "X" 385° T lower range light 304° true.
 1230 In compliance with ComSopac dispatch 070452 of February, reported to Cine Lant for duty.
 1246 The Commanding officer made an official call on Coms. Fifteen.
 1309 Pilot E. G. Abbott came on board.
 1342 Pursuant to Captains oral orders got underway to transit canal, steering various courses at various speeds conforming to channel and harbor traffic, Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge.
 1415 Entered Miraflores locks.
 1514 Passed through Miraflores locks, proceeding to Pedro Miguel locks
 1558 Entered Pedro Miguel locks.

D. F. Anderson
 D. F. Anderson,
 Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

Approved:

ICR Purcell
 ICR PURCELL,
 COMMANDER, USN.,
 COMMANDING.

Examined:

W. Dougherty
 W. DOUGHERTY,
 LIEUT. COMDR. U.S. NAVY

ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ONRONDate Tuesday 2 March, 1943

1000-2000 Steaming as before.
 1020 Entered Culebra Reach.
 1035 Left Culebra Reach, entered Empire Reach.
 1042 Left Empire Reach, entered Los Casados Reach.
 1711 Passed buoy 101, ahead to starboard and entered Gatun lake.

R. J. Edmund
 R. J. Edmund,
 Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.
 2020 Left Gatun locks and proceeded toward Cristobal, canal zone at various courses and speeds conforming to channel.
 2045 Received tug "Pilot Fish" alongside starboard side forward, to assist in docking.
 2110 In compliance with ComPacProton dispatch 021945, reported to Commander Task Force thirty-nine (39) for duty.
 2115 Hoisted port side to deal deck with twelve, eight inch (8") manila lines.
 2130 Secured # 2 boiler.
 2210 Draft 11'8" Fwd, 19'8" aft.
 2300 Commenced taking bunker fuel.

A. A. Maughit
 A. A. Maughit,
 Lt. (jg), USNR.

Approved:

Tom Purcell
 TOM PURCELL,
 COMMANDER, USN.,
 COMMANDING.

Examined:

A. Dougherty
 W. DOUGHERTY,
 LIEUTENANT, USN.,
 U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OBERON AKA-14

Wednesday 3,
(Day) (Date)March
(Month)

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION # 4

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored port side to pier 16, Cristobal, Canal zone with twelve, eight inch (8") manila lines, boiler #1 in use for auxillary purposes, taking on water and bunker fuel from the dock.

0100 Advanced clocks one hour to zone +4 time.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

0625 Finished loading fuel oil having taken on 7571 bbls. at 32°, draft 13'01" fwd, 21'11" aft

D. P. Anderson
D. P. Anderson,
Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

0900 Captain left ship to call on Commander Task Force thirty-nine.

A. A. Maughit
A. A. Maughit,
Lt. (jg) USNR.

1200-1800 Moored as before.

1235 Cut in # 2 boiler.

1300 Made all preparations for getting underway.

1400 Pilot G. H. Hudgins came aboard.

1415 Underway enroute to Norfolk, Va. in company with Task Force 39, in column in the following order: (1) U.S.S. Barnett, flagship and guide, (2) Betelgeuse, (3) Oberon, (4) Neville, (5) Arcturus, (6) Bellatrix, (7) Jefferson, (8) Biddle, (9) Antaeus (10) Aloyone, (11) Dickman, pilot at the conn, Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. Steering various courses at various speeds to conform with channel and to join as third ship in column astern of the U.S.S. Betelgeuse.

1515 Passed through breakwater entrance. Set condition II

1535 Passed gas fairway busy abeam to port.

1555 Formed disposition II in the following order. (11) Aloyone, (12) Dickman, (21) Neville (22) Arcturus, (23) Bellatrix, (31) Barnett (flagship), (32) Betelgeuse, (33) Oberon (41) Jefferson, (42) Biddle, (43) Antaeus.

H. R. Piers
H. R. Piers,
Lt. (jg) USNR.

1800-1900 Steaming as before.

1705 Set standard speed 14 knots (30 RPM).

1715 Set base course 032° PGC and true, 021° PSC.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1830 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 12.
Av. RPM 21.4, av. steam 436.

D. P. Anderson
D. P. Anderson,
Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

Approved:

E. P. Purcell
E. P. PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

D. P. Anderson
D. P. ANDERSON,
LIEUT. COMDR., USN.
U. S. N. Navigator.

ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ONESHOTDate Wednesday March 3, 1943

2000-2400 Steaming as before.
 2010 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course of 033° POC and True.
 Average RPM 21.4, Average steam 430.

A. A. Maugh
 A. A. Maugh,
 Lt.(jg), USN.

Approved:

Earl Purcell

EARL PURCELL,
 COMMANDER, USN.,
 COMMANDING.

Examined:

W. Dougherty

W. DOUGHERTY,
 LIEUT. COMMANDER, USN.,
 U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OSBORN (AEA-14)

Thursday

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ZONE DESCRIPTION f 4

REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming in company with task force # 38, U.S.S. Barrett, flagship and guide, disposition II, enroute from Christobel, Canal zone to Norfolk, Va., both boilers in use. Steaming on base course 052° true and POC. Speed 14 knots (80 RPM). Av. RPM 83.8, av. steam 438

H. E. Spiers
H. E. Spiers
Lt. (Jr) USNR.

0400-0600 Steaming as before.
Position 0600 Latitude 13°43' W. Longitude 76°02' W.
Av. RPM 80.9, av. steam 436.

E. J. Redmond
E. J. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.
Av. RPM 80.5, av. steam 436.
Position 1200 Latitude 13° E Longitude 73° W.

D. P. Anderogg
D. P. Anderogg,
Lieut. Comdr., USNR

1200-1600 Steaming as before.
1218 Ceased zigzagging and executed emergency turn to 047° POC and T.
1220 Executed emergency turn to 052° POC and T.
1222 Executed emergency turn to 060° POC and T.
1223 Executed emergency turn to 062° POC and T.
1224 Resumed base course of 052° POC and T.
1231 Resumed zigzagging according to plan # 12
Av. RPM 80.1, av. steam 430.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt. (Jr) USNR

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

H. E. Spiers
H. E. Spiers
Lt. (Jr) USNR

1800-2000 Steaming as before.
1918 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 052° POC and T.
1921 Reduced speed to 9 knots (60 RPM).
1925 Resumed zigzagging according to plan # 12.
Position 2000 Latitude 14° 55' N Longitude 76° 55' W.

E. J. Redmond
E. J. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR

Approved:

Jon Fursell
JON FURSELL,
COMMANDER, USNR.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

E. J. Redmond
E. J. REDMOND,
LIEUT. JUNIOR GR.,
U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

QUENCH (AKA-14)

Friday

5

March 1948

(1948)

(1948)

(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION f 4

REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force 39, U.S.S. Barnett, flagship and guide, cruising disposition II, enroute from Cristobal, Canal zone to Norfolk, Va., on base course 032° POC and T, speed 14 knots (50 RPM) boilers 1 and 2 in use. Av. RPM 78.8, av. steam 440.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt.(jg) USNR

0400-0800 Steaming as before.
0620 Commenced zigzagging according to plan 12, on base course 032° POC and T. Position 0600 Latitude 07° 07' N - Longitude 75° 39' W. Av. RPM 78.4, av. steam 435

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt.(jg) USNR

0800-1200 Steaming as before.
1155 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 032° POC and T.
1155 Examined and tested all fire equipment and found satisfactory. Position 1200 Latitude 17° 52' N Longitude 74° 59' W. Av. RPM 78.9, av. steam 438

R. J. Richmond
R. J. Richmond,
Ensign, USNR

1200-1800 Steaming as before.
1216 Submarine contact reported by U.S.S. Ho Lanhan, dispatched, prepared to attack, and was observed dropping depth charges.
1241 Sighted Nevada lighthouse bearing 340° true, distance 23 miles.
1405 Nevada lighthouse abeam to port, bearing 280° true, distance 18.8 miles.
1425 Altered base course to 010° by wheeling and commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan 39.
1430 U.S.S. Ho Lanhan resumed position in convoy.
1533 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 010° true.
1537 Altered course by wheeling to 040° true. Av. RPM 77.7, av. steam 440.

D. F. Anderson
D. F. Anderson,
Lieut. Comdr., USNR

1800-1900 Steaming as before.
1901 Commenced zigzagging according to plan 39.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt.(jg) USNR

1800-2000 Steaming as before.
1950 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 040° T and POC. Av. RPM 77.4, av. steam 440
Position 2000 Latitude 19° 25' N Longitude 74° 02' W.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt.(jg) USNR

2000-2400 Steaming as before.
2000 Changed base course to 047° POC and T.
2220 Sighted Cape St. Nicolas Hole light bearing 077° T, distance 9 miles.
2316 Passed Cape St. Nicolas Hole light abeam to starboard, distance 7 miles. Av. RPM 80.0, av. steam 440.

R. J. Richmond
R. J. Richmond, Ensign, USNR

Approved:

Earl Fursell
EARL FURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING

Examined:

A. A. Maught
A. A. MAUGHT,
LIEUTENANT JAG,
U. S. NAVY Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

ONERON (ASA-14)

Saturday 6

March

19 43

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION f 4

REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force 39, U.S.S. Barnett, flagship and guide, in position 23 of cruising disposition II, enroute from Cristobal, Canal zone to Norfolk Va. under boilers 1 and 2 on base course 047° true and gyro, standard speed 14 knots (30 RPM)

0118 West Point light Tortuga Island abeam to port, approximate distance 11 miles.
Av. RPM 78.8, av. steam 438.

D. P. Anderson
D. P. Anderson,
Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

0400-0600 Steaming as before.

0403 Changed base course by wheeling to 005° POC and T and 002° PSC.

0618 Ceased zigzagging according to plan 11.

0617 Sighted West Saicoa Island bearing 046° true, distance 14 miles.

0708 Changed base course to 000° POC and T.

Position 0900 Latitude 21° 39' N Longitude 72° 40' W.

Av. RPM 78.7, av. steam 439.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt. (jg) USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0800 U.S.S. Alcyone fell out of formation, due to breakdown, convoy speed changed to 3 knots (35 RPM).

0814 Saicoa Island abeam to starboard on course 000° T, distance 10 1/2 miles.

0850 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 000° T and POC.

0906 Changed base course by wheeling to 027° T and POC.

0923 Resumed zigzagging under plan 11, base course 027° T and POC.

1140 U.S.S. Alcyone rejoined convoy, convoy speed increased to 14 knots (50 RPM)

1152 Ceased zigzagging under plan 11 and resumed base course 027° POC and T.

Position 1200 Latitude 22° 18' N Longitude 72° 25' W.

Av. RPM 58.1, av. steam 432.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lieut., USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1204 Changed base course to 353° POC and T.

1230 Resumed zigzagging under plan 11, on base course 353° POC and T.

Av. RPM 79.0, av. steam 440.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

D. P. Anderson
D. P. Anderson,
Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1803 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course of 353° POC and T.

1807 Changed course by wheeling to 325° POC and T.

1830 Resumed zigzagging according to plan 11.

1848 Changed convoy speed to 13 knots (75 RPM)

1945 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 325° POC and true.

Position 2000 Latitude 24° 04' N Longitude 72° 55' W.

Av. RPM 78.4, av. steam 433.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt. (jg) USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

Av. RPM 78.0, av. steam 435.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers, Lieut., USNR.

Approved:

Jon Purcell
JON PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

A. A. Maught
A. A. MAUGHT,
LIEUT. COMMANDER, U.S. NAVY
U. S. NAVY

UNITED STATES SHIP

OSGEOX (AXA-14)

Sunday
(Day)7
(Date)March
(Month)

19 45

ZONE DESCRIPTION f 4

REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task force 39, U.S.3. Barnett, Flaggis and guide, in position 33 of cruising disposition II, enroute from Cristobal, Canal zone to Norfolk Va. base course 325° POC and T, standard speed 13 knots (78 RPM), boilers 1 and 2 in use.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Design, USNR

0400-0800 Steaming as before.
0620 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 11.
Position 0600 Latitude 28° 15' N Longitude 74° 55' W.
Av. RPM 73.4, av. steam 443.

D. J. Anderegg
D. J. Anderegg,
Lieut. Comdr., USNR

0800-1200 Steaming as before.
0903 Changed convey speed to 14 knots (80 RPM).
1158 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 320° POC and True.
Position 1200 Latitude 27° 00' N Longitude 75° 07' W.
Av. RPM 77.2, av. steam 441.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt. (jg) USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.
1201 Commenced zigzagging under plan 58, on base course 320° POC and T.
Av. RPM 79.0, av. steam 439.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lieut. USNR

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Design, USNR

1800-2000 Steaming as before.
1945 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 325° true and gyro.
Position 2000 Latitude 28° 29' N Longitude 75° 17' W.

D. J. Anderegg
D. J. Anderegg,
Lieut. Comdr., USNR

2000-2400 Steaming as before.
2000 Changed base course to 325° POC and true.
Av. RPM 78.3, av. steam 440.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt. (jg) USNR.

Approved:

E. J. Purcell
E. J. PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

A. A. Maught
A. A. MAUGHT,
LIEUT. COMMANDER, USN.,
U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

COLUMBIA (ATA-14)

Monday
(Day)6
(Date)March
(Month)

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION 4-4

REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming in company with task force 38, U.S.S. Barnett, flagship and guide in position 33 of cruise disposition II, enroute from Cristobal Canal zone to Norfolk, Va., on base course 323° POC and T, speed 14 knots (30 RPM) both boilers in use. Av. RPM 60.1, av. steam 440.

H. R. Spier
H. R. Spier,
Lieut. USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0800

Commenced zigzagging according to plan 38, base course 323° POC and T. Position 0800 Latitude 30° 58' N Longitude 78° 35' W. Av. RPM 79.7, av. steam 440.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0950

Adjusted base course to 338° true and gyro.

1047

Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course.

1054

Reduced speed to 10 knots (25 RPM). The following ships changed stations: Betelgeuse and Arcturus, Betelgeuse and Dickman, Bellatrix took station astern of Betelgeuse, changing convoy formation as follows: # 11 Alcyon, # 12 Betelgeuse # 13 Bellatrix, # 31 Neville, # 22 Dickman, # 31 Barnett, # 32 Arcturus, # 33 Oberon, # 41 Jefferson, # 42 Riddle, # 43 Antares.

1128

Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 38, increased speed to 15 knots (77 RPM) Position 1200 Latitude 31° 20' N Longitude 78° 35' W.

D. F. Anderson
D. F. Anderson,
Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1355

Adjusted base course to 350° POC and true.

1419

Adjusted base course to 355° POC and true.

Av. RPM 76.0, av. steam 440.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt. (jg) USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

1720

Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 350° POC and T together.

1751

Changed base course to 018° POC and T.

1751

In compliance with orders from the U.S.S. Barnett (flag ship), the U.S.S. Dymon, U.S.S. Alcyon, U.S.S. Betelgeuse, U.S.S. Bellatrix, left formation and proceeded on duty assigned.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1806

Changed base course to 088° POC and T.

1812

Sighted wreck buoy "C-1" off Charleston harbor, bearing 304° true, distance 4 miles

1821

Changed base course to 088° POC and T.

1836

Commenced zigzagging under plan 38, on base course 088° POC and T.

1842

Reduced standard speed to 12 knots (72 RPM)

Position 2000 Latitude 32° 30' N Longitude 79° 15' W.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2000

Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 088° true and gyro.

Av. RPM 70.9, av. steam 440.

D. F. Anderson, Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

Approved:

Tom Purcell
TOM PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

W. D. Conarty
W. D. CONARTY
LIEUT. COMMANDER, U.S.N.
U. S. NAVY

UNITED STATES SHIP

OSBORN

THURSDAY

9

March

1945

ZONE DESCRIPTION *f 4*

REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task force 39, U.S.S. Barrett, flagship and guide, in position 33 of cruising disposition II. Enroute from Cristobal, Canal zone to PORTON, Va. on base course 89° PGC and True. Standard speed 12 knots (72 RPM) Boilers 1 and 2 in use.
0105 Changed base course by wheeling to 48° PGC and True. Av. RPM 75.8, av. steam 441

A. R. Maugh
A. R. Maugh,
Lt. (Jr.) USNR

0400-0800 Steaming as before.
0438 Executed emergency turn 45° to starboard to course 095° PGC and T.
0448 Executed emergency turn 45° to port to course 048° PGC and T. Resumed zigzagging Plan No. 38. Position 0800 Latitude 33° 35' N Longitude 76° 47' W. Av. RPM 77.2, av. steam 432.5

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt. USNR

0800-1200 Steaming as before.
1200 Latitude 35° 04' N Longitude 76° 22' W. Av. RPM 75.1, av. steam 434.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR

1200-1600 Steaming as before.
1200 Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course 048° true, altered speed to 13 knots (79 RPM).
1412 Altered course by wheeling to 052° true.
1509 Altered speed to 13.5 knots (79 RPM) Av. RPM 82.1, av. steam 435.

D. F. Anderson
D. F. Anderson,
Lieut. Comdr. USNR

1600-1800 Steaming as before.
1634 Changed convoy speed to 14 knots (88 RPM).

A. R. Maugh
A. R. Maugh,
Lt. (Jr.) USNR

1800-2000 Steaming as before.
1800 Commenced zigzagging under plan 12, on base course 062° PGC and T.
1948 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 062° PGC and T. Position 2000 Latitude 35° 08' N Longitude 74° 52' W. Av. RPM 83.0, av. steam 430.

H. R. Spiers

2000-2400 Steaming as before.
2000 Reduced standard speed to 13 knots (72 RPM)
2008 Changed base course to 048° PGC and T.
2030 Changed base course to 000° PGC and T. Av. RPM 88.0, av. steam 442.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR

Approved:

Earl Purcell
EARL PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

W. Dougherty
W. DOUGHERTY
LIEUT. COMMANDER, USN.
U. S. S. Balliator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

ONERON (ATA-14)

Wednesday, 10,
(Day) (Date)March, 1933
(Month)ZONE DESCRIPTION F 4

REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming as before in company with task force 39, U.S.S. Barnett, flagship and guide, position 23 in cruising disposition II, enroute from Cristobal, Canal zone to Norfolk, Va., under boilers 1 and 2 on base course 000° true and gyro. Standard speed 12 knt. (72 RPM) Demagnetizing coils energized. Av. RPM 68.6. av. steam 441.

D. F. Anderson
D. F. Anderson,
Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.
0430 Secured convoy speed to 8 knots (48 RPM)
0434 Executed forming disposition # 1, as follows: 1 Barnett, 2 Arcturus, 3 Oneron
4 Neville, 5 Dickman, 6 Jefferson, 7 Biddle, 8 Anteus.
0559 Changed course by wheeling to 290° PGC and true in order to enter swept channel
0818 Passed buoy XM, entered swept channel.
0700 Increased convoy speed to 14 knots (80 RPM)

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt. (jg.) USNR

0800-1200 Steaming as before.
0937 Buoy CS18 abeam to starboard 110 yards, changed course to 225° T and PGC.
1013 Buoy 20B abeam to starboard and changed course to 315° T and PGC.
1039 Buoy # 4 abeam to port.
1053 Entered mine channel with black lighted buoy abeam to port.
1103 Cape Henry lighthouse abeam to port, distance 1800 yards.
1115 Entered Thimble shoal channel with buoy # 1 abeam to port.
1154 Thimble shoal light abeam to starboard, 1000 yards.
Av. RPM 76.7. Av. to steam 440

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lieut., USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.
1202 Cleared net gate, entered Hampton Roads.
1247 Anchored in berth 25, Hampton Roads, Va., in 12 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor, on the following true bearings:
Old Point Comfort, 004; Fort Wool, 072; Buoy No. 1, 176. Task Force 39 dissolved and USS ONERON attached to Task Force thirty-nine point one (39.1) USS THOMAS JEFFERSON, flagship.
1352 Allowed fires to die out on No. 2 boiler. Secured No. 2 boiler.
1365 Captain left ship and reported to Commander Amphibious Force, Atlantic Fleet, for duty.
1559 Captain returned to ship.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.
R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

Approved:

Earl Purcell
EARL PURCELL,
Commander, USN.,
Commanding.

Examined:

W. D. Dougherty
W. DOUGHERTY,
Lieut. Comdr., U.S.N.

UNITED STATES SHIP CHERON (ATA-14)

Thursday 11,

March, 1948

ZONE DESCRIPTION 4

REMARKS

0000-0400 Anchored in berth 23 Hampton Roads, Va, in 12 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor, on the following true bearings: Old Point Comfort, 044; Fort Wool, 072; Buoy No. 1, 176. Boiler No. 1 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ship's present: USS ~~CHERON~~ ~~(ATA-14)~~, USS THOMAS JEFFERSON, USS WILLIAM P. BIDDLE, USS ANCTURUS, and various other units of the Atlantic Fleet.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before
0741 Lighted fires under No. 2 boiler

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.
0800 Captain left ship to attend a conference with Commander Task Force 32.1 on the USS THOMAS JEFFERSON.
0855 Cut in No. 2 boiler on the Main Steam Line.
0940 Made all preparations for getting underway.
1020 Captain returned from conference aboard USS THOMAS JEFFERSON.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.
1224 Underway, enroute from Base New to Boston in company with task group 32.1 USS THOMAS JEFFERSON (Flagship) in column in the following order: (1) Thomas Jefferson, (2) W.P. BIDDLE, (3) CHERON, (4) ANCTURUS, escort, USS McHENRIE, USS CARMICK. Executive Officer at the conn, Captain & Navigator on the bridge. Proceeding on various courses at various speeds in forming cruising disposition I.
1247 Old Point Comfort light abeam to port, distance 1000 yards.
1303 Passed through Net Gate. 1309-Thimble Shoal light abeam to starboard.
1315 Entered Thimble Shoal channel with buoy #11 abeam to starboard.
1402 Set condition II on guns.
1404 Cape Henry abeam to starboard, distance 2000 yards.
1442 Passed buoy 208 abeam to port, changed course to 045 TAPCC.
1523 Passed buoy CL 3418 abeam to port, changed course to 090 TAPCC.
1545 USS McManahan joined convoy as part of escort.
Av. RPM: 71.0 av. steam 432

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lieut., USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved: *Carl Pursell*
CARL PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined: *W. Dougherty*
W. DOUGHERTY,
Lieut. Comdr., U.S. NAVY,
U.S. NAVY, Navigator.

ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. OBERON

Date Thursday March 11, 1943

1820 Steaming as before.
 1829 Altered course to 020° gyro.
 1940 Convoy assumed cruising formation positions as follows: USS THOMAS JEFFERSON (SOPA) #11, USS WILLIAM P. HINDLE #12, USS OBERON #21, USS ARCTURUS #22.
 Set standard speed at 14 knots (32 RPM) Average RPM 34.5, Average stean 430.
 Position 20°00' Lat. 37-29', Long. 74-33W. ~~2000-2400~~ B

D. P. Anderegg
 D. P. Anderegg,
 Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.
 2012 Changed course to 341° PGC & True, Emergency Turn.
 2014 Changed course to 293° PGC & True, Emergency Turn.
 2018 Changed course to 241° PGC & True, Emergency Turn.
 2021 Changed to base course to 026° PGC & True.
 2035 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #12 on base course 026° PGC & True.
 Average stean 430, Average RPM 34.1.

A. A. Maught
 A. A. Maught
 Lt. (jg), USNR.

Approved:

Curt Purcell
 CURT PURCELL,
 COMMANDING, USN.,
 COMMANDING.

Examined:

A. Dougherty
 A. DOUGHERTY,
 Lieut. Comdr., U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP OSBORN

March 30, 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION 4

REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Group 39.1, USS THOMAS JEFFERSON (Flagship & Guide) position 21 of cruising disposition II. Enroute from Norfolk, Va. to Boston, Mass., under boilers #1 & #2 on base course 026° T & POC, standard speed 14 knots (84 RPM). Depausing coils being energized.

0050 Overfalls light ship ahead to port. Approximate distance, 12 miles.

0115 Executed emergency turn 045° to starboard to course 071° T & POC.

0130 Executed emergency turn 045° to port to course 026° T & POC.

0230 Executed wheeling movement to base course 000° T & POC.
Average RPM 82.7, Average stean 430.75.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0730 Changed base course to 052° POC & T, 046° POC.

0705 USS THOMAS JEFFERSON and USS WILL. F. HIDDLE left Task Force 39.1 and proceeded on duty assigned. USS OSBORN assuming command. Steaming in column formation. USS OSBORN, position 1, USS ANCYRUS, position 2, USS McLANAHAN, USS McKENZIE, USS CARLICK, escort.
Position 0800 Lat. 39-56 N, Long. 73-21 W.
Average Stean 440, Average RPM 81.5.

P. J. Redmond
P. J. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before, eight fog.

0800 Made weekly test and inspection of magazine sprinkling system, condition normal.

1045 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #12.

1110 Fog set in, ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 055 true and gyro.
Average stean 440, Average RPM 81.5. Position 1200 Lat. 40-51N, Long. 72-23W.

D. J. Anderson
D. J. Anderson,
Lt. Comdr., USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1234 Executed emergency turn 45° to stbd to 097° POC & True.

1236 Executed emergency turn 45° to stbd to 142° POC & True.

1240 Executed emergency turn 45° to port to 097° POC & True.

1241 Executed emergency turn 45° to port to 052° POC & True. Sounded Fog signals at 5 minutes intervals.

1309 Reduced convoy speed to 10 knots (60 RPM).

1354 Increased convoy speed to 14 knots (90 RPM).

1400 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #12.

1403 Changed base course to 069° POC & True 081° POC.

1544 Ceased zigzagging and changed base course to 082° POC & True.
Sighted buoy "C" bare ganse at day swept channel bearing 078° POC & True.
Distance 3 miles.

1553 Changed base course by wheeling to 348° POC & True.
Average stean 440, Average RPM. 75.0.

A. A. Maughit
A. A. Maughit,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

Approved:

E. W. Purcell
E. W. PURCELL,
Commander, USNR,
Commanding.

Examined:

D. W. Maghity
D. W. MAGHITY,
Lieut. (jg), U. S. N., Navigator.

ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. QUENCHDate Friday March 12, 1943

1600-1800 Steaming as before.
 1602 Increased speed to 30 RPM (15.5).
 1714 Changed course to 069° to FOX.
 1716 Buoy G-L abeam to port, distance 200 yards.

H. R. Spiers
 H. R. Spiers,
 Lt., USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.
 1828 Passed Ten & Chickens light ship abeam to port, 200 yards distant.
 1842 Completed transit swept channel, entered Buzzards Bay.
 Average steam 440, Average RPM 22.0.

R. G. Redmond
 R. G. Redmond,
 Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.
 2038 Anchored in 8 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor on the following bearings. Butler Flats light 204° True, Bell Buoy #7 204° True.
 2112 Underway, standing in to Cleveland Channel steering various courses at various speeds conforming to the channel Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge.
 2138 Anchored in 8 fathoms of water 45 fathoms of chain to port anchor in Cleveland channel on the following bearings. Cleveland East Ledge light 197° True, Buoy #7, 234° True and Abilla Ledge light #3, 018° True.
 2354 Pilot, Lieutenant Commander HARRISON, USCG, came aboard.

D. B. Anderson
 D. B. Anderson,
 Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

Approved: *Earl Pursell*

EARL PURSELL,
 COMMANDER, USN.,
 COMMANDING.

Examined: *W. Dougherty*

W. DOUGHERTY,
 LIEUT. COMMANDER, USNR., E-S, USNR.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OSERON

Saturday
(1943)18
(1943)March
(1943)

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION

REMARKS

0000-0400 Anchored in 8 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain out to port anchor in Cleveland Ledge Channel entrance to Cape Cod Canal, in company with task group 39.1 USS OSERON position 1, USS ARCTURUS position 2, USS McLANAHAN, USS MackENZIE, USS CARRICK as escort enroute from Norfolk, Va., to Boston, Mass. Boilers 1 & 2 in use to transit Cape Cod Canal.

0127 Underway, Pilot Lt. Comdr Hanson USCG at the Conn, Captain, Executive and Navigator on the bridge.

0151 Entrance buoy #1 abeam to port 150 yards distance.

0208 Hog Island light abeam to starboard 120 yards distance. Proceeded at various courses and speeds to traverse canal.

0250 Fixed Red light at end of North Jetty abeam to port 150 yards distance.

0302 Anchored in 7 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. North Jetty light bearing 059. Average steam 450. Average RPM 45.3

A.A. Maught
A.A. Maught,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

0758 Underway as flagship of Task Group 39.1. Steaming in column (1) OSERON (2) ARCTURUS, escorted by USS McLANAHAN, USS MackENZIE, USS CARRICK. Executive Officer at the conn, Captain and Navigator on the bridge. Steering various courses at various speeds standing toward Boston.

H.R. Spiers
H.R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

1035 Pilot C.A. Martin came aboard and took the conn.

1040 Passed buoy S-1 abeam to port. Commenced transit ^{sweep} Boston Channel.

1042 USS McLANAHAN and USS MackENZIE were detached from Task Group 39.1 and departed to proceed on assigned duty.

1146 Passed thru net gate. Completed transit sweep channel. Average steam 445. Average RPM 80.9.

R.G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600

1235 Heered starboard side to East side of commonswealth Pier, Boston, Mass, with 12 eight inch manila lines.

1340 Tugboat YT 331 made fast to port bow.

1341 Tugboat Mercury made fast to port quarter.

1354 Underway ~~from~~ Pier #2 Boston Navy yard annex. Captain, Executive Officer, Navigator on bridge, Pilot at the Conn. Various courses and speeds to conform with channel.

1425 Heered Port side to Pier #2 West side of dock with 16 2-inch manila lines.

1427 Pilot Pisree left ship.

1432 Tug Mercury & YT 331 cast off.

1433 Secured #2 boiler.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Heered as before.

1858 Commenced taking electric power from dock secured #1 & 2 generators.

1858 Commenced taking steam from dock. #1 boiler secured.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Heered as before.

Approved:

W. Fursell
W. FURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

W. Dougherty
W. DOUGHERTY,
LIEUT. COMMANDER, USNR,
U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP OSBORN Sunday 14 March 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION 4

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moved port side to West side of #2 Pier, Charleston Navy Yard Annex, Boston, Mass., with 16 eight inch lines, using shore steam and electric power. #1 and #2 boilers and generators secured. Ships present: USS LEXINGTON, USS WAKEFIELD and various ships of the fleet and harbor craft. Continuous work on repairs and alterations in progress by yard workers.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moved as before

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moved as before.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moved as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt
C. C. Lingerfelt,
Ensign, USNR.

1600-2000 Moved as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt
C. C. Lingerfelt,
Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Moved as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt
C. C. Lingerfelt,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved: *Tom Purcell*
TOM PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined: *W. Dougherty*
W. DOUGHERTY,
LIEUT. COMMANDER, U.S. NAVY.

UNITED STATES SHIP ONRONMonday
(Day)18
(Date)March, 1952
(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored port side to Pier #2, Navy Yard Annex, Boston Mass. using 16 inch eight inch manila lines to dock. Receiving fresh water, electricity, and steam from dock. Both boilers & generators secured. ~~Continuous~~ Continuous work in progress by yard workers.

C. C. Lingerfelt
C. C. Lingerfelt,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt
C. C. Lingerfelt,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt
C. C. Lingerfelt,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

1230 Pilot J.A. Pierce came aboard.

1235 Tugs Jupiter, Venus, Ares, and Pawleaton made fast alongside.

1441 Underway to shift berth to Drydock No. 3. Pilot J.A. Pierce at the conn. Captain on the bridge. Engineering plant secured, motive power furnished by tugs.

1559 Tugs Jupiter, Venus Ares, and Pawleaton let go. Pilot J. A. Pierce left ship. Moored port and starboard side to drydock No. 3.

R. C. Redmond
R. C. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

1810 Commenced pumping drydock.

1800 Resting on keel in drydock No. 3 Receiving steam, electricity, water, and telephone service from dock.

R. C. Redmond
R. C. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Resting on keel as before.

R. C. Redmond
R. C. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved: *Earl Purcell*
EARL PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

W. Dougherty
W. DOUGHERTY,
LIEUT. COMMANDER, U.S. NAVY
Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP OSBORN

Tuesday
(Day)

16
(Date)

March 1943
(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION

REMARKS

0000-0400 Resting on keel in drydock No.3, Navy Yard annex, Boston, Mass. Engineering plant secured. Receiving water, electricity, steam, and telephone service from the dock. Continuous work in progress by Navy Yard workmen. Ships present, USS LEXINGTON (SOFA) USS WASHFIELD and various units of Atlantic Fleet and harbor craft.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Resting on keel as before.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Resting on keel as before.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1800 Resting on keel as before.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

1800-2000 Resting on keel as before.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Resting on keel as before.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

Approved: *E. W. Purcell*
E. W. PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined: *W. Dougherty*
W. DOUGHERTY,
LIEUTENANT, U. S. N., Navigator.
D-11, USNR.

UNITED STATES SHIP CHESTER

Wednesday, 17 March 1919
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION F 4

REMARKS

0000-0400 Resting on keel in drydock #3, Navy Yard Annex, Boston Mass. Engineering plant secured. Receiving steam, electricity, water and telephone service from the dock. Continuous work in progress by yard workmen. Ships present U.S.S. LEXINGTON, USS. ARCHERON and various other ships of Atlantic Fleet.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Resting on keel as before.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Resting on keel as before.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Resting on keel as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt
C. C. Lingerfelt,
Ensign, USNR.

1600-2000 Resting on keel as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt
C. C. Lingerfelt,
Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Resting on keel as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt
C. C. Lingerfelt,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved: *Earl Purcell*
EARL PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

W. Dougherty
W. DOUGHERTY,
LIEUT. COMMANDER, U. S. N., Navigator,
D-11, USNR.

UNITED STATES SHIP OVERON Thursday 15 March 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION 4

REMARKS

0000-0600 Resting on keel in dry dock #3., Navy Yard Annex, Boston, Mass., Engineering plant secured. Receiving steam, electricity, water and telephone service from dock. Continuous progress on work by Navy Yard workmen. Ships present: USS LEXINGTON, USS ARCTURUS and various other ships of Atlantic Fleet.

C. C. Lingerfelt
C. C. Lingerfelt,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Resting on keel as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt
C. C. Lingerfelt,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Resting on keel as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt
C. C. Lingerfelt,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600 Resting on keel as before.
1500 Commenced flooding drydock.
1538 Ship under barge.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

1600-2000
1600 Completed flooding drydock.
1630 Crisson removed.
1710 Tug Francis C. Hersey made fast astern.
1725 Tugs, Venus, Powleaton, then Mercury made fast. Pilot J.A. Pierce came aboard. Underway to shift berths, Pilot at the conn, Captain and Executive Officer on the bridge. Engineering plant secured, motive power furnished by tugs.
1801 Moored port side to Pier 2B, Navy Yard Annex, Boston, Mass using 16 inch eight inch manila lines. Received steam, water, electricity and telephone service from the dock.
1812 Tugs, P. C. Hersey, Venus, Powleaton, ~~then~~, Mercury cast off.
1818 Pilot J.A. Pierce bit ship.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved:

Con Purcell
CON PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

W. D. Doughty
W. D. DOUGHTY,
LIEUT. COMMANDER, U.S. NAVY.

UNITED STATES SHIP

ONERON

Friday

19

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ZONE DESCRIPTION 4

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored port side to pier 25 Navy Yard Annex, Boston, Mass, using 16 inch eight inch manila lines. Receiving water, steam, electricity and telephone service from the dock. Ships present: USS LEXINGTON, USS ARCTURUS, and various other ships of the Atlantic Fleet.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

Approved:

Tom Purcell
TOM PURCELL
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

W. Dougherty
W. DOUGHERTY,
LIEUT. COMMANDER, U.S. NAVY,
U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP OSBORN

Saturday

30

March

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ZONE DESCRIPTION ★ 4

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored port side to Pier 22N Navy yard annex, Boston, Mass using 16 eight inch manila lines. Engineering plant secured. Receiving steam, water, electricity and telephone service from dock. Continuous work in progress by navy yard workmen. Ships present, USS LEXINGTON, USS ANCHORAGE and various other ships of Atlantic Fleet and Harbor Craft.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfeldt
C. C. Lingerfeldt,
Ensign, USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfeldt
C. C. Lingerfeldt,
Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfeldt
C. C. Lingerfeldt,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved: *C. C. Purcell*
C. C. PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined: *W. Dougherty*
W. DOUGHERTY,
LIEUT. JUNIOR, D-4, USNR.

W. S. N. Muelgater

UNITED STATES SHIP

OSBERG

Sunday

(Day)

31

(Date)

March

(Month)

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION 74

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored port side to Pier #2, Navy Yard Annex, Boston, Mass. using 16 eight inch manila lines. Engineering plant secured. Receiving steam, water, electricity and telephone service from dock. Continuous work in progress by navy yard workmen. Ships present: USS LEWISTON, USS ANCHORAGE, and various other ships of Atlantic Fleet and Harbor Craft.

C. C. Lingerfelt
C. C. Lingerfelt,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt
C. C. Lingerfelt,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt
C. C. Lingerfelt,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1500 Moored as before.

1530 Received aboard for installation during present yard availability 2-30
121 guns and spare parts for same, and 40-20 M1 magazines.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Ensign, USNR.

1500-2000 Moored as before.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved:

Earl Purcell
EARL PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

W. D. Doughty
W. D. DOUGHTY,
LIEUT. COMMANDER, USNR, U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

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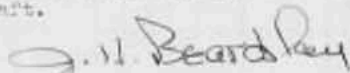
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(Date)March
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ZONE DESCRIPTION #4

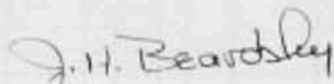
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0000-0400 Hoored port side to Pier #2 Navy Yard Annex, Boston, Mass, using 16 eight inch manila lines. Engineering plant secured. Receiving steam, water, electricity and telephone service from dock. Continuous work in progress by navy yard workmen. Ships present: USS LEKINGTON, USS ARIZONO, and various other ships of Atlantic Fleet and Harbor Craft.



J. H. Beardsley,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0500 Hoored as before.



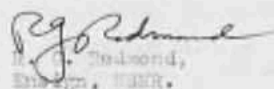
J. H. Beardsley,
Ensign, USNR.

0500-1200 Hoored as before.



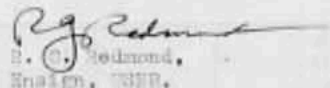
J. H. Beardsley,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600 Hoored as before.



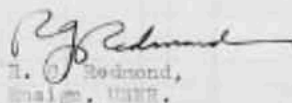
I. O. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

1600-2000 Hoored as before.



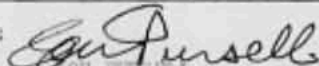
I. O. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Hoored as before.

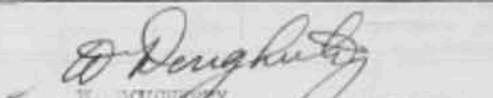


I. O. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved:


 E. W. PURCELL,
 COMMANDER, USN.,
 COMMANDING.

Examined:


 W. DOUGHERTY,
 LIEUT-COMDR., USN.,
 U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ORRHOETuesday
(Day)23
(Date)March
(Month)

1945

ZONE DESCRIPTION 4-4

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored port side to Pier #2 Navy Yard Annex, Boston, Mass., using 16 inch eight inch manila. lines. Engineering plant secured. Receiving steam, water, electricity and telephone service from dock. Continuous work in progress by navy yard workmen. Ships present: USS LEXINGTON, USS ARCTURUS, and various other ships of Atlantic fleet and harbor craft.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

Approved: *W. Forell*

W. FORELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined: *D. Dougherty*

D. DOUGHERTY,
LIEUT. COMMANDER, USN.,
U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

CERCE

Wednesday

24

March

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ZONE DESCRIPTION * 4

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored port side to Pier #2 Navy Yard Annex, Boston, Mass., using 1 1/2 inch eight inch manila lines. Engineering plant secured. Receiving steam, water, electricity and telephone service from dock. Continuous work in progress by navy yard workers. Ships present: USS LEXINGTON, USS ARCTURUS, and various other ships of Atlantic Fleet and harbor craft.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt
C. C. Lingerfelt,
Ensign, USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt
C. C. Lingerfelt,
Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt
C. C. Lingerfelt,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved:

W. D. Doughty
W. DOUGHTY,
LIEUT. COMDR. USN,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

W. Doughty
W. DOUGHTY,
LIEUT. COMDR. USN,
U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

ORSON

Thursday
(Date)

25
(Date)

March
(Month)

1950

ZONE DESCRIPTION 4

REMARKS

0000-0100 Moored port side to Pier #2 Navy Yard Annex, Boston, Mass., using 16 eight inch Manila lines. Engineering plant secured. Receiving steam, water electricity and telephone service from dock. Continuous work in progress by Navy Yard workmen. Ships present: USS LEXINGTON, USS ARDREWS, and various other ships of Atlantic and harbor craft.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.,
Design, USNR.

0400-0900 Moored as before.
0900 Captain C. D. Edgar, USN, Commanding Transports Division Three, Amphibious Force and assisting inspection board from the USS ARDREWS came on board and commenced Annual Material Inspection. Assisting inspection board comprised the following:

- Lieutenant H. W. Sheridan, D-M, USNR, C&R Department.
- Lieutenant J. P. Purcato, D-M, USNR, Engineering Department.
- Lieutenant L. R. Phalen, D-M, USNR, Navigation Department.
- Lieutenant V. E. Scott Jr., D-V(O), USNR, Gunnery Department.
- Lieut.(jg), W. T. Davis, D-V(S), USNR, Communication Department.
- APC F. Keller, U.S. Navy, Supply Department.
- Seatowain J. M. O'Neill, U.S. Navy, Asst., C&R Department.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.,
Design, USNR.

0900-1200 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.,
Design, USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

1300 Secured #2 boiler.

1750 Captain C. D. Edgar, USN, Commander Transports, Division Three, Amphibious Force, and inspection board left the ship.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Design, USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

1900 Oil barge came alongside and made fast to starboard side.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Design, USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Design, USNR.

Approved: *C. D. Purcell*
C. D. PURCELL,
COMMANDING, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined: *W. D. Dougherty*
W. D. DOUGHERTY,
LT. COMM., USNR.

U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

ORSON

Friday

26

March

1945

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored as before port side to #2 Navy Yard, annex, Boston, Mass, using 16 inch eight inch manila lines. Engineering plant secured. Receiving steam, water, electricity and telephone service from dock. Continuous work in progress by navy yard workmen. Ships present: USS LEXINGTON, USS ARCTURUS, and various other ships of Atlantic Fleet and harbor craft.

J. H. Beardsley

J. H. Beardsley,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

0140 Lit # 2 boiler and commenced taking on diesel fuel, from barge.

0840 Commanding Officer left ship to assist at annual material inspection on board USS ARCTURUS.

0930 Lit off # 2 boiler.

J. H. Beardsley

J. H. Beardsley,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

J. H. Beardsley

J. H. Beardsley,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1800 Moored as before.

1400 Secured # 1 & 2 boilers.

R. G. Redmond

R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

1800-2000 Moored as before.

R. G. Redmond

R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

R. G. Redmond

R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved:

Tom Purcell
TOM PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

W. Dougherty
W. DOUGHERTY,
LIEUT. Comdr, U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OSRON

Saturday
(Day)

27
(Date)

March
(Month)

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored port side to Pier 38 Navy Yard Annex, Boston, Mass. using 18 inch eight inch manila lines. Engineering plant secured. Receiving steam, water, electricity and telephone service from dock. Continuous work in progress by navy yard workmen. Ships present: USS LEXINGTON, USS ARCTURUS, and various other ships of Atlantic Fleet and harbor craft.

R. C. Redmond
R. C. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0750 Lighted fires under No. 1 boiler.

R. C. Redmond
R. C. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

R. C. Redmond
R. C. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.
1530 No. 1 boiler secured.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris
Ensign, USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved:

Earl Purcell
EARL PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

D. Dougherty
W. DOUGHERTY,
LIEUT. COMMANDER, USN., U. S. M. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP OSBORN Sunday 20 March 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION 4-4

REMARKS

0300-0400 Moored port side to Pier #2 Navy Yard Annex, Boston, Mass. using 16 inch eight inch manila lines. Engineering plant secured. Receiving steam, water, electricity and telephone service from dock. Continuous work in progress by navy yard workmen. Ships present: USS LEXINGTON, USS ARIZONA, and various other ships of the Atlantic Fleet and harbor craft.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0700 Lighted fire under No. 1 boiler.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Ensign, USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1830 Secured #1 boiler.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved: *Earl Purcell*
EARL PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMBANDING.

Examined: *W. Dougherty*
W. DOUGHERTY,
LIEUT. COMMANDER, U.S. NAVY, Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

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Monday

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ZONE DESCRIPTION T 4

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored port side to Pier #2 Navy Yard Annex, Boston, Mass., using 16 inch eight inch manila lines. Engineering plant secured. Receiving steam, water, electricity and telephone service from dock. Continuous work in progress by Navy yard workmen. Ships present: USS LEXINGTON, USS ANCTURUS, and various other ships of the Atlantic Fleet and harbor craft.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0735 Commenced reloading oil from fuel barge.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0800 Lit off # 1 boiler.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.
1500 Secured # 1 boiler.

E. Schaffer
E. Schaffer,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

E. Schaffer
E. Schaffer,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

E. Schaffer
E. Schaffer,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

Approved:

Earl Purcell
EARL PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDER.

Examined:

W. Dougherty
W. DOUGHERTY,
LIEUT. COMMANDER, D-M. USNR.
U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OSERON

Tuesday

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March

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ZONE DESCRIPTION #4

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored port side to Pier #3 Navy Yard Annex, Boston, Mass., using 16 inch eight inch Manila lines. Engineering plant secured. Receiving steam, water, electricity and telephone service from dock. Continuous work in progress by Navy yard workmen. Ships present: USS LEXINGTON, USS ARCTURUS, and various other ships of the Atlantic Fleet and harbor craft.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0840 Lighted fire under #1 boiler.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Ensign, USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1700 Secured #1 boiler.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved:

Tom Purcell
TOM PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

W. Dougherty
W. DOUGHERTY,
LIEUT. COMMANDER, USN,
U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP OSWEGO

Wednesday 31 March 1953
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION +

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored port side to Pier 23 Navy Yard Annex, Boston, Mass., using 10 inch eight inch manila lines. Engineering plant secured. Receiving steam, water, electricity and telephone service from dock. Continuous work in progress by Navy Yard workmen. Ships present: USS LEXINGTON, USS ARCTURUS, and various other ships of the Atlantic Fleet and harbor craft.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0700 Lighted fire under #1 boiler. Dock steam secured.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
1045 Dock trials of main engines begun.
1145 Dock trials of main engines secured.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.
1300 Commenced taking steam from dock, secured #1 boiler.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Ensign, USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved:

E. Purcell
E. PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

W. Dougherty
W. DOUGHERTY,
LIEUT. JUNIOR, USN., U. S. N. Navigator.

ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ORCHER (AKA14)Date March, 19 45OFFICERS DATA

ICH PURSELL	COMMANDER	USN	Mrs. Carol Purcell 431 So. Kingsley Drive Los Angeles, California.	Wife
David G. Greenlee	Lt. Comdr.	USN	Mrs. Suzanne C. Greenlee 5633 Dugans Place San Diego, California	Wife
William Dougherty	Lt. Comdr. D-M	USNR	Mrs. Edith M. Dougherty 225 Tennant Road Teaneck, New Jersey	Wife
Dewey F. Anderson	Lt. Comdr. D-M	USNR	Mrs. Wrentha B. Anderson Mist. Oregon	Wife
Elmer Walls	Lieut. E-M	USNR	Mrs. Harriet E. Walls 334 Congress Avenue Landsdown, Pa.	Wife
Kenneth J. Lewis	Lieut. SC-V(O)	USNR	Viola Lewis 185 Belvedere St. San Francisco, California	Mother
Daniel C. Kayfets	Lieut. SC-V(O)	USNR	Mrs. Selma W. Kayfets 68 W. 69th Street New York, N.Y.	Wife
Henry R. Spiers	Lieut. D-V(O)	USNR	Mrs. Henry R. Spiers 1318 Hordoon Drive Raleigh, North Carolina	Mother
Edward Schafer	Lieut. (jg) D-M	USNR	Mrs. Ruthenia Schafer 375 Summit Avenue Bronx, New York	Wife
Adrian A. Haught	Lieut. (jg) D-V(S)	USNR	Mrs. Elizabeth Haught 5236 Pitt Street New Orleans, La.	Wife
William B. Skidmore	Ensign D-M	USNR	Harold B. Skidmore 107 William Street New York, N. Y.	Father
Richard C. Redmond	Ensign D-V(O)	USNR	Mr. Robert Redmond 1205 N. Mantau Street Kent, Ohio.	Father
Charles C. Lingerfelt	Ensign D-V(O)	USNR	Mrs. Virginia L. Lingerfelt "The Barley" Rittenhouse Square Philadelphia, Pa.	Wife
James H. Beardsley	Ensign D-V(O)	USNR	Mrs. Elizabeth W. Beardsley 140 Weston Road Wellesley, Mass.	Wife
William J. Grant	Ensign E-V(O)	USNR	Mrs. Claire C. Grant 708 Richmond Ave. Waycross, Ga.	Wife
Sammuel Bowen Morris	Ensign D-V(S)	USNR	Mrs. Ann Morgan Morris C. P. G. Morgan Marianna, Arkansas	Wife

Approved:

I. C. Purcell
ICH PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

W. Dougherty
W. DOUGHERTY,
LT. COMMANDER, USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ORISKANY (AK-214)Date March, 1945

OFFICERS DATA

Peter J. Platte	Ensign D-7(G)	USNR	Mr. Peter J. Platte 33740 E. Jefferson Ave., St. Clair Shores, Mich.	Father
Thomas G. Johnson	Ensign D-7(G)	USNR	Mrs. Thomas G. Johnson Box 111 Selt, Montana	Mother
Joseph B. David	Ensign D-7(G)	USNR	Joseph B. David 123 Woodlawn Ave., New Orleans, La.	Father
Clayton A. Eckert	Ensign D-7(G)	USNR	Mrs. Cornelia V. Eckert 1131 America Road, Camden, New Jersey	Wife
Louis H. VanDike	Ensign D-7(G)	USNR	Louis H. VanDike 875 Sycamore Ave., Trenton, New Jersey	Father
Ray S. Ewing	Chief Pay Clerk	USN	Mrs. Evelyn M. Ewing 17 Salvia Avenue Norfolk, Virginia	Wife
Harold F. Richards	Mechanic E-M	USNR	Mrs. Lilly H. Richards 869 Larchwood Avenue Upper Darby, Pa.	Mother
George A. Jerome	Boatswain	USNR	Mrs. Charlotte K. Jerome 4004 Carpenter Avenue Bronx, New York City.	Wife

Approved:

E. J. Russell
 E. J. RUSSELL,
 COMMANDER, USN.,
 COMMANDING.

Examined:

W. D. Dougherty
 W. D. DOUGHERTY,
 LT. JUNIOR., USN.

U. S. N., Navigator.



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Attached to TRANSPORT DIVISION THREE ~~REDACTED~~,

AMPHIBIOUS FORCE ~~REDACTED~~,

U. S. ATLANTIC Fleet,

Commencing April 1, 1943,

at BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS,

and ending April 30, 1943,

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UNITED STATES SHIP CORCORAN

1943
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ZONE DESCRIPTION 74

REMARKS

0900-0400 Moored port side to Pier #8, Navy Yard Annex, Boston, Mass., with 18 eight inch manila lines. Receiving fresh water and telephone service from the dock. #2 boiler and #1 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Continuous work in progress by yard workmen. Ships present U.S.S. LEXINGTON, SCPA, and various other units of U. S. Atlantic Fleet.

J. H. Beardsley
 J. H. Beardsley,
 Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

J. H. Beardsley
 J. H. Beardsley,
 Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

J. H. Beardsley
 J. H. Beardsley,
 Ensign, USNR.

1200-1800 Moored as before.

1435 In compliance to orders #1885 U. S. Atlantic Fleet Administrative Command, Commander John C. Ginna R-7(G), USNR, Staff, Amphibious Force, came on board on official business.

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
 C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
 Ensign, USNR.

1800-2000 Moored as before

1635 Commander John C. Ginna left ship.

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
 C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
 Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
 C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
 Ensign, USNR.

Approved:

ICM Purcell

ICM PURCELL,
 COMDR., USN., COMMANDING.

Examined:

W. Dougherty

W. DOUGHERTY,
 LT. COMMANDING, USNR.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON

Friday
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April 1943
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ZONE DESCRIPTION 4

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored port side to pier #2, Navy Yard Annex, Boston, Mass., with 16 eight inch manila lines. Receiving fresh water and telephone service from dock. #2 boiler and #1 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Continuous work in progress by yard workman. Ships present, U.S.S. LEXINGTON, SOPA, U.S.S. ARCTURUS, and various other vessels of the Atlantic Fleet.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved: *Carl F. Russell*
CARL F. RUSSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined: *W. Dougherty*
W. DOUGHERTY,
LT. COLONEL, USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP OBERCH

Saturday
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ZONE DESCRIPTION 4

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored port side to Pier #2, Navy Yard Annex, Boston, Mass., using 18 eight inch manila lines. Boiler #3 in use for auxiliary purposes. Receiving fresh water and telephone service from the dock. Continuous work in progress by Navy Yard workmen. Ships present: U.S.S. LEXINGTON, SOPA, U.S.S. ARCTURUS and various other units of the Atlantic Fleet.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

1315 Fresh water line disconnected from dock.
1503 DD424, U.S.S. NIBLACK, stood in ~~ready~~.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Ensign, USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

1610 Commanding Officers of USS NIBLACK and BENSON came on board to report to Captain.
1700 Completed reloading ammunition and stowing in both magazines.
1715 Commanding Officers of U.S.S. NIBLACK and BENSON left ship.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved

Tom Funnell
TOM FUNNELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

W. Dougherty
W. DOUGHERTY,
LT. COMDR., USNR.

U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OSERON

Sunday
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ZONE DESCRIPTION 4-4

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored port side to Pier #2, Navy Yard Annex, South Boston, Mass., using 16 eight inch manila lines. #1 boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Receiving telephone service from the dock. Ships present, U.S.S. LEXINGTON, SOPA, and various other units of the Atlantic Fleet.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0430 Started #1 generator, lit off #2 boiler and jacked over main engine.
0700 Engine room out in steam on main engine and tested same.
0730 Made all preparations for getting underway.
0755 Pilot D. H. Weaver came aboard.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0805 Underway from pier #2, Navy Yard Annex, South Boston, Mass. Pilot at the conn, Captain, Executive Officer, and Navigator on the bridge. Steering various courses at various speeds in standing down toward net gate. Standard speed 80 R.P.M.
0901 Passed through net gate and passed Deer Island light abeam to port.
0902 Entered North Channel steered various courses and various speeds in conforming to channel.
0917 Passed point B abeam to port.
0928 Passed Graves Lighthouse abeam to starboard.
1006 Pilot left the ship. Changed standard speed to 85 R.P.M. (15 knots). Took departure buoy from outer swept channel buoy and set course 145° and PGC. Formed special Task Unit. Cruising disposition with OSERON in position 11, as flagship and guide, ARCTURUS 12. Escort composed of the U.S.S. NERLACK and U.S.S. HENSON.
1015 Boston lighted buoy abeam to starboard. Distance 1 mile.
1034 Minets Ledge whistle buoy #1 abeam to starboard. Distance 2 miles.
1054 Changed course to 130° T and PGC.
1110 Changed course to 165° T and PGC.
1145 Fairway buoy abeam to port. Distance 3,000 yards. Average steam 427. Average R.P.M. 60.8.
1200 Position Latitude 42-04 N. Longitude. 70-31 W.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

Approved:

Tom Purcell
TOM PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

W. Dougherty
W. DOUGHERTY,
LT. COMMANDER, USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. OSBERONDate Sunday, April 4, 1943

1200-1800 Steaming as before.
 1245 Anchored in Cape Cod Bay ~~in 6 fathoms~~ in 6 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the port anchor, or the following bearings: Clock tower, 225°, Lookout tower 194°, Breakwater 259°.
 1300 Pilot H. W. Robinson came aboard.
 1404 Underway to transit Cape Cod Canal, Pilot H. W. Robinson at the conn, Captain Executive Officer, and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 14 knots (80 RPM). Steaming at various courses, and speeds conforming to channel.
 1423 Commenced transit Cape Cod Canal.
 1506 Completed transit Cape Cod Canal, entered Hog Island Channel.
 1522 Completed transit Hog Island Channel, entered Cleveland Ledge Channel.
 1540 Completed transit Cleveland Ledge Channel, entered Buzzards' Bay.
 Average steam 437. Average R.P.M. 41.0.

R. J. Redmond
 R. J. Redmond,
 Ensign, USNR.

1800-1800 Steaming as before.
 1642 Changed standard speed to 14.8 knots, 85 R.P.M.
 1657 Buoy "H" abeam to port. Distance 150 yards.
 1702 Buoy "G" abeam to port. Distance 200 yards.
 1710 Hens and chickens light ship abeam to starboard. Distance 200 yards.
 1712 Buoy "E" abeam to port. Distance 300 yards.
 1717 Buoy "X" abeam to port. Distance 300 yards.
 Average steam 440. Average R.P.M. 76.1.

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
 C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
 Ensign, USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.
 1814 Buoy S-L abeam to port. Distance 300 yards.
 1823 Buoy "C" abeam to port. Distance 400 yards.
 1835 Point Judith Light abeam to stbd. Distance 1 1/3 miles.
 Changed course to 255° PAC plus true.
 1859 Sandy Point Light abeam to port. Distance 4 1/2 miles.
 1937 Watch Hill Point abeam to stbd. Distance 2.8 miles.

Q. A. Mauglet
 A. A. Mauglet,
 Lt. (jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.
 2010 Passed Race Pt L/H abeam to stbd. Distance 100 yards, entered Long Island Sound. Various courses in transit Long Island Sound.
 2020 Passed Oull L/H abeam to port. Distance 1 mile.
 2058 Passed Cornfield L/H abeam to stbd. Distance 200 yards.
 2110 Passed buoy 8A abeam to stbd. Distance 100 yards.
 2143 Passed Falkner Island L/H abeam to stbd. Distance 1 1/2 miles.
 2301 Passed Middle Ground L/H abeam to stbd. Distance 1 mile.
 2353 Passed buoy 11 B abeam to port. Distance 200 yards.
 Average steam 427. Average R.P.M. 37.7.

E. Schaffer
 E. Schaffer,
 Lt. (jg) USNR.

Approved: *E. J. Fursell*
 E. J. FURSELL,
 COMMANDER, USN.,
 COMMANDING.

Examined: *W. Dougherty*
 W. DOUGHERTY,
 LT. COLONY., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP CHEMUN

Monday
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April 1913
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ZONE DESCRIPTION 4

REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming enroute from Boston, Mass., to Norfolk, Virginia, in position 11 as flagship and guide of Special Task Unit. U.S.S. ARCTURUS in position 12. Task Unit escorted by U.S.S. NIELACK and U.S.S. HENSON. Base course 247° T and PGC, standard speed 85 R.P.M. (15 knots). Both boilers in use.

0058 Execution Rock abeam to starboard, distance 300 yards.

0119 Anchored in 11 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain out on the starboard anchor in Long Island Sound. Anchored on the following true bearings:

Throgs Neck	201° T.
Hart Island	026° T.
Gangway Rock	041° - 30° T.
Stepping Stone Light	183 - 30° T.

0140 Pilot H. W. Robinson left ship.
Average steam 435. Average R.P.M. 65.4.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

0418 Pilot A. P. Larson came aboard.

0456 Underway for transit East River, New York. Pilot A.P. Larson at the conn, Captain, Executive Officer, and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 14 knots (50 R.P.M.). Steaming at various courses and speeds, to conform to channel.

0448 Passed Stepping Stones Light abeam to port, distance 100 yards.

0508 Passed Whitestone Point Light abeam to port, distance 200 yards.

0702 Pilot R. Smith came aboard and took the conn. Pilot A. P. Larson left the ship.

0722 Passed Fort Madsen abeam to starboard, distance 300 yards.

0744 Passed thru net gate, entered Ambrose Channel.
Average steam 440. Average R.P.M. 51.3.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0800 Continuing transit Ambrose Channel.

0832 Pilot left ship. Captain and Navigator on the bridge. Captain at conn.

0840 Commenced transit Ambrose Swept Channel.

1048 Completed transit of mine swept channel and took departure.

1050 Change base course to 187° T and PGC.

1053 Commenced zigzagging according to Plan 11; Base course 187° T and PGC.
Average steam 438. Average R.P.M. 74.

1200 Position Latitude 39-46 Longitude. 73-34 W.

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved: *Tom Purcell*
TOM PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined: *W. Dougherty*
W. DOUGHERTY,
LT. COMDR., USNR.

E. S. N., Navigator.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. OBENOHDate Monday April 5, 19431200-1600 Steaming as before. Average steam 436. Average R.P.M. 13.6.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt. (jg) USNR.

1600-1900 Steaming as before.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt. (jg) USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before. Average steam 440. Average R.P.M. 77.7.
2000 Position Latitude 38-15 N. Longitude 74-01 W.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before. Average steam 440. Average R.P.M. 78.0.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved:

Ion Purcell
ION PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

W. Dougherty
W. DOUGHERTY,
LT. COMDR., USNR. U. S. N., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP

ONERON

Tuesday

9

April

1943

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ZONE DESCRIPTION

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REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming enroute from Boston, Mass., to Norfolk, Virginia. Steaming in position 11 as flagship and guide of Special Task Unit. U.S.S. ANCTURUS in position 12. Task unit escorted by U.S.S. HIBLACK, U.S.S. BENSON, and U.S.S. CLEAVES. Base course 207° PGC plus true. Standard speed 15 knots (35 R.P.M.). Boilers 1 and 2 in use. Zigzagging according to plan #3.

0052 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course of 207° PGC and true.

0116 Sighted buoy X.M. Changed course to 197° PGC and True.

0126 Changed course to 200° PGC and True.

0147 Changed course to 228° PGC and True.

0157 Passed Buoy XM abeam to port. Distance 200 yards. Entrance to mine swept channel. Changed course to 261° PGC and True. Steered various courses through swept channel.

0325 Reduced convoy speed to 13 knots. (70 R.P.M.)

0353 Reduced convoy speed to 12 knots. (64 R.P.M.)
Average Steam 437. Average R.P.M. 76.5.

A. A. Maugh
A. A. Maugh,
Lt.(Jc), USNR.

0400-0600 Steaming as before, various courses at various speeds.

0411 Passed whistling buoy "P", abeam to port. Distance 100 yards.

0434 Passed buoy "P1", abeam to port. Distance 75 yards.

0453 Passed buoy "P2", abeam to port. Distance 100 yards.

0555 Passed buoy "VI", abeam to port. Distance 200 yards.

0637 USCG Pilot A. C. Johnson on board and took the conn.

0654 Passed buoy "4", abeam to port. Distance 125 yards.

0722 Passed Cape Henry L/H, abeam to port. Distance 1 mile.

0732 Entered Thimble Shoal Channel.
Average Steam 436. Average R.P.M. 69.2.

E. Schaffer
E. Schaffer
Lt.(Jc), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before, various courses at various speeds.

0817 Passed Thimble Shoals light, abeam to stbd. Distance 600 yards.

0827 Passed through net gate.

0841 Anchored in Hampton Roads, Va., in Berth #2 in 14 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms to the starboard anchor.

0902 Pilot A. C. Johnson left ship.

0903 Underway to shift anchorage.

0913 Anchored in Berth #2 Hampton Roads, Va., in 13 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor, or the following bearings: Buoy #1-196° T; Fort Wool-079.5° T; Buoy 10A-343° T. Secured #1 boiler.

1028 Captain left ship to make official call on Commander Amphibious Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

E. Schaffer
E. Schaffer
Lt. (Jc), USNR.

Approved:

Carl Fursell
ION FURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

W. Dougherty
W. DOUGHERTY,
LT. COMMANDER, USNR.

U. S. N. Navigator.

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U. S. S. GEORGE

Date Tuesday April 6, 19 43

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer
Lt. (jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

Approved: *ICM Purcell*
ICM PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined: *W. Dougherty*
W. DOUGHERTY,
LT. COMDR., USNR.

U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OBSEON

Thursday
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1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION 4

REMARKS

0000-0400 Anchored in berth #2 Hampton, Roads, Va., in 33 fathoms of water, 60 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor. No. 2 boiler and #1 generator in use for auxiliary purposes.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

1400 U.S.S. CHARLES CARROLL stood out.

1410 U.S.S. BARNETT stood out.

C. C. Lingerfeldt Jr.
C. C. Lingerfeldt Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

C. C. Lingerfeldt Jr.
C. C. Lingerfeldt Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

C. C. Lingerfeldt Jr.
C. C. Lingerfeldt Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved:

ICM Fursell
ICM FURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

W. Dougherty
W. DOUGHERTY,
LT. COLDR., USNR.

U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OSBERG

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ZONE DESCRIPTION

REMARKS

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth #2, Hampton Roads, Virginia, in 12 fathoms of water with 20 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor on the following true bearings; Buoy #1-190° T, Port Wool, 079° T; Buoy #16A 343° T. #3 boiler and #1 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: U.S.S. ALCON (SOPA), and various other units of the Atlantic Fleet.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

0920 Commenced taking on bunker fuel. Draft forward 14' 7"; Draft aft, 19' 3".

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

1220 Completed taking bunker fuel, having taken 2402 bbls. Commenced taking diesel oil.

1300 Lighted fires under #1 boiler.

1430 USN ARGENTINE got underway and stood out.

1440 Completed diesel oil having taken 393 bbls. Draft forward 13 ft. 8 in. Aft 22 ft. 7 in.

1535 Made all preparations for getting underway.

1555 Underway for Cove Point, Chesapeake Bay in compliance with ComTransAsphForLant Mailgram 072105. Executive Officer at the comb, Captain and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 16 knots (85 R.P.M.). Steaming on various courses to conform with the channel. Average steam 430. Average RPM 15.1.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

1600-1800

1604 Passed Port Wool abeam to starboard. Distance 300 yards.

1615 Passed through mine gate.

1621 Commenced transit of Thistle Shoal channel.

1700 Completed transit Thistle Shoal channel.

Average steam 430. Average R.P.M. 45.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1802 Commenced transit York Spit channel.

1810 Completed transit York Spit channel.

1948 Passed Windmill Point abeam to port, distant 2000 yards.

Average steam 433. Average RPM 32.2.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved

W. J. Russell

Examined:

D. Dougherty

COMMANDER, USN.,
OSBERG

LT. COMMANDER, USNR.

U. S. N. Navigator.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. OSBORNDate Thursday April 8, 1945

- 2000-2400 Steaming as before.
- 2025 Buoy #127L abeam to starboard, distance 600 yards. Changed course to 012° PGC and T.
- 2053 Passed Smith Point abeam to port, distance 1½ miles. Changed course to 356° T and PGC.
- 2135 Point Lockout bearing 270° T, distance 2 miles. Changed course to 348° T and PGC.
- 2187 Point No Point bearing 270° T, distance 1½ miles. Changed course to 340° T and PGC.
- 2203 Changed course to 344 T and PGC.
- 2225 Hooper Island light abeam to starboard, distance ½ mile.
- 2242 Buoy #19 abeam to port, distance 100 yards.
- 2306 Anchored in Berth E4, Cove Point, Chesapeake Bay in 8 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor on the following bearings:
 Buoy 21A - 323° 30 T.
 Cove Point Light - 321° T.
 Drum Point - 234°.
- 2316 Bottled up #1 boiler.
 Average RPM 79.9. Average Steam 436.

H. R. Spiers
 H. R. Spiers,
 Lieut., USNR.

Approved:

Earl Purcell
 EARL PURCELL,
 COMMANDER, USN.,
 COMMANDING.

Examined:

W. Dougherty
 W. DOUGHERTY,
 LT. COMM., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ONERON

Friday 5 April 1945
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ZONE DESCRIPTION

REMARKS

0000-0600 Anchored in Berth B4 Cove Point, anchored in 7 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor. Boiler #1 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present, USS CARROLL (SOPA), USS ARCTURUS.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

A.A. Maughit
A. A. Maughit,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1230 Anchored as before.

1030 Captain made an official call on ComTransDiv 5, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, on board USS CHARLES CARROLL.

1150 Captain returned to ship.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

1220 Made all preparations for getting underway.

1306 Underway to shift berth and carry out landing exercises. Executive Officer at the conn, Captain and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 14 knots (80 RPM). Steering at various courses to conform to channel.

1535 Anchored off Cedar Point, Chesapeake Bay in 8 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following bearings: Cedar Point 265°; Cove Point 323°; Drum Point 280°; Hooper Island 132°. Average steam 440. Average RPM 46.4.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

1600-1800 Anchored as before.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

1800-2000 Anchored as before.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

A.A. Maughit
A. A. Maughit,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

W. Purcell
W. PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

W. Dougherty
W. DOUGHERTY,
LT. COMMANDER, USNR.

U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP CHEERON

Saturday
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ZONE DESCRIPTION 74

REMARKS

0000-0400 Anchored off Cedar Point, Chesapeake Bay, in nine fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to port anchor on the following true bearings: Cove Point 325° T; Drum Point 260° T; Hooper Island 132° T. #2 boiler and #2 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS CHARLES GARROLL (SOPA), and USS ANCTURUS.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.
0820 USS CHARLES GARROLL got underway and stood out.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

H. R. Spiera
H. R. Spiera,
Lt., USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

E. Schafel
E. Schafel,
Lt. (Jc), USNR.

1600-1800 Anchored as before.

A. A. Maugh
A. A. Maugh,
Lt. (Jc), USNR.

1800-2000 Anchored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved

Tom Purcell
TOM PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

W. Dougherty
W. DOUGHERTY,
LT. COLONEL, USNR,
U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OSBEORN

Sunday
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ZONE DESCRIPTION

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REMARKS

0000-0400 Anchored off Cedar Point, Chesapeake Bay in 3 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor or the following bearings: Cove Point 328° T; Drum Point 280° T; Hooper Island 132° T. #2 boiler and #2 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS CHARLES CARROLL (SOPA), and USS ARCTURUS.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.
0408 Vseered port anchor chain to 75 fathoms.

E. Schaffer
E. Schaffer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

A. A. Maugh
A. A. Maugh,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

C. C. Lingsfeldt, Jr.
C. C. Lingsfeldt, Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

1600-1800 Anchored as before.
1801 Underway for Norfolk, Va., in compliance with ComAnphForLant, Dispatch 111614. Executive Officer at the conn, Captain and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 15 knots (85 RPM). Steering various courses to conform to the channel.
1750 Passed Smith Point abeam to starboard, 2 miles distant.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.
1815 #12TL buoy abeam to port, distance off 600 yards.
1855 Windmill Point abeam to starboard, distance 4 miles.
1902 Stingray Point abeam to starboard, distance 5 1/2 miles.
1945 Wolf Trap light abeam to starboard, distance 3.3 miles.
Average RPM 84.8. Average steam 432.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.
2022 Buoy #9 abeam to starboard, distance 25 yards. Entered York Spit channel.

E. Schaffer
E. Schaffer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

Paul Purcell
PAUL PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

W. Dougherty
W. DOUGHERTY,
LT. COMDR., USNR.

V. J. N., Navigator.

ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. CONROCKDate Sunday April 11, 1943

2000-2400 (continued)

- 2130 Entered Thimble Shoal channel.
 2219 Thimble shoal Light to starboard, distance $\frac{1}{2}$ mile.
 2225 Buoy #14 abeam to starboard, distance 25 yards.
 2237 Old Point Comfort L/N abeam to starboard, distance 500 yards.
 2238 Port Wool abeam to port, distance 1000 yards.
 2250 Buoy #16A abeam to starboard, distance 50 yards.
 2305 Anchored in Berth #6, Hampton Roads, Virginia, in 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms water, 45 fathoms chain to port anchor, on the following true bearings: Old Point Comfort 088 $^{\circ}$ T.; Buoy #1-098 $^{\circ}$ T.; Buoy #16A-029 $^{\circ}$ T.
 Average steam 435. Average R.P.M. 50.4.

E. Schafer
 E. Schafer,
 Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

Carl Purcell
 CARL PURCELL,
 COMMANDER, USN.,
 COMMANDING.

Examined:

W. Dougherty
 W. DOUGHERTY,
 LT. COMDR, USNR.

UNITED STATES SHIP

AGASSON

Monday
(Day)13
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ZONE DESCRIPTION

REMARKS

0000-0400 Anchored Berth B Hampton Roads, Norfolk, Va., in 7½ fathoms of water with 30 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following true bearings: Old Point Comfort 055°, Buoy #1 099°, Light #102 029°. Boilers #1 and 2 and both generators in use.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

0640 Made all preparations for getting underway.

0709 Underway for Naval Supply Depot Annex, Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Va., Pilot E. T. Sexton at the conn, Captain, Executive Officer, and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 14 knots (80 RPM). Steaming at various courses to conform with the channel.

0735 Tug YT 147 made fast port bow. Tug YT 168 made fast port quarter.

0755 Moored starboard side to Pier 1, Naval Supply Depot Annex, Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Va., using 12 eight inch manila lines. Average steam 435. Average RPM 30.1.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

0902 Tugs YT 147 and YT 168 cast off. Pilot E. T. Sexton left the ship.

1120 Made all preparations for getting underway.

1155 Tug YT 147 made fast port bow.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

1208 Tug YT 167 made fast port quarter. Pilot J. R. Wilson came aboard.

1213 Underway for Norfolk Navy Yard, Pilot J. R. Wilson at the conn, Captain, Executive Officer, and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 14 knots (80 RPM). Steaming at various courses to conform with the channel.

1234 Tugs YT147 and YT167 cast off.

1310 Tugs YT167, Reliance, and Edna V. Crew made fast.

1335 Moored starboard side Berth 11 and 12, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va., using 16 eight inch manila lines and two 1 ¾ inch wire cables. Ships present: USS HOELLS, SOPA; and various units of the Atlantic Fleet and Yard craft.

1345 Tugs YT167, Reliance, and Edna V. Crew cast off. Pilot J. R. Wilson left the ship.

1350 Secured #1 boiler.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved:

Carl Purcell
ION PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDER.

Examined:

W. Dougherty
W. DOUGHERTY,
LT. COMDR., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OBSEON

Tuesday

13

April

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ZONE DESCRIPTION 4

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to Berth 11 and 12, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Virginia, using 16 eight inch manila lines and two 1 3/4 inch wire cables. Receiving fresh water and telephone service from the dock. Boiler #2 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS MOBILE (SOPA), and various units of the Atlantic Fleet and Yard craft.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0600 Moored as before.
0730 Navy Yard workmen came aboard and commenced necessary repairs.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

0600-1200 Moored as before.
1000 Captain left ship to make official call on Commandant, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Virginia.
1125 Captain returned to ship.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Ensign, USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved: *Ion Pursell*
ION PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP

OPHEON

Wednesday 14
(Day) (Date)

April 1920
(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION 4 a

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to Berth 11 and 12, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va., using 18 eight inch manila lines and two 1 3/4" wire cables. Receiving fresh water and telephone service from the dock. Boiler #2 in use for auxiliary purposes. Both generators in use. Ships present: USS MONTELM (SOPA) and various units of the Atlantic Fleet and Yard Craft.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
1105 Captain A. R. EARLY, Chief of Staff, Amphibious Force, Atlantic Fleet called on Commanding Officer and made a brief inspection of the ship.
1130 Captain A. R. EARLY left the ship.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved: *J. W. Russell*
J. W. RUSSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP OSBERON Thursday 15 April 1945
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION 4 REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to Berth 11 and 12, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va., using 16 eight inch manila lines and two 1 3/4" wire cables fore and aft. Receiving fresh water and telephone service from dock. #2 boiler and #2 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS MOBILE (SOPA) and various units of the Atlantic Fleet and yard craft.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0600 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

0600-1200 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *Jon Purcell*
ION PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP OHORON Friday 16 April 1945
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION 4

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to berth 11 and 12, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va., using 16 eight inch manila lines and one 1/2 inch cable forward and one 1 1/2 inch cable, aft. Receiving water and telephone service from dock. #2 boiler and #1 and 2 generators in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present, USS MOBILE (SOPA) and various units of the Atlantic Fleet and yard craft.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved: *Ion Fursell*
ION FURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N. Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ONERON Saturday 17 April, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)ZONE DESCRIPTION 4

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to Berth 11 and 12, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Virginia, using 16 eight inch manilla lines and two 1 3/4 inch wire cables. Receiving water and telephone service from the dock. Boiler #1 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present; USS LEONARD WOOD, (SOPA), and various other units of the Atlantic Fleet and Yard Craft.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0940 Lighted fires under #2 Boiler.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.
1340 Received from U.S. Naval Ammunition Depot, St. Julien's Creek, Portsmouth, Va., 20 rounds 5"/51/cal Target BLAD; 40 rounds 3"/50/cal SPD 2856; 20 rounds 5"/51/cal 1382, target.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Ensign, USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved: *Ion Purcell*
ION PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OSERON

Sunday

E 18

April

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to Berths 11 and 12 Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va., using 16 eight inch manilla lines and two 1 3/4 inch wire cables. Boiler #1 and generator #1 in use for auxiliary purposes. Receiving fresh water and telephone service from dock. Ships present: USS LEONARD WOOD, (SOPA), and various units of the Atlantic Fleet and Yard Craft.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

0430 Engine room jacked over main engine.
0705 Engine room out in steam on main line and tested same.
0750 Made all preparations for getting underway.
0750 Pilot J. R. Wilson came aboard.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

0800 Tugs YT 213, YT187, and Tug Reliance made fast to Port bow.
0807 Underway from Berths 11 and 12 Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va., proceeding to Rappahannock Spit anchorage, Chesapeake Bay. Authority: Verbal orders from the Commandant, Norfolk Navy Yard. Pilot J. R. Wilson at the conn, Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 14 knots (80 RPM). Steering various courses at various speeds to conform to channel.
0813 Tug Reliance cast off.
0823 Tug YT 187 cast off.
0840 Tug YT 213 cast off.
0851 Pilot J. R. Wilson left ship. Executive Officer took the conn.
0944 Elisabeth River channel buoy #1 abeam to starboard, entering Hampton Roads on course 083° PGC and 055° T.
1043 Entered Thimble Shoal Channel and changed course to 109° PGC, 110° T.
1130 Changed course to 061° PGC, and 083° T.
1138 Changed course to 336° PGC, and 338° T.
1200 Changed course to 327° PGC, and 329° T.
Average steam 440. Average RPM 45.9.

A. A. Maughit
A. A. Maughit,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1228 Commenced transit to York Spit Channel.
1253 Completed transit of York Spit Channel.
1328 Wolf Trap light house abeam to port, distance 4 miles.
1430 Anchored in Berth J2, Rappahannock Spit anchorage, Chesapeake Bay, in seven (?) fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Windmill Point 261° T; Stingray Point, 259° T; Rappahannock Spit Bell Buoy 176° T.
1445 Secured #2 boiler.
Average steam 433. Average RPM 71.1.

C. C. Lingsfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingsfelt Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved:

Ion Purcell
ION PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. OBERON

Date Sunday, April 18, 1943

1600-1800 Anchored as before.

1645 USS ALCYONE and USS BETELGEUSE stood in and anchored.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

1800-2000 Anchored as before.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

2340 Fog set in, commenced sounding Ship's bell at one minute intervals.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

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Approved: *E. Purcell*
ION PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON

Monday
(Day)18
(Date)April
(Month)

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION 4

REMARKS

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth J2, Rappahannock Spit Anchorage, Chesapeake Bay, in seven fathoms of water with sixty fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Windmill Point 261° T; Stingray Point 239° True; Bell Buoy 175° True. Boiler #1 in use. Sounding fog bell at one minute intervals.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800

0508 Lit off #2 boiler.
0700 Made all preparations for getting underway.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200

Anchored as before.
0900 Fog lifted, ceased sounding ships bell.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600

Anchored as before.
1220 USS BARNETT stood in and anchored.
1500 Underway with Captain at the conn, Executive Officer, and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 80 RPM, various courses in standing toward anchored target raft.
1530 Commenced first practice run to starboard on anchored target raft.
1553 Commenced second practice run to port.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

1600-1800

Continued on Practice run.
1642 Run completed, proceeded to Rappahannock Spit Anchorage.
1647 Anchored in Chesapeake Bay in 6 fathoms of water with 80 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor, on the following true bearings; Target Mooring buoy 110° T; Windmill Point 346° T; Buoy #6 297° T.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1800-2000

Anchored as before.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400

Anchored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved:

Tom Purcell
TOM PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP OSERON Tuesday 20 April 1943
(1943) (1943) (1943)

ZONE DESCRIPTION 4 REMARKS

0000-0400 Anchored off Rappahannock Spit, Chesapeake Bay, in six fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor, on the following true bearings: Windmill Point, 348°; Buoy No. 4, 094°; Buoy No. 6, 297°. Boilers Nos. 1 and 2 in use.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.
0700 Made all preparations for getting underway.
0718 Underway with Executive Officer at the conn, Captain and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 80 RPM. Steering various courses at various speeds in taking station behind U.S.S. BARNETT for Short Range Practice Runs. Average steam 440. Average RPM. 41.4.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.
1137 Commenced first practice run to stbd on anchored target.
1147 Completed first practice run to stbd.
1180 Commenced first practice run to Port on anchored target.
1159 Completed first practice run to Port.
Average steam 437. Average RPM. 44.7.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before at various courses and speeds in connection with target practice runs.
1240 Started first firing run to starboard. Authority: ComTranAmphForLantFlt Conf. ltr. 7 CL-43 of April 3, 1943.
1249 Commenced firing.
1251 Ceased firing.
1312 Commenced second firing run to starboard.
1321 Commenced firing.
1322 Ceased firing.
1341 Commenced third firing run.
1348 Commenced firing.
1350 Ceased firing.
1424 Commenced first firing run to port.
1428 Commenced firing.
1430 Ceased firing.
1459 Proceeding to Cove Point standard speed 14 knots (80 RPM) course 250° PGC and True.
1510 Changed course to 272° PGC, 274° T.
1513 Changed course to 280° PGC, 282° T.
1515 Changed course to 357° PGC, 359° T.
1520 Changed course to 353° PGC, 355° T.
1546 Buoy 12TL abeam to port, distance 1.3 miles.
Average steam 442. Average RPM 55.9.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *Jon Purcell*
JON PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. OBERON

Date Tuesday April 20, 1945

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

1612 Smith's Point light house abeam to port, distance 1.4 miles.

1717 Point No Point light house abeam to port, distance 3.8 miles.

1744 Hooper Island light house abeam to starboard, distance 2.6 miles.

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
 C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
 Ensign, USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1821 Passed Cove Point abeam to port, distance 1 mile.

1832 Anchored in Berth T-2, Cove Point, Chesapeake Bay, in eight (8) fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor, on the following bearings: Cove Point 165°; Buoy 21A 141°; Buoy 21B 331°.

1845 Secured #2 boiler.

Average steam 430. Average RPM 66.6.

R. G. Redmond
 R. G. Redmond,
 Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

H. R. Spiers
 H. R. Spiers,
 Lt., USNR.

Approved:

I. Purcell
 ION PURSELL,
 COMMANDER, USN.,
 COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
 H. T. CAMERON,
 LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OSERON

Wednesday 21
(Date) (Month)

April 19 43

ZONE DESCRIPTION 4

REMARKS

0000-0400 Anchored in berth T2, Cove Point Anchorage, Chesapeake Bay, in eight (8) fathoms of water, with 60 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor on the following bearings. Cove Point 185° T; Buoy 21A 141° T; Buoy 21B 331°, T. #2 boiler and #1 generator in use for auxiliary purposes.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

1600-1800 Anchored as before.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

1800-2000 Anchored as before.

1940 LCT #495 reported as refueling ship for boat landing exercises. *Nil.*

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

2030 Commenced exercise with landing boats.

2320 Completed exercise with all landing boats returned on board.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

Ion Purcell
ION PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON

Thursday
(Day)

22
(Date)

April 1943
(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION 4

REMARKS

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth T-2, Cove Point Anchorage, Chesapeake Bay in eight (8) fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Cove Point, 185° T; Buoy 21A, 141° T; Buoy 21B, 351° T. No. 2 boiler and both generators in use for auxiliary purposes.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

1509 Made all preparations for getting underway.
1513 Received for use in the general mess 300 gallons of fresh milk, from Commissary Department, Solomons Island, inspected as to quality, Lt. D. O. KAYFETZ, (MC), USNR., and as to quantity by Lt. A. J. LEWIS (SC), USNR..
1557 Underway from Berth T-2, Cove Point Anchorage, Chesapeake Bay, with Executive Officer at conn, Captain and Navigator on bridge. Steering various courses and various speeds, enroute to Tangier Sound Area, Chesapeake Bay.

E. Schaffer
E. Schaffer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

1603 Cove Point abeam to starboard, distance 1 mile.
1606 Changed course to 160° PGC and 160.5° T.
1625 Changed course to 168° PGC and 168.5° T.
1650 Changed course to 164° PGC and 164.5° T.
1643 Hooper Island abeam to port, distance 2.4 miles.
1733 Holland Island abeam to port, distance 6.8 miles.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

I. W. Furbell
I. W. FURBELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. OBERON

Date Thursday April 22, 1943

1800-2000 Steaming as before.
 1807 Smith's Point light house abeam to port, distance 1 mile.
 1836 Tangier Island abeam to port, distance 7.5 miles.
 1855 Buoy #6 abeam to port, distance 0.6 mile.
 1901 Steaming on various courses at various speeds to make practice runs on anchored target raft.
 Average steam 431. Average RPM 70.1.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
 C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
 Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.
 2008 Completed practice runs on anchored target raft and anchored in Tangier Sound Area, Chesapeake Bay, in six (6) fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor, on the following bearings: Target Mooring buoy, 150°; Buoy #6, 284°, San Marcos Wreck Buoy, 335°.

R. O. Redmond
 R. O. Redmond,
 Ensign, USNR.

Approved:

Jon Purcell
 JON PURSELL,
 COMMANDER, USN.,
 COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
 H. T. CAMERON,
 LT., USNR.

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UNITED STATES SHIP

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Friday

23

April

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION 4

REMARKS

0000-0400 Anchored in Tangier Sound Area, Chesapeake Bay, in six (6) fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Target mooring buoy, 150° T; Buoy #6, 281° T; San Marcos wreck buoy, 335° T. Boiler #1 and generator #2 in use for auxiliary purposes.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

0700 Made all preparations for getting underway.

0740 Firing observing party from U.S.S. BELLATRIX came on board.

0756 Underway from Tangier Sound Area, Chesapeake Bay to conduct day and night spotting practice and Anti-Aircraft, George, in compliance with ComTransDiv 7, Training order 2-43.

R. A. Maught
R. A. Maught
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0823 Steaming on various courses at various speeds, approaching target.

0823 Commenced firing run to starboard.

0834 Commenced firing 5"/51/cal gun.

0841 Ceased firing.

0850 Firing observing party from USS BELLATRIX and USS OBERON left ship to complete practice on USS BELLATRIX.

1000 Anchored in Tangier Sound Area, Chesapeake Bay in six (6) fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Mooring buoy 075° T; Buoy #6, 345° T; San Marcos Wrecking buoy, 006° T.

1004 Firing observing party from USS OBERON returned to ship.
Average stean 436. Average RPM 35.8.

C. C. Lingerfeld Jr.
C. C. Lingerfeld Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

1210 Made all preparations for getting underway.

1220 Underway to conduct Anti-Aircraft "George" firing exercises, Captain at the conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 14 knots (80RPM). Steaming on various courses.
Average Stean 440. Average RPM 15.9.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved:

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ION FORSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. OBERON

Date Friday April 23, 1943.

- 1600-1800 Steaming as before.
 1709 Commenced Anti-Aircraft gun exercises on starboard run.
 1709-30 Ceased firing on starboard run.
 1719 Commenced Anti-Aircraft gun exercises on port run.
 1729-30 Ceased firing on port run. Completed Anti-Aircraft exercises.
 Proceeding to anchorage at Tangier Sound Area, Chesapeake Bay.
 Average steam 430. Average RPM 26.7.

E. Schaffer
 E. Schaffer,
 Lt.(jg), USNR.

- 1800-2000 Steaming as before.
 1822 Anchored in Tangier Sound Area, Chesapeake Bay in six and one half (6½) fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following true bearings: Buoy #6, 294°; San Marcos Wrecking buoy, 348°; Mooring Buoy, 125°.

A. A. Maught
 A. A. Maught,
 Lt.(jg), USNR.

- 2000-2400 Anchored as before.
 2027 Underway to conduct Night Spotting Practice. Captain, Executive Officer, and Navigator on the bridge. Executive Officer at conn. Standard speed 15 knots (86 RPM).
 2043 Commenced firing, port run.
 2051 Ceased firing. Concluded practices.
 2157 Proceeding base course 183° PQ and 183.5° T, to Hampton Roads Anchorage, Virginia.
 2157 Wolf Trap light abeam to port, distance 2½ miles.
 2231 Commenced transit York Spit Channel.
 2301 Completed transit York Spit Channel.
 2348 Cape Charles light abeam to port, distance 9 miles.
 Average Steam 435. Average RPM 66.8.

C. C. Lingersfelt Jr.
 C. C. Lingersfelt Jr.,
 Ensign, USNR.

Approved:

Porter
 ION PURSELL,
 COMMANDER, USN.,
 COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
 H. T. CAMERON,
 LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON Saturday 24 April, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION + 4 REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming as before.
 0018 Commenced transit Thimble Shoal channel.
 0041 Completed transit Thimble Shoal channel.
 0054 Passed thru net gate.
 0140 Anchored in berth 8, Hampton Roads, Va., in six (6) fathoms of water with 80 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Middle Ground Light, 229° T; Buoy F-1, 352° T; Radio Tower, 268° T. Ship's present, U.S.S. ALCOR (SOPA), and various units of the Atlantic Fleet and district craft.
 Average steam 440. Average R.P.M. 71.3.

R. G. Redmond
 R. G. Redmond,
 Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

E. Schafer
 E. Schafer,
 Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200
 0845 In compliance with ComTransAmphForLant letter serial No. 0385 of April 22, 1943, 14 LOV(R) were transferred to the Naval Landing Force Equipment Depot, Norfolk, Va.

E. Schafer
 E. Schafer,
 Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1800 Anchored as before.
 1300 In compliance with ComTransAmphForLant letter Serial No. 0385 of April 22, 1943, the following LOV-R boats were received from the Naval Landing Force Equipment Depot, Norfolk, Va.

	HULL NO.	BUSHIPS NO.	ENGINE NO.
1.	20339	D 22398	C 17737
2.	23506	D 22116	C 17459
3.	22343	D 22915	C 17972
4.	22346	D 22910	C 17987
5.	22295	D 22920	C 17973
6.	22587	D 22282	C 17627
7.	22347	D 22262	C 17594
8.	22543	D 11395	C 16796
9.	20156	D 22093	C 17749
10.	22294	D 22936	C 17994
11.	20277	D 22316	C 17654
12.	22256	D 22380	C 17728
13.	20298	D 22243	C 17621
14.	22319	D 22313	C 17680

R. G. Redmond
 R. G. Redmond,
 Ensign, USNR.

Approved: *I. Purcell*
 ION PURSELL,
 COMMANDER, USN.,
 COMMANDING.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
 H. T. CAMERON,
 LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. OBERON

Date Saturday April 24, 1943

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

1800 In compliance with ComTransAmphForLant letter serial No. 0585 of April 20, 1943, the following boats were transferred to the U.S.S. FLORENCE NIGHTENGALE.

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|---|---|
| <p>1. 36' (T) Surf Landing Boat
Hull No. C-6585
BuShips No. - 6197
Engine Serial No. C-4937</p> | <p>3. 50' Well Type Tank Lighter No. LCM #1.
(3) Serial No. 11970. Port Engine #
C-9945. BuShips Engine #1682. Stbd.
Engine #C-9934. BuShips Engine
#D-16838.</p> |
| <p>2. 36' Ramp lighter (TR)
Hull No. C-9562
BuShips No. D-9411
Engine serial No. C-7685</p> | <p>4. 50' Well Type Tank Lighter No. LCM 1
No. 1 (8) Serial No. 11866.
Port Engine # C-9915 BuShips Engine
D 16837. Stbd. Engine C-9904. Bu
Ships Engine # D 16836.</p> |

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved: *Jon Forsell*

ION FORSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*

H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP OBBERONSunday
(Day)25
(Date)April, 1943
(Month)ZONE DESCRIPTION 4

REMARKS

0000-0400 Anchored in berth 8, Hampton Roads, Va., in six (6) fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor, on the following true bearings: Middle Ground Light 229° T; Buoy F-1, 362° T; Radio tower, 288° T; Boiler No. 1 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: U.S.S. ALCOR (SOPA), and various units of the Atlantic Fleet and district craft.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 0930 In compliance with ComTransAmphForLant letter serial No. 0385 of April 22, 1943, the following boats were transferred to the Naval Landing Force Equipment Depot, Norfolk, Va.

50' Well Type Tank Lighter No. LCM(3) Serial No. 11963. Port engine # C-9796, BuShips #D-16722, Stbd. Engine #9796, BuShips #D-16723.
50' well type tank lighter No. LCM(3) serial No. 11964. Port engine #G-9820, BuShips #D16743, Stbd. Engine #C-9818, BuShips #D-16740.
50' Well Type Tank Lighter No. LCM(3) serial No. 11965. Port engine #C-9810, BuShips #D-16724, Stbd. Engine #C-9800, BuShips #D-16720.
50' Well Type Tank Lighter No. LCM(3) Serial No. 11967. Port engine #C-9779. BuShips #D-16719, Stbd. Engine #C-9739, BuShips #D-16722.
50' Well Tank Type Lighter No. LCM(3) Serial No. 11968, Port engine #C-9792, BuShips #D-16716, Stbd. Engine #C-9802, BuShips #D-16738.
50' Well Type Tank Lighter No. LCM(3) Serial No. 11971, Port engine #C-9922, BuShips #D-16869, Stbd. Engine #C-9923, BuShips #D-16866.
0945 Commenced fueling ship, draft of ship forward 14'0", aft. 21'4".
1110 Completed fueling ship having received on board 1100 barrels of fuel oil. Draft of ship forward 14'0", aft 22'0".

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1800 Anchored as before.

1426 U.S.S. NEVILLE and U.S.S. THOMAS JEFFERSON got underway and stood out.
1505 U.S.S. ALCYONE and U.S.S. CARROL got underway and stood out.
1550 U.S.S. WILLIAM T. BIDDLE got underway and stood out.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Ensign, USNR.

1600-1800 Anchored as before.

1700 Made all preparations for getting underway.
1743 U.S.S. BELLATRIX got underway and stood out.
1750 U.S.S. THURSTON got underway and stood out.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved

Ion Purcell
ION PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

E. S. N., Navigator.

ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. OREGON

Date Sunday April 25, 1943

1800-2000 Anchored as before.

- 1800 U.S.S. STANTON and U.S.S. BETELGEUSE got underway.
 1801 Underway for Cove Point, Chesapeake Bay, in compliance with ComTransDiv 3, Training Exercises order 1-43. Executive Officer at the conn, captain and navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 12 knots (70 RPM).
 1830 Took position 3 in column with th U.S.S. STANTON, OTC and guide, U.S.S. BETELGEUSE, U.S.S. THURSTON, and U.S.S. LYON.
 1836 Passed thru net gate.
 1841 Passed Thimble Shoal Lighthouse abeam to port, 300 yards distant.
 1846 Commenced transit Thimble Shoal Channel.
 1918 Completed transit Thimble Shoal Channel.
 Average steam 440. Average RPM 61.1.

R. G. Redmond
 R. G. Redmond,
 Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Steam^{1st} as before.

- 2041 Entered York Spit Channel with Buoy #1A abeam to port.
 2104 Left York Spit with Buoy #9 abeam to port.
 2145 Wolf Trap abeam to port, distance 2.7 miles.
 2236 Windmill Point abeam to port, distance 5 miles.
 2345 Smith Point abeam to port, distance .7 miles.
 Average steam 436. Average RPM 64.5.

H. R. Spiers
 H. R. Spiers,
 Lt., USNR.

Approved:

G. Purcell

ION PURSELL,
 COMMANDER, USN.,
 COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron

H. T. CAMERON,
 LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON

Monday
(Day)26
(Date)April
(Month), 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION F-4

REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming as before enroute to Cove Point anchorage, Chesapeake Bay in position #3 of Transports division #5, U.S.S. STANTON, flagship and guide, U.S.S. BETELGEUSE, U.S.S. OBERON, U.S.S. THURSTON and U.S.S. LYON. Various courses and speeds to conform to channel.

0026 Holland Island Light House abeam to starboard, distance 6.3 miles.

0051 Buoy 16BB, abeam to starboard, distance 2.5 miles.

0119 Hooper Island Light House abeam to starboard, distance 2.6 miles.

0136 Bell Buoy #19 abeam to Port, distance 200 yards.

0217 Cove Point Light House abeam to port, distance 15 miles.

0250 Anchored in berth F-4, Cove Point Anchorage, Chesapeake Bay, in eight (8) fathoms of water, with 60 fathoms of chain to port anchor on the following true bearings. Cove Point Light 172-30° T; Buoy 21A-147° T.

0256 Secured No. 2 boiler.

E. Schafer

E. Schafer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

A. A. Maught

A. A. Maught,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

0940 Captain C. D. Edgar, USN, ComTransDiv 3, called officially on the Captain.

1005 Captain C. D. Edgar, USN, left ship.

C. C. Lingerfelt

C. C. Lingerfelt,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1800 Anchored as before.

1240 Made all preparations for getting underway.

1259 Underway for Bloodsworth Anchorage, Chesapeake Bay, to conduct boat machine gun firing exercises. Executive Officer at the conn, Captain and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 14 knots (80 RPM).

1314 Passed Cove Point abeam to starboard, distance 1 mile.

1350 Passed Hooper Island abeam to port, distance 1.8 miles.

1410 Anchored in Berth F-4, Bloodsworth anchorage, Chesapeake Bay, in 13 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor, on the following bearings: Point No Point, 220°; Hooper Island 347°, Buoy 16BB, 154°30'.

1415 Secured Boiler No.1.

Average steam 435. Average RPM. 75.9.

R. G. Redmond

R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

H. R. Spiers

H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

1800-2000 Anchored as before.

E. Schafer

E. Schafer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

A. A. Maught

A. A. Maught,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

W. T. Cameron
W. T. CAMERON,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OMERON

Tuesday 27

(Date)

April

(Month)

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION 4

REMARKS

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth F-4, Bloodsworth Island anchorage, Chesapeake Bay, in 12 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to port anchor on the following true bearings; Point No Point, 220° T; Hooper Island 347° T; Buoy "16BB", 154° T.
No. 2 boiler and No. 1 generator in use for auxiliary purposes.

C. C. Lingerselt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerselt Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.
1130 Lit off No. 2 boiler.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

1240 Made all preparations for getting underway.
1256 Underway in compliance with ComTransAmphForlant, Division Three exercise order 1-43. Executive Officer at the conn, Captain and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 15 knots (80 RPM).
1301 Buoy 16 BB abeam to port, distance 100 yards.
1312 Point No Point abeam to starboard, distance 2.8 miles.
1326 Holland Island abeam to port, distance 6 miles.
1334 Point Lookout abeam to starboard, distance 4 1/2 miles.
1413 Smith Point abeam to starboard, distance 1.7 miles.
1457 Commenced firing on port run.
1500 Ceased firing on port run.
1507 Commenced firing on starboard run.
1510 Ceased firing on starboard run.
1512 Completed exercises. - Proceeding to anchorage off Annapolis, Md.
1515 Buoy #12 abeam to starboard, distance 1500 yards.
1519 Wicomico Point abeam to port, distance 4.0 miles.
1539 Smith Point abeam to port, distance 3/4 miles.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

1625 Changed course to 340° PGC and TRUE.
1650 Changed course to 345° PGC and TRUE.
1719 Changed course to 343° PGC and TRUE.
1734 Changed speed to 9 knots (54 RPM).
1735 Stopped engines.
1736 Changed speed to 9 knots (54 RPM).
1739 Increased speed to 14 knots. (80 RPM).
1745 Changed speed to 4 knots (27 RPM).
1747 Increased speed to 9 knots (54 RPM).
1750 Changed course to 336° PGC and TRUE.

A. A. Maughit
A. A. Maughit,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

Approved: *Ion Fursell*

ION FURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*

H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N. Navigator.

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Date Tuesday April 27, 1943

1800-2000 Steaming as before.
 1839 Buoy 21B abeam to port, distance 1.2 miles.
 1848 Changed speed to 14 knots (80 RPM).
 1907 Buoy 18A abeam to starboard, distance .8 mile.
 1907 Changed course to 000° TRUE and PGC.
 1924 Sharks Island light abeam to starboard, distance 3 miles.
 1950 Buoy 20A abeam to port, distance 700 yards.
 1950 Changed course to 021° TRUE and PGC.
 Average steam 440. Average RPM 68.3.

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
 C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
 Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.
 2010 Passed Bloody Point Bar abeam to starboard, 1.2 miles distant.
 2030 Passed Thomas Point abeam to port, 2.1 miles distant.
 2038 Anchored in Chesapeake Bay, off Annapolis, Maryland, in 13 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor, on the following true bearings; Thomas Point 268°, Bloody Point Bar 198°; Sandy Point 002°; Buoy 33, 318°.
 2042 Secured Boiler No. 1.
 Average steam 440. Average RPM 50.0.

E. J. Redmond
 E. J. Redmond,
 Ensign, USNR.

Approved:

E. J. Pursell
 ION PURSELL,
 COMMANDER, USN.,
 COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
 H. T. CAMERON,
 LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OBERON

Wednesday

28

April

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION

REMARKS

0000-0400 Anchored off Annapolis, Maryland in 13 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Thomas Point, 268° T; Bloody Bar Point, 198° T; Sandy Point, 002° T; Buoy 33 318° T; No. 2 boiler and Nos. 1 and 2 generators in use for auxiliary purposes.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

0630 Made all preparations for getting underway.

0704 Underway to obtain tactical data in compliance with ComTransAmphForLant letter serial No. 422. Executive Officer at the conn, Captain and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 70 RPM 12 knots.

0718 Commenced 1st turn to port, full rudder. 0725 completed 1st turn.

0730 Commenced 1st turn to starboard.

0737 Completed 1st turn to starboard.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

1148 Completed final tactical data run, proceeding to Bloodworth Is. anchorage, Chesapeake Bay on course 198° PGC and TRUE.

Speed 15 knots (85 RPM).

Average steam 440. Average RPM 71.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1208 Bloody Point Bar abeam to port, distance 1.3 miles.

1300 Sharks Island lighthouse abeam to port. Distance 2.4 miles.

1300 Changed course to 191° True and PGC.

1316 Buoy 18A abeam to port, distance 175 yards.

1316 Changed course to 165° TRUE AND PGC.

1409 Cove Point light house abeam to starboard, distance 1.5 miles.

1449 Hooper Island light house abeam to port, distance 1 mile.

1511 Anchored in berth F-1, Bloodworth Island anchorage, Chesapeake Bay, in 10 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following true bearings. Hooper Island 000° T; Point No Point 203° T. Average steam 440. Average RPM 70,9.

C. C. Lingenfelt Jr.
C. C. Lingenfelt,
Ensign, USNR.

1600-1800 Anchored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

1800-2000 Anchored as before.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

Approved

Ion Purcell
ION PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Calderon
H. T. CALDERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. OBERON

Date Wednesday April 28, 1943

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *E. Purcell*
TON PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP

OSBORN

Thursday

29

April

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION

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REMARKS

0000-0400 Anchored in berth F-1, Bloodworth Island anchorage, Chesapeake Bay, in 10 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain out to the Port anchor on the following true bearings: Hooper Island, 000° T; Point No Point, 203° T; Boiler #2 and Nos. 1 and 2 generators in use for auxiliary purposes.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

0900 Held boat exercise 4 AP.

1120 USS STANTON, USS THURSTON, and USS LYON stood in and anchored.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

1300 Held boat exercise 4 AP.

~~1340 USS LYON and STANTON stood in and anchored.~~ *N.T.C.*

H. R. Seiers
H. R. Seiers,
Lt., USNR.

1600-1800 Anchored as before.

E. Schaffer
E. Schaffer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1800-2000 Anchored as before.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved

John Purcell
ION PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OBERON

Friday
(Day)

30
(Date)

April, 1943
(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION 4

REMARKS

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth F-1, Bloodsworth Island anchorage, Chesapeake Bay, in 10 fathoms of water, with 75 fathoms of chain to the port ^{anchor} on the following true bearings: Hooper Island 000°, Point No Point 203°. Boiler No. 1 in use for auxiliary purposes.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

1100 Made all preparations for getting underway.

1128 Underway. Executive Officer at conn, Captain and Navigator on the bridge, in compliance with ComTransAmphForLant letter, serial #422, for Cedar Point anchorage, Chesapeake Bay. Standard speed 80 RPM. Steering various courses at various speeds.

1157 Point No Point abeam to starboard, distance $\frac{1}{2}$ mile.

E. Schaffer
E. Schaffer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1439 Anchored off Cedar Point, Chesapeake Bay in 7 fathoms of water with ninety (90) fathoms of chain out to the port anchor on the following true bearings: Drum Point, 264°; Cedar Point 211°; Cove Point 337°.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-1800 Anchored as before.

C. C. Lingersalt, Jr.
C. C. Lingersalt Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

1800-2000 Anchored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

2045 Commenced night boat exercise.

2140 Dispatched boats to USS LYON and STANTON.

2202 Night boat landing exercises cancelled because of increasing wind velocity and condition of the sea.

2207 Commenced hoisting boats aboard.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

Approved: *ICM Fursell*
ICM FURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N. Navigator.

564
U.S. No. 011442



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OF THE

U. S. S. OBERON

AKA14 Rate,

COMMANDED BY

ION FURSELL, U. S. Navy,

Attached to { TRANSPORT DIVISION THREE ~~Division~~
AMPHIBIOUS ~~Squadron~~ ^{PCRCB}
ATLANTIC Fleet,

Commencing MAY 1, 1943,

at CEDAR POINT ANCHORAGE, CHEESAPEAKE BAY,

and ending MAY 31, 1943,

at ORAN, ALGERIA

51654

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UNITED STATES SHIP

Oberon

Saturday

1

May

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION *at*

REMARKS

Reg. No. **564**
U.S. No. **011442**

The U.S.S. OBERON (AKA14), as of May 1, 1943 is serving as a cargo carrier, attack, in Transport Division Three, Amphibious Force, Atlantic Fleet.

0000-0400 Anchored off Cedar Point, Chesapeake Bay, in seven (7) fathoms of water, mud bottom, with ninety (90) fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following true bearings: Cedar Point, 211°; Cove Point, 337°; Buoy #19, 145°. Ships present: USS BARNETT, (SOPA), USS LYON, USS STANTON, USS THURSTON, and USS NEVILLE. Machinery in condition of readiness to get underway immediately.

- 0040 All boats hoisted aboard.
- 0040 Secured No. 1. boiler.
- 0350 Lighted fires under boiler No. 1.

E. Schafel
E. Schafel,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

- 0530 Made all preparations for getting underway from Cedar Point anchorage to Hampton Roads, Va., in compliance to ComTransDiv 3 orders of May 1, 1943.
- 0558 Underway for Hampton Roads, Va. Executive Officer at the conn, Captain and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 14 knots (80 r.p.m.) Various courses and speeds taking 4th position in column of ships as follows: USS BARNETT, USS THURSTON, USS LYON, USS OBERON, USS STANTON.
- 0644 Assumed position in formation, set course of 162° PGC and TRUE. Average steam 443. Average RPM 58.8.

RA Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

- 0814 Smith's Point light abeam to starboard, distance 1800 yards.
- 0832 Tangier Sound light abeam to port, distance 9.2 miles.
- 0847 Commenced tactical drills. (Nersig).
- 1012 Wolf Trap light abeam to port, distance 5 miles.
- 1049 Completed tactical drills. (Nersig).
- 1109 Commenced transit of York Spit Channel.
- 1135 Completed transit of York Spit Channel.
- 1143 Steaming on various courses at various speeds approaching Thimble Shoal Channel. Average Steam 435. Average RPM 63.8.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

- 1304 Commenced transit Thimble Shoal Channel.
- 1407 Completed transit Thimble Shoal Channel.
- 1431 Passed thru net gate.
- 1517 Anchored in Berth 2, Hampton Roads, Va., in 13 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following true bearings: Old Point Comfort 053½°; Fort Wool 085°; Buoy 16A 329°; Middle Ground Light 230°. Ships present, USS ALCOR (SOPA), and various units of the Atlantic Fleet. 1525 Secured Boiler No. 1. Average Steam 430. Average RPM 40.4.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved: *Jon Purcell*
JON PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. OBERONDate Saturday May 1, 1943.

011442

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

E. Schafer
 E. Schafer,
 Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.
2035 Veered anchor chain to 75 fathoms.

E. Schafer
 E. Schafer,
 Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

Ion Pursell
 ION PURSELL,
 COMMANDER, USN.,
 COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
 H. T. CAMERON,
 LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OBERON

Sunday

2

May

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION

4

REMARKS

011442

0000-0400 Anchored in berth #2, Hampton Roads, Va., in 13 fathoms of water, mid bottom, with 75 fathoms of chain to port anchor on the following true bearings: Old Point Comfort, 055 $\frac{1}{2}$ °; Fort Wool, 085°; Buoy 16A, 329°; Middle Ground light 230°. Ships present; USS ALCOR (SOPA), and various units of the Atlantic Fleet.

0000 Lighted fire under No. 1 boiler.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

0614 Made all preparations for getting underway.

0628 Underway, in compliance with ComTransDiv 3 dispatch of May 2, 1943 for North Side Pier #2, NOB Annex, Norfolk, Va. Pilot Edwards at the conn, Executive Officer, captain, and navigator on the bridge. Proceeding on various courses at various speeds to conform to channel.

0721 Moored starboard side, to North side of Pier #2, berth 25, NOB Annex, Norfolk, Va., using 16 eight inch manila lines and one 1 3/4 inch wire cable aft. Towboat "Helen" assisting in docking. Ships present, USS BARNETT (SOPA) and various units of the Atlantic Fleet.

0740 Secured #2 boiler.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

1030 Received from Naval Mine Depot, Yorktown, Va., 204-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Rockets, 204-Fuses, Jk137, 204-BBR tails.

1050 Commenced receiving general cargo from dock. Draft of ship forward 14'2", Aft 22'.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

R. Redmond
R. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

R. Redmond
R. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

R. Redmond
R. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved:

Ion Purcell
ION PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OBERON

Monday

3

May

1943

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION 4

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to Pier #2, Berth 25, Naval Supply Depot Annex, Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Va. Boiler No. 1 and both generators in use. Receiving fresh water and telephone service from the dock. Ships present; USS BARNETT (SOPA) and various units of the Atlantic Fleet. Receiving general cargo from the dock and from lighters off shore.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Ensign, USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1800 Completed loading of lumber five hold.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved

Tom Purcell
TOM PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OPERON

Tuesday

4

May

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION 4

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to Pier #2, Berth 25, Naval Supply Depot Annex, Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Va. Boiler #1 in use. Receiving fresh water and telephone service from dock. Ship's present: USS BARNETT, (SOPA) and various units of the Atlantic Fleet. Receiving general cargo from the dock and from lighters off shore.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

1330 Commenced fueling ship.

1505 Completed fueling ship, having received on board 653 barrels of fuel oil, grade, bunker "C".

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

1700 Received from ammunition Depot, St. Julien's Creek, Portsmouth, Va., the following ammunition:

16 rds.	3"/50	SPDN	4.0	Com.	TNT &	Mk. 3-4	Primer
	2700 f.s.		Lbs.	Mk. 3-5	Black		Mk. 14
					Powder		

In 16 tanks, Mk. 5-1, Wt. 476 lbs.
St. J. A/O 2777-43.

10	5"/51	SPDN	15.95				
	2300 f.s.	3616	Lbs.				

In 10 tanks, Mk. 6, Wt. 350 Lbs.

40	3"/50	SPDN	3.97	Target	BL&P		Primer
	2700 f.s.	3611	Lbs.	Mk. 3-5			Mk. 14

In 40 tanks, Mk. 6, Wt. 1240 Lbs.

10	5"/51			Com.	BL&T		Tracer
	Proj.			Mk. 15			Mk. 6-1
				Mod 14			Orange

Orange Dye

Wt. 500 Lbs. (loose)
2778-43
St. J. A/O 2777-43 of 5-3-43

Approved: *Jon Purcell*
JON PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N. Navigator.

ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. OBERON

Date Tuesday 4, May, 1943

27360	20 m/m 2725 f.s.	SPDN 1126	28.51 AA Gms.	Tetryl	Mk.26-1 HE Incond. Mfg: National Fireworks. Lot 34-D
	In 152 boxes, Mkl, Wt. 19000 Lbs.				
13680	20 m/m 2725 f.s.	SPDN 3861	27.28 AA Gms.	Tetryl	Mk.26-1 H.E.T. Tracer Mfg: National Fireworks Lot 76 (o)
	In 76 boxes, Mk. 1, Wt. 9800 Lbs.				
	$\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ sample,	SPD 1763-5"/51/cal		$\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ sample	
	$\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{8}$ sample,	SPD 1763-3"/50/cal.		SPDN 3616, 5"/51/cal	
	$\frac{1}{8}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ sample,	SPDN 2858-3"/50/cal.		In 1 pkg.Wt.6 lbs.	
49	3"/50 2700 f.s.	SPDN 2979	4.07 AA Lbs. Mk.23-3	Cast & TNT	Mk.22-3 Tracer Aux.Det. Mk.4 Mk.17-2 White Primer Mk.14
	In 49 tanks, Mk. 5-1, Wt. 1519				
11	5"/51 3150 f.s.	SPDN 1763	25.1 Lbs.		
	In 11 tanks, Mk.6, Wt. 400 Lbs.				
11	5".51 Proj.		Com. Mk.15- Mod 14	Black Powder & TNT	STP4A
	Weight 550 Lbs. (Loose) St.J.A/O 2777-43 of 5-3-43				
12150	Ctgs. 30 Cal. Ball		12000 - SL Lot 7456 160 - TW Lot 18699-C		
	In 9 boxes, Wt. 900 Lbs.				
4050	Ctgs. 30 Cal., AP 3000		TW Lot 18035 1050 TW Lot 18039		
	In 3 boxes, Wt. 300 Lbs.				
4050	Ctgs. 30 Cal. Tra. DM		Lot 20005		
	In 3 boxes, Wt. 300 Lbs.				
10560	Ctgs. 50 Cal. AP GR, AC ST		Lot 8430		
	In 31 boxes, Wt. 3325 Lbs.				
2646	Ctgs. 50 Cal. M2				
	In 8 boxes, Wt. 800 Lbs.				
18000	Links, 50 Cal. M2				
	In 15 cartons, Wt. 653 Lbs. St. J. A/O 2775-43 of 5-3-43				
10	Proj. for 45/70 Gun				
20	Ctgs. for 45/70 Gun				
6	Lines for 45/70 Gun				
6	Spindles for 45/70 Gun				
	In 1 box, Wt. 35 Lbs.				
	St. J. A/O 2775-43 of 5-3-43				

C. C. Lingerselt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerselt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

Ion Purcell
ION PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N. Navigator.

ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. OBERON

Date Tuesday May 4, 1943

2000-2400 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *ICM Purcell*
ICM PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

E. S. N., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP

OSERON

Wednesday

5

May

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to pier #2, berth 25, Naval Supply Depot Annex, Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Va. Boiler #2 and both generators in use. Receiving fresh water and telephone service from dock. Ship's present: USS BARNETT (SOPA), and various other units of the Atlantic Fleet. Receiving general cargo from dock and barges.

C. C. Lingenfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingenfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingenfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingenfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingenfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingenfelt Jr.,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

E. Schaefer
E. Schaefer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1645 Received from U.S. Naval Ammunition Depot, St. Julien's Creek, Portsmouth, Va., 16 rounds of 3"/50/cal. Index SPDN 2858.

E. Schaefer
E. Schaefer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2030 Received from U.S. Naval Ammunition Depot, St. Julien's Creek, Portsmouth, Va., 28 smoke generators (7 boxes) 24-4.5 Barrage Rocket bodies, filled with f.s. mixture (4 boxes) 24 Tails for rockets, (4 boxes) 24 fuses for rockets (1 box).

E. Schaefer
E. Schaefer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *Jon Purcell*

ION PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*

H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

E. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OBERON

Thursday

6

May

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION

4

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to North side, pier #2, berth #25, Naval Supply Depot Annex, Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Va., using 16 eight inch manila lines and one 1 3/4" wire cable ~~forward and aft~~. Boiler #1 and generators Nos. 1 and 2 in use for auxiliary purposes. Receiving water and telephone service from the dock. Ships present: USS BARNETT (SOFA) and various units of the Atlantic fleet. Receiving general cargo from dock and lighters.

E. Schaffer
E. Schaffer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0700 The following men were delivered aboard from Shore Patrol Headquarters, Norfolk, Va., charged with intoxication, DAVIS, W. M., S1c, USCG, GRIFFIN, C. S., Cox., USN., HAMMERBERG, E. F., S2c, USNR., and HANSON, R. M. S2c, USN.

E. Schaffer
E. Schaffer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
1145 Commenced fueling ship.

E. Schaffer
E. Schaffer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.
1235 Completed fueling ship, having received on board 178 bbls. of diesel oil.
1540 Lighted fires under No. 1 boiler.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1630 Secured No. 1. boiler.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

W. F. Russell
W. F. RUSSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OSERON

Friday

(Day)

7

(Date)

May

(Month)

1945

ZONE DESCRIPTION 4

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to North side pier #2, berth #25, Naval Supply Depot Annex, Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Va., using 16 eight inch manila lines and one 1 3/4" wire cable ~~forward~~ aft. Boiler #2 and both generators in use for auxiliary purposes. Receiving water and telephone service from the dock. Ships present: USS BARNETT (SOFA) and various units of the Atlantic Fleet. Receiving general cargo from the dock.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Ensign, USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

2110 Completed taking general cargo having received 3147.31 ⁴¹⁶ ~~gross~~ tons. Draft of ship forward 20'03", Aft. 26'06".

2135 Lit off number 1 Boiler.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved: *Ion Purcell*

ION PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*

H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

E. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON

Saturday
(Day)

8
(Date)

May
(Month), 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION 4

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to Pier 2, Berth 25, Naval Supply Depot Annex, Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Va., using 16 eight inch manila lines and one 1 3/4" wire cable aft. Boiler No. 2 and both generators in use. Receiving fresh water and telephone service from the dock. Ships present: USS BARDOLTT and various units of the Atlantic Fleet.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0915 Lighted fires under number 1 boiler.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.
1330 Received from Ammunition Depot, St. Julien's Creek, Portsmouth, Va., 5 Mk 1 smoke floats lot 15.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *Leon Purcell*
LEON PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON

Sunday

9

May

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION 4

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to Pier #2, Berth #25, Naval Supply Depot Annex, Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Va. #2 boiler and both generators in use for auxiliary purposes. Receiving fresh water and telephone service from dock. Ships present: USS ALCOR (SOPA) and various other units of the Atlantic Fleet.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

E. Schaffer
E. Schaffer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

E. Schaffer
E. Schaffer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

E. Schaffer
E. Schaffer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *Carl Pursell*

ION PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*

H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

CHERON

Monday

10

May

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION 4

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to North side pier #2, berth #25, Naval Supply Depot Annex, Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Va. #2 boiler and Nos. 1 and 2 generators in use for auxiliary purposes. Receiving fresh water and telephone service from the dock. Ships present U.S.S. ALCOR (SOPA) and various units of the Atlantic Fleet.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0800 Lighted fire under #1 boiler.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0830 Made all preparations for getting underway.
0838 Navy Tug 147 made fast to port bow. Pilot T. McCoy came on board.
0848 Underway in obedience to Commander Task Force movement order No. 1-43 of May 7, 1943. Pilot T. McCoy at the conn, Captain, Executive Officer, and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 14 knots. (80 r.p.m.)
0908 Entered Elizabeth River Channel.
0910 Tug 147 cast off.
0927 Pilot T. McCoy left ship. Proceeding on various courses at various speeds to conform to channel.
1001 Anchored Hampton Roads in 12 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following true bearings: Fort Wool 96°; Old Point Comfort 47°; Buoy #1 208°; Buoy 18A 278°. Waiting for convoy to form.
1047 Underway. Executive Officer at the conn, Captain and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 14 knots (80 r.p.m.) Proceeding on various courses at various speeds to conform to channel.
Average steam 441. Average r.p.m. 26.4.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

1200-1800 Steaming as before.
1253 Set condition II Watch I.
1254 Commenced transit of mine field channel.
1315 Completed transit of mine field channel.
1315 Steaming on various courses at various speeds conforming to mine swept channel.
Average steam 423. Average r.p.m. 65.7.

C. C. Lingenfelt Jr.
C. C. Lingenfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.
1745 Passed buoy "XM" abeam to port. Completed transit swept channel. Set base course 105°(pg) and(t), 088 psc. Took position 13 in convoy formation.

H. T. Redmond
H. T. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

Jon Pursell
JON PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. OBERON

Date Monday May 10, 1943

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1832 Convoy speed changed to 14 knots.

1856 Commenced zig-zag plan #38 on base course 105° T.

Average steam 427. Average r.p.m. 78.1.

*H. R. Spiers*H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2045 Cease zig-zagging. (plan #38).

2106 Changed course by wheeling to 130° t.

Average steam 442. Average r.p.m. 77.9.

*E. Schaffer*E. Schaffer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

*Tom Purcell*TOM PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

*H. T. Cameron*H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OBERON

Tuesday
(Day)

11
(Date)

May
(Month)

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION 4

REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force 80 in position 13 with USS BARNETT as Flagship and guide. Base course 130° (pgc) and (t), speed 14 knots (78 r.p.m.). Cruising disposition according to operation order 1-43. Both boilers in use.

0000 Reduced speed to 11 knots (73 r.p.m.).

0006 Changed course by wheeling to 115° (pgc) and (t), 100° (psc).

0015 Increased speed to 14 knots (78 r.p.m.).

Average steam 436. Average r.p.m. 77.2.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught
Lt., USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0500 Commenced zig zagging according to Plan #38. Base course 115° (pgc) and (t).

Average steam 438. Average r.p.m. 79.1.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0802 Increased standard speed to 14.5 knots (91 r.p.m.).

0818 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course 115° (pgc) and (t).

0900 Commenced zig zagging on Plan #11, base course 115° (pgc) and (t).

Average steam 436. Average r.p.m. 82.0.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1338 Ceased zig zag Plan #11 and resumed base course together.

1350 Changed course by wheeling to 120° (pgc) and (t).

1415 Commenced zig zag Plan #11 on base course 120° (pgc) and (t).

Average steam 436. Average r.p.m. 80.7.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

Average steam 436. Average r.p.m. 82.2.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1921 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course of 120° (pgc) and (t).

1926 Changed course by wheeling to 150° (pgc) and (t).

1955 Commenced zig zagging in accordance to plan #11.

Average steam 436. Average r.p.m. 82.1.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

Approved:

Tom Fursell
TOM FURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. OBERON

Date Tuesday May 11, 1943

2000-2400 Steaming as before.
 2000 Commenced tactical drills. (Messigs).
 2030 Completed tactical drills. (Messigs).
 2134 Changed course by wheeling to 110° (t) and (pgc)
 Average steam 438. Average rpm 82.0.

C. C. Lingevelt, Jr.
 C. C. Lingevelt Jr.,
 Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

H. T. Cameron
 H. T. CAMERON,
 LT., USNR.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
 H. T. CAMERON,
 LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OSERON

Wednesday
(Day)12
(Date)May
(Month)

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION

REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force 60 in position 13 with USS BARNETT as Flagship and guide. Base course 110° (pgc) and (t), speed 14.5 knots (83 r.p.m.). Zig zagging in accordance with Plan #11. Boilers Nos. 1 and 2 in use.

0100 Advanced clocks 60 minutes to time zone plus 3.
Average steam 348. Average r.p.m. 14.5.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0630 Commenced zig zagging on plan #11 on base course 110° (t).
0718 Ceased zig zagging on Plan #11 and resumed base course 110° (t).
0722 Changed course by wheeling to 130° (t) and (pgc).
0753 Commenced zig zagging on plan #11 on base course 130° (pgc) and (t).
Average steam 435. Average r.p.m. 83.8.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

Average steam 434. Average r.p.m. 82.1.

E. Schafers
E. Schafers,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

1200-1800 Steaming as before.

1351 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course 130° (pgc) and (t).
1404 Changed course by wheeling to 105° (pgc) and (t).
1425 Changed course by wheeling to 085° (pgc) and (t).
1459 Commenced zig zagging according to plan #12.
Average steam 437. Average r.p.m. 82.5.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

1800-1800 Steaming as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

Average steam 431. Average r.p.m. 82.5.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2050 Ceased zig zagging on Plan #12 and resumed base course 085° (pgc) and (t).
2100 Changed course by wheeling to 085° (pgc) and (t).
2130 Commenced zig zagging on plan #12 on base course 065° (pgc) and (t).
2249 Ceased zig zagging on plan #12 and resumed base course.
2300 Changed course by wheeling to 085° (pgc) and (t).
2314 Commenced zig zagging on plan #12 on base course 085° (t).
Average steam 430. Average r.p.m. 14.6.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

Approved

Jon Pursell
JON PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

CERON

Thursday

13

May

1953

ZONE DESCRIPTION 3

REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force 60 in position 13 with USS BARNETT as
flagship and guide. Base course 085° (pgc) and (t), speed 14.5 knots (81
r.p.m.). Zig zagging in accordance with Plan #12. Both boilers in use.
0100 Advanced clocks 60 minutes.
0328 Ceased zig zagging.
Average steam 425. Average r.p.m. 83.0

E. Schaffer
E. Schaffer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.
0813 Commenced zig zagging according to Plan #12, base course 085°.
Average steam 430. Average r.p.m. 83.1.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.
0941 Adjusted mean course to 090° (pgc) and (t).
Average steam 430. Average r.p.m. 80.1

C. C. Ringoffelt, Jr.
C. C. Ringoffelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1800 Steaming as before.
1342 Ceased zig zagging on Plan #12.
1346 Commenced zig zagging on Plan #38, base course 090° (pgc) and (t).
Average steam 438. Average r.p.m. 82.8.

R. C. Redmond
R. C. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.
1949 Emergency turn 45° to starboard. Course 135° (pgc) and (t).
1951 Emergency turn 45° to starboard. Course 180° (pgc) and (t).
Average steam 431. Average r.p.m. 82.9.

E. Schaffer
E. Schaffer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.
2007 Executed 46° emergency turn to port to course 135° (pgc) and (t).
2014 Executed 46° emergency turn to port to course 090° (pgc) and (t).
2020 Commenced zig zagging according to plan #38.
2045 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course 090° (pgc) and (t).
2104 Changed course by wheeling to 115° (pgc) and (t).
2130 Commenced zig zagging according to Plan #38, base course 115° (pgc) and (t).
2245 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course 115° (pgc) and (t).
2304 Changed course by wheeling to 085° (pgc) and (t).
2330 Commenced zig zagging according to Plan #38, base course 085° (pgc) and (t).
Average steam 435. Average r.p.m. 81.7.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

Approved: *Carl Purcell*
ION PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

ONERON

Friday

14

May

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION 2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force 60 in position 13 with USS BARNETT as Flagship and Guide. Base course 085° (pgc) and (t), speed 14.5 knots (81 r.p.m.). Zig zagging in accordance with Plan #38. Both boilers in use.
0311 Ceased zig zagging on Plan #38 and resumed mean course.
Average steam 433. Average r.p.m. 82.1.

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.
0533 Commenced zig zagging on Plan #38, base course 085° (pgc) and (t).
0630 Ceased zig zagging on plan #38.
0635 Commenced zig zagging on Plan #99 base course 085° (pgc) and (t).
Average steam 435. Average r.p.m. 75.9.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.
Average steam 440. Average r.p.m. 70.7.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.
1200 Commenced zig zagging on Plan #99 base course 085° (pgc) and (t).
1423 Adjusted base course to 090° (pgc) and (t).
1428 Adjusted base course to 092° (pgc) and (t).
1503 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course 092° (pgc) and (t).
1515 Commenced zig zagging on Plan #11.
1519 Speed increased to 14.5 knots (84 r.p.m.).
Average steam 440. Average r.p.m. 73.6.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.
Average steam 431. Average r.p.m. 82.4.

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.
2045 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course 092° (pgc) and (t).
2100 Changed base course to 120° (pgc) and (t).
2130 Commenced zig zagging on Plan #11, base course 120° (pgc) and (t).
2300 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course 120° (pgc) and (t).
2315 Changed base course to 092° (pgc) and (t).
2345 Commenced zig zagging on Plan #11, base course 092° (pgc) and (t).
Average steam 431. Average r.p.m. 82.4.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *Jon Purcell*
ION PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP OSERON Saturday 15 May 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)ZONE DESCRIPTION #1

REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force 60 in position 13 with USS BARNETT as Flagship and guide. Base course 092° (t), speed 14.5 knots (83 r.p.m.)
Zig zagging in accordance with plan #11. Both boilers in use.

0100 Advanced clocks one hour to plus 1 zone time.
Average steam 437. Average r.p.m. 83.3.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0437 Ceased zig zagging, resumed base course 092° (pgo) and (t).
0546 Commenced zig zagging plan #11, base course 092° (pgo) and (t).
Average steam 436. Average r.p.m. 83.0.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0900 Changed base course to 090° (pgo) and (t).
Average steam 440. Average r.p.m. 81.8.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

Average steam 433.0 Average r.p.m. 82.1.

C. C. Lingsfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingsfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

Average steam 432. Average r.p.m. 83.0.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2014 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course 090° (pgo) and (t).
2020 Adjusted base course to 080° (pgo) and (t). Reduced speed to 12 knots, (72 r.p.m.)
2050 Commenced zig zagging plan #11, base course 60° (pgo) and (t), increased speed to 14.5 knots, (83 r.p.m.)
2300 Ceased zig zagging, resumed base course.
2310 Adjusted base course to 096° (pgo) and (t).
2340 Commenced zig zagging, Plan #11, base course 096° (pgo) and (t).
Average steam 430.0 Average r.p.m. 81.6.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *Tom Purcell*
TOM PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON

Sunday

16

May

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION 1

REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force 60 in position 13 with USS BARNETT as Flagship and guide. Base course 096° (pgo) and (t) 094° (psc). Speed 14.5 knots (83 r.p.m.). Zig sagging in accordance with plan #11. Boilers Nos. 1 and 2 in use. Average steam 430.0 Average r.p.m. 82.7.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.
0456 Ceased zig sagging on plan #11 resumed mean course 096° (pgo) and (t).
0556 Commenced zig sagging according to plan #11 mean course 096° (pgo) and (t). Average steam 428.0 Average r.p.m. 82.1.

C. C. Lingersfelt Jr.
C. C. Lingersfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.
0840 Reduced standard speed to 13 knots (75 r.p.m.).
0904 Increased standard speed to 14.5 knots (83 r.p.m.).
1045 Ceased zig sagging and resumed base course, 096° (pgo) and (t).
1050 Changed base course to 085° (pgo) and (t), 081° (psc).
1105 Commenced zig sagging on Plan #12, base course 085° (pgo) and (t). Average steam 434.0 Average r.p.m. 81.5.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1800 Steaming as before.
Average steam 431. Average r.p.m. 82.7.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

1800-1800 Steaming as before.
Average steam 430. Average r.p.m. 83.3.

E. Schafel
E. Schafel,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.
1858 Ceased zig sagging and resumed base course 085° (pgo) and (t).
1909 Changed course by wheeling to 060° (pgo) and (t).
1929 Commenced zig sagging according to plan #12, base course 080° (pgo) and (t). Average steam 430. Average r.p.m. 82.1.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

2000-2400 ~~Steaming as before.~~
2000 Steaming as before.
2200 Ceased zig sagging on plan #12 and resumed mean course 060° (pgo) and (t).
2210 Changed course by wheeling to 065° (pgo) and (t).
2227 Changed course by wheeling to 105° (pgo) and (t).
2258 Commenced zig sagging according to plan #12 mean course 105° (pgo) and (t). Average steam 435. Average r.p.m. 84.3.

C. C. Lingersfelt Jr.
C. C. Lingersfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *ICN Purcell*
ICN PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OSERON

Monday

17

May

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION #1

REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force 60 in position 13, USS BARNETT, Flagship and guide, base course 105° (pgo) and (t) 104° (psc), standard speed 14.5 knots (83 r.p.m.). Boilers Nos. 1 and 2 in use. Zig zagging in accordance with Plan #12.

0200 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course 105° (pgo) and (t).

0215 Changed base course to 085° (pgo) and (t).

0230 ~~Changed base course to 085° (pgo) and (t).~~ and Commenced zig zagging with Plan 12. Average steam 445. Average r.p.m. 81.4.

R. Redmond
R. Redmond,
Lt.(Jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0644 Ceased zig zagging on plan #12 and resumed base course 085° (pgo) and (t).

0647 Executed emergency turn to starboard 45° to course 130° (pgo) and (t).

0706 Executed emergency turn to port 45° to course 085° (pgo) and (t).

0710 Commenced zig zag plan #12 on base course 085° (pgo) and (t). Average steam 436. Average r.p.m. 83.9.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

1135 Executed 45° emergency port turn to 070° (pgo) and (t).

1152 Resumed base course 085° (pgo) and (t). Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 83.4.

E. Schaffer
E. Schaffer,
Lt.(Jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1205 Commenced zig zagging according to plan #38, base course 085° (pgo) and (t). Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 83.3.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught
Lt., USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(Jg), USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1924 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course 085° (pgo) and (t).

1929 Changed base course to 055° (pgo) and (t), 063° (psc). Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 81.4.

R. Redmond
R. Redmond,
Lt.(Jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2230 Ceased zig zagging on plan #38 and resumed base course.

2240 Changed course by wheeling to 085° (pgo) and (t).

2310 Commenced zig zag plan #38 on base course 085° (t). Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 83.5.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

Approved: *Jon Purcell*

ION PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*

H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OBERON

Tuesday
(Day)18
(Date)May
(Month)

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION 1

REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force 60 in position 13, USS BARNETT, Flagship and guide. Base course 085° (pgc) and (t), speed 14.5 knots, (83 r.p.m.). Boilers Nos. 1 and 2 in use. Zig zagging in accordance with plan #38.

0100 Advanced clock 1 hour.

E. Schaffer
E. Schaffer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0636 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course 085° (pgc) and (t).

0642 Commenced zig zagging according to plan #30, base course 085° (psc) and (t)

0653 Changed convoy speed to 12 knots (69 r.p.m.).

Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 78.2.

A. A. Maughit
A. A. Maughit,
Lt., USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

1006 Ceased zig zagging on plan #30 and resumed mean course 085° (pgc) and (t).

1041 Commenced zig zagging according to plan #30 mean course 085° (pgc) and (t).

Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 68.7.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1206 Increased standard speed to 14.5 knots (83 r.p.m.).

1207 Commenced zig zagging on Plan #38, base course 085° (pgc) and (t).

1214 Adjusted base course to 090° (pgc) and (t), 084° (psc).

Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 82.3.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1950 Ceased zig zagging resumed base course 090° (pgc) and (t).

1927 Adjusted base course to 120° (pgc) and (t).

Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 82.6.

E. Schaffer
E. Schaffer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2220 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course 120° (pgc) and (t).

2230 Reduced speed to 12.5 knots (75 r.p.m.).

2235 Changed course by wheeling to 090° (pgc) and (t), 81° (psc).

Approved: *J. Purcell*
JON PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N. Navigator.

ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. OWBORNDate Tuesday May 18, 1943

2300 Increased standard speed to 14.5 knots (82 r.p.m.) and commenced zig zagging according to plan #38, base course 090° (pgc) and (t).
Average steam 447. Average r.p.m. 79.8.

A. A. Maugh
A. A. Maugh,
Lt., USNR.

Approved:

W. Purcell
W. PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP OSERONWednesday
(Day)19
(Date)May
(Month)

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION G.C.T.

REMARKS

- 0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force 60, in position 13, USS BARNETT, flagship and guide, base course 090° (pgc) and (t), standard speed 14.5 knots (83 r.p.m.). Boilers Nos. 1 and 2 in use. Zig zagging according to plan #39.
Average steam 453. Average r.p.m. 83.2.
C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.
- 0400-0800 Steaming as before.
0754 Ceased zig zagging on Plan 38, resumed base course 090° (pgc) and (t).
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 82.2.
R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.
- 0800-1200 Steaming as before.
0800 Commenced zig zagging, Plan #30, base course 090° (pgc) and (t).
0855 Adjusted base course to 087° (t).
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 82.2.
H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.
- 1200-1600 Steaming as before.
1429 Ceased zig zagging, resumed base course 087° (pgc) and (t).
1450 Reduced speed to 12 knots (72 r.p.m.).
1604 Increased speed to 14.5 knots (83 r.p.m.).
1613 Commenced zig zagging in accordance with Plan #30, base course 087° (pgc) and (t).
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 81.9.
E. Schaffer
E. Schaffer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.
- 1600-1800 Steaming as before.
A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.
- 1800-2000 Steaming as before.
1915 Ceased zig zagging on plan #30 and resumed base course 087° (pgc) and (t).
1929 Changed course by wheeling to 067° (pgc) and (t).
1945 Commenced zig zagging according to Plan #30, base course 067° (pgc) and (t).
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 81.2.
C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.
- 2000-2400 Steaming as before.
2145 Ceased zig zagging on plan #30 and resumed base course 087° (pgc) and (t).
2200 Changed base course to 090° (pgc) and (t).
2220 Commenced zig zagging on Plan #30, base course 090° (pgc) and (t).
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 82.9.
R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved

F. Purcell
F. PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

CHERON

Thursday
(Day)

20
(Date)

May
(Month)

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -1

REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force 60 in position 13, USS BARNETT, flagship and guide. Base course 090° (t), speed 14.5 knots (83 r.p.m.). Zig zagging in accordance with Plan #30. Boilers Nos. 1 and 2 in use.
0100 Advanced clocks to -1 zone time. Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 83.2.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before. Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 82.1.

E. Schaefer
E. Schaefer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.
0943 Changed base course to 092° (pgo) and (t), 082° (psc). Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 82.2.

A. A. Maughit
A. A. Maughit,
Lt., USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.
1234 Executed emergency turn 45° to port.
1242 Executed emergency turn 45° to starboard.
1246 Executed emergency turn 45° to starboard.
1249 Executed ships turn together to base course 092° (pgo) and (t).
1251 Commenced zigzagging according to Plan #30, mean course 092° (pgo) and (t).
1355 Executed emergency turn 45° to port.
1405 Executed emergency turn 45° to starboard.
1413 Executed ships turn together to mean course 092° (pgo) and (t).
1417 Commenced zig zagging according to Plan #30, mean course 092° (pgo) and (t). Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 81.8.

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.
1944 Ceased zig zagging on Plan #30 and resumed base course. Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 81.8.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.
2025 Commenced zig zagging in accordance with Plan #38, base course 112° (pgo) and (t).
2216 Ceased zig zagging, resumed base course 112° (pgo) and (t).
2224 Adjusted base course to 092° (pgo) and (t).
2245 Commenced zig zagging in accordance with Plan #38, base course 092° (pgo) and (t). Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 81.3.

E. Schaefer
E. Schaefer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *J. W. Purcell*
J. W. PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OBERON

Friday

21

May

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -1

REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force 60 in position 13. USS BARNETT, flagship and guide. Base course 082° (pgo) and (t), 080° (psc). Zig zagging in accordance with plan #38. Boilers Nos. 1 and 2 in use.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 81.6.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 82.4.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.
0802 Ceased zig zagging on Plan #38 and resumed base course 092° (pgo) and (t).
0906 Commenced zig zagging on Plan #30 on base course 092° (pgo) and (t).
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 82.0.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.
1317 Ceased zig zag plan #30, and resumed base course, 092° (pgo) and (t).
1323 Executed turn movement to 082° (t).
1344 Executed turn movement to 092° (t).
1347 Commenced zig zag Plan #30 on base course 092° (pgo) and (t).
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 82.3.

H. R. Splers
H. R. Splers,
Lt., USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.
1823 Ceased zig zagging, resumed base course 092° (pgo) and (t).
1830 Reduced speed to 12.0 knots (72 r.p.m.).
1833 Adjusted course to 062° (pgo) and (t).
1859 Adjusted course to 032° (pgo) and (t).
1728 Adjusted course to 000° (pgo) and (t).
1759 Adjusted course to 345° (pgo) and (t).

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1800-2000
1808 Changed speed to 14 knots (80 r.p.m.).
1915 Commenced zig zagging according to Plan #30, base course 345° (pgo) and (t).
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 78.8.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 78.8.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

Ion Purcell
ION PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON
LT., USNR.

U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OSERON

Saturday

22

May

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION 1

REMARKS

- 0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force 60 in position 13, USS BARNETT, Flagship and guide, on base course 345° (pgc) and (t), 356° (psc). Standard speed 14 knots (78 r.p.m.). Boilers Nos. 1 and 2 in use. Zig zagging in accordance with Plan #30.
- 0015 Ceased zig zagging on Plan #30 and resumed base course 345° (pgc) and (t).
- 0036 Changed base course to 015° (pgc) and (t), 021° (psc).
- 0107 Changed base course to 045° (pgc) and (t), 043° (psc).
- 0136 Changed base course to 075° (pgc) and (t), 067° (psc).
- 0205 Changed base course to 087° (pgc) and (t), 079° (psc).
- 0215 Commenced zig zagging on Plan #38, base course 087° (pgc) and (t). Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 80.0.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

- 0400-0600 Steaming as before.
- 0718 Adjusted base course to 092° (pgc) and (t).
- 0733 Adjusted base course to 097° (pgc) and (t). Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 78.1.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

- 0800-1200 Steaming as before.
- 0942 Reduced speed to 10 knots (57 r.p.m.), forming new cruising disposition as ordered by CTF 60, position 17. Cape Spartel lighthouse abeam to starboard, distance 4.6 miles.
- 1118 Entered Gibraltar Straits swept channel. Various course at various speeds to conform to swept channel. Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 70.8.

E. Schaefer
E. Schaefer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

- 1200-1800 Steaming as before.
- 1237 Isla De Tarifa light abeam to port, 3.5 miles distant.
- 1260 Changed course by wheeling to 070° (pgc) and (t).
- 1320 Commenced change in formation, taking position 13 in accordance with disposition ordered in CTF 60 movement order 1-13.
- 1329 Passed Great Europa Point abeam to port. Distance 7.5 miles.
- 1334 Changed course by wheeling to 099° (pgc) and (t), standard speed 14 knots (80 r.p.m.).
- 1354 Commenced zig zagging according to Plan #12. Course 099° (pgc) and (t), 089° (psc). Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 79.1.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

- 1800-1800 Steaming as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

- 1800-2000 Steaming as before. Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 77.1.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

Ion Purcell
ION PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

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H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. OBERONDate Saturday May 22, 1943

2000-2400 Steaming as before.
 2102 Ceased zig zag Plan #12 and resumed base course 099° (pgc) and (t).
 2105 Sighted Cabo Tres Forcas light bearing 147° 7' (pgc) and (t).
 2117 Changed course to 082° (pgc) and (t) by wheeling.
 2145 Commenced zig zag Plan #12 on base course 082° (pgc) and (t).
 2216 Convoy speed reduced to 13 knots (73 r.p.m.).
 Average stean 450. Average r.p.m. 74.0.

H. R. Spiers
 H. R. Spiers,
 Lt., USNR.

Approved:

Ion Purcell

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 COMMANDER, USN.,
 COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron

H. T. CAMERON,
 LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OBERON

Sunday
(Day)

23
(Date)

May
(Month)

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -1

REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force 60 in position 13; USS BARNETT Flagship and guide, on base course 082° (pgc) and (t), Standard speed 12 knots (72 r.p.m.). Zig zagging in accordance with plan #12. Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 73.6.

E. Schaffer
E. Schaffer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0525 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course 082° (pgc) and (t).
0532 Executed signal to form into cruising disposition of two columns in accordance with orders OTF #60.
0552 Executed signal to form into one column in accordance with orders OTF #60.
0633 Changed course to 095° (pgc) and (t).
0655 Changed course to 105° (pgc) and (t).
0659 Changed speed to 14 knots (80 r.p.m.).
0700 Changed course to 115° (pgc) and (t).
0755 Changed course to 145° (pgc) and (t), Approaching port of Oran. Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 62.5.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0800 Steaming on various courses at various speeds, entering the port of Oran.
1039 Pilot Altere came on board and took the conn, Captain, Executive Officer, and Navigator on bridge.
1106 Tug "Jolasky" made fast to port quarter.
1108 Passed through net gate.
1110 Anchored in Avant Port, Oran, Algeria, North Africa in 8 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor, 45 fathoms of chain to port anchor and 2 eight inch manila lines mooring from port and starboard quarter to buoys astern.
1154 Tug "Jolasky" cast off. Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 20.6.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.
1510 Secured condition 2.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-1800 ~~Moored as before.~~ ^{at 1600} Moored as before.

E. Schaffer
E. Schaffer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1800-2000 Moored as before.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

2000-2400 ~~Moored as before.~~ Moored as before.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

Approved:

W. Purcell
W. PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OBERON

Monday

24

May

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored in Avant port, Oran, Algeria, North Africa, in 8 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of ~~chain~~ to starboard anchor; 45 fathoms of chain to port anchor and 2 eight inch manila lines to mooring; buoy eastern. #1 boiler and both generators in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present, USS BARNETT (SOPA), and other various units of the Atlantic Fleet.

0200 Advanced clocks 30 minutes.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0800 Secured Condition 2.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

E. Schaffer
E. Schaffer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved

Ron Fursell
RON FURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OSERON

Tuesday

May

25

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored in Avant Port, Oran, Algeria, North Africa, in 8 fathoms of water, 90 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor, 45 fathoms of chain to port anchor, using 2 eight inch manila lines from port and starboard quarter to mooring buoys astern. #1 boiler and Nos. 1 and 2 generators in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present, USS BARNETT (SOPA) and various units of the Atlantic fleet. Condition 2 watch set.

E. Schaffer
E. Schaffer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0600 Moored as before.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
1045 Commenced fueling ship, draft of ship forward 20'01", draft of ship aft 24'10".

C. C. Lingsfelt Jr.
C. C. Lingsfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.
1235 Completed fueling ship, having received on board 2800 barrels of fuel oil, Grade Bunker "C", at 60° F. Draft of ship forward 20'5", aft 25'11".

F. Redmond
F. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

E. Schaffer
E. Schaffer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingsfelt Jr.
C. C. Lingsfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

Carl Purcell
CARL PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Camerch
H. T. CAMERCH,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OBERON

Wednesday

26

May

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored in Avant Port, Oran, Algeria, North Africa, in 8 fathoms of water, with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor, 45 fathoms of chain to the port anchor, 2 eight inch manila lines to mooring buoys on port and starboard quarters. Boiler No. 1 in use, out in on the main steam line. Both generators in use. Ships present: USS BARNETT, (SOPA) and various units of the Atlantic fleet. Maintaining Condition 2 watch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

E. Schafar
E. Schafar,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

A. A. Maugh
A. A. Maugh,
Lt., USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

E. Schafar
E. Schafar,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

A. A. Maugh
A. A. Maugh,
Lt., USNR.

Approved:

I. G. Purcell
I. G. PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OBERON

Thursday
(0807)

27
(0540)

May
(0540)

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored in Avant Port, Oran, Algeria, North Africa, in eight fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor; 45 fathoms of chain to the port anchor, 2 eight inch manila lines to mooring buoys on port and starboard quarters. #1 boiler and both generators in use for auxiliary purposes. Maintaining condition 2 watch. Ships present; USS BARNETT (SCPA) and various other units of the Atlantic Fleet.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0600 Moored as before.
0600 Secured Condition 2.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

Don Purcell
DON PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cambron
H. T. CAMBRON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

Friday

28

May

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored in Avant Port, Oran, Algeria, North Africa, in eight fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor; 45 fathoms of chain to the port anchor; 2 eight inch manila lines to mooring buoys on port and starboard quarters. #1 boiler and both generators in use for auxiliary purposes. Maintaining condition II watch. Ships present; USS BARNETT (SOPA) and various other units of the Atlantic Fleet.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt
C. C. Lingerfelt,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt
C. C. Lingerfelt,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

Lon Pursell
LON PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
Lt., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

Saturday 28 May 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored in Avant Port, Oran, Algeria, North Africa, in eight fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor; 45 fathoms of chain to the port anchor, 2 eight inch manila lines to mooring buoys on port and starboard quarters. #1 boiler and both generators in use for auxiliary purposes. Maintaining condition 2 watch. Ships present: USS BARNETT (SOPA) and various other units of the Atlantic Fleet.

E. Schafar
E. Schafar,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught
Lt., USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt
C. C. Lingerfelt,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

1340 Lighted fires under No. 2 boiler.
1400 Made all preparations for getting underway.
1510 Pilot FORLEMEYER came aboard.
1533 Tug Coeland IV made fast to port quarter.

R. F. Redmond
R. F. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000

1615 Underway by authority of Naval Port Director, Oran, Algeria, for Berth #10, Mole Millerand, Pilot FORLEMEYER at the Conn. Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. Various courses and speeds to conform to the channel.
1654 Moored stbd side, to north side of Mole Millerand, Oran, Algeria, North Africa ~~side~~ 14 eight inch manila lines. #2 boiler #1 & #2 generators in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS BARNETT (SOPA) and various units of the Atlantic Fleet.
1705 Tug Coeland IV cast off.
1711 Pilot left ship.
1939 Commenced discharging cargo from #4 hatch to dock.
Draft - Fore'd 19' 3"
Aft 26' 11"
1952 Commenced discharging cargo from #3 hatch to dock.

E. Schafar
E. Schafar,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

2000 Commenced discharging cargo from #2 hatch to dock.

C. C. Lingerfelt
C. C. Lingerfelt,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

Tom Purcell
TOM PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
Lt., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

Sunday 30 Mar 1943
(Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to Berth 10, Mole Millérand, Oran, Algeria using 14 eight inch manila lines. No. 2 boiler cut in on the main steam line. Both generators in use. Ships present: USS BARNETT (SOPA) and various units of the Atlantic Fleet. Continuous discharging of general cargo to the dock.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

E. Schaffer
E. Schaffer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

1700 Stopped all work on discharging cargo.

1900 Resumed discharging cargo from all hatches to dock.

E. Schaffer
E. Schaffer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

Approved:

G. Purcell
IGN PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
Lt., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

Monday
(Day)31
(Date)May
(Month)

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to Berth #10, Mole Millerand, Oran, Algeria, using 14 eight inch manila lines. No. 2 boiler and both generators in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS BARNETT (SOPA) and ~~other~~ various units of the Atlantic Fleet. Continuous discharging of general cargo to dock.

C. C. Lingerfelt
C. C. Lingerfelt,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

R. B. Redmond
R. B. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt
C. C. Lingerfelt,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

G. T. Purcell
G. T. PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
Lt., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

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OF THE

U. S. S. OSWICH

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COMMANDED BY

ION FURSHILL, U. S. Navy,

Attached to TRANSPORT DIVISION THREE ~~Division~~,
ADVISORY FORCE ~~Section~~,
U. S. ATLANTIC Fleet,

Commencing JUNE 1, 1943, 19 ,

at ORAN, ALGERIA, NORTH AFRICA,

and ending JUNE 30, 1943, 19 ,

at ALGIERE, ALGERIA, NORTH AFRICA

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UNITED STATES SHIP

OBERON

Tuesday
(Day)1
(Date)June
(Month)

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2

REMARKS

The U.S.S. OBERON (AKA14) as of June 1, 1943 is serving as a cargo carrier attack in Transport Division Three, Amphibious Force, Atlantic Fleet.

0000-0400 Moored ~~at~~ starboard side to berth #10, Mole Millerand, Cran, Algeria, using 14 eight inch manila lines. #2 boiler and both generators in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS DANBURY (SOFA), and other various units of the Atlantic Fleet. Continuous discharge of general cargo to the dock.

A. A. Maughit
A. A. Maughit
Lt., USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

A. A. Maughit
A. A. Maughit
Lt., USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

Earl Dursell
EARL DURSSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cannon
H. T. CANNON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

CAMEROON

Tuesday
(Day)

2
(Date)

June
(Month)

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to Berth #10, Mola Millerand, Oran, Algeria, North Africa, using 14 eight inch manila lines, #2 boiler and Nos. 1 and 2 generators in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS BANISTER (SOFA), and various units of the Atlantic Fleet. Continuous discharging of general cargo to deck.

E. Schafar
E. Schafar,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

A. A. Maugh
A. A. Maugh,
Lt., USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

R. A. Redmond
R. A. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

E. Schafar
E. Schafar,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

Leon Fursell
LEON FURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

E. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OSBORN

Thursday
(Day)

3

(Date)

June
(Month)

1933

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to Berth 10, Mole Millierand, Oran, Algeria, using 14 eight inch manila lines. #2 boiler and both generators in use. Ships present: USS BARNETT, (SOPA), and various units of the Atlantic Fleet. Continuous discharge of general cargo to the dock.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

E. Schaefer
E. Schaefer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

A. A. Maughit
A. A. Maughit,
Lt., USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

E. Schaefer
E. Schaefer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

A. A. Maughit
A. A. Maughit,
Lt., USNR.

Approved

Tom Purcell

ION PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron

H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ORON Friday 4 June 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -7

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to berth 10, Mole Millerand, Oran, Algeria, using 14 eight inch manila lines. #8 boiler and both generators in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS BARNETT (SOBA) and various other units of the Atlantic Fleet. Continuous discharge of cargo to the dock.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0940 Completed discharging cargo from #1 hatch to dock.

E. Schaefer
E. Schaefer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

A. A. Maughit
A. A. Maughit,
Lt., USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1700 Received from USS BARNETT, by authority ComTransDiv 3, Mailgram 021932 of June, 1943.
96 - 4.5 Beach Barrage Rockets.
24 - Mark III smoke pots.
18 - Smoke rockets.
2 - 30 cal. Browning machine guns.
1 - 50 cal. Browning machine gun.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
Received from Mediterranean Base Section, Oran, Algeria, North Africa, 50 drums (2650 gals.) 80 Octane gasoline.

E. Schaefer
E. Schaefer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

Jon Purcell
JON PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP OSERONSaturday
(Day)5
(Date)June
(Month)

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to berth 10, Mole Millerand, Oran, Algeria, using 14 eight inch manila lines. #2 boiler and both generators in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS HARNETT (SOPA) and various other units of the Atlantic Fleet. Continuous discharge of general cargo to the dock.

A. A. Maughit
A. A. Maughit,
Lt., USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

A. A. Maughit
A. A. Maughit,
Lt., USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

Jon Purcell
JON PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

C. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OSWEGO

Sunday
(Day)5
(Date)June
(Month)

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2-

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to Mole Hillerand, Oran, Algeria, North Africa, using 14 eight inch manila lines. #2 boiler and both generators in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS BARNETT (SCPA) and various other units of the Atlantic Fleet. Continuous discharging of general cargo to the dock.

E. Schaefer
E. Schaefer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

0430 Completed discharge of general cargo to deck. Draft of ship forward 13' 04" aft 23' 03".

A.A. Maughit
A.A. Maughit,
Lt., USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

0830 Made all preparations for getting underway.

0900 Pilot Lovel came aboard.

0907 Tug Jelaury 2 made fast to port bow.

0908 Underway for Avant Port by authority of Naval Port Director, Oran, Algeria. Pilot Lovel at the conn, Captain, Executive Officer, and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 14 knots (80 r.p.m.). Steaming on various courses at various speeds conforming to channel.

0930 Moored in Avant Port, Oran, Algeria, North Africa in 3 fathoms of water with 58 fathoms of chain to the port anchor and 54 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor with four eight inch manila lines from port and starboard quarters to mooring buoy astern.

0935 Tug Jelaury 2 cast off and pilot Lovel left ship.

C. C. Lingenfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingenfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

E. Schaefer
E. Schaefer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingenfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingenfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

Jon Purcell
JON PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Callenon
H. T. CALLENON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OSERON

Monday
(Day)7
(Date)June
(Month)

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored in Agent Port, Oran, Algeria, in 8 fathoms of water with 59 fathoms of chain to the port anchor, 64 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor, and four 3 inch manila lines, two from each quarter to buoy astern. Boiler #1 and both generators in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present, USS BARNETT (SOPA) and various units of the Atlantic Fleet. Maintaining Condition 2 watch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

E. Schaffer
E. Schaffer,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

E. Schaffer
E. Schaffer,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

Approved:

Jon Purcell
ION PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

03200H

Tuesday
(Day)

8
(Date)

June
(Month)

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored in Avant Port, Oran, Algeria, North Africa, in 8 fathoms of water with 54 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor and 59 fathoms of chain to port anchor, and four eight inch manila lines from port and starboard quarters to mooring buoy astern. #1 boiler and both generators in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS BARNETT (SOPA) and various other units of the Atlantic Fleet. Maintaining Condition II watch.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0800 Secured Condition 2.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

A. A. Naught
A. A. Naught,
Lt., USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

Tom Purcell
TOM PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OSBERG

Wednesday

9

June

1943

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored in Avant Port, Oran, Algeria, North Africa in 8 fathoms of water with 54 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor and 59 fathoms of chain to the port anchor and four eight inch manila lines from port and starboard quarters to mooring buoy astern. #1 boiler and both generators in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS BARNETT (SOPA) and various other units of the Atlantic Fleet. Maintaining Condition II watch.

A. A. Maugh
A. A. Maugh,
Lt., USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0800 Secured Condition 2 watch.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(Jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Lt.(Jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

A. A. Maugh
A. A. Maugh,
Lt., USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(Jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Lt.(Jg), USNR.

Approved

Jon Purcell
JON PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

02320H

Thursday
(Day)10
(Date)June
(Month)

1913

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2

REMARKS

0000-0600 Moored in Avant Port, Oran, Algeria, North Africa, in 9 fathoms of water with 54 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor, 59 fathoms of chain to port anchor and 4 eight inch manila lines aft, 2 from each quarter, to mooring buoys astern. #1 boiler and both generators in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS BARNETT (SOPA) and various other units of the Atlantic Fleet. Maintaining condition II watch.

E. Schafar
E. Schafar,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

V. C. Redmond
V. C. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

E. Schafar
E. Schafar,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

Jon Purcell
JON PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Callison
H. T. CALLISON,
LT., USNR.

C. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OSBORN

Friday

11

June

19 43

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored in Avant Port, Oran, Algeria, in 8 fathoms of water with 59 fathoms of chain to the port anchor, 54 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor, and 4 eight inch manila lines, two from each quarter to buoy astern. #1 boiler and both generators in use. Ships present: USS BARNETT (SOPA) and various units of the Atlantic Fleet. Maintaining Condition 2 watch.

P. J. Redmond
P. J. Redmond,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0800 Secured condition II watch.

E. Schaffer
E. Schaffer,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

A. A. Naught
A. A. Naught,
Lt., USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

P. J. Redmond
P. J. Redmond,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

E. Schaffer
E. Schaffer,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

A. A. Naught
A. A. Naught,
Lt., USNR.

Approved:

Jon Purcell

ION PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron

H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

E. S. W. Waafgator.

UNITED STATES SHIP OSBORN Saturday 12 June 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored in Avant Port, Oran, Algeria, North Africa, in eight fathoms of water with 59 fathoms of chain to the port anchor, 54 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor, and using 4 eight inch manila lines from port and starboard quarters to mooring buoy astern. #1 boiler and both generators in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS BARNETT (SOPA) and various other units of the Atlantic Fleet. Maintaining Condition II watch.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0800 Secured Condition II watch.

E. J. Redmond
E. J. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0945 Lighted fire under #2 boiler.
1000 Made all preparations for getting underway.
1008 Tug Goelend II made fast to port quarter.
1008 Pilot Altieri came aboard.
1028 Underway in compliance with orders from ComAmphFor, North West African Waters movement order A-43. Pilot at the Conn, captain, executive officer and navigator on the bridge. Various courses at various speeds to conform to channel.
1035 Transverse Du Large abeam to starboard 200 feet. Tug cast off.
1040 Pilot Altieri left ship. Captain at the Conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. Various courses and speeds. Standing off break-water awaiting convoy.

E. Schuler
E. Schuler,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before on various courses at various speeds in forming cruising disposition I.
1315 Cruising disposition I formed by Task Force 61. USS SAMUEL CHASE flagship and guide.
1322 Convoy speed 14 knots (80 r.p.m.).
1343 Changed course by wheeling to 012° (pgc) and (t).
1412 Convoy changed to cruising disposition II.
1448 Changed course by wheeling to 032° (pgc) and (t).
1500 Changed course by wheeling to 058° (pgc) and (t).
1515 Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan #30 on base course 058° (pgc) and (t).

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

Approved:

J. P. Purcell
JOE PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

E. S. N., Navigator.

ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. CERRONDate Saturday 12 June, 19531800-2000 Steaming as before.

1913 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course 058° (pgc) and (t).

1921 Reduced speed to 10 knots (58 r.p.m.).

1921 Took cruising disposition 3.

1945 Increased speed to 14 knots (80 r.p.m.).

1950 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with Plan #30, base course 059° (pgc) and (t).
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 65.6.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2335 Ceased zig zagging resumed base course 058° (pgc) and (t).

2335 Adjusted base course by wheeling to 073° (pgc) and (t).

Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 74.2.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

G. Purcell
ION PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP OSBORNSunday
(Day)13
(Date)June
(Month)

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming in cruising disposition III in company with task force 81 Amphibious Force, Northwest African waters, USS SAMUEL CHASE, Flagship and Guide. Both boilers and generators in use. Standard speed 14 knots (80 r.p.m.). Base course 078° (pgc) and (t).

0001 Changed course by wheeling to 096° (pgc) and (t).

0030 Commenced zig zapping according to Plan #30, base course 096° (pgc) and (t). Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 74.7.

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0527 Ceased zig zapping and resumed base course 096° (pgc) and (t).

0530 Changed base course to 076° (pgc) and (t).

0646 Took cruising disposition 4.

0723 Passed Cape Saxe lighthouse abeam to starboard, 3.3 miles distant.

0735 Steaming on various courses at various speeds entering Algiers Bay approaching Port of Algiers.

Average steam 439. Average r.p.m. 69.5.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before. Various courses at various speeds in transit nine swept channel. Captain at the conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge.

0930 Anchored in 14 fathoms of water off Jetée De Mustapha, with 50 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Air Beacon 195° (t), Breakwater Light 305° (t), Radio Beacon 312° (t).

1049 Pilot Marelle on board.

1101 Underway on various courses at various speeds, standing off entrance to Bassin De Mustapha. Pilot Marelle at conn, Captain, Executive Officer, and Navigator on the bridge.

1159 Anchored in 13 fathoms of water with 50 fathoms of chain to port anchor on following true bearings: Aero Beacon 192° 30' (t); Breakwater Light, 289° (t); Breakwater Light 309° (t); Radio Beacon 316° (t).

E. Schaffer
E. Schaffer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

1242 Underway with Pilot Marelle at the conn, Captain, Executive Officer, and Navigator on the bridge. Steaming at various courses at various speeds to Mole Louis Billard.

1303 Passed Three Harbors Gate.

1304 Tug Furet II made fast to starboard bow, Tug Saint Louis made fast to port quarter.

1328 Let go port anchor.

1350 Moored starboard side to west side Mole Louis Billard, Algiers, Algeria with 30 fathoms of chain to the port anchor.

1351 Pilot left ship. Tugs cast off.

1435 The Commanding Officer left the ship to pay an official call on Commander Transport Division Three.

1510 The Commanding Officer returned to the ship.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

Approved

Carl Purcell
ION PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N. Navigator.

ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. OBERON

Date Sunday 13 June, 1942

1600-2000 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(Jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Lt.(Jg), USNR.

Approved: *Tom Fursell*
TOM FURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

E. S. J. Abolger.

UNITED STATES SHIP OSBERGMonday
(Day)14
(Date)June
(Month)

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to West side of Mole Louis Billard, Algiers, Algeria, North Africa, using 16 eight inch manila lines and 1 3/4" wire fore and aft. 30 fathoms of chain to port anchor. #2 boiler and both generators in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present, USS GANSEH, CHASE (SCPA) and various units of the Atlantic Fleet. Maintaining condition 2 watch.

E. Schaffer
E. Schaffer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0800 Secured condition II.

A. A. Maughit
A. A. Maughit,
Lt., USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1600 Commenced receiving general cargo from dock, draft forward 12'08", aft 22'02".

E. Schaffer
E. Schaffer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

E. T. Purcell
E. T. PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OBSERVATION

Tuesday
(Day)16
(Date)June
(Month)

1947

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to west side Mole Louis Billard, Algiers, Algeria using 16 eight inch manila lines and two 1 3/4 inch wire cables. 30 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Boiler #2 and both generators in use. Ships present: USS SAMUEL CHASE (SOPA) and various units of the Atlantic Fleet. Maintaining Condition II watch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0600 Secured condition II.

E. Schaffer
E. Schaffer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

E. Schaffer
E. Schaffer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

Approved: *Earl Purcell*

EARL PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*

H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

ONEROY

Wednesday

16

June

1943

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to west side Mole Louis Billard, Algiers, Algeria using 18 eight inch manila lines and two 1 3/4 inch wire cables. 30 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. #2 boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS SAMUEL CHASE (SOPA) and various units of the Atlantic Fleet. Maintaining Condition II watch.

H. S. Spiers
H. S. SPIERS,
Lt., USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0600 Secured Condition II.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

E. Schaefer
E. Schaefer,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

1200-1800 Moored as before.
1345 The Commanding Officer left the ship to attend conference on the USS BARNETT.
1500 The Commanding Officer returned to the ship.

H. S. Spiers
H. S. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

H. S. Spiers
H. S. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

H. S. Spiers
H. S. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

Approved

Lou Purcell
ION PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP OSWEGOThursday
(Day)17
(Date)June
(Month)

1945

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to west side Mole Louis Billard, Algiers, Algeria, using 16 eight inch manila lines and two 1 3/4 inch wire cables, 30 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. #2 boiler and Nos. 1 and 2 generators in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS SAMUEL CHASE (SOPA) and various units of the Atlantic Fleet. Maintaining Condition 2 watch.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0800 Secured Condition II.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Lt.(Jr.), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Lt.(Jr.), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2000 Set condition 2 watch.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Lt.(Jr.), USNR.

Approved: *Jon Purcell*

ION PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP OSWORNFriday
(Date)18
(Date)June
(Month)

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to west side Mele Louis Billard, Algiers, Algeria, using 1 eight inch manila lines and two 1 3/4 inch wire cables with 30 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Boiler #2 and both generators in use. Ships present: USS SAMUEL CHASE (SOPA) and various units of the Atlantic Fleet. Maintaining Condition 2 watch.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0500 Secured Condition 2 Watch.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

E. Schaefer
E. Schaefer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

E. Schaefer
E. Schaefer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

E. Schaefer
E. Schaefer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

John Russell
JOHN RUSSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

CAMERON

Saturday

19

June

1943

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to west side of Mole Louis Billard, Algiers, Algeria, North Africa, using 16 eight inch manila lines and one 1 3/4 inch wire cable forward and one 1 3/4 inch wire cable aft. 30 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. #2 boiler and Nos. 1 and 2 generators in use as auxiliary purposes. Maintaining condition 2 watch. Ships present: USS SAINTEL CHASE (SOPA) and various units of the Atlantic Fleet.

E. Schaefer
E. Schaefer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0745 USS TRIPPE moored port side, using 10 six inch manila lines.

E. Schaefer
E. Schaefer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

E. Schaefer
E. Schaefer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

A. A. Maughit
A. A. Maughit,
Lt., USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

A. A. Maughit
A. A. Maughit,
Lt., USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

A. A. Maughit
A. A. Maughit,
Lt., USNR.

Approved:

Carl Pursell
CARL PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. F. Cameron
H. F. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

E. E. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

CERON

Sunday

20

June

1943

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to west side Male Louis Billard, Algiers, Algeria, using 16 eight inch manila lines and two 1 3/4 inch wire cables, with 30 fathoms of chain to the Port anchor. Boiler #2 and both generators in use. Continuous loading of cargo from the deck. Ships present USS SAMUEL CHASE, (SOPA) and various units of the Atlantic Fleet. Maintaining condition II watch. USS TRIPPE moored alongside port side, starboard side to.

A. A. Maughit
A. A. Maughit,
Lt., USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

A. A. Maughit
A. A. Maughit,
Lt., USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

A. A. Maughit
A. A. Maughit,
Lt., USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

1710 Finished loading the ship. Draft 15' forward, 24'08" aft.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

Approved:

Tom Purcell
TOM PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ONERONMonday
(Day)21
(Date)June
(Month)

19 43

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to west side Mole Louis Billard, Algiers, Algeria, using 16 eight inch manila lines and two 1 3/4 inch wire cables with 30 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. #1 boiler and #1 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present USS SAMUEL CHASE (SOPA) and various units of the Atlantic Fleet. USS TRIPPE moored alongside port side, starboard side to.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0600 Lit off #2 boiler.
0735 USS TRIPPE got underway from port side of ship.
0756 Pilot F. M. SAMANZI came aboard.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0823 Tug F. B. ATLANTIC made fast to port bow.
0826 Tug SAINT LOUIS made fast to port quarter.
0832 Underway to shift berth in accordance with Commodore Algiers despatch 201757. Pilot at the conn, Captain, Executive Officer, and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 14 knots (80 r.p.m.). Steering various courses at various speeds to conform with harbor channel.
0909 Moored port side to alongside USS THURSTON in Berth 28, Mole Mineral, Algiers, Algeria, using 7 eight inch manila lines.
0910 Tugs cast off.
0925 Pilot left the ship.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

1200-1500 Moored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (Jc), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (Jc), USNR.

Approved:

Leon Punsell
LEON PUNSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

E. S. N., Navigator.

ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. DEEDON

Date Monday 21, June, 1943

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2000 Set condition 2 watch.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

Approved:

Tom Purcell
TOM PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR. U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OSIRON

Tuesday
(Day)22
(Date)June
(Month)

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored port side to alongside USS THURSTON in Berth 28, Mole Mineral, Algiers, Algeria, using 7 eight inch manila lines. #1 boiler and #1 generator in use. Ships present: USS SAMUEL CHASE, (SOFA) and various units of the Atlantic Fleet. Maintaining Condition 2 Watch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0800 Secured Condition 2 Watch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

E. Schaefer
E. Schaefer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1805 USS RED WING MOORED to starboard side, port side to, using 5 six inch manila lines.

E. Schaefer
E. Schaefer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

E. Schaefer
E. Schaefer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

Earl Fursell
EARL FURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON Wednesday 23 June 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored port side to, alongside, USS THURSTON, using 14 eight inch manila lines, with USS RED WING moored alongside stbd side, port side to, berth #28 Mole Mineral, Algiers, Algeria, North Africa, #1 boiler and Nos. 1 and 2 generators in use. Ships present USS SAMUEL CHASE (SOPA) and various units of the Atlantic Fleet. Maintaining Condition 2 watch.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0800 Secured condition 2 watch.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0900 Lighted fires under #2 boiler.
1045 USS RED WING cast off.
1100 Made all preparations for getting underway.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.
1227 Pilot Cameron came aboard.
1236 Underway from alongside USS THURSTON in accordance with orders contained in Commander Task Force 61, Training Memo H-43. Pilot Cameron at the conn, Captain, Executive Officer, and Navigator on the bridge. Steering various courses at various speeds conforming to Harbor channel. Standard speed 14 knots (30 r.p.m.)
1251 Passed through harbor net gate.
1255 Pilot Cameron left the ship.
1300 Set condition II.
1403 Anchored in Algiers Bay, Algeria in 16 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following true bearings. Aero Beacon 225° T; Radio Beacon 233° T; Red Tower 300° T; Breakwater Light 254° T.
1430 Underway in compliance with order contained in Commander Task Force 61, Training Memo H-43. Captain at the conn, Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 14 knots (30 r.p.m.). Steering various courses at various speeds in order to take position in column. USS JOSEPH T. DICKMAN guide. Base course 350° (pgc) and (t), in transit mine swept channel.
1553 Cleared mine swept channel. Changed course to 310° (t). Average steam 450. Average R.P.M. 26.4.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.
1643 Adjusted base course to 295° (pgc) and (t), 304° (psc).
1646 Caxine lighthouse abeam to port, distance 8 miles.
1701 Commenced zig zagging on plan #10, base course 286° (pgc) and (t).
1745 Ceased zig zagging, resumed base course.
1755 Commenced zig zagging on plan #11.
1855 Ceased zig zagging, resumed base course.
1911 Reduced speed to 22 r.p.m. (9 knots).

Approved: *Lois Purcell*
LOIS PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Abulgate.

ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. OSBORNDate Wednesday 23 June, 1943

1921 Adjusted base course to 253° (psc) and (t), 271° (psc).
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 61.4.

E. Schaffer
E. Schaffer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.
2011 Changed course by wheeling to 193° (psc) and (t), 204° (psc).
2047 Changed course by wheeling to 163° (psc) and (t), 164° (psc).
2106 Commenced streaming paravanes.
2114 Changed course by wheeling to 131° (t).
2135 Changed course by wheeling to 065° (t), changed speed to 8 knots (45 r.p.m.)
Steaming on various courses and speeds while maintaining position in ~~2000~~.
Approaching exercise area.
2253 Sighted Coxine light bearing 080° (t).
2340 Rigged in paravanes.

A. A. Mought
A. A. Mought,
Lt. USNR.

Approved:

Tom Pursell

ION PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. P. Cameron

H. P. CAMERON,
LT., USNR. U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OBERON

24

Thursday

June

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2-

REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force 91, USS JOSEPH T. DICKMAN, guide. Standard speed 14 knots (80 r.p.m.) Course 090° (t). Both boilers and generators in use.

0005 Commenced steering various courses at various speeds in standing toward transport area.

0101 Commenced lowering boats. Steering various ~~courses~~ at various speeds to maintain position in Transport area.

0210 Commenced opening hatches.

0255 Commenced unloading vehicles.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before. Engines stopped.

0515 Boats commenced returning to ship. Commenced hoisting boats.

0738 Changed speed to one third ahead on course 155° (t) in standing toward anchorage.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0810 Sea fog setting in, commenced fog signals, extra lookouts posted.

0830 Anchored in 40 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor 4 miles off Doucoude Les Bains, Algeria, North Africa, on following true bearings Red Acrota 063° (pgc) and (t). Red Side Furruch 085° (pgc) and (t).

0930 Fog lifted.

1115 Made all preparations for getting underway.

1135 Underway in compliance with orders of Com Task Force 91, taking position in column, Captain at the conn, Navigator on bridge. Standard speed 14 knots (80 r.p.m.). Various courses taking position in column as follows: USS CHASE (guide), USS LYON, USS MONROVIA, USS BETHLEHEM, and USS OBERON.

E. Schaffer
E. Schaffer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1200 Steaming as before on various courses at various speeds in order to take position in column formation.

1210 Completed column formation.

1215 Changed course by wheeling to base course 020° (pgc) and (t), 022° (psc). Standard speed 14 knots (80 r.p.m.).

1220 Passed ~~Caxine~~ light abeam to port. Distance 4 1/2 miles.

1230 Changed course by wheeling to base course 030° (t), 081° (psc).

1255 Changed course to 124° (pgc) and (t), 118° (psc).

1319 Changed course to 170° (pgc) and (t), 177° (psc). Entered mine swept channel, steaming at various courses and various speeds to conform to channel.

1421 Anchored, Algiers Bay, Algeria, North Africa in 33 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Notre Dame 298.30°, Aero Beacon 192°, Buoy 208°.

1510 Pilot Campedonico came aboard.

1513 Underway. Pilot Campedonico at the conn, Captain, Executive Officer, and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 14 knots (80 r.p.m.) Proceeding at various speeds and at various courses entering harbor.

Approved:

Jon Pursell
JON PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ORIONDate Thursday 24 June, 1943

1536 Passed buoy end of baffle A close aboard.
 1537 Passed north end of baffle B.
 1544 Tug "Purrott III" made fast to starboard bow.
 1555 Passed North Gate, Algeria Harbor, Entering "Vieux Port".

A. A. Mauglet
 A. A. Mauglet,
 Lt., USNR.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

1610 Moored port side to Mole Passagers, Algiers, Algeria, using 7 eight inch
 moorline lines and two 1 3/4 inch wire cables. 50 fathoms of chain to the
 starboard anchor.
 1622 Pilot left ship. Secured #2 boiler.
 1630 USS SWELLS moored alongside starboard side.
 1905 Secured #2 generator.

H. R. Spiers
 H. R. Spiers,
 Lt., USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

2000 Set condition 2.

H. R. Spiers
 H. R. Spiers,
 Lt., USNR.

Approved:

Tom Purcell
 TOM PURSELL,
 COMMANDER, USN.,
 COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
 H. T. CAMERON,
 LT., USNR. U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OSCAR

Friday
(Day)

25
(Date)

June
(Month)

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored port side to Mole Passageurs, Vieux Port, Algiers, Algeria, North Africa with 7 eight inch manila lines and two 1 3/4 inch wire cables. 50 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. #1 boiler and generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Taking fresh water from the dock. US STEWALGENSE moored along side starboard side. Ships present: US MONROVIA (SOP) and various units of the Atlantic Fleet. Maintaining Condition 2 watch.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0800 Secured condition II.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2000 Set Condition 2 watch. Secured #2 generator.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

Approved:

Earl Purcell
EARL PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cannon
H. T. CANNON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ONRONSaturday
(Day)26
(Date)June
(Month)

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored port side to Mole Passagers, Vieux Port, Algiers, Algeria, using 7 eight inch manila lines and two 1 3/4 inch wire cables, and with 50 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Boiler #1 and #1 generator in use. USS BETHLEHEM moored alongside starboard side. Ships present: USS MINROVIA (SOPA) and various units of the Atlantic Fleet. Maintaining condition 2 watch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0600 Secured Condition 2 watch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.
1445 Air raid alert, held general quarters.
1500 All clear, secured from general quarters.

E. Schaefer
E. Schaefer,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

E. Schaefer
E. Schaefer,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2000 Set condition 2 watch.
2100 Air raid alert, held general quarters.
2120 All clear, secured from general quarters.

E. Schaefer
E. Schaefer,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

Approved: *Ion Purcell*

ION PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined: *H. T. Gamron*

H. T. GAMRON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP OSBORN

Sunday
(Day)

27
(Date)

June
(Month)

1945

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored port side to Mole Passagers, Vieux Port, Algiers, Algeria, North Africa using 14 eight inch manila lines, and one 1 3/4 inch cable forward and one 1 3/4 inch cable aft; 60 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor. #1 boiler and both generators in use for auxiliary purposes. USS BEYELGEMSE moored alongside starboard side. Ships present USS NOUVOVIA (SOFA) and various units of the Atlantic Fleet. Maintaining condition 2 watch.

E. Schaefer
E. Schaefer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0600 Moored as before.
0425 Lighted fire under #2 boiler.
0600 Secured condition 2 watch. Made all preparations for getting underway.
0620 Pilot P. M. SAMANIE came aboard.
0625 USS BEYELGEMSE cast off.
0645 Underway in compliance with orders of Commodore, Algiers, Pilot at con, Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on bridge.
0701 Anchored in 18 fathoms of water, off Jetee de L'Est port of Algiers, Algeria, North Africa, with 60 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Breakwater light 020° (pgc) and (t); Radar Beacon 326° (pgc) and (t); Signal mast 228° (pgc) and (t); Breakwater light 200° (pgc) and (t); Day 148° (pgc) and (t).
0706 Secured #2 boiler.

E. Schaefer
E. Schaefer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

E. Schaefer
E. Schaefer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.
1647 Air raid alert, held general quarters.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.
1815 All clear, secured from general quarters.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.
2000 Set condition 1 watch.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

Carl Pursell
ION PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

ONEROE

Monday
(Day)

23

(Date)

June
(Month)

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Anchored off Jettie de l'Est, Port of Algiers, Algeria, North Africa in 13 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Breakwater light 020° (t) and (pgc); Radio Beacon 326° (t) and (pgc); Signal Mast 230° (pgc) and (t); and Lucy 145° (t) and (pgc). #1 boiler and both generators in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present USS MEMPHIA (SCPA) and various units of the Atlantic Fleet. Maintaining condition II watch.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.
0600 Secured condition II watch.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.
1840 Lit off #2 boiler.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

2055 Pilot Marolla came aboard.
2112 Tug Paret II made fast to starboard bow.
2114 Underway to shift berth in compliance with Commodore Algiers dispatch 271942B of June. Pilot at the conn, Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on bridge. Standard speed 14 knots (80 r.p.m.). Steering various courses at various speeds standing in toward harbor entrance.
2125 Passed through north gate, entering Vioux Port.
2146 Hoored, port side to, alongside USS MEMPHIA, in Berth 30, Mole Passagers, Algiers, Algeria with 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor using seven 6 inch manila lines.
2154 Tugs Paret II and Saint Louis cast off.
2200 Pilot Marolla left the ship.
2245 Air raid alert, held general quarters.
2255 All clear, secured from general quarters.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

Approved:

ICM Furbell
ICM FURBELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OSERON

Tuesday
(Day)29
(Date)June
(Month)

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2-

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored port side to alongside USS MONROVIA, berth 39, Mole Passagers, Vieux Port, Algiers, Algeria, using seven 8 inch manila lines and one 1 3/4 inch wire cable with 30 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. #1 boiler and both generators in use for auxiliary purposes. Taking fresh water from the deck. Ships present: USS MONROVIA (SCPA) and various units of the Atlantic Fleet. Maintaining Condition II watch.

*H. R. Spiers*H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

0400-0600 Moored as before.
0600 Secured condition II watch.

*H. R. Spiers*H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

0600-1200 Moored as before.
1030 USS OBERONAUX moored alongside starboard side.
1200 Air raid alert, held general quarters.

*H. R. Spiers*H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.
1215 Secured general quarters at all clear signal.

*R. G. Redmond*R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1850 USS OBERONAUX unmoored from starboard side.
1920 Secured #1 generator.

*R. G. Redmond*R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2000 Set condition 2 Watch.

*R. G. Redmond*R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

Approved:

Carl Pursell
ICM PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ORSTONWednesday
(Day)31
(Date)June
(Month)

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored port side to alongside USS MONROVIA in Berth 39, Hole Passagours, Vieux Port, Algiers, Algeria using seven 8 inch manila lines and two 1 3/4 inch wire cables, with 30 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. #1 boiler and #2 generator in use. Receiving fresh water from the deck. Ships present USS MONROVIA (SCPA) and various units of the Atlantic Fleet. Maintaining Condition 2 Watch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0500 Secured Condition 2 Watch.
0655 USS HERNDON moored alongside starboard side.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
1027 Set condition 2 watch.
1031 Secured condition 2 watch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.
1345 Lighted fires under #2 boiler. Secured #1 boiler.
1347 Captain left the ship to call officially on the Commanding Officer, USS BARNETT.
1530 Captain returned on board.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

Approved:

Carl Fursell
ION FURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. V. Cannon
H. V. CANNON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.



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OF THE

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COMMANDED BY

ION PURSELL, COMMANDER, U. S. Navy,TRANSPORT DIVISION THREE ~~ESQUADRON~~,Attached to AMPHIBIOUS FORCE Squadron,NORTHWEST AFRICAN WATERS ~~ESQUADRON~~,Commencing JULY 1, 1945,at ALGIERS, ALGERIA, NORTH AFRICA,and ending JULY 31, 1945,at ORAN, ALGERIA, NORTH AFRICA.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ONERONThursday
(Day)1
(Date)July
(Month)

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2REMARKS

0000-0400 The USS ONERON (AKA14) as of July 1, 1943 is serving as a Cargo Carrier, ~~Northwest~~ ^{Registered} Attack vessel in Transport Division Three, Amphibious Force, ~~Northwest~~ ^{West} Moored port side to, alongside USS MONROVIA, in berth 39, Mole Passagers, Vieux Port, Algiers, Algeria, North Africa, using 14 eight inch manila lines and two 1 3/4 inch wire cables, with 30 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor. Boiler #2 and #1 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Receiving fresh water from the dock. Ships present: USS MONROVIA, (SOPA) and various units of the Atlantic Fleet. Maintaining condition 2 watch.

E. Schaffer
E. Schaffer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0600 Secured condition 2 watch.

E. Schaffer
E. Schaffer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

E. Schaffer
E. Schaffer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2000 Set condition 2 watch.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

Approved:

Jon Purcell
JON PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP CERRONFriday
(Day)2
(Date)July , 19 43
(Month)ZONE DESCRIPTION -2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored port side to, USS MONROVIA, berth #39, Mole Passaguers, Vieux Port, Algiers, Algeria, North Africa, using 14 eight inch manila lines and two 1 3/4 inch wire cables, with 30 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. #2 boiler and #1 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Receiving fresh water from deck. Ships present: USS MONROVIA (SCPA) and various units of the Atlantic fleet. Maintaining condition 2 watch.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0500 Secured condition 2 watch.
0600 Lit off #1 boiler.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2000 Set condition 2 watch.
2110 Air raid alert, held general quarters.
2116 All clear, secured from general quarters.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved *E. T. Fursell*
E. T. FURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ORION

Saturday
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(1943)

July
(Month) 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored port side to, USS MONROVIA, berth 39, Mole Passagers, Vieux Port, Algiers, Algeria, North Africa, using 14 eight inch manila lines and two 1 3/4 inch wire cables with 30 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. #2 boiler and #1 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Receiving fresh water from dock. Ships present: USS MONROVIA (SOPA) and various units of the Atlantic Fleet. Maintaining condition 2 watch.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0600 Secured condition 2 watch.
0600 Lit off #1 boiler.
0700 Made all preparations for getting underway.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0813 Tug Puret II & III made fast to assist in unmooring. Pilot Morelle came on board.
0818 Underway in compliance with Commodore Algiers dispatch 021124Z of July. Pilot Morelle at the conn, Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 14 knots (80 r.p.m.). Proceeding on various courses at various speeds conforming to harbor channels.
0915 Moored in berth 30, Basin de Mustapha, Algiers, Algeria, North Africa in 6 fathoms of water with 85 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor and 40 fathoms of chain to the port anchor, with 4 eight inch manila lines from port and starboard quarters to mooring Buoy astern.
0935 Secured #1 boiler.
0940 Tugs cast off and Pilot Morelle left ship.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2000 Set condition 2 watch.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

Approved:

Jon Pursell
JON PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP GLENONSunday
(Day)4
(Date)July
(Month)

1953

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored in berth 30, Basin de Mustapha, Algiers, Algeria, North Africa in six fathoms of water with 85 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor and 40 fathoms of chain to the port anchor, using 4 eight inch manila lines from port and starboard quarters to mooring buoy astern. #2 boiler and both generators in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS MONROVIA (SOFA) and various units of the Atlantic Fleet. Maintaining condition 2 watch.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0600 Secured condition 2 watch.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0800 In accordance with instructions received from Commander Task Force 61, the ship was dressed in observance of Independence Day.
1145 Lt. Comdr. CAMPBELL and a party of officers from HES DELHI came on board to pay the respects of His Majesty's Navy, on Independence Day.
1150 USS GLENON moored along side, port side.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

R. E. Redmond
R. E. Redmond,
Lt.(JG), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1820 Secured #1 generator.

R. E. Redmond
R. E. Redmond,
Lt.(JG), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2000 Set condition 2 watch.

R. E. Redmond
R. E. Redmond,
Lt.(JG), USNR.

Approved

John Purcell
JOHN PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

GERON

Monday
(Day)5
(Date)July
(Month)

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored in ~~Basin~~ ^{Basin} No. 30, Basin de Mustapha, Algiers, Algeria, in 6 fathoms of water, with 65 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor, 40 fathoms of chain to the port anchor, and four 8 inch manila lines from port and starboard quarters to a mooring buoy astern. Boiler #2 and generator #2 in use. Ships present: USS MONROVIA (SOPA) and various units of the Atlantic Fleet. Maintaining Condition 2 watch.

H. G. Redmond
H. G. Redmond,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0800 Secured Condition 2 Watch. Started #1 generator.

H. G. Redmond
H. G. Redmond,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
1030 The Captain left the ship to call on the captain and wardroom officers of HMS DELHI to thank them for the kind good wishes extended by their calling committee yesterday forenoon on the occasion of Independence Day.
1100 The Captain returned to the ship.

H. G. Redmond
H. G. Redmond,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.
1338 Secured #1 generator.

E. Schaefer
E. Schaefer,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1830 Cut in #1 generator.

E. Schaefer
E. Schaefer,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2000 Set condition II watch.

E. Schaefer
E. Schaefer,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

Approved:

J. G. Pursell
J. G. PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

CAMERON

Tuesday
1045Z5
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ZONE DESCRIPTION 2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored in Berth 30, Basin de Mustapha, Algiers, Algeria, in 6 fathoms of water with 85 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor, 40 fathoms of chain to port anchor, 4 eight inch manila lines to buoy #30, from port and starboard quarters. Boiler #2 and both generators in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present USS MONROVIA (SOPA) and various units of the Atlantic Fleet. Maintaining condition II watch.

E. Schaefer
E. Schaefer,
Lt.(JG), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0600 Secured condition II watch.
0700 Made all preparations for getting underway.
0755 Pilot Pers Genard came on board.

E. Schaefer
E. Schaefer,
Lt.(JG), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0800 Tug Furet II made fast to port quarter.
0818 Underway in compliance with Operation Order No Q-43 of ComTaskFor 81. Pilot P. Bernard at the conn, Captain, Executive Officer, and Navigator, on the bridge. Proceeding on various courses and speeds conforming to channel.
0827 Tug Furet II cast off.
0830 Pilot Bernard left ship, Executive Officer took the conn.
0831 Breakwater abeam to port, 50 yards.
0902 Anchored in Algiers Bay, Algeria, North Africa in 12 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor.
0922 Underway to shift berth. Executive Officer at conn, Captain and Navigator on the bridge. Proceeded at various courses and speeds proceeding to berth assigned.
1000 Anchored in Algiers Bay, Algeria, North Africa in 14 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor, mud bottom, on the following true bearings: Breakwater Light 270° (t); Radio Beacon 297° (t); Aero Beacon 229° (t). Secured special sea details and set condition II.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Lt.(JG), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.
1658 Underway in compliance operation order Q-43 Co-TaskFor 81. Captain, Executive Officer, and Navigator on the bridge. Executive Officer at the conn. Standard speed 58 rpm (10 knots). Steaming on various courses at various speeds in transit mine swept channel.
1753 Commenced forming cruising disposition I. Base course 045° (pgc) and (t); 039° (psc).
1826 Air raid alert, held general quarters.
1849 All clear, secured from general quarters.

Approved

E. T. Fungell
E. T. FUNGELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. GERSONDate Tuesday, 6 July, 1943

1904 Changed course by wheeling to 065° (psc) and (t), 065° (psc).
 1922 Changed course by wheeling to 090° (psc) and (t), 070° (psc).

E. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
 E. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.,
 Lt. (jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.
 2000 Commenced zig zag plan #35 on base course 090° (psc) and (t). Weather hazy - Sea - 1 - IV.
 Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 57.1.

H. R. Spiers
 H. R. Spiers,
 Lt., USNR.

Approved:

E. C. Fursell
 E. C. FURSELL,
 COMMANDER, USN.,
 COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
 H. T. CAMERON,
 LT., USNR. U. S. N. Aviator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OBERON

Wednesday

7

July

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2-

REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force 31, under operation order Q-43, USS SALSHEL CHASE (OTC and Guide), in position 22. Base course 090° (pgc) and (t), 073° (psc). Standard speed 10 knots (60 r.p.m.). Zig zagging on plan 55. Both boilers and generators in use. Maintaining Condition II watch. Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 56.3.

E. Schaefer
E. Schaefer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 56.9.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.
0804 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course 090° (pgc) and (t).
0806 Changed course to 068° (pgc) and (t), 054° (psc).
0849 Commenced tactical exercises, Heralds.
1053 Completed tactical exercises, Heralds.
1101 Commenced zig zagging on Plan 35, base course 068° (pgc) and (t).
Weather, hazy. Wind, 1; Sea, 0.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 57.0.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.
1253 Ceased zig zagging on plan #35, resumed base course 068° (pgc) and (t) 054° (psc).
1302 Changed course by wheeling to 068° (pgc) and (t), 072° (psc).
1321 Commenced zig zagging according to plan #35, base course 068° (pgc) and (t), 072° (psc).
Partly cloudy throughout watch, slight horizon haze inshore, sea smooth, low northerly swell.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 56.7.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.
1625 Ceased zig zag plan #35 and resumed base course 068° (pgc) and (t).
1700 Commenced zig zag plan #35 on base course 068° (pgc) and (t). Reduced convoy speed to 9 knots (52 r.p.m.)
1836 Increased convoy speed to 10 knots (58 r.p.m.)
Visibility good. Wind force 3 from Northwest, sea smooth, slight swell.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 54.0.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

Approved:

Eric Purcell
ERIC PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N. Navigator.

ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ONRONDate Wednesday 7 July, 1943

2000-2400 Steaming as before. Zig zapping on Plan #35. Base course 088° (pgc) and (t), 0750 (psc). Speed 10 knots (60 r.p.m.)

2002 Ceased zig zapping, resumed base course 088° (pgc) and (t).

2011 Commenced change in formation to cruising disposition 2.

2025 Increased speed to 12 knots (70 r.p.m.)

2041 Changed course by turning 30° to port. Base course 088° (pgc) and (t).

2056 Changed course by turning 30° to starboard. Base course 083° (pgc) and (t).

2107 Adjusted base course by wheeling to 090° (pgc) and (t).

2200 Streamed Barrage balloon.

2310 Energized degaussing cable.

Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 67.3.

E. Schaefer
E. Schaefer,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

Approved:

Ion Fursell
ION FURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OSERON

Thursday

8

July

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION 2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force 31, under operation order Q-43, USS SAMUEL CHASE (OTC and Guide), in position 22. Base course 096° (pgc) and (t), 081° (psc). Standard speed 12 knots (72 r.p.m.). Boilers Nos. 1 and 2 and both generators in use. Maintaining condition II watch.

0013 Changed speed to 9 knots (52 r.p.m.)

0048 Changed course to 080° (pgc) and (t) entering Tunisia War channel.

0140 Changed speed to 13½ knots (72 r.p.m.)
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 63.1.

A. A. Maugh
A. A. Maugh,
Lt., USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0418 Changed base course to 115° (pgc) and (t), 101° (psc).

0455 Passed Cape Zehrib Light abeam to starboard, 2 miles distant.

0536 Changed base course to 100° (pgc) and (t), 085° (psc).

0639 Passed Ile of Cami abeam to port, 4 miles distant.

0601 Sighted Ile Plane Lighthouse bearing 130° (t), 9 miles distant.

0635 Passed Ile Plane Lighthouse abeam to starboard, 4 miles distant.

0700 Sighted Zembra Island, left tangent bearing 109° (t), 18 miles distant.

0740 Adjusted base course to 099° (pgc) and (t), 084° (psc).

0750 Sighted Cape Bon Lighthouse, bearing 122° (t), 17.5 miles distant.
Weather clear; Sea, 0; Wind, 2.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 70.4.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0920 Cape Bon lighthouse abeam to starboard, distance 4.7 miles.

0931 Changed course by wheeling to 129° (pgc) and (t).

0934 Changed course by wheeling to 155° (pgc) and (t).

0940 Changed course by wheeling to 160° (pgc) and (t), 163° (psc).

1053 Changed course by wheeling to 190° (pgc) and (t), 202° (psc).

1100 Changed course by wheeling to 211° (pgc) and (t), 226° (psc).
Weather clear, blue sky, scattered clouds, sea smooth, slight coastal haze,
Wind southwest.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 72.2.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1216 Changed course by wheeling to course 209° (pgc) and (t), 224° (psc).

1244 Changed course by wheeling to course 165° (pgc) and (t), 163° (psc).

1452 Executed 30° turn to port to course 135° (pgc) and (t), 126° (psc).

1459 Commenced zig zag plan #10 on base course 165° (pgc) and (t), 163° (psc).
Weather clear, Sea smooth, Wind force 2.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 69.4.

H. S. Spiers
H. S. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

Approved:

Carl Russell
CARL RUSSELL,
COMMANDER, USNR,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR. U. S. N. Navigator.

ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. CHERON

Date Thursday 8 July 1943

1600-2000 Steaming as before.
 1622 Ceased zig zagging. Resumed base course 165° (pgc) and (t), 163° (psc).
 1637 Changed base course by wheeling to 141° (pgc) and (t), 134° (psc).
 1705 Commenced zig zagging, plan #10 base course 141° (pgc) and (t), 134° (psc).
 1852 Ceased zig zagging resumed base course 141° (pgc) and (t), 134° (psc).
 1853 Changed base course to 111° (pgc) and (t), 100° (psc).
 1918 Changed base course to 141° (pgc) and (t), 134° (psc).
 1930 Commenced zig zagging, plan #10 base course 141° (pgc) and (t) 134° (psc).
 Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 70.3.

E. Schaefer
 E. Schaefer,
 Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.
 2027 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course 141° (pgc) and (t), 134° (psc).
 2032 Changed standard speed to 8 knots (35 r.p.m.) ~~under~~ executing order to form cruising disposition I.
 2045 Air-raid alert. Hold General Quarters.
 2053 Resumed convey speed 12 knots (70 r.p.m.).
 2055 Secured from General Quarters.
 2107 Changed course by wheeling to 123° (pgc) and (t).
 2118 Executed emergency turn to Port to course 073° (pgc) and (t).
 2128 Executed emergency turn to starboard to course 123° (pgc) and (t).
 2133 Commenced zig zagging according to plan #10. Course 123° (pgc) and (t), 115° (psc).
 2156 Executed emergency turn to Port to course 055° (pgc) and (t).
 2159 Executed emergency turn to Starboard to course 100° (pgc) and (t).
 2201 Executed emergency turn to Starboard to course 145° (pgc) and (t).
 2206 Resumed base course 123° (pgc) and (t), 115° (psc).
 2212 Changed course by wheeling to 153° (pgc) and (t), 150° (psc).
 2227 Changed course by wheeling to 180° (pgc) and (t), 180° (psc).
 2240 Commenced zig zagging according to plan #10, base course 150° (pgc) and (t), 180° (psc).
 Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 67.9.

A. A. Maught
 A. A. Maught,
 Lt., USNR.

Approved:

J. T. Furbell
 J. T. FURBELL,
 COMMANDER, USN.,
 COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
 H. T. CAMERON,
 LT., USNR, U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

ONSETON

Friday
19430
(Date)July
(Month)

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force 61 under operation order Q-43, USS SAMUEL CHASE (OTC and guide), in position 22, on base course 180° (pgc) and (t), 188° (psc). Standard speed 12.5 knots (70 r.p.m.) Both boilers and both generators in use. Zig zagging on plan #10. Maintaining condition 2 watch. Weather, fair.

0050 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course 180° (pgc) and (t), 188° (psc).

0057 Changed course to 156° (pgc) and (t), 154° (psc).

0112 Changed course to 132° (pgc) and (t), 134° (psc).

0125 Commenced zig zagging on plan 10, base course 132° (pgc) and (t), 134° (psc). Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 69.9.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (Jr.), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0510 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course 132° (pgc) and (t), 132° (psc).

0517 Changed course by wheeling to 110° (pgc) and (t), 098° (psc).

0522 Changed course by wheeling to 090° (pgc) and (t), 077° (psc).

0545 Commenced zig zagging according to plan 10, base course 090° (pgc) and (t), 077° (psc).

0725 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course 090° (pgc) and (t), 077° (psc).

0733 Changed course by wheeling to 070° (pgc) and (t), 059° (psc).

0748 Changed course by wheeling to 044° (pgc) and (t), 033° (psc). Blue sky, slightly cloudy, Wind NE. Force 3, Visibility 3 miles, Force of wind and sea increasing. Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 70.2.

E. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
E. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt. (Jr.), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0800 Commenced zig zag plan #10 on base course 044° (pgc) and (t), 038° (psc).

0811 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course 044° (pgc) and (t).

0819 Changed course by wheeling to base course 015° (pgc) and (t), 014° (psc).

0824 Changed convoy speed to 13.5 knots (77 r.p.m.)

0835 USS SAVANNAH and USS BOLIV joined convoy. USS HANNETT assumed formation guide.

0900 Commenced zig zag plan #10 on base course 015° (pgc) and (t), 014° (psc).

1032 Changed convoy speed to 14 knots (80 r.p.m.)

1130 Changed convoy speed to 14.5 knots (84 r.p.m.) Weather clear, Strong North Wind, force 6 - Swells, moderate increasing. Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 77.7.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1330 Adjusted base course to 012° (pgc) and (t), 013° (psc).

1556 Ceased zig zagging, resumed base course 012° (pgc) and (t), 013° (psc).

1558 Changed course to 342° (pgc) and (t), 347° (psc).

1600 Partly cloudy and hazy, moderate to heavy ENE swell, increasing.

E. Schaefer
E. Schaefer,
Lt. (Jr.), USNR.

Approved:

Tom Purcell
TOM PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
CONVAY DIRG.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. OREGON

Date Friday 9 July 1943

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

- 1617 Changed course to 012° (pgc) and (t), 013° (psc).
 1636 Changed convey speed to 14 knots (80 r.p.m.)
 1640 Sighted Cozo Island bearing 040°, distance 25 miles.
 1647 Commenced zig zagging on plan #10, base course 012° (pgc) and (t), 013° (psc).
 1728 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course 012° (t).
 1853 Changed convey speed to 11 knots (53 r.p.m.)
 1853 Changed course to 000° (pgc) and (t), 010° (psc).
 1857 Cozo Island light abeam to starboard bearing 038° (t), 7.75 miles, distant.
 1912 Commenced change in formation to approach disposition as ordered in operation order C-43.
 1940 USS SAVANNAH took the guide.
 2000 Clear sky, slight horizon haze, rough NW sea, slipping light seas over forward deck and hatches.

A. A. Maught
 A. A. Maught,
 Lt., USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

- 2000 Increased convey speed to 11 knots.
 2015 Changed base course to 110° (pgc) and (t), 101° (psc).
 2030 Changed base course to 090° (pgc) and (t), 006° (psc).
 2035 Changed base course to 020° (pgc) and (t), 027° (psc).
 2037 Air raid alert, held general quarters.
 2105 Heavy sea carried away LCV(P) boat #9 which was suspended from #1 port beam and lashed to rail at #1 hatch, port side, ready for lowering. BIGNER, Maurice K., EM2c, 010 18 68, USNR, was in boat at time of its loss assisting in placing heavier lashings around same. Man overboard lights were displayed immediately. Man and boat were not recovered.
 2116 Secured from general quarters.
 2117 Changed base course to 330° (pgc) and (t), 335° (psc).
 2130 Changed base course to 000° (pgc) and (t), 005° (psc).
 2400 Partly cloudy, rough NW swell, moderating.
 Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 77.7.

R. J. Redmond
 R. J. Redmond,
 Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

E. J. Purcell
 E. J. PURCELL,
 COMMANDER, USN.,
 COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
 H. T. CAMERON,
 LT., USNR. U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP OSBERONSaturday
(Day)19
(Date)July
(Month), 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force 81 under operation order Q-43. USS SAMUEL CHASE (OTC). USS Savannah guide. Course 000° (pgc) and (t), standard speed 14 knots (62 r.p.m.). Both generators and boilers in use.

0002 Commenced steering various courses at various speeds approaching Transport area.

0054 Arrived at Transport Area, off Port of Gela, Sicily. Commenced lowering boats, using engine and rudder to maintain position in Transport area.

0212 Commenced unloading vehicles.
Weather clear, sea slight northerly.
Average steam 448. Average rpm 9.1.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

0400-0800 Lying to off Port of Gela, Sicily. Using engines and rudder to maintain position in Transport Area.

0430 Finished discharge of vehicles, commenced discharge of general cargo.

0555 Air raid alert, held general quarters.

0610 All clear, secured from general quarters.
Weather clear, sea slight northerly.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 7.6.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

0800-1200 Lying to about 7 miles off Port of Gela, Sicily, using rudder and engines to maintain position in Transport Area.

0918 Underway in compliance with orders of ComTaskFor 81, proceeding to anchorage.

0952 Anchored in 7 fathoms of water, mid bottom, about 4 miles off Port of Gela, Sicily, with 45 fathoms of chain to port anchor on the following true bearings: Cape Soprano 340° (pgc) and (t); White House 012° (pgc) and (t); Gela Light 354° (pgc) and (t); Tower 300° (pgc) and (t).

1025 Air raid alert, general quarters.

1033 All clear, secured for general quarters.

1200 Partly cloudy, slight haze inshore, slight westerly sea.

E. Schaefer
E. Schaefer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

1215 LCT #294 came alongside #3 hatch.

1545 LCT #294 completed loading cargo and left for the beach.

1600 Blue sky, light haze, slight westerly sea and swell.

A. A. Maughit
A. A. Maughit,
Lt., USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

1705 Wind increased to force 4 westerly. Veered anchor chain to 50 fathoms to the port anchor.

1736 Air raid alert, held general quarters.

1745 Secured from general quarters.

Approved: *Carl Fursell*

ICM FURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined: *H. T. Calhoun*

H. T. CALHOUN,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ORION.....Date Saturday 10 July, 1943...

1715 SC1029 came alongside and ROOPER, Maurice K., USNR, 610 18 66, USNR., who was lost overboard from this vessel at 2105, July 9, 1943, was received on board, having been rescued from the sea by the SC1029 at 0500 July 10, 1943.

R. Q. Redmond
R. Q. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

Earl Purcell
EARL PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON

Sunday
(Day)

11
(Date)

July
(Month)

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Anchored off Gela, Sicily in 7 fathoms of water, and bottom, with ⁵⁰ fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following true bearings: Cape Soprano 340°; White House 125°; Gela Light 354°; Tower 300°. Both boilers and generators in use. Ships present: USS MONROVIA (SOFA) and various units of the Atlantic Fleet. Unloading of cargo secured for the night by orders of the Beachmaster.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.
0555 Resumed discharging general cargo from all hatches to ship's boats alongside.
0650 Air raid, held general quarters.
0652 USS BARNETT hit by bomb. Ship's boats sent to stand by.
0700 Hove chain short.
0730 Secured from general quarters.
0735 Veered chain to 30 fathoms.
0742 Air raid, held general quarters.
0743 Hove chain short.
0746 Underway by orders of ComTaskFor #81. Captain at conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 14 knots (80 r.p.m.) Various courses at various speeds standing off Port of Gela.

E. Schaefer
E. Schaefer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.
0819 Secured from general quarters.
0830 Air raid, held general quarters.
0848 Captain Edgar, Commander of TransDiv 3, came aboard.
0854 Secured from general quarters.
0855 Anchored in 7 fathoms of water off Gela, Sicily, with 25 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor on the following true bearings. Cape Soprano 342½°, Gela Light 353°, White House 018°.
0908 Captain Edgar, Commander of TransDiv 3, left ship.
0921 Air raid alert, held general quarters.
0925 USS BOISE began laying smoke screen.
0935 USS BOISE ceased laying smoke screen.
0936 Secured from general quarters, resumed discharging cargo.
1200 Clear, sea slight, wind veering to south.

A. A. Maughit
A. A. Maughit,
Lt., USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.
1230 Completed discharge of cargo in #3 hatch.
1548 Air raid, held general quarters, opened fire on enemy aircraft.
1550 Ceased firing.
1550 Merchant ship bearing about 315° (t), 1800 yds. distant, sustained direct hit by bomb from enemy aircraft and set afire.
1600 Clear, sea calm.

R. H. Redmond
R. H. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

Carl Fursell
ION FURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N. Navigator.

ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. QUEBONDate Sunday 11 July, 1943

1600-2000 Anchored as before.
 1640 Air raid, held general quarters, opened fire on enemy aircraft.
 1642 Ceased firing.
 1644 Secured from general quarters.
 1648 Air raid alert, held general quarters.
 1652 Secured from general quarters.
 1700 Burning merchant ship previously hit by bomb from enemy aircraft blew up.
 1740 LCT #140 came alongside No. #1 hatch.
 1945 Air raid alert, held general quarters, opened fire on enemy aircraft.
 1950 Ceased firing.
 1955 Secured from general quarters.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
 C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.,
 Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.
 2055 Finished discharging #2 hatch. LCT #140 left for beach.
 2200 Air raid, held general quarters. Commenced firing on enemy planes.
 2300 All clear, secured from general quarters.
 Weather clear, low westerly swell.

H. R. Spiers
 H. R. Spiers,
 Lt., USNR.

Approved:

Earl Fursell
 EARL FURSELL,
 COMMANDER, USN.,
 COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Calderon
 H. T. CALDERON,
 LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP CAMERONMonday
(Day)12
(Date)July
(Month)

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2REMARKS

0000-0400 Anchored 4 miles off Port of Gela, Sicily, in 7 fathoms of water with 25 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor, on the following true bearings: Cape Soprano 342° (pgc) and (t); Gela Light 358° (pgc) and (t); White House 018° (pgc) and (t). Both boilers and both generators in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS MEMROVIA (SOPA) and various units of the Atlantic Fleet. Discharging general cargo from #1, #4, and #5 hatches to ship's boats alongside.

0030 Barrage balloon hauled in for inflation and restreamed.
Weather clear, sea calm.

E. Schaefer
E. Schaefer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0300 Anchored as before.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

1040 Ceased discharging cargo. Made all preparations for getting underway, in compliance with ComTask Group #1.2, dispatch 120737.

1103 LCT #140 came alongside to embark Army personnel from this vessel.

1120 Air raid alert, held general quarters.

1131 Secured from general quarters.

1200 LCT #140 cast off.
Clear, sea calm.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

1603 Commenced lowering boats and opening hatches preparing to resume discharge of cargo in compliance with ComTaskFor #61, Dispatch 121608.

1725 Commenced discharging cargo from #1 hold.

1735 Air raid, held general quarters, commenced firing on enemy aircraft.

1745 Secured from general quarters.

1750 Ceased discharging cargo. Commenced hoisting boats aboard. Made all preparations for getting underway.

1900 Underway in company with task force #61 in accordance with ComTaskFor #61, dispatch 121701 Baker. Executive Officer at the conn, Captain and Navigator on the bridge. Steering various courses at various speeds taking position in cruising disposition as ordered.
Weather clear, sea calm.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 65.1.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

Approved:

Tom Russell
TOM RUSSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. CARRONDate Monday 12 July, 1943

2000-2400 Steaming as before. Steering various courses at various speeds in forming cruising disposition taking position S-2, USS DICKMAN guide.
 2310 Commenced zig zagging in accordance to Plan #10. Base course 207° (pgc) and (t), 217° (psc).
 Weather clear, sea calm.
 Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 58.6.

E. Schaffer
 E. Schaffer,
 Lt.(jr), USNR.

Approved:

Con Fursell
 CON FURSELL,
 COMMANDER, USN.,
 COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
 H. T. CAMERON
 LT., USNR. U. S. N., Avulgestor.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OSERON

Tuesday
(1944)13
(1944)July
(Month)

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming in company with ComTaskFor 81 in position 32 enroute Algiers, Algeria. USS CHASE (CGC), USS DICKMAN, guide. Standard speed 12 knots (68 r.p.m.). Base course 207° (pgc) and (t), 217° (psc). Zig zagging in accordance with plan #10. Both boilers and generators in use.

0137 Ceased zig zagging, resumed base course together.

0140 Changed course by wheeling to 230° (pgc) and (t).

0147 Changed course by wheeling to 250° (pgc) and (t), 270° (psc).

0153 Changed course by wheeling to 202° (pgc) and (t).

0204 Changed course by wheeling to 230° (pgc) and (t).

0214 Changed course by wheeling to 240° (pgc) and (t).

0216 Changed course by wheeling to 257° (pgc) and (t).

0227 Changed course by wheeling to 250° (pgc) and (t).

0231 Changed course by wheeling to 257° (pgc) and (t).

0234 Changed course by wheeling to 265° (pgc) and (t).

0237 Changed course by wheeling to 270° (pgc) and (t), 280° (psc).

0345 Commenced zig zagging in accordance with plan #10, base course 270° (pgc) and (t), 285° (psc).
Clear, sea calm.
Average steam 243. Average r.p.m. 58.0.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

0400-0600 Steaming as before.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 62.1.
Clear, sea calm.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

0600-1200 Steaming as before.

0822 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course 270° (pgc) and (t), 285° (psc).

0833 Changed course by wheeling to ~~290°~~^{E.C.N.} 301° (pgc) and (t), 317° (psc)

0905 Changed speed to 11.5 knots (65. r.p.m.).

0906 Commenced zig zagging according to plan #10, base course 301° (pgc) and (t), 317° (psc).

0920 Executed emergency turn to port 45 degrees, course 275° (pgc) and (t).

0928 Resumed base course 301° (pgc) and (t), 317° (psc).

0943 Commenced zig zagging according to plan #10 base course 301° (pgc) and (t).

1034 Changed convoy speed to 11 knots (62 r.p.m.).

1120 Commenced change of formation to column, USS CHASE, guide.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 63.5.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1214 Changed course to 308° (pgc) and (t), 324° (psc).

1215 Cruising disposition of two columns completed, ships position 21, commenced transit of Tunisian War Channel.

1239 Changed course to 313° (pgc) and (t).

1306 Ceased zig zagging on plan #10 and resumed base course 313° (pgc) and (t).

1315 Changed course by wheeling to 352° (pgc) and (t), 002° (psc).

1322 Changed course by wheeling to 030° (pgc) and (t), 030° (psc).

1500 Passed Ras el Mustapha light abeam to port. Distant 4.5 miles.

Approved:

Tom Purcell
TOM PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cannon
H. T. CANNON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. OSBORNDate Tuesday 13 July 1943

1516 Changed course by wheeling to 005° (pgc) and (t), 009° (psc).
 1534 Changed course by wheeling to 340° (pgc) and (t).
 Clear, sea calm.
 Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 59.1.

H. R. Spiers
 H. R. Spiers,
 Lt., USNR.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

1649 Cape Bon light abeam to port, distant 5.5 miles.
 1657 Changed course by wheeling to 310° (pgc) and (t), 324° (psc).
 1703 Changed course by wheeling to 280° (pgc) and (t), 315° (psc).
 1802 Adjusted base course to 278° (pgc) and (t), 290° (psc).
 1802 Zembretta Island light abeam to port, distant 5.5 miles.
 2000 Clear, sea calm.
 Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 61.4.

E. Schaefer
 E. Schaefer,
 Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2006 Sighted ~~the~~ Cani light bearing 297° (t), 12.5 miles distant.
 2020 Passed ~~the~~ Plane abeam to port, 4.5 miles distant.
 2042 Passed ~~the~~ Rilau abeam to port, 4 miles distant.
 2052 Changed base course to 285° (pgc) and (t), 302° (psc).
 2120 Passed ~~the~~ Cani light abeam to starboard, 4.5 miles distant.
 2122 Changed base course to 283° (pgc) and (t), 310° (psc).
 2211 USS KECKUK, USS CHATRAU THIBBY, USS JIFFERS left convoy.
 2307 Changed base course to 260° (pgc) and (t), 278° (psc).
 2400 Clear, slight northwesterly sea.
 Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 61.4.

H. G. Redmond
 H. G. Redmond,
 Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

H. T. Cameron
 H. T. CAMERON,
 COMMANDER, USN.,
 COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
 H. T. CAMERON,
 LT., USNR. U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OSERON

Wednesday
194714
DateJuly
1943
Month

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming in company with ComTaskFor 81 in position 22 enroute Algiers, Algeria. USS SAIGON CHASE, guide and flag ship. Standard speed 11 knots (62 r.p.m.). Base course 260° (pgc) and (t), 278° (psc). Both boilers and generators in use.

0318 Changed course by wheeling to 267° (pgc) and (t), 233° (psc).

0348 Commenced zig zapping according to plan #10, base course 267° (pgc) and (t), 283° (psc).

Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 62.0.

E. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
E. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0500 Held general quarters.

0542 Secured from general quarters.

0604 Changed convoy speed to 9 knots (53 r.p.m.).

0618 Commenced forming three columns. Oziziba third column leader.

0658 Completed new cruising disposition. Ship in position 22.

0858 Changed convoy speed to 11 knots (63 r.p.m.).

Weather clear, slight swell, Wind force 3.

Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 59.9.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0945 Adjusted base course to 270° (pgc) and (t), 286° (psc).

1114 Cap de Fer abeam to port, distance 7½ miles.

1200 Clear, slight NW swells.

Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 63.4.

E. Schaffer
E. Schaffer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1550 Ceased zig zapping and resumed base course 270° (pgc) and (t), 286° (psc).

1637 Changed base course to 268° (pgc) and (t), 278° (psc).

1650 Commenced zig zapping on plan #10, base course 268° (pgc) and (t), 278° (psc)

1800 Clear, sea calm.

Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 63.8.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

~~Clear~~ Clear, slight swell from NE.

Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 62.6.

E. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
E. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

Tom Purcell
TOM PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N. Navigator.

ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. OBERON.....

Date Wednesday 14 July, 1943...

2000-2400 Steaming as before.
2100 Ceased zig zag plan #10 and resumed base course 255° (pgc) and (t).
2105 Changed course by wheeling to 270° (pgc) and (t).
2115 Commenced zig zag plan #10 on base course 270° (pgc) and (t).
Weather clear, sea calm.
Average steam 150. Average r.p.m. 62.8.

H. S. Spiers
H. S. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

Approved:

E. C. Purcell
E. C. PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

ONERON

Thursday
(Day)15
(Date)July
(Month)

1933

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2-

REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force #81 in position 2-2 enroute to Algiers, Algeria, North Africa. USS SAMUEL G. DASH, Flagship and guide. Standard speed 11 knots (62 r.p.m.) Using both boilers and generators. Zig zagging on plan #10, course 270° (pgc) and (t), 292° (psc).

0247 Ceased zig zagging, resumed base course 270° (pgc) and (t).

0250 Changed course to 249° (pgc) and (t), 270° (psc).

0252 Commenced zig zagging on plan #10, base course 249° (pgc) and (t), 270° (psc).

0400 Slight easterly swell.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 61.8.

E. Schaefer
E. Schaefer,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0409 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course 249° (pgc) and (t), 270° (psc).

0514 Reduced convoy speed to 7.2 knots (42 r.p.m.).

0526 Changed base course by wheeling to 209° (pgc) and (t), 219° (psc).

0538 Changed base course by wheeling to 189° (pgc) and (t), 197° (psc).

0545 Changed cruising disposition to single column. Commenced transit of mine swept channel, various courses and speeds.

0706 Anchored in Alchiers Bay, Algiers, Algeria, in 18 fathoms of water, mud bottom with 45 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor, on the following true bearings: Aero Beacon 212° (t); Radio Beacon 290° (t); Break-water Light 290° 45' (t). Ships present: USS MONROVIA (GOPA) and various units of the Atlantic Fleet.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 36.4.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

1000 Made all preparations for getting underway.

1144 Pilot Bernard Pero came on board.

1151 Underway in compliance with orders of ComTaskFor 81. Pilot at the conn, Captain, Executive Officer, and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 14 knots (80 r.p.m.). Steaming on various courses at various speeds proceeding to berth assigned.

C. C. Lingerfeldt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfeldt, Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1800 Steaming as before.

1215 Tugs Puret III and Tug Atlantide made fast to assist in docking.

1324 Moored starboard side to berth 62, Mole a'Charbon, Velux Port, Algiers, Algeria with 75 fathoms of chain to port anchor, using 12 eight inch manila lines and two 1 3/4 inch wire cables.

1340 Tugs Puret and Atlantide all cast off.

1355 Pilot Pero left ship.

1400 USS THURSTON moored starboard side to port side of ship.

C. C. Lingerfeldt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfeldt, Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

Earl Purcell
EARL PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N. Navigator.

25

ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ONERON.....Date Thursday 18 July, 19431600-2000 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt
 C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
 Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
 2000 Set condition II watch #.
 2050 Secured #1 generator.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
 C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
 Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

Ion Fursell

ION FURSELL,
 COMMANDER, USN.,
 COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron

H. T. CAMERON,
 LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

ONRSON

Friday
(Day)16
(Date)July
(Month)

1953

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to, berth 62, Mole a Charbon, Vieux Port, Algiers, Algeria, North Africa with 75 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Using 12 eight inch manila lines and two 1 3/4 inch cables. USS THURSTON moored to port side. #2 boiler and #2 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS MONROVIA (SOPA) and various other units of the Atlantic Fleet. Maintaining condition II watch.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(Jg), USNR.

0400-0600 Moored as before.
0600 Secured condition II watch.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(Jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
Lt.(Jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.
1525 Held general quarters.
1600 Secured from general quarters.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

1800-2000 Moored as before.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2000 Set condition II watch.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

Approved:

C. W. Purcell
C. W. PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OBERON

Saturday

17

July

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to, berth 02, Mole a Charbon, Vieux Port, Algiers, Algeria, North Africa with 75 fathoms of chain to the port anchor, using 12 eight inch manila lines and two 1 3/4 inch wire cables. USS THUNSTON moored to port side. #1 boiler and both generators in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS MONROVIA (SOPA) and various units of the Atlantic Fleet. Maintaining condition 2 watch.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0600 Secured condition 2 watch.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.
1300 USS SAVANNAH and USS BOISE got underway and stood out of harbor.
1320 Secured #2 generator.
1540 Cut in #2 generator.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Lt. (JG), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1615 Received from the Gunnery Officer, USS MOUNT BAKER, the following ammunition:
3420 cartridges, 30 mm incendiary.
1320 cartridges, 30 mm Tracer.
156 cartridges, 3" 50 cal. AA.
136 cases, 3" 50 cal.
34 boxes 3" 50 cal.
1815 Secured #1 generator.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Lt. (JG), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2100 Set condition 2 watch.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Lt. (JG), USNR.

Approved:

E. J. Purcell
E. J. PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OSWON

Sunday
(Day)

18
(Date)

July
(Month)

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to, Berth 62, Mole a Charbon, Vieux Port, Algiers, Algeria, with 75 fathoms of chain to the port anchor, using 12 eight inch manila lines and two 1 3/4 inch wire cables. USS THURSTON moored to port side. Boiler #1 and generator #2 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS MONROVIA (SOPA) and various units of the Atlantic Fleet. Maintaining Condition 2 Watch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

0400-0600 Moored as before.
0600 Secured Condition 2 Watch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0900 USS BRYLONNE stood in and moored.
1028 Captain left the ship to call on ComTransDiv 3.
1140 Captain returned to the ship.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

E. Schaefer
E. Schaefer,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

E. Schaefer
E. Schaefer,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2100 Set condition 2 watch.

E. Schaefer
E. Schaefer,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

Approved:

J. Russell
JON RUSSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Calderon
H. T. CALDERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP QUEBEC Monday 13 July 1948
(Day) (Date) (Month)ZONE DESCRIPTION -2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to, berth 62, Mole a Charbon, Vieux Port, Algiers, Algeria, North Africa, with 75 fathoms of chain to port anchor, using 12 eight inch manila lines and two 1 3/4 inch wire cables. USS THURSTON moored to port side. Sailor #1 and both generators in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present, USS MONROVIA (SOFA) and various units of the Atlantic Fleet. Maintaining condition 2 watch.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0600 Secured condition 2 watch.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

E. Schafer
E. Schafer,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

A. A. Maughit
A. A. Maughit,
Lt., USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

A. A. Maughit
A. A. Maughit,
Lt., USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2100 Set condition 2 watch.

A. A. Maughit
A. A. Maughit,
Lt., USNR.

Approved:

E. Purcell
E. PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Garrison
H. T. GARRISON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP OREGON

Tuesday 20
Day (Date)July 1943
Class

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to berth 62, Mole a Charcon, Vieux Port, Algiers, Algeria, with 75 fathoms of chain to the port anchor, using 12 eight inch manila lines and two 1 3/4 inch wire cables. USS THURSTON moored to port side. Boiler #1 and both generators in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS MEROVIA (SCPA) and various units of the Atlantic Fleet. Maintaining condition 2 watch.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

0800 Secured condition II watch.

0930 376 - 1 1/2 lb. boxes TNT were transferred to CGAS Ammunition Depot. Authority, Contranadiv 3 dispatch 191805 of July 19, 1943.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

2000 Set condition II watch.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

E. T. Purshell

E. T. PURSHELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Caserom

H. T. CASEROM,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP OSBERONWednesday
(Day)21
(Date)July
(Month)

, 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to berth 62, Hole a Charbon, Vieux Port, Algiers, Algeria with 75 fathoms of chain to the port anchor, using 12 eight inch manila lines and two 1 3/4 inch wire cables. USS THURSTON moored to port side. Boiler #1 and both generators in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS MONROVIA (SCPA) and various units of the Atlantic Fleet. Maintaining condition II watch.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Lt.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0800 Secured condition II watch.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Lt.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Lt.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1800 Moored as before.
1307 USS THURSTON underway from port side.
1505 USS MOUNT BAKER moored on port side.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

1800-2000 Moored as before.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2100 Set condition II watch.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

Approved:

Carl Fursell
TON FURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

GAMBON

Thursday
(Day)

22
(Date)

July
(Month)

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2-

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to berth 62, Mole a Charbon, Vieux Port, Algiers, Algeria, North Africa, with 75 fathoms of chain to the port anchor using 12 eight inch manila lines and two 1 3/4 inch wire cables. #2 boiler and both generators in use for auxiliary purposes. USS MOUNT BAKER moored on port side. Ships present: USS VULCAN (SOPA) and various units of the Atlantic Fleet. Maintaining condition II watch.

H. S. Spiers
H. S. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0800 Secured condition II watch.

H. S. Spiers
H. S. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

H. S. Spiers
H. S. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1800 Secured #1 generator.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2100 Set condition II watch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

Tom Purcell
TOM PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. S. Spiers
H. S. SPIERS,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

ORSON

Friday
(Day)23
(Date)July
(Month)

1963

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2-

REMARKS

0000-0400 Hoored starboard side to berth 62, Mole a Charbon, Vieux Port, Algiers Algeria with 75 fathoms of chain to the port anchor, using 12 eight inch manila lines and two 1 3/4 inch wire cables. #2 boiler and #3 generator in use. USS MOUNT BAKER moored alongside port side. Ships present: US1 VILCAN (SOFA) and various units of the Atlantic Fleet. Maintaining condition II watch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Hoored as before.
0500 Secured condition II watch.
0625 Started #1 generator.
0715 USS PHILADELPHIA and USS BIRMINGHAM stood in and anchored.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Hoored as before.
1145 Lighted fires under Boiler No. 2.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Hoored as before.
1230 Made all preparations for getting underway.
1310 USS MOUNT BAKER underway from port side. Pilot A. URANI came on board.
1317 Tug ANTLERS made fast port quarter, Tug PARENT II made fast port bow.
1330 Underway for Oran, Algeria. In obedience to ComPhibNav dispatch 230721B pilot A. URANI at the conn, Captain, Executive Officer, and Navigator on the bridge. Standing out of Algiers harbor on various course and speeds conforming to channel.
1411 Anchored in Algiers Bay, Algiers in 15 fathoms of water, 45 fathoms of chain out to port anchor on the following true bearings: Harbor Light 268° (t), Aero Beacon 217° (t), Radio Beacon 302° (t), Buoy 287° (t).

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

1600-1800 Anchored as before.
1627 Underway for Oran in obedience to ComPhibNav dispatch 230721B. Executive Officer at the conn, Captain and Navigator on the Bridge. Standard speed 14 knots (95 r.p.m.), USS SAMUEL CHASE, Flagship. Sortie in following order, CHASE, DICKEY, STANTON, BARNETT, ORSON and LYON. Steering various courses thru swept channel.
1717 Cleared swept channel.
1738 Formed cruising disposition as follows: CHASE 11, DICKEY 12, STANTON 13, BARNETT 21, ORSON 22, and LYON 23. Base course 300° (t) and (psc), 305° (psc). Convey speed 13.5 knots.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

Jon Purcell
ION PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Gameton
H. T. GAMETON,
LT., USNR.

D. E. N. Nafziger

ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. OSBORNDate Friday 30 July, 1953

1800-2000 Steaming as before.
 1808 Changed course by wheeling to 269° (psc) and (t), 269° (psc).
 1816 Commenced zig zag plan #10 on base course 269° (psc) and (t).
 Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 68.8.

H. N. Spiers
 H. N. Spiers,
 Lt., USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.
 Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 70.6.

R. J. Redmond
 R. J. Redmond,
 Lt. (jg), USNR.

Approved:

I. G. Purcell
 I. G. PURCELL,
 COMMANDER, USN.,
 COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Gammon
 H. T. GAMMON,
 LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OSERON

Saturday
(Day)24
(Date)July
(Month)

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2-

REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force 61, USS SAMUEL GIBBS, flagship and guide. Zig zapping according to plan #10, base course 269° (pgc) and (t), 280° (psc). Convoy speed 13.5 knots (77 r.p.m.). Both boilers and generators in use.

0013 Ceased zig zapping and resumed base course 269° (pgc) and (t), 280° (psc).
0023 Changed course by wheeling to 240° (pgc) and (t), 260° (psc).
0048 Commenced zig zapping according to plan #10, base course 240° (pgc) and (t), 260° (psc).
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 73.2.

C. C. Lingsfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingsfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0600 Steaming as before.

0707 Ceased zig zapping and resumed base course 240° (pgc) and (t), 260° (psc).
0717 Changed course by wheeling to 217° (pgc) and (t).
0730 Resumed zig zapping according to plan #10, base course 217° (pgc) and (t).
Average steam 460. Average r.p.m. 76.5.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

0600-1200 Steaming as before.

0830 Ceased zig zapping and resumed base course 217° (pgc) and (t), 237° (psc).
0834 Reduced convoy speed to 5 knots and changed formation to column with ships in following order, USS GIBBS, USS DICKEY, USS STANTON, USS BARNETT, USS OSERON, and USS LYON.
0700 Cap d'Aquille light abeam to port, distant 7 miles.
0917 Changed course by wheeling to 169° (pgc) and (t), 171° (psc).
0921 Changed course by wheeling to 159° (pgc) and (t), 157° (psc).
0942 Changed course by wheeling to 154° (pgc) and (t), 155° (psc).
1001 Entered swept channel.
1015 Steaming at various speeds on various courses conforming to channel.
1135 Pilot ALTIER came on board.
1138 Pilot ALTIER took leave.
1148 Passed thru harbor net gate.
1159 Tug TAUREAU made fast to starboard quarter.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before on various course at various speeds proceeding to assigned berth.

1204 Moored in Mers El Kebir harbor, Algeria, North Africa in 12 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain out to both the port and starboard anchors, using two eight inch manila lines from the port and starboard quarters and one 3/4 inch wire cable to mole astern. Boiler #1 and both generators in use for auxiliary purposes.
1505 Secured #2 generator.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

Approved

Jon Fursell

ION FURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron

H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N. Navigator.

ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. OBERON

Date Saturday 24 July, 1943

1500-2000 Hoored as before.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

2000-2400 Hoored as before.
2100 Set condition II watch.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

Approved:

Jon Fursell

ION FURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron

H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

GREYS

Sunday
(Day)25
(Date)July
(Month)

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, North Africa in 12 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain out to both the port and starboard anchors, using two eight inch manila lines each from the port and starboard quarters and one 1 3/4 inch wire cable. Boiler #2 and #1 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Maintaining Condition II watch. Ships present USS ANCON (SOPA) and various units of the Atlantic Fleet.

A. A. Mauglet
A. A. Mauglet,
Lt., USNR.

0400-0600 Moored as before.
0600 Secured condition II watch.

A. A. Mauglet
A. A. Mauglet,
Lt., USNR.

0600-1200 Moored as before.
0745 Oil barge "SHEGHER" came along ^{to} starboard side.
1015 Commenced taking fuel. Draft of ship forward 13'06", aft 21'00".

A. A. Mauglet
A. A. Mauglet,
Lt., USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.
1315 Completed fueling ship, having received on board 3664 barrels of fuel oil, Bunker "C". Draft of ship forward 13'06", aft 22'08".

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.,
Lt. (Jr.), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.,
Lt. (Jr.), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2100 Set condition II watch.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.,
Lt. (Jr.), USNR.

Approved:

Ion Fursell
ION FURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP CG3701Monday
(Day)24
(Date)July
(Month)

, 1945

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, North Africa, in 12 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the port and starboard anchors, using 4 eight inch manila lines and one 1 3/4 inch wire cable to mole astern. #2 boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS ANCON (SOPA) and various units of the Atlantic Fleet. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0800 Secured Condition II Watch.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1800 Moored as before.
1815 Lit off #1 boiler, secured #2 boiler.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

1800-2000 Moored as before.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2100 Set Condition II Watch.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

Approved:

Tom Purcell
TOM PURSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OSERCH

Tuesday

27

July

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kébir Harbor, Algeria, North Africa in 12 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the port and starboard anchors and using 4 eight inch manila lines and one 1 3/4 inch wire cable to the mole astern. #1 boiler and #2 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS SAMUEL CUNY (SOPA) and various units of the Atlantic Fleet. Maintaining Condition II watch.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

0400-0600 Moored as before.
0600 Secured Condition II Watch.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.
1255 Started #2 generator.
1600 Secured #2 generator.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (JG), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (JG), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2100 Set Condition 2 Watch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (JG), USNR.

Approved:

Jon Furbell
JON FURBELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., No. 1014

UNITED STATES SHIP ORION Wednesday 28 July 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, in 12 fathoms of water, with 20 fathoms of chain to both port and starboard anchors, using 4 eight inch manila lines and one 1 3/4 inch wire cable to mole astern. #1 boiler and #1 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS ANCON (SOPA) and various units of the Atlantic Fleet. Maintaining Condition 2 watch.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Lt.(Jg), USNR.

0600 Secured condition II watch.
0728 Started #2 generator.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Lt.(Jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Lt.(Jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.
1530 Water barge came alongside port side.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(Jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1630 Commenced receiving fresh water. Draft forward 15'6", aft 22'6".
1645 Finished taking fresh water having received 19,000 gals. Draft forward 15'10", aft 22'3".
1700 USS HUCKLEBERRY stood out.
1710 USS BIRMINGHAM stood out.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(Jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(Jg), USNR.

Approved:

I. H. Purcell
I. H. PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Garrison
H. T. GARRISON,
LT., USNR.

E. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP CARRONThursday
(Day)29
(Date)July
(Month)

1953

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria in 12 fathoms of water, with 30 fathoms of chain to both port and starboard anchors, using 4 eight inch manila lines and one 1 3/4 inch wire cable to mole astern. #1 boiler and #2 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present USS ANCON (SOPA) and various units of the Atlantic Fleet. Maintaining condition II watch.

J. H. Beardley
J. H. Beardley,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0600 Secured condition II watch.
0730 ~~Secured~~ #1 generator.
STARTED

J. H. Beardley
J. H. Beardley,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0905 USS ANCON stood out. USS BARNETT (SOPA)
1042 USS ORIZABA stood out.

J. H. Beardley
J. H. Beardley,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

1200-1800 Moored as before.

A. A. Maughit
A. A. Maughit,
Lt., USNR.

1800-2000 Moored as before.

A. A. Maughit
A. A. Maughit,
Lt., USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2100 Set condition II watch.

A. A. Maughit
A. A. Maughit,
Lt., USNR.

Approved:

Ion Purcell
ION PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OSERCHI

Friday
(Day)

30
(Date)

July
(Month)

19 43

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, in 12 fathoms of water, with 20 fathoms of chain to both the port and starboard anchors, using 4 eight inch manila lines and one 1 3/4 inch wire cable to mole astern. #1 generator and #1 boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present USS BARNETT (SOPA) and various units of the Atlantic Fleet. Maintaining condition II watch.

A. A. Naught
A. A. Naught,
Lt., USNR.

0400-0600 Moored as before.
0600 Secured condition II watch.

A. A. Naught
A. A. Naught,
Lt., USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

A. A. Naught
A. A. Naught,
Lt., USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2100 Set condition II watch.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

Ben Purcell
ION PURCELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cassin
H. T. CASSIN,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ONERONSaturday
(Day)31
(Date)July
(Month)

19 43

ZONE DESCRIPTION -2

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, in 12 fathoms of water, with 80 fathoms of chain to both port and starboard anchors, using 4 eight inch manila lines and one 1 3/4 inch wire cable to mole astern. #2 boiler and #1 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS BARNETT (SOPA) and various units of the Atlantic Fleet. Maintaining condition II watch.

C. C. Lingerselt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerselt, Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0600 Secured condition II watch.

C. C. Lingerselt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerselt, Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerselt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerselt, Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1800 Moored as before.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

1800-2000 Moored as before.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2100 Set condition II watch.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

Approved:

Carl Russell
ION FUSSELL,
COMMANDER, USN.,
COMMANDING.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON,
LT., USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

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U. S. S. OBERON

AKA14 Rate,

COMMANDED BY

ION PURSELL, COMMANDER, U. S. Navy,

TRANSPORT DIVISION THREE ~~Division~~

Attached to AMPHIBIOUS FORCE ~~Squadron~~

NORTHWEST AFRICAN WATERS ~~Fleet~~

Commencing AUGUST 1, 1943,

at ORAN, ALGERIA, NORTH AFRICA,

and ending AUGUST 31, 1943,

at ORAN, ALGERIA, NORTH AFRICA

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UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON Sunday 1 August, 1943
(Day) (Month) (Year)

Zone description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 The U.S.S. OBERON (AKA14) as of August 1, 1943 is serving as an assault cargo carrier in Transport Division Three, Amphibious Force, Northwest African Waters. Moored in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, in 12 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to both starboard and port anchors, using 4 eight inch manila lines and one 1 3/4 inch wire cable to mole astern. #2 boiler and #1 and #2 generators in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS BARNETT (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0800 Secured Condition II Watch.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2100 Set Condition II Watch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *Tom Pursell*
TOM PURSELL, Commander, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OSBRON Monday 2 August, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description +2

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, with 90 fathoms of chain to both anchors, using 4 eight inch manila lines, and one 1 3/4 inch wire cable to mole astern. Boiler #2 and both generators in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS BARNETT (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Force. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

0145 Secured #2 generator.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

0600 Secured Condition II Watch.
0700 USS CHARLES CARROLL got underway and stood out.
0707 USS O'HARA got underway and stood out.
0723 USS THOMAS JEFFERSON got underway and stood out.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

0832 Started #2 generator.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

1745 Secured #1 generator.
1915 Pursuant to orders contained in ComTransDiv 3 dispatch 021519 August, 3 LCV(P) landing boats and equipment were transferred to the USS LYON.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

2100 Set Condition II Watch.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *Ion Fursell*
ION FURSELL, Commander, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON, Lt., USNR.
Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON

Tuesday
(Day)3
(Date)August, 1943
(Month)

Zone description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria in 12 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain out to both anchors, using 4 eight inch manila lines and one 1 3/4 inch wire cable to mole astern. #2 boiler and #2 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS BARNETT (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

0300 USS ANDROMEDA moored to starboard bow using 2 eight inch manila lines, having dragged anchor from assigned berth.

0340 Lit off #1 boiler.

0350 USS STANTON moored alongside USS ANDROMEDA having parted mooring lines and dragged anchor from assigned berth.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

0420 Cut in #1 boiler. Engine Room standing by ready to get underway in case of emergency.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

0935 Captain left ship for USS BARNETT.

0940 Secured #2 boiler.

1035 USS ANDROMEDA underway to assigned berth.

1110 Captain returned to ship.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

1515 Secured #2 generator.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

2100 Set Condition II Watch.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

Approved:

ICN Purcell
ICN PURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OBETON Wednesday 4 August, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kobir Harbor, Algeria, in 12 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain out to both the port and starboard anchors, using four eight inch manila lines and one 1 3/4 inch wire cable to mole astern. #2 boiler and #1 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS BARNETT (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining condition II Watch.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0800 Secured Condition II Watch.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0800 USS BARNETT got underway and stood out, USS STANTON (SOPA).

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2100 Set Condition II Watch.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *Ion Pursell*
ION PURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON Thursday 5 August 1945
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, in 12 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain out to both the port and starboard anchors, using 4 eight inch manila lines and one 1 3/4 inch wire cable to mole astern. #2 boiler and #1 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS STANTON (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Force. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0600 Secured Condition II Watch.

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2100 Set Condition II Watch.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

Approved: *Ion Purcell*
ION PURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OBSEON Friday 6 August, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, in 12 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the port and starboard anchors, using 4 eight inch manila lines and one 1 3/4 inch wire cable to the mole astern. #2 boiler and #1 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS ELIZABETH C. STANTON (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0800 Secured Condition II Watch.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1900 Secured #2 generator.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2100 Set Condition II Watch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

Ign Purcell
IGN PURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON

Saturday
(Day)

7
(Date)

August , 1943
(Month)

Zone description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria in 12 fathoms of water, with 90 fathoms of chain to both anchors, using 4 eight inch manila lines and one 1 3/4 inch wire cable to mole astern. Boiler #2 and generator #1 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS ELIZABETH C. STANTON, and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0800 Secured Condition II Watch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0820 Cut in #2 generator.
0930 Captain inspected living compartments and lower deck spaces.
1005 Hove in port anchor to 85 fathoms.
1120 The Commanding Officer, USS ARCTURUS, called officially on the captain.
1150 The Commanding Officer, USS ARCTURUS, left the ship.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.
1200 USS ANDROMEDA underway to shift berth.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1730 Secured #1 generator.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2100 Set Condition II Watch.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *Jon Fursell*
ION FURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ONERON Sunday 8 August, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, in 12 fathoms of water with 85 fathoms of chain to the port anchor and 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor, using 4 eight inch manila lines and one 3/4 inch wire cable to mole astern. Boiler #2 and generator #2 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS ELIZABETH C. STANTON⁵⁰²⁸ and various other units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0500 Secured Condition II Watch.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0845 Cut in #1 generator.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

1200-1 500 Moored as before.
1230 USS BARNETT standing in. S.O.P.A. USS BARNETT.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

1800-2000 Moored as before.
1800 Secured #2 boiler.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2045 Set Condition II Watch.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

Approved: *Ion Purcell*
ION PURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON Monday 9 August 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria in 12 fathoms of water with 85 fathoms of chain out to the port anchor and 90 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor, using 4 eight inch manila lines and one 1 3/4 inch wire cable to mole astern. Boiler #1 and generator #2 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present USS BARNETT (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0800 Secured Condition II Watch.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1600 Commenced receiving fresh water from barge. Draft forward 13'6", aft 22'0".
1745 Finished taking fresh water having received 20,000 gallons. Draft forward 13'6", aft 22'0".

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2100 Set Condition II Watch.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *Ion Purcell*
ION PURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON Tuesday 10 August, 1943
(Ship) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria in 12 fathoms of water with 35 fathoms of chain to the port anchor and 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor, using 4 eight inch manila lines and one 1 3/4 inch wire cable to mole astern. #2 boiler and #2 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS BARNETT (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Force. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
 C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
 Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0800 Secured Condition II Watch.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
 C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
 Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
 C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
 Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

H. R. Spiers
 H. R. Spiers,
 Lt., USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1744 Commenced taking on fuel. Draft forward 13'6". Aft 22'0".
1930 Completed taking on diesel oil. Received on board 10,560 gals. diesel oil. Draft fwd 13'6", aft 22'.

H. R. Spiers
 H. R. Spiers,
 Lt., USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2100 Set Condition II Watch.

H. R. Spiers
 H. R. Spiers,
 Lt., USNR.

Approved *Jon Fursell*
 ION FURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
 H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OSBERON Wednesday 11 August, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, in 12 fathoms of water with 85 fathoms of chain to the port anchor and 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor, using 4 eight inch manila lines and one 1 3/4 inch wire cable to the mole astern. #2 boiler and #1 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS BARNETT (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Force. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0800 Secured Condition II Watch.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.
1230 USS BARNETT got underway and stood out, USS JEFFERSON (SOPA).
1315 USS JOSEPH T. DICKMAN got underway and stood out.
1345 USS ELIZABETH C. STANTON got underway and stood out.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1845 Secured #1 generator.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2100 Set Condition II Watch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *Tom Pursell*
TOM PURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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Thursday
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August, 1943
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Zone description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, in 12 fathoms of water, with 85 fathoms of chain to the port anchor, 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor, using 4 eight inch manila lines and one 1 3/4 inch wire cable to mole astern. Boiler #2 and generator #2 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS THOMAS JEFFERSON (SCPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0640 Cut in #1 generator.
0600 Secured Condition II Watch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.
1305 Water barge "HONNEUR ET PATRIE" moored to starboard side.
1325 Commenced receiving fresh water, draft forward 13'6", aft 22'0".
1355 Completed taking on 14,211 gallons of fresh water, draft forward 13'6", aft 22'0".
1402 Water barge "HONNEUR ET PATRIE" underway.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1840 Secured #2 generator.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2100 Set Condition II Watch.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

Tom Fursell
TOM FURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON

Friday
(Day)

13
(Date)

August, 1943
(Month)

Zone description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Oran, Algeria, with 85 fathoms of chain to the port anchor and 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor using 4 eight inch manila lines and one 1 3/4 inch wire cable to the mole astern. Boiler #2 and generator #1 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS THOMAS JEFFERSON (SOFA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0600 Moored as before.
0600 Secured Condition II Watch.
0725 Cut in #2 generator.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.
1405 Secured #1 generator.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2100 Set Condition II Watch. Two LCV(P) left ship for picket boat patrol.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

Approved: *E. C. Purcell*
E. C. PURCELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP OSERON Saturday 14 August, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, in 12 fathoms of water with 35 fathoms of chain to the port anchor, 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor, using 4 eight inch manila lines and one 1 3/4 inch wire cable to mole astern. Boiler #2 and both generators in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS THOMAS JEFFERSON (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

0005 Secured #1 generator.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0800 Secured Condition I¹ Watch and picket boat patrol.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2100 Set Condition II Watch.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

I. W. Fursell
I. W. FURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OSBECON Sunday 15 August, 1945
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria in 12 fathoms of water with 85 fathoms of chain to the port anchor, 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor, using 4 eight inch manila lines and one 1 3/4 inch wire cable to mole astern. #2 boiler and #1 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS THOMAS JEFFERSON (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0600 Secured Condition II Watch.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2100 Set Condition II Watch.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

Approved: *Tom Fursell*
TOM FURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ONERON Monday 16 August, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, in 12 fathoms of water with 85 fathoms of chain to the port anchor and 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor using 4 eight inch manila lines and one 1 3/4 inch wire cable to the mole eastern. #2 boiler and #1 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS BARNETT (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Force. Maintaining condition II Watch.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0800 Secured Condition II Watch.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.
1229 USS CHARLES CATROLL stood in and moored.
1253 USS O'HARA stood in and moored.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (Jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1615 Secured #1 generator.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (Jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2100 Set Condition II Watch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (Jg), USNR.

Approved: *W. Purcell*
W. PURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OSERON Tuesday 17 August, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, in 12 fathoms of water, with 85 fathoms of chain to the port anchor, 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor, using four eight inch manila lines and one 1 3/4 inch wire cable to mole astern. Boiler #2 and generator #2 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS BARNETT (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0600 Secured Condition II Watch.
0715 Cut in generator #1.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0930 Lighted fires under #1 boiler.
1010 Cut in both boilers on main steam line.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.
1335 Secured #2 boiler.
1430 USS BARNETT stood out, USS CHARLES CARROLL, SOPA.
1440 USS ELIZABETH C. STANTON stood out.
1450 USS ARCTURUS stood out.
1540 USS JAMES O'HARA stood out.
1550 USS JOSEPH T. DICKMAN stood out.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1605 USS ANDROMEDA stood out.
1640 USS PROCYON stood out.
1745 USS LYON stood out.
1750 Secured #2 generator.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2100 Set Condition II Watch.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *Tom Pursell*
TOM PURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OSERON Wednesday 18 August, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, in 12 fathoms of water with 85 fathoms of chain to the port anchor and 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor, using 4 eight inch manila lines and one 1 3/4 inch wire cable to the mole astern. Boiler #1 and generator #1 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS CHARLES CARROLL (SOFA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0550 Lit off #2 boiler.
0555 Cut in #2 generator.
0600 Secured Condition II Watch.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0800 Made all preparations for getting underway.
0805 USS THOMAS JEFFERSON stood out.
0817 USS FREDERICK FUNSTON stood out.
0850 Pilot SCOTTO GABRIEL came on board.
0855 Tug MISTRAL made fast to starboard quarter.
0858 USS CHARLES CARROLL stood out.
0909 Underway for Oran, Algeria in obedience to verbal orders of ComTransDiv Three, pilot SCOTTO GABRIEL at conn, captain, executive officer and navigator on the bridge, standard speed 14 knots (50 r.p.m.). Standing out of Mers El Kebir Harbor on various courses conforming to the channel.
0914 Tug MISTRAL cast off.
0922 Passed through anti-submarine booms and set base course of 065° (pgc) and (t), 069° (psc).
0926 Pilot SCOTTO GABRIEL left ship, executive officer at conn.
0935 Stopped engines, lying to, awaiting pilot.
1126 Pilot CARON came on board.
1130 Proceeding at various speeds and on various courses conforming to channel entering Oran Harbor, pilot CARON at conn.
1144 Tug COELAND II moored to starboard bow, Tug JOLASRY II moored to starboard quarter.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Underway as before entering Oran Harbor.
1200 Moored port side to Mole Du Raven Blanc, Oran, Algeria, North Africa, using 12 eight inch manila lines. #1 boiler and both generators in use for auxiliary purposes.
1445 Commenced taking fresh water from the dock.

A. A. Maughit
A. A. Maughit,
Lt., USNR.

Approved: *Tom Fursell*
TOM FURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON Wednesday 18 August, 1943
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Position	0800	1200	2000
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)1600-2000 Moored as before.

1900 Commenced loading general cargo at hatches Nos. 2 and 4.

A. A. Maugh
 A. A. Maugh,
 Lt., USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

2100 Set Condition II Watch.

A. A. Maugh
 A. A. Maugh,
 Lt., USNR.

Approved:

ICM Fursell
 ICM FURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
 Coxswain's Officer.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
 H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
 Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OSBRON Thursday 19 AUGUST 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored port side to Mole Du Raven Blanc, Oran, Algeria, North Africa using 12 eight inch manila lines. #1 boiler and both generators in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS SAMUEL CHASE (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch. Loading general cargo intermittently at hatches Nos. 2 and 4. Taking fresh water from the dock.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0600 Secured Condition II Watch.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0925 Commenced loading general cargo at #1 hatch.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.
1430 Commenced loading general cargo intermittently at hatches Nos. 3 and 5.

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2100 Set Condition II Watch.

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *Ion Fursell*
ION FURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Camdon*
H. T. CAMDON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ONERON Friday 20 AUGUST , 1943
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Position	0800	1200	2000
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored port side to Mole Du Ravin Blanc, Oran, Algeria, North Africa, using 12 eight inch manilla lines. #1 boiler and both generators in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS SAMUEL CHASE (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch. Loading general cargo in #5 hatch. Receiving fresh water from dock.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0800 Secured Condition II Watch.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1952 Commenced loading ammunition in #1 hatch.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2100 Set Condition II Watch.
2300 Finished loading #1 hatch with ammunition.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

Approved: *Tom Purcell*
TOM PURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON Saturday 21 August, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored port side to Mole Du Ravin Blanc, Oran, Algeria, North Africa, using 12 eight
mmnla lines to the dock. #1 boiler and both generators in use for auxiliary purposes.
Receiving fresh water from the dock. Ships present: USS SAMUEL CHASE(SOPA) and
various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0600 Secured Condition II Watch.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0830 Commenced loading #2 hatch with vehicles.
0930 Commenced loading #3 hatch with vehicles.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1815 Commenced loading #1 hatch with vehicles.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2010 Commenced loading #4 hatch.
2100 Set Condition II Watch.
2300 Completed loading #3 hatch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *Ion Purcell*
ION PURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON, Lt., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ONERONSunday
(Day)22
(Date)August
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1943

Zone description -2

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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored port side to Mole Du Ravin Blanc, Oran, Algeria, using 12 eight inch manila lines. Boiler #1 and both generators in use for auxiliary purposes. Receiving fresh water from the dock. Ships present: USS SAMUEL CHASE (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch. Continuous loading of holds Nos. 1, 2, and 4.

0200 Ceased loading all holds. Secured #2 generator.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

0800 Secured Condition II Watch.

0815 Cut in #2 generator.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

0830 Resumed loading holds Nos. 1, 2, and 4.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

1700 Completed loading #4 and #5 hatch.

2000 Completed loading #1 and #2 hatch.

2000 Completed taking general cargo, having received 664 long tons. Draft forward 15' 6", aft 22'4".

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400

2100 Set Condition II Watch.

2235 Secured #1 generator.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

ICN FURSELL
ICN FURSELL, COMMANDER, USN,
Counseling Officer.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR,
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP QUEBON Monday 23 August 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored port side to Mole Du Ravin Blanc, Oran, Algeria, using 12 eight inch manila lines. Boiler #1 and generator #2 in use for auxiliary purposes. Receiving fresh water from the dock. Ship presents UNS SAMUEL CHASE (SOFA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0800 Secured Condition II Watch.
0755 Cut in #1 generator.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1825 Secured #2 generator.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2300 Set Condition II Watch.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *Tom Purcell*
TOM PURCELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OSERON Tuesday 24 August, 1943
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Zone description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
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**OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)**

0000-0400 Moored port side to Mole Du Raven Blanc, Oran, Algeria, North Africa, using 12 eight inch manila lines to the dock. Boiler #1 and generator #1 in use for auxiliary purposes. Receiving fresh water from the dock. Ships present: USS SAMUEL CHASE (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0600 Secured Condition II Watch.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0850 Cut in #2 generator.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1800 HMS THRUSTER moored alongside port side to.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2100 Set Condition II Watch.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

Ion Fursell
ION FURSELL, COMMANDER, USN,
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR,
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP QUEBON

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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored port side to Mole Du Raven Blanc, Oran, Algeria, North Africa, using 12 eight inch manila lines. #1 boiler and #2 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Receiving fresh water from dock. USS THUNDER moored alongside port side to. Ships present: USS SAMUEL CHASE (SOPA), and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0600 Secured Condition II Watch.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0910 Out in #1 generator.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.
1210 Air raid alert, set Condition II Watch.
1215 All clear, secured Condition II Watch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1730 Secured #2 generator.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2100 Set Condition II Watch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

Jon Fursell
JON FURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Comms Officer.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP QUEPON Thursday 26 August 1943
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Zone description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored port side to Mole Du Raven Blanc, using 12 eight inch manila lines. Boiler #1 and generator #1 in use for auxiliary purposes. Receiving fresh water from the dock. HMS THRUSTER moored alongside, port side to. Ships present: USS SAMUEL CHASE (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0900 Moored as before.
0600 Secured Condition II Watch.
0710 Cut in #2 generator.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0900-1200 Moored as before.
1015 Lighted fires under Boiler #2.
1030 USS ARCTURUS got underway and steamed out.
1108 Cut in both boilers on main steam line.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.
1300 Made all preparations for getting underway.
1328 HMS THRUSTER underway from starboard side.
1330 Pilot Caravane came aboard.
1330 Captain left ship for BARNETT on official business.
1351 Tug Jolasry II moored to starboard quarter.
1356 Underway for Mers El Kebir in obedience to verbal orders of ComTransDiv 3. Pilot Caravane at conn, executive officer and navigator on bridge. Standard speed 14 knots (80 rpm). Standing out of Oren Harbor at various speeds at various courses conforming to channel.
1410 Tug Jolasry II cast off.
1418 Passed Traverse du Large abeam to starboard.
1420 Pilot Caravane left ship.
1438 Anchored in convey assembly area, off port of Oren, in 37 fathoms of water, mud bottom, with 90 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Breakwater 095° (t), Old Light House 158° (t), Signal Station 161° (t) Chapel 216° (t). Maintaining Condition II Watch.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *Earl Pursell*
EARL PURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Gammon*
H. T. GAMMON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OSBERON Thursday 26 August 1945
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

1600-2000 Anchored as before.
 1602 Captain returned on board.
 1700 USS THOMAS JEFFERSON stood into Mers El Kebir.
 1755 USS BARNETT stood into Mers El Kebir.
 1600 USS JOSEPH T. DICKMAN stood into Mers El Kebir.
 1820 USS ARCTURUS stood into Mers El Kebir.
 1825 Received from 130th Art., U.S. ARMY Ordnance depot, Oran, Algeria, 3,000 rounds of cartridge ball .45 cal. ammunition.
 1900 USS O'HARA stood into Mers El Kebir.
 1910 Made all preparation for getting underway.
 1918 Pilot Guilfois came on board.
 1927 Underway for inner harbor, Mers El Kebir, in obedience to verbal orders ComTransDiv 3, pilot Guilfois at the conn, captain, executive officer and navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 14 knots (80 rpm), proceeding at various speeds on various courses conforming to swept channel.
 1949 Passed thru anti-submarine boom.
 1957 Tug Hercule moored to starboard quarter.

J. H. Beardsley
 J. H. Beardsley,
 Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.
 2020 Moored in Berth No. 6 Mers El Kebir Harbor, Oran, Algeria in 13 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the port anchor and 55 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor using 4 eight inch manila lines and one 1 3/4 inch wire cable to the mole astern.
 2022 Tug Hercule cast off.
 2026 USS PROCYON stood in and moored.
 2032 Pilot Guilfois left ship.
 2041 Secured Boiler #1.
 2100 Set Condition II Watch.

J. H. Beardsley
 J. H. Beardsley,
 Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *Tom Purcell*
 TOM PURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
 Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
 H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
 Navigator.

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Friday
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
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0000-0400 Moored in Berth #6, Mers El Kebir Harbor, Oran, Algeria, in 136 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the port anchor and 55 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor using 4 eight inch manila lines and one 1 3/4 inch wire cable to the mole astern. Boiler #2 and both generators in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships presents: USS BARNETT (GOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.
0100 Secured Generator #1.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0630 Lit off Boiler #1 and out in Generator #1.
0600 Secured Condition II Watch.
0606 Cut in steam on main engines.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0810 USS BARNETT got underway and stood out.
0852 Pilot Loreal came aboard.
0858 Tug Legetea made fast to assist in unmooring.
0916 Tug Legetea cast off.
0920 Underway in compliance with ComTransPhib 8th Fleet Dispatch 270540. Pilot Loreal at the conn, Captain, Executive Officer, and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 14 knots (80 rpm). Steaming on various courses and speeds to conform to harbor channel.
0928 Cleared harbor net gate.
0932 Pilot Loreal left the ship.
0957 Anchored in convey assembly area, Oran, Algeria, in 40 fathoms of water, mud bottom, with 100 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor, on the following true bearings: buoy X 014°30' (t); Breakwater Entrance 190° (t); Old lighthouse 216°30' (t).
1115 Made all preparations for getting underway.
1149 Underway in compliance with ComTransPhib 8th Fleet Dispatch 270745 to carry out ~~Ops~~ Operations order J-43. Executive Officer at the conn, Captain and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 8 knots (45 rpm). USS PHILADELPHIA OTC and USS BARNETT guide. Steaming on various courses conforming to mine swept channel. Average steam 450. Average rpm 36.8.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.
1217 Steaming on various courses at various speeds conforming to mine swept channel.
1304 Cleared swept channel. Changed course to 276° (pgc) and (t) and commenced forming cruising disposition #1.
1332 Changed course to 275° (pgc) and (t), 302° (psc).
1426 Increased speed to 14 knots (80 rpm).
1431 Commenced zig zagging according to plan #11, base course 275° (pgc) and (t), 302° (psc).
1619 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course.

Approved: *Tom Purcell*
TOM PURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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- 1525 Changed course by wheeling to 293° (pgc) and (t), 319° (psc).
 1545 Commenced zig zagging according to plan #11, base course 293° (pgc) and (t), 319° (psc).
 Average steam 450. Average rpm. 57.9.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
 C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
 Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

- 1610 Ceased zig zagging, resumed base course 293° (pgc) and (t), 319° (psc).
 1615 Changed course by wheeling to 339° (pgc) and (t), 356° (psc).
 1630 Commenced zig zagging in accordance with plan #11. Base course 339° (pgc) and (t), 356° (psc).
 1705 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course.
 1710 Changed base course by wheeling to 024° (pgc) and (t), 032° (psc).
 1715 Commenced zig zagging in accordance with Plan #11, base course 024° (pgc) and (t), 032° (psc).
 1800 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course.
 1830 Commenced zig zagging in accordance with Plan #11, base course 067° (pgc) and (t), 082° (psc).
 1910 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course.
 1915 Changed base course by wheeling to 113° (pgc) and (t), 102° (psc).
 1950 Commenced zig zagging in accordance with zig zag plan #11, base course 113° (pgc) and (t), 103° (psc).
 Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 74.8.

J. H. Beardsley
 J. H. Beardsley,
 Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

- 2059 Ceased zig zag plan #11 and resumed base course. Commenced forming cruising disposition II.
 2130 Completed formation of cruising disposition II, USS PHILADELPHIA, Guide.
 2210 Changed course to 159° (pgc) and (t).
 2231 Reduced speed to 10 knots (58 rpm).
 2325 Changed course to 113° (pgc) and (t).
 Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 71.9.

H. S. Spiers
 H. S. Spiers,
 Lt., USNR.

Approved:

Tom Fursell
 TOM FURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
 Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
 H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
 Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ORERON Saturday 28 August, 1943
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Position	0800	1200	2000
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
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0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force 61 under orders contained in operation order J-43 in cruising disposition II, base course 113° (pgc) and (t). USS PHILADELPHIA OTC and guide. Standard speed 10 knots (55 r.p.m.) Boilers 1 & 2 in use. Maintaining Condition II Watch.
0005 Changed course to 110° (pgc) and (t) and stopped engines.
0018 Commenced lowering boats.
0152 Completed lowering of boats.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 3.9.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.
0645 First boat returned from landing. Commenced hoisting boats aboard.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 0.0.

H. G. Redmond
H. G. Redmond,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.
0914 Standing in on various courses at various speeds to proceeding to anchorage.
0941 Anchored in Gulf De Arzew, North Africa in 35 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following true bearings. Light house 310° (t), Coast Guard Station 175° (t).
1038 Underway for Oran, under orders contained in operation order J-43. Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. Executive Officer at the conn. Standard speed 8 knots (45 rpm). Proceeding on various courses at various speeds forming cruising disposition as ordered.
1055 Increased speed to 14 knots (80 rpm).
1113 Changed course to 330° (pgc) and (t), 345° (psc).
1126 Changed course by wheeling to 300° (pgc) and (t), 290° (psc).
1137 Changed course by wheeling to 270° (pgc) and (t), 200° (psc).
Average steam 450. Average rpm 45.5.

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.
1206 Changed course by wheeling to 230° (pgc) and (t), 251° (psc).
1242 Reduced speed to 5 knots (30 rpm).
1248 Increased speed to 10 knots (54 rpm).
1252 Increased speed to standard, 14 knots (80 rpm).
1256 Formed single column in following order, USS BARNETT, Guide, USS JOSEPH T. DICKMAN, USS BRUISER, USS ORERON, USS LYON, and reduced convoy speed to 10 knots (51 rpm), commenced transit of mine swept channel.
1301 Changed course by wheeling to 170° (pgc) and (t), 174° (psc).
1402 Anchored in convoy assembly area off Port of Oran, Algeria, in 40 fathoms of water, mud bottom, with 90 fathoms of chain out to port anchor on the following true bearings. East end of Breakwater 109° (t), Old light 179° (t), Signal Station 203° (t), West end of Breakwater 218° (t).

Approved: *Jon Purcell*
ION PURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Counseling Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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1200-1600 (continued). Maintaining Condition II Watch.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

1741 Pilot C. Altieri came aboard.

1745 Underway for Mers El Kebir Harbor. Pilot Altieri at the conn, Captain, Executive Officer, and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 14 knots (80 rpm). Proceeding on various courses at various speeds standing in toward Harbor entrance.

1816 Passed through anti-submarine boom gate and entered Mers El Kebir Harbor.

1827 Tug Hercule made fast to port bow.

1839 Tug Lesgetea made fast to starboard quarter.

1859 Moored bow to buoy Yake, starboard buoy Zebra in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, North Africa, in 7 fathoms of water. Bow made fast with starboard anchor chain and two 1 inch wire cables. Stern made fast with 4 eight inch manila lines and one 1 inch wire cable.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

2026 Secured #1 boiler.

2100 Set Condition II Watch.

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

Jon Purcell
JON PURSELL, COMMANDER, USN,
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR,
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON Sunday 29 August 1943
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Position	0800	1200	2000
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored bow to buoy Yoke, stern to buoy Zebra in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, North Africa, in 7 fathoms of water. Bow made fast with starboard anchor chain and two 1 inch wire cables. Stern made fast with 4 eight inch manila lines and one 1 inch wire cable. #2 boiler and #1 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS SAMUEL CHASE (SCPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0600 Secured Condition II Watch.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1800 Moored as before.
1210 Cut in #1 generator.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1800-2000 Moored as before.
1755 Secured #2 generator.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2017 Yellow air raid alert, set Condition II Watch.
2045 Red air raid alert, held general quarters.
2120 All clear, secured from general quarters. Set Condition II Watch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *Ion Purcell*
ION PURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP GINNINI Monday 30 August, 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, bow to buoy "Yoke" stern to buoy "Zebra", in 7 fathoms of water. Bow made fast with starboard anchor chain and two 1 inch wire cables. Stern made fast with 2 eight inch manila lines and one 1 inch wire cable. Boiler #2 and generator #1 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships presents: USS SAMUEL CHASE (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

R. C. Redmond
R. C. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0600 Secured Condition II Watch.
0825 Cut in #2 generator.

R. C. Redmond
R. C. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

R. C. Redmond
R. C. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.
1206 USS ARCTURUS moored to port side, starboard side to.
1400 Lit off Boiler #1.
1530 Made all preparations for getting underway.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1621 Pilot CARAVANE came on board.
1628 Tug Taureau made fast to starboard bow.
1629 Tug Energie made fast to starboard quarter.
1645 Underway to shift berth in obedience to verbal orders of ComTransDiv Three. Pilot CARAVANE at conn, Captain, Executive Officer, and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 14 knots (80 r.p.m.) Proceeding at various speeds and on various courses.
1705 Moored in berth #2 port side to mole, Mers El Kebir Harbor, Oran, Algeria, in 15 fathoms of water with 35 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor using 14 eight inch manila lines and 2 1 3/4 inch wire cables.
1720 Tug Energie cast off.
1735 Pilot CARAVANE left ship.
1737 Secured boiler #1.
1845 Captain left ship for USS BARNETT on official business.
1950 HMS CARDIUM moored to starboard side port side to.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *Jon Fursell*
ION FURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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Zone description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

2000-2400 Moored as before.
 2010 Secured #1 generator.
 2051 Commenced fueling ship from HMS CARDIUM, draft forward 16'4", aft 22'7".
 2100 Set condition II Watch.
 2245 Completed fueling ship having received 1,452 bbls., of fuel oil, draft forward 15'6", aft 23'7".
 2300 Captain returned to ship.

J. H. Beardsley
 J. H. Beardsley,
 Lt. (jg), USNR.

Approved:

Jon Purcell
 JON PURCELL, COMMANDER, USN.
 Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. T. Gamson
 H. T. GAMSON, LT., USNR.
 Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OROBON Tuesday 31 August, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in berth #2 port side to mole, Mers El Kabir Harbor, Oran, Algeria, in 15 fathoms of water with 85 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor using 14 eight inch manila lines and 2 1 3/4" wire cables. Boiler #2 and generator #2 in use for auxiliary purposes. HMS CARDIUM moored along starboard side, port side to. Ships present: USS SAMUEL CHASE (SCPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0600 Secured Condition II Watch.
0850 Cut in generator #1.
0745 USS BOISE AND USS PHILADELPHIA stood out.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0950 HMS CARDIUM unmoored and stood out.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

M. Winegard
M. Winegard,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

M. Winegard
M. Winegard,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400
2100 Set Condition II Watch.
2115 Secured generator #2.

M. Winegard
M. Winegard,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *Icon Fursell*
ICON FURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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AMPHIBIOUS FORCE **Squadron,**

NORTHWEST AFRICAN WATERS **Fleet,**

Commencing SEPTEMBER 1, 1945,

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and ending SEPTEMBER 30, 1945,

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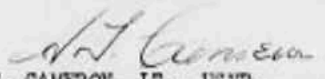
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UNITED STATES SHIP ORISONThursday
(Day)30
(Date)September, 1943
(Month)

ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

ION PURSELL	Commander	USN	Mrs. Karola Pursell 431 So. Kingsley Drive Los Angeles, California	Wife
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Charles C. Lingerfelt Jr.	Lieut. (JG)	USNR D-V(G)	Mrs. Virginia L. Lingerfelt "The Barclay" Rittenhouse Sq. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	Wife
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J. H. Beardsley	Lieut. (JG)	USNR D-V(S)	Mrs. Elizabeth Beardsley 140 Weston Road Wellesley, Massachusetts	Wife

Examined:


 H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP OSBERON Thursday 30 September, 1943
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ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

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Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON, I.T., USNR
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OMERON Wednesday 1 September 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 The U.S.S. OMERON (AMAL4) as of September 1, 1943 is serving as an assault cargo carrier, Transport Division Three, Amphibious Force, Northwest African Waters. Moored in berth 2 port side to mole, Mers El Kebir Harbor, Oran, Algeria, in 15 fathoms of water with 85 fathoms of chain cut to the starboard anchor, using 14 eight inch manila lines and two 1 3/4 inch wire cables. Boiler #2 and generator #1 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS SAMUEL CHASE (SOFA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0500 Moored as before.
0500 Secured Condition II Watch.
0640 Cut in generator #2.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1500 Moored as before.
1200 Made all preparations for getting underway.
1315 Pilot FORLEMEYER came aboard.
1325 Tug HERCULE made fast to starboard quarter.
1345 Underway to shift berth in compliance with verbal orders ComTransDiv Three. Captain and Navigator on the bridge, Pilot FORLEMEYER at the conn. Standard speed (60 rpm) 10.5 knots. Proceeding on various courses at various speeds.
1410 Moored starboard side to USS ARCTURUS between buoys YOKU and ZEBRA, Mers El Kebir, ~~Oran~~ Algeria, using 12 eight inch manila lines, anchor chain and one 1 inch wire cable to buoy forward and two 1 inch wire cables and 4 eight inch manila lines to buoy aft.
1420 Tug HERCULE at off and Pilot FORLEMEYER left ship.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2100 Set Condition II Watch.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *Ion Purcell*
ION PURCELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ORERON Thursday 2 September, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to USS ABCTURUS between buoys YUKK and ZENRA, Mers El Kebir, Oran, Algeria using 6 eight inch manila lines to USS ABCTURUS, starboard anchor chain and one 1 inch wire cable to buoy forward; and two 1 inch wire cables and 1 eight inch manila lines to buoy aft. #1 boiler and #2 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS SAMUEL CHASE (SCPA) and various other units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0600 Secured Condition II Watch.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.
1400 USS TARAZED stood in and anchored.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1917 Secured #1 generator.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2030 Set Condition II Watch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

Tom Purcell
TOM PURCELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ORION Friday 3 September 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to USS ARCTURUS between buoys YOKU and ZEBRA, Mers El Kebir Harbor, Oran, Algeria, using 6 eight inch manila lines to USS ARCTURUS, starboard anchor chain and 1 one inch wire cable to buoy YOKU, and 1 one inch wire cable and 1 eight inch manila line to buoy ZEBRA. Boiler #1 and generator #2 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS SAMUEL CHASE (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0630 Cut in generator #1.
0730 Secured Condition II Watch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.
1415 Captain left ship on official business.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1700 Captain returned to ship.
1805 Secured generator #1.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2030 Set Condition II Watch.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *Jon Purcell*
ION PURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ONERON Saturday 4 September, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to USS ARCTURUS between buoys YOKE and ZEBRA, Mers El Kebir Harbor, Oran, Algeria, using 6 eight inch manila lines to USS ARCTURUS, starboard anchor chain and 1 one inch wire cable to buoy YOKE and one 1 inch wire cable and one eightinch manila line to buoy ZEBRA. Boiler #1 and generator #2 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS SAMUEL CHASE (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0720 Secured Condition II Watch.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0830 Cut in generator #1.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1730 Air raid alert, held general quarters.
1745 All clear, secured from general quarters.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2030 Set Condition II Watch.
2140 Air raid alert, held general quarters.
2205 All clear, secured from general quarters.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *Ion Purcell*
ION PURCELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OREGON Sunday 5 September, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to USS ARCTURUS between bouys YOKE and ZENRA, Mers El Kebir Harbor, Oran, Algeria, using six eight inch manila lines to USS ARCTURUS, starboard anchor chain and one one inch wire cable to bouy YOKE and one one inch wire cable and one eight inch manila line to bouy ZENRA. Boiler #1 and generator #2 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present; USS SAMUEL CHASE, (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

M. Winegard
M. Winegard,
Lt. (JG), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0610 Lighted fires under boiler #2.
0700 Cut in boilers #1 and #2 on main steam line.
0710 Made all preparations for getting underway.
0738 Secured Condition II Watch.

M. Winegard
M. Winegard,
Lt. (JG), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0800 Set Condition II Watch.
0845 Pilot M. DURAN came aboard.
0850 Tug MISTRAL made fast to port bow.
0856 Underway in compliance with ComWestern Naval Task Force Operation order T-43 of September 1943. Captain, Executive Officer, and Navigator on the bridge, Pilot DURAN at the conn. Standard speed 14 knots (80 rpm). Proceeding on various courses and speeds conforming with harbor channel and traffic.
0858 Tug MISTRAL cast off.
0913 Pilot DURAN left ship.
0937 Anchored in convoy assembly area off port of Oran in 40 fathoms of water, mud bottom with 100 fathoms of chain to the port anchor, on the following true bearings. East end breakwater 164°; Old light 210°; Chapel 229°.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.
1515 Made all preparations for getting underway.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (JG), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.
1608 Underway in compliance with orders contained in ComWestern Naval Task Force operation order T-43. Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. Executive Officer at the conn. Standard speed 12 knots (68 rpm). Proceeding on various courses at various speeds in transit of mine swept channel.

Approved

ICM Purcell
ICM PURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ONERON Saturday 4 September, 1943
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Zone description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
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Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to USS ARCTURUS between buoys YOKE and ZENNA, Mers El Kebir Harbor, Oran, Algeria, using 6 eight inch manila lines to USS ARCTURUS, starboard anchor chain and 1 one inch wire cable to buoy YOKE and one 1 inch wire cable and one eightinch manila line to buoy ZENNA. Boiler #1 and generator #2 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS SAMUEL CHASE (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0720 Secured Condition II Watch.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0830 Cut in generator #1.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1730 Air raid alert, held general quarters.
1745 All clear, secured from general quarters.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2030 Set Condition II Watch.
2140 Air raid alert, held general quarters.
2205 All clear, secured from general quarters.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *Jon Murrell*
JON MURRELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP OREGON Sunday 5 September, 1943
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Zone description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

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M. Winegarten
M. Winegarten,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0610 Lighted fires under boiler #2.
0700 Cut in boilers #1 and #2 on main steam line.
0710 Made all preparations for getting underway.
0738 Secured Condition II Watch.

M. Winegarten
M. Winegarten,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0800 Set Condition II Watch.
0845 Pilot M. DURAN came aboard.
0850 Tug MISTRAL made fast to port bow.
0856 Underway in compliance with ComWestern Naval Task Force Operation order T-43 of September 1943. Captain, Executive Officer, and Navigator on the bridge, Pilot DURAN at the conn. Standard speed 14 knots (80 rpm). Proceeding on various courses and speeds conforming with harbor channel and traffic.
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A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.
1515 Made all preparations for getting underway.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.
1608 Underway in compliance with orders contained in ComWestern Naval Task Force operation order T-43. Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. Executive Officer at the conn. Standard speed 12 knots (68 rpm). Proceeding on various courses at various speeds in transit of mine swept channel.

Approved: *Icon Purcell*
ICON PURCELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OSERON Sunday 5 September, 1943
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Zone description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

1656 Completed transit of mine swept channel and commenced forming cruising disposition #1; base course 053° (pgc) and (t); 052° (psc).
 1847 Completed forming cruising disposition #1.
 1854 Increased speed to 13.5 knots (77 r.p.m.)
 1900 Commenced zig zagging according to plan #10, base course 053° (pgc) and (t), 052° (psc)
 1925 Reduced speed to 13 knots (72 r.p.m.)
 2000 Clear, slight haze inshore, calm.
 Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 51.0.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
 C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
 Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.
 2400 Clear, calm.
 Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 77.3.

J. H. Beardsley
 J. H. Beardsley,
 Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *Lou Purcell*
 LOU PURCELL, COMMANDER, USN
 Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
 H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR
 Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP CHEYRON Monday 6 September, 1943
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Zone description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		<u>37°N</u>	
Long.		<u>03°E</u>	

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force 81 in position 24, USS SAMUEL CHASE, flagship and guide. Course 053° (pgc) and (t), 052° (psc). Speed 13 knots (78 r.p.m.). Zig zagging in accordance with plan #10.
0230 Ceased zig zag plan #10 and resumed base course 053° (pgc) and (t), 052° (psc).
0238 Changed course by wheeling to 084° (pgc) and (t), 070° (psc).
0306 Commenced zig zagging in accordance with plan #10 on base course 084° (pgc) and (t), 070° (psc).
0400 Clear, slight easterly ~~wind~~ and sea.
 Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s 77.3.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.
 Weather continued clear; Wind force 3 from east; Sea, slight easterly, light swell from East.
 Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 76.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.
0840 Adjusted base course to 087° (pgc) and (t), 073° (psc).
0943 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course 087° (pgc) and (t), 073° (psc).
0950 Reduced standard speed to 11 knots (62 r.p.m.).
1013 USS ANCON and HMS ULSTER QUEEN joined formation and assumed position 13 and 14 respectively.
1017 Increased standard speed to 12 knots (68 r.p.m.'s.)
1029 Commenced zig zagging on Plan #15, base course 087° (pgc) and (t), 073° (psc).
1200 Clear; slight easterly wind and sea.
 Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s 72.2.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(JG), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.
1238 Adjusted base course to 084° (pgc) and (t); 070° (psc).
 Continued clear, slight northeasterly wind and sea.
 Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 70.6.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(JG), USNR.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.
 Clear, slight easterly wind and sea.
 Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 69.3.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(JG), USNR.

Approved: *Tom Fursell*
TOM FURSELL, COMMANDER, USN
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ONERON Monday 6 September, 1943
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Zone description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

2000-2400 Steaming as before.
2400 Clear; slight easterly wind and sea.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 70.3.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

Approved: *Ign Purcell*
IGN PURCELL, COMMANDER, USN,
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR,
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OSBERON Tuesday 7 September, 1943
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Zone description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		37 ^w	
Long.		09 ^e	

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force 61 in position 24, USS SAMUEL CHASE, flagship and guide. Course 084° (pgc) and (t), 089° (psc). Speed 12 knots (69 r.p.m.) Zig zagging in accordance with plan #15. Boilers Nos. 1 and 2 in use. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

0125 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course 084° (pgc) and (t).

0133 Changed course by wheeling to 093° (pgc) and (t), 077° (psc).

0139 Commenced zig zagging according to plan #15 on base course 093° (pgc) and (t), 077° (psc).

0400 Clear, slight south easterly wind.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 77.6.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.
Weather fair; slight sea from east.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 70.4.

R. E. Redmond
R. E. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.
1111 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course 093° (pgc) and (t), 077° (psc).
1115 Commenced change in formation to two columns.
1145 Completed change in formation.
1147 Changed course by wheeling to 080° (pgc) and (t), 065° (psc).
Clear, slight easterly wind and sea.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 70.1.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.
1225 Changed course by wheeling to 075° (pgc) and (t), 061° (psc).
1239 Entered Tunisian War Channel.
1259 Changed course by wheeling to 090° (pgc) and (t), 065° (psc).
1449 Reduced convoy speed to 12 knots (58 r.p.m.'s.)
Clear, slight northerly wind and sea.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 66.3.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.
1803 Changed course by wheeling to 099° (pgc) and (t), 081° (psc).
1929 Changed course by wheeling to 061° (pgc) and (t), 048° (psc). Left Tunisian War Channel.
1942 Commenced forming cruising disposition I.
2000 Clear; slight northerly wind and sea.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 55.8.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

Approved: *Tom Purwell*
TOM PURWELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OSERON Tuesday 7 September, 1943
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Position	0800	1200	2000
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

2000-2400 Steaming as before.
2030 Completed forming cruising disposition 1.
2400 Weather clear, slight northerly wind and sea.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 58.

A. A. Maugh
A. A. Maugh,
Lt., USNR.

Approved: *Jon Purcell*
JON PURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OSERON Wednesday 8 September, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		39°N	
Long.		14°E	

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force 81 in position 24, US SAMUEL CHASE, OTC and guide, on base course 065° (pgc) and (t), 048° (psc). Standard speed 10 knots (58 r.p.m.'s) Both boilers in use. Maintaining Condition II Watch.
0050 Changed base course to 038° (pgc) and (t), 030° (psc).
0134 Executed emergency turn to port to 353° (pgc) and (t), 357° (psc).
0151 Executed emergency turn to starboard to 038° (pgc) and (t), 030° (psc).
Weather fair, slight wind and sea, from Northeast.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 57.6.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.
0450 Changed course by wheeling to 068° (pgc) and (t), 054° (psc).
0615 Executed 45° emergency turn to port.
0638 Executed 45° emergency turn to starboard.
0641 Executed 45° emergency turn to starboard.
0645 Executed 45° emergency turn to starboard.
0703 Executed 45° emergency turn to starboard.
0709 Executed 45° emergency turn to port.
0715 Increased convoy speed to 13.5 knots (77 r.p.m.'s).
0724 Executed 45° emergency turn to port.
0732 Executed 45° emergency turn to port.
0754 Increased convoy speed to 14.5 knots (84 r.p.m.'s).
0755 Changed course by wheeling to 077° (pgc) and (t), 061° (psc).
Clear, slight horizon haze, sea smooth.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 60.4.

C. C. Linggfelt Jr.
C. C. Linggfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.
0904 Adjusted base course to 075° (pgc) and (t), 060° (psc).
1001 Reduced speed to 14 knots (86 r.p.m.'s).
1038 USTICA ISLAND abeam to port, distance 18 miles.
1044 Executed 45° emergency turn to starboard.
1049 Executed 45° emergency turn to port.
1113 Executed 30° emergency turn to port to 045° (pgc) and (t), 035° (psc).
1136 Executed 30° turn to starboard to 075° (pgc) and (t), 060° (psc).
Slight haze, wind and sea slight, northeast.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 83.4.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.
1209 Executed 20° turn to port to course 055° (pgc) and (t), 035° (psc).
1234 Executed 20° turn to starboard to course 075° (pgc) and (t), 060° (psc).
1230 Sighted ALICUDI ISLAND bearing 092° (t), distance 24 miles.
1329 Changed course by wheeling to 050° (pgc) and (t), 039° (psc).
1358 Changed course by wheeling to 025° (pgc) and (t), 020° (psc).

Approved: *Jon Purcell*
JON PURCELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ORISKANY Wednesday 8 September, 1943
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Position	0800	1200	2000
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

1425 Changed course by wheeling to 000° (pgc) and (t), 002° (psc).
1440 Reduced convoy speed to 11 knots (68 r.p.m.'s).
1509 Increased convoy speed to 13 knots (78 r.p.m.'s).
1610 Commenced zig zagging on plan #18 on base course 000° (t) and (pgc), 002° (psc).
1600 Clear, slight northeasterly wind and sea.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 76.9.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

1758 Air raid alert, held general quarters.
1806 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course 000° (pgc) and (t).
1816 Changed course by wheeling to 033° (pgc) and (t).
1820 All clear, secured from general quarters.
1834 Reduced speed to 11 knots (68 r.p.m.).
1842 Commenced forming cruising disposition II.
1915 Completed forming cruising disposition II.
2000 Weather clear, slight wind and sea from northeast.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 71.8.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2325 Wheelled to base course 33E° (pgc) and (t), 345° (psc).
2327 Stopped, thence various speeds to maintain position approaching transport area.
2400 Weather clear; slight wind and sea from Northeast.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 86.

R. J. Redmond
R. J. Redmond,
Lt. (JG), USNR.

Approved: *Tom Purcell*
TOM PURCELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP CERON Thursday 9 September, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		40°N	
Long.		15°E	

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force 81 in cruising disposition II, USS SAMUEL CHASE, OTC, and guide, on base course 335° (pgc) and (t). Both boilers and generators in use. Various speeds maneuvering to position in transport area.

0001 Arrived at assigned position in transport area.

0002 Commenced lowering boats.

0053 Finished lowering all boats and dispatched all boats to various ships in accordance to CTG 81.2 operation order 3-43.

0105 Commenced opening hatches.

0300 Finished ~~at~~ ^{opening} hatches.

Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 3.1.

C. C. Lingsfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingsfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0600 Lying to as before.

0500 Commenced discharging cargo from all hatches.

Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s 1.05.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Lying to as before maintaining position in transport area. Continuous unloading of cargo.

Clear; slight wind from Northeast, calm.

Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 10.3.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

1200-1800 Lying to as before. Continuing discharge of all hatches.

1342 LCT #20 moored to starboard side.

Slight haze, wind northeast slight, calm.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1800-3000 Lying to as before. Continuing discharge of all hatches.

1821 LCT #20 completed loading and left for beach, stopped discharging cargo.

1942 Proceeding to anchorage in compliance with orders of CTG 81.2. Captain and Navigator on bridge, Captain at conn, standard speed 11.0 knots (80 r.p.m.) Various courses at various speeds conforming to mine swept channel.

Clear, slight haze inshore, calm.

H. T. Cameron
H. T. Cameron,
Lt., USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2023 Air raid alert, held general quarters.

2055 All clear, secured from general quarters.

2058 Anchored in Gulf of Salerno, off Licosa Point, Italy in 40 fathoms of water with 80 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following true bearings: Licosa Pt. 156° (t)

Monte Cosentariate 146° (t).

2100 Resumed discharging cargo.

2150 Air raid alert, held general quarters.

2210 Secured from general quarters. 2355 Stopped discharging of cargo from all hatches.

2400 Clear; slight wind from Northeast, calm. Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 15.1.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.
H. T. Cameron
H. T. Cameron, Lt., USNR.
Navigator.

Approved

Jon Purcell
JON PURCELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OREROY Friday 10 September, 1943
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Zone description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Anchored in Gulf of Salerno, Italy, in 40 fathoms of water with 80 fathoms of chain to port anchor on the following true bearings: LICUSA POINT 150° T; MOUNT COZZOTAGLIATI 148° T. Ships present; USS SAMUEL CHASE (SOPA) and various units of Task Force 81. Both boilers and both generators in use, maintaining Condition II Watch. Slight haze, wind northeast, sea calm.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.
0457 Air raid, held general quarters.
0523 All clear, secured from general quarters.
0630 Resumed discharging cargo from all hatches.
0715 LCT #20 moored alongside #2 hatch to receive cargo.
0800 Clear, slight haze inshore, calm.

H. T. Cameron
H. T. Cameron,
Lt., USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before, continuing discharge of cargo.
0915 Finished discharge of #3 hatch.
0947 LCT #20 left ship for beach.
1100 Finished discharge of #1 hatch.
1200 Clear, slight haze inshore, calm.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before, continuing discharge of cargo.
1230 HMS LCT#354 moored to starboard side #2 hatch to receive cargo.
1305 Commenced hoisting boats.
1330 Completed discharging #2 hatch and ship having discharge 1000 tons including 122 vehicles.
1353 HMS LCT #354 unmoored.
1500 LCT #20 moored to starboard side.
1530 LCT #20 unmoored.
1600 Slight haze, wind west, sea calm.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.
1825 All boats hoisted on board.
2000 Slight haze, wind west, no sea.

C. C. Lingevoelt Jr.
C. C. Lingevoelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *Jon Fursell*
JON FURSELL, COMMANDER, USN
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OSERON Friday 10 September, 1943
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Position	0800	1200	2000
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

2000-2400 Anchored as before.
 2000 Made all preparations for getting underway.
 2244 Air raid, sounded general quarters.
 2250 USS CHARLES CARROLL underway, standing out.
 2352 Underway in obedience to orders of ComTaskFor 81. Captain at conn, Navigator on bridge. Standard speed 14 knots (80 r.p.m's.) Standing out of ~~bay~~^{Gulf} of Salerno, Italy on various courses and at various speeds conforming to mine swept channel.
 2300 Commenced firing.
 2320 USS ELIZABETH C. STANTON passed on starboard side.
 2325 Ceased firing.
 2330 All clear, secured from general quarters.
 2332 USS SAMUEL CHASE passed to starboard.
 2335 USS ANDROMEDA passed to starboard.
 2337 USS PROCYON passed to port.
 2339 USS FREDERICK FUNSTON passed to starboard.
 2340 USS JAMES O'HARA passed to port.
 2400 Clear, calm.

J. H. Beardsley

J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *Jon Purcell*
 JON PURSELL, COMMANDER, USN,
 Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
 H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR,
 Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ORION Saturday 11 September 1943
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Zone description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		38°N	
Long.		137°E	

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force 81, USS SAMUEL CHASE, OTC and guide. Base course 255° (pgc) and (t); 281° (psc). Speed 8 knots (45 r.p.m.'s.) Commenced forming cruising disposition I.
 0105 Cruising disposition I formed with USS SAMUEL CHASE as flagship and guide. Ship in position 14.
 0158 Increased speed to 13 knots (78 r.p.m.'s.)
 0253 Changed course by wheeling to course 235° (pgc) and (t); 259° (psc).
 0311 Changed course by wheeling to course 215° (pgc) and (t); 235° (psc).
 0345 Changed course by wheeling to course 195° (pgc) and (t); 201° (psc).
 0348 Changed course by wheeling to course 188° (pgc) and (t); 196° (psc).
 0400 Clear, slight wind and sea from southwest. Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 61.2

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.
 0415 Commenced zig zagging according to plan #10. Base course 186° (pgc) and (t); 194° (psc). Convey speed 13 knots (78 r.p.m.'s.)
 0800 Clear, sea calm, wind southwest. Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 76.8.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.
 0805 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course 186° (pgc) and (t); 194° (psc).
 0918 Wheelled to base course 222° (pgc) and (t); 246° (psc).
 0943 Commenced zig zag plan #10, base course 222° (pgc) and (t); 246° (psc).
 0932 Sighted Ustica Island bearing 237° (t), distance 18.5 miles.
 0943 Adjusted base course to 217° (pgc) and (t); 216° (psc).
 1055 Passed Ustica Island lighthouse abeam to starboard, 3 miles distant.
 1115 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course 217° (pgc) and (t); 216° (psc).
 1126 Wheelled to base course 243° (pgc) and (t); 271° (psc).
 1141 Commenced zig zag plan #10, base course 243° (pgc) and (t); 271° (psc).
 1200 Weather clear, sea calm, wind southwest. Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 76.5.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

1200-1800 Steaming as before.
 1417 Adjusted base course to 248° (pgc) and (t); 275° (psc).
 Weather clear, sea calm, wind southwest. Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 76.3.

C. C. Lingjofelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingjofelt Jr.,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

Approved: *Tom Purcell*
TOM PURCELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP QUEBRON Saturday 11 September, 1943
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Zone description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1615 Ceased zig zagging, resumed base course 248° (pgc) and (t); 275° (psc).

1625 Changed course by wheeling to 219° (pgc) and (t); 241° (psc).

1653 Maritimo Island abeam to port, distance approximately 11 miles.

1710 Commenced zig zagging according to plan #10 base course 219° (pgc) and (t); 241° (psc).

1908 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course 319° (pgc) and (t); 241° (psc).

1920 Changed course by wheeling to 241° (pgc) and (t); 237° (psc).

1957 Reduced speed to 10 knots (57 r.p.m.'s.).

Weather clear, sea, calm.

Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s 75.6.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2231 Change course to 243° (pgc) and (t); 270° (psc).

2400 Clear, Force 3 wind from South; slight sea.

Average steam 205. Average r.p.m.'s. 57.6.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

Approved:

Tom Purcell
TOM PURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR,
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OSBORN Sunday 12 September, 1943
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Zone description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		37°N	
Long.		17°E	

**OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)**

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force 81, USN SAMUEL CHASE, OTC and guide, in cruising disposition I, position 14. Base course 245° (pgc) and (t); 270° (psc). Standard speed 10 knots (58 r.p.m's.) Boilers Nos. 1 and 2 in use. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

0109 Changed course by wheeling to 275° (pgc) and (t); 307° (psc).
0238 Changed course by wheeling to 295° (pgc) and (t); 319° (psc).
0400 Weather clear, sea calm, wind southwest.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m's. 56.9.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0430 Wheeled to base course 280° (pgc) and (t); 280° (psc).
0713 Passed Cape Serrat abeam to port, 6 miles distant.
0800 Weather clear, sea calm, wind from southwest.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m's. 56.5.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0830 Increased speed to 12 knots (68 r.p.m's.)
0938 Changed course by wheeling to 273° (pgc) and (t); 298° (psc).
0900 Commenced zig zagging according to plan #10, base course 273° (pgc) and (t); 298° psc.
1200 Weather clear, sea calm, wind from southwest.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m's. 67.4.

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1800 Steaming as before.

1217 Ceased zig zagging resumed base course 273° (pgc) and (t); 300° (psc).
1328 Commenced zig zagging in accordance to plan #15, base course 273° (pgc) and (t); 300° (psc).
1800 Weather clear, sea calm, wind south.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m's. 69.4.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1855 Adjusted base course to 268° (pgc) and (t); 296° (psc).
2000 Weather clear, slight wind and sea from northeast.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m's. 68.5.

H. R. Piers
H. R. Piers,
Lt., USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2400 Clear, calm.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m's. 68.8.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

Approved: *Jon Purcell*
ION PURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OSERON Monday 13 September, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone Description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		37°N	
Long.		03°E	

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force 81, in cruising Disposition I, position 14, on base course 268° (pgc) and (t); 295° (psc). Standard speed 12 knots (70 r.p.m's.) USS SAMUEL CHASE, OTC and guide. Both boilers in use. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

0400 Fair, sea calm, wind southwest.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m's. 68.6.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0710 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course 268° (pgc) and (t); 295° (psc).
0725 Changed course by wheeling to 269° (pgc) and (t); 287° (psc).
0731 Commenced zig zagging according to plan #16, base course 269° (pgc) and (t); 287° psc. Weather cloudy and threatening, wind and sea from southwest.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m's 68.6.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0825 Executed 45° emergency turn to port.
0837 Executed 45° emergency turn to starboard.
0844 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course 269° (pgc) and (t); 287° (psc).
0857 Reduced convoy speed to 10 knots (57 r.p.m's.)
0905 Commenced zig zagging in accordance with plan #15, base course 269° (pgc) and (t); 287° (psc).
Weather, cloudy, occasional rain squalls, wind and sea southwest.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m's. 63.2.

J. H. Beardaley
J. H. Beardaley,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1600 Sky overcast; moderate wind and sea from west.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m's. 58.1.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1930 Increased convoy speed to 11 knots (62 r.p.m's.)
Weather cloudy, moderate sea, wind from west.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m's. 53.6.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2400 Cloudy, moderate wind and sea from west.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m's. 63.7.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

Approved: *Jon Purcell*
JON PURCELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OSBERON Tuesday 14 September, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force 81, in cruising disposition I, position 14, on base course 259° (pgc) and (t), 291° (psc). Standard speed 11 knots (64 r.p.m.'s) USS SAMUEL CHASE, OTC and guide. Both boilers in use. Zig zagging according to plan #15. Maintaining Condition II Watch.
0037 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course 259° (pgc) and (t); 291° (psc).
0052 Changed course by wheeling to 221° (pgc) and (t); 246° (psc).
0129 Commenced zig zagging according to plan #15, base course 221° (pgc) and (t); 246° (psc).
Weather cloudy occasional rain squalls, wind and sea from the west.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 62.4.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.
0653 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course 221° (pgc) and (t); 246° (psc).
0708 Changed course by wheeling to 199° (pgc) and (t); 214° (psc).
0724 Changed course by wheeling to 177° (pgc) and (t); 179° (psc).
0739 Increased convoy speed to 14 knots (80 r.p.m.'s).
0753 Commenced formation of single column.
Weather cloudy, occasional wind squalls, wind and sea from the west.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 58.8.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.
0945 Completed forming single column of ships, entered mine swept channel. Steering various courses at various speeds in conforming to mine swept channel.
1054 Anchored off port of Oran, Algeria, North Africa in 46 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following true bearings: East End Breakwater 137°; Old Light 191°; Chapel 220°.
1200 Weather overcast, moderate northwest wind and sea.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 28.6.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.
1249 Made all preparations for getting under way.
1300 Underway in obedience to orders of CTF 81 at various courses and speeds entering Mers El Kebir harbor, Oran, Algeria. Executive Officer at the conn. Captain and Navigator on the bridge.
1322 Pilot ALTIER came aboard and took the conn.
1345 Tug JOLASRY 5 made fast to starboard quarters.
1354 Moored Mers El Kebir harbor, Oran, Algeria between mooring bouys X and Y with 50 fathoms of chain to the Port anchor, using starboard anchor chain and one one inch wire to buoy X forward, and three one inch wire cables and two eight inch manila lines to buoy Y aft. Boiler #1 and one generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present USS SAMUEL CHASE (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II watch.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

Approved: *Jon Purcell*
JON PURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON

Tuesday
(Day)

14
(Date)

September, 1943
(Month)

Zone description -2

Position 0800
Lat.
Long.

1200

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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

1800-2000 Moored as before.
1900 S.S. FRANCIS MARION moored alongside port side, port side to.
1935 Secured Boiler #2.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (JG), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2000 Secured #2 generator.
2045 Set Condition II Watch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (JG), USNR.

Approved: *Jon Purcell*
JON PURSELL, COMMANDER, USN,
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. C. Cambron*
H. C. CAMBRON, LT., USNR,
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OSERON Wednesday 15 September, 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Oran, Algeria, to buoys "X" and "Y" in 7 fathoms of water, with 50 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Bow moored to buoy "X" with starboard anchor chain and 1 one inch wire cable. Stern moored to buoy "Y" with 3 one inch wire cables and 2 eight inch manila lines. Boiler #1 and generator #1 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS SAMUEL CLASE (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. SS FRANCIS MARION moored alongside port side. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0640 Cut in #2 generator.
0745 Secured Condition II Watch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.
1402 Oil barge "BENZENE" moored to starboard side.
1430 Commenced fueling ship, draft forward 13'4", aft 22'0".
1455 Water barge "FRAICHE" moored outboard to "BENZENE".
1510 Commenced taking on fresh water.
1540 Completed taking on fresh water, having received 13,507 gals.
1550 Completed fueling ship having received on board 1495 bbls. of fuel oil grade bunker "C". Draft forward 13'6", aft 22'5".

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1700 Secured #1 generator.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2045 Set Condition II Watch.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

Joe Pursell
JOE PURSELL, COMMANDER, USN
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OSERON Thursday 16 September 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description - 2

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Oran, Algeria to buoys "X" and "Y" in 7 fathoms of water with 50 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Bow moored to buoy "X" with starboard anchor chain and one 1 inch wire cable. Stern moored to buoy "Y" with 3 one inch wire cables and 2 eight inch manila lines. Boiler #1 and generator #1 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS SAMUEL CHASE (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. SS FRANCIS MARION moored to port side. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0600 Moored as before.
0745 Secured Condition II Watch.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0945 Cut in #1 generator.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

H. Winegarden
H. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1952 Secured generator #1.

H. Winegarden
H. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2045 Set Condition II Watch.

H. Winegarden
H. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *Tom Fursell*
TOM FURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON Friday 17 September 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Oran, Algeria to buoys "X" and "Y" in 7 fathoms of water with 50 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Bow moored to buoy "X" with starboard anchor chain and two 1 inch wire cables. Stern moored to buoy "Y" with three one inch wire cables and two eight inch manila lines. Boiler #1 and generator #1 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS SAMUEL CHASE (SOFA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. S.S. FRANCIS MARION moored to the port side. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0600 Moored as before.
0745 Secured Condition II Watch.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0830 Out in generator #1.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2100 Set Condition II Watch.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *Tom Fursell*
TOM FURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ONERON Saturday 18 September, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kebir harbor, Oran, Algeria in 7 fathoms of water with 50 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Bow moored to buoy "X" with starboard anchor chain and two 1 inch wire cables. Stern moored to buoy "Y" with three 1 inch wire cables and two 3 inch manila lines. Boiler #1 and generator #2 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS SAMUEL CHASE (SOPA) and various units of the North-West African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch. S.S. FRANCIS MARION moored alongside port side.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0600 Secured Condition II Watch.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.
1330 Received the following ammunition from the Ammunition Issuing Office, U.S. Naval Station, Mers Kebir, Algeria:
1250 rounds 20 MM High explosive tracer
1260 rounds 20 MM high explosive incendiary.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1640 Secured generator #1.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2010 Set Condition II Watch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *Tom Purcell*
TOM PURSELL, COMMANDER, USN,
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR,
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP: OBERTON Sunday 19 September, 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria to buoys "X" and "Y" in 7 fathoms of water with 50 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Bow moored to buoy "X" with the starboard anchor chain and 1 one inch wire cable. Stern moored to buoy "Y" with 3 one inch wire cables and 2 eight inch manila lines. Boiler #1 and generator #2 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS SAMUEL CHASE (SOPA) and various other units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch. S. S. FRANCIS MARION moored alongside port side.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0730 Secured Condition II Watch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0850 Cut in generator #1.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1605 Secured generator #2.
1700 USS JAMES O'HARA, underway, stood out.
1723 USS FREDRICK FUNSTON, underway, stood out.
1800 USS CHARLES CARROLL, underway, stood out.
1825 S.S. FRANCIS MARION, unmoored from port side and stood out.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2015 Set Condition II Watch.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

Approved: *Tom Purcell*
TOM PURCELL, COMMANDER, USN,
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Calson*
H. T. CALSON, LT., USNR,
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ORION Monday 20 September 19 43

(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Oran, Algeria to buoys "X" and "Y" in 7 fathoms of water with 50 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Bow moored to buoy "X" with the starboard anchor chain and 1 one inch wire cable. Stern moored to buoy "Y" with 3 one inch wire cables and 2 eight inch manila lines. Boiler #1 and generator #1 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS SAMUEL CHASE (SCPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0730 Secured Condition II Watch.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0820 Cut in generator #2.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.
1400 Secured generator #1.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2000 Set Condition II Watch.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *Jon Purcell*
JON PURCELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP QUEBON Tuesday 21 September, 1943

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

Zone description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0300-0400 Moored at Mers El Kebir Harbor, Oran, Algeria in 7 fathoms of water, to buoys "X" and "Y", with 50 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Bow moored to buoy "X" with starboard anchor chain and 2 one inch wire cables. Stern moored to buoy "Y" with 3 one inch wire cables and 2 eight inch manila lines. Boiler #1 and generator #2 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS SAMUEL CHASE (SOPA) and other units of the Northwest African Naval Force. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

*M. Winegarden*M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0730 Secured Condition II Watch.

*M. Winegarden*M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

*M. Winegarden*M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

*C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.*C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

*C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.*C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2100 Set Condition II Watch.

*C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.*C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

York Purcell

YORK PURCELL, COMMANDER, USN.

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron

H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.

Navigator.

To be forwarded direct to the Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet, either at end of an operation or at the end of the calendar month.

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UNITED STATES SHIP CORRON Wednesday 22 September 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -2

Position <u>0800</u>	1200	2000
Lat.		
Long.		

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Oran, Algeria, in 7 fathoms of water, with 50 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Bow moored to buoy "X" with starboard anchor chain and two 1 inch wire cables. Stern moored to buoy "Y" with three 1 inch wire cables and two 8 inch manila lines. #1 boiler and #2 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS SAMUEL CRASE (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Force. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0600 Secured Condition II Watch.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.,
Lt(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.
1248 USS BROCKLYN steamed in and moored.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1615 Secured #2 generator.
1930 Set Condition II Watch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *Earl Purcell*
EARL PURCELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OSBERON Thursday 23 September 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria to buoys "X" and "Y" in 7 fathoms of water with 50 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Bow moored to buoy "X" with the starboard anchor chain and one 1 inch wire cable. Stern moored to buoy "Y" with three 1 inch wire cables and two 8 inch manila lines. Boiler #1 and generator #1 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS SALSINI CHASE (SCPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0705 Cut in #2 generator.
0750 Secured Condition II Watch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0900 USS BROOKLYN got underway and stood out.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.
1245 Lit off #2 boiler.
1430 Made all preparations for getting underway.
1440 Pilot CARAVANE came aboard.
1500 Underway for harbor of Oran, Algeria in compliance with verbal orders of ComTrans Div Three. Pilot CARAVANE at conn, Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge, standard speed 14 knots (80 r.p.m.) standing out of Mers El Kebir Harbor on various speeds and on various courses conforming to the channel.
1514 Passed thru anti-submarine gate.
1519 Pilot CARAVANE left ship, Executive Officer at conn.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Underway as before.
1600 Pilot GIULI came aboard and took the conn.
1624 Traverse du Large light abeam to port.
1627 Tug LARGADE made fast to starboard bow.
1630 Moored port side to Mole du Ravin Blanc, Oran, Algeria, North Africa, using 14 eight inch manila lines and 2 one inch wire cables. Ships presents: USS BARRETT (SCPA) and various other units of the Northwest African Naval Forces.
1637 Tug LARGADE cast off.
1640 Pilot GIULI left the ship.
1640 Secured #1 boiler.
1700 USS PROCYON stood in and moored.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *IGN PURSELL*
IGN PURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. GAMBON*
H. T. GAMBON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OSBERON Thursday 23 September , 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -2

Position 0800

1200

2000

Lat.

Long.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

000-2400 Moored as before.
2000 Set Condition II Watch.

J. H. Beardsley
 J. H. Beardsley,
 Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

Lon Purcell
 LON PURCELL, COMMANDER, USN.
 Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
 H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
 Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OSBERON Friday 24 September, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored port side to Mole du Revin Blanc in Harbor Of Oran, Algeria, North Africa using 14 eight inch manila lines and 1 one inch wire cable forward and 1 one inch wire cable aft. Boiler #2 and both generators in use for auxiliary purposes. Maintaining Condition II Watch. Ships present: USS BARNETT (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0745 Secured Condition II Watch.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
1030 Commenced loading #4 hatch.
1030 Commenced taking fresh water from water barge.
1118 Completed taking fresh water, having received 16,000 gals.
1118 Commenced loading #1 hatch.
1125 Commenced loading #2 hatch.
1140 Commenced loading #3 hatch.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.
1315 Commenced loading #5 hatch.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1830 Ceased loading all holds.
1935 Set Condition II Watch.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2200 Commenced discharging cargo from Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 hatches.
2235 Finished discharging cargo from Nos. 1 and 4 hatches.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

Ion Purcell
ION PURCELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

J. H. Cameron
J. H. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ONERON Saturday 25 September, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -2

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored port side to Mole du Ravin Blanc in Harbor of Oran, Algeria, North Africa, using 14 eight inch manila lines and 1 one inch wire cable forward and 1 one inch wire cable aft. Boiler #2 and both generators in use for auxiliary purposes. Maintaining Condition II Watch. Ships present: USS BARNETT (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces.

0135 Finished discharging cargo from Nos. 2 and 3 hatches.

M. Winegard
M. Winegard,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0800 Secured Condition II Watch.

M. Winegard
M. Winegard,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
1000 Commenced loading cargo in hatches Nos. 4 and 5.

M. Winegard
M. Winegard,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.
1300 Resumed loading cargo in hatches Nos. 1, 2, and 3.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1800 Finished loading cargo in hatches Nos. 3, 4, and 5.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2100 Set Condition II Watch.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *Tom Purcell*
TOM PURSELL, COMMANDER, USN,
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR,
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OSERON Sunday 26 September, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

**OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)**

0000-0400 Moored port side to Mole du Ravin Blanc in harbor of Oran, Algeria, North Africa using 14 eight inch manila lines and 1 one inch wire cable forward and 1 one inch wire cable aft. Boiler #2 and both generators in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS BARNETT (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Force. Maintaining Condition II Watch. Continuous loading of cargo into hatches #1 and #2.

0200 Retarded clocks one hour to zone time -1.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

0600 Secured Condition II Watch.

0745 Finished lashing hatches Nos. 1 and 2 and ship. Draft forward 16'00" aft, 21'10".

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

1215 Secured #1 boiler.

1245 Lighted fires under #1 boiler and cut in on the main steam line.

1400 Made all preparations for getting underway.

1440 Pilot S. GARRIEL came aboard.

1445 Tugs JOLASRY II and COBLANS II made fast starboard side to assist in unmooring.

1455 Underway in compliance with Naval Port Director's, Oran, Dispatch 2612289 for Mers El Kebir. Pilot S. GARRIEL at the conn, Captain, Executive Officer, and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 14 knots, (80 r.p.m.) Proceeding on various courses at various speeds conforming to harbor channel.

1505 Tugs JOLASRY II and COBLANS II cast off.

1607 Pilot S. GARRIEL left the ship. Executive Officer at the conn.

1509 Passed thru anti-submarine net gate.

1651 Anchored off port of Oran, Algeria, in 35 fathoms of water, mid bottom, with 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor, on the following true bearings: Old Lighthouse 138°, West end breakwater 175°, East end breakwater 100°. Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 28.2.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

1620 Pilot M. DORAN came aboard. Underway for Mers El Kebir Harbor in compliance with Naval Port Director's, Mers El Kebir dispatch 261601A. Pilot M. DORAN at the conn, Captain, Executive Officer, and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 14 knots (80 r.p.m.) Proceeding on various courses entering Mers El Kebir harbor.

1638 Cleared net gate. Entered Mers El Kebir harbor.

Approved:

John Fursell
JOHN FURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)1600-2000 (continued)

- 1643 Tugs MISTRAL and HERCULE made fast port side.
 1658 Moored starboard side to port side USS BARNETT, in berth #2, Mers El Kebir, Oran, Algeria, using 6 eight inch manila lines to the USS BARNETT and 2 one inch wire cables to the Mole. Ships present: USS BARNETT (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces.
 1701 Tugs MISTRAL and HERCULE cast off.
 1709 Pilot M. DORAN left the ship.
 1715 Secured #1 boiler.
 1800 Secured #1 generator.
 1950 Set Condition II Watch.
 Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 22.7.

R. J. Redmond
 R. J. Redmond,
 Lt. (JG), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

R. J. Redmond
 R. J. Redmond,
 Lt. (JG), USNR.

Approved:

Ion Purcell
 ION PURSELL, COMMANDER, USN,
 Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. T. Calderon
 H. T. CALDERON, LT., USNR,
 Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP CAMERON Monday 27 September 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to the port side USS BARNETT in berth #2, Mers El Kebir, Algeria, using 8 eight inch manila lines to the USS BARNETT and 2 one inch wire cables to the deck. Boiler #2 and generator #2 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS BARNETT (SOFA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (Jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0655 Secured Condition II Watch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (Jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (Jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.
1247 Captain left ship on official business.
1316 Cut in #1 generator.
1446 Captain returned to the ship.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt. (Jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1900 Secured #1 generator.
1930 Set Condition II Watch.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt. (Jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt. (Jg), USNR.

Approved: *Tom Purcell*
TOM PURCELL, COMMANDER, USN,
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR,
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OSERON 28 Tuesday September 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to port side, USS BARNETT, in berth #2, Mers El Kebir, Algeria using 6 eight inch manila lines to the USS BARNETT and 2 one inch wire cables to the mole. #2 boiler and #2 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships Present: USS BARNETT (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Force. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0430 Lit off #1 boiler and out in #1 generator.
0630 Secured Condition II watch and made all preparations for getting underway.
0750 Secured #1 boiler, order for shifting berth having been cancelled by despatch 280720 of Naval Port Director's Office, Mers El Kebir.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1755 Secured #1 generator.
1930 Set Condition II Watch.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *Jon Mursell*
JON MURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OSERON Wednesday 29 September, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to port side, USS BARNETT, in berth #2, Mers El Kebir, Algeria, using 6 eight inch manila lines to the USS BARNETT, and two 1 inch wire cables to the mole. #2 boiler and #2 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS BARNETT, (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

M. Winegarten
M. Winegarten,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

M. Winegarten
M. Winegarten,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0800 Secured Condition II Watch.
0850 Out in #1 generator.

M. Winegarten
M. Winegarten,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.
1540 Secured #2 generator.

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
~~C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.~~
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2000 Set Condition II Watch.

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *Jon Fursell*
JON FURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. J. Cameron
H. J. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ORERON Thursday 30 September, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to port side USS BARNETT in berth #2, Mers El Kebir, Algeria using six eight inch manila lines to the USS BARNETT and 2 one inch wire cables to mole. #2 boiler and #1 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS BARNETT (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0600 Moored as before.
0400 Lit off #1 boiler.
0400 Cut in #2 generator.
0600 Made all preparations for getting underway.
0700 Secured Condition II Watch.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0826 Pilot CARON came aboard and Tugs "TAUREAU" and "MISTRAL" made fast to assist in unmooring.
0843 Underway to shift berth in compliance with orders of Naval Port Director, Mers El Kebir. Pilot CARON at the con, Captain, Executive Officer, and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 14 knots (80 r.p.m.) Proceeding on various courses at various speeds conforming to harbor channel.
0903 Moored with stern to Mole in berth #6, Mers El Kebir, Algeria, with 110 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor and 75 fathoms of chain to the port anchor, using 4 eight inch manila lines to mole astern and one 1 inch wire cable.
0910 Tugs "TAUREAU" and "MISTRAL" cast off and Pilot CARON left the ship.
0950 Secured #2 boiler.
1000 USS BARNETT stood out. USS CHARLES CARROLL (SOPA).

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1810 Secured #1 generator.
1930 Set Condition II Watch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *Earl Russell*
EARL RUSSELL, COMMANDER, USN,
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *R. T. Cameron*
R. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR,
Navigator.

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Attached to { TRANSPORT DIVISION THREE ~~Division~~
AMPHIBIOUS FORCE ~~Division~~
NORTHWEST AFRICAN WATERS Fleet,

Commencing OCTOBER 1, 1945,

at CRAN, ALGERIA, NORTH AFRICA,

and ending OCTOBER 31, 1945,

at CRAN, ALGERIA, NORTH AFRICA

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UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON

Friday
(Day)

1
(Date)

October, 1943
(Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 The USS OBERON (AKA14) as of October 1, 1943 is serving as an assault cargo carrier, Transport Division Three, Amphibious Force, Northwest African Waters. Moored in Berth 6, Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, in 16 fathoms of water, with 75 fathoms of chain to the port anchor, 110 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor, stern secured to the mole with two 8 inch manila lines and one 1 inch wire cable. Boiler #1 and generator #2 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS CHARLES CARROLL (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0530 Cut in #1 generator.
0700 Secured Condition II Watch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Ensign, USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1700 Secured #2 generator.
1930 Set Condition II Watch.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved: *Ion Furrell*
ION FURRELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Narrator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ONERON Saturday 2 October, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in Berth 6, Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, in 15 fathoms of water, with 75 fathoms of chain to the port anchor, 110 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor, stern secured to the mole with four 8 inch manila lines and one 1 inch wire cable. Boiler #1 and generator #1 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS CHARLES CARROLL (SOPA) and various other units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0700 Secured Condition II Watch.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0900 Cut in #2 generator.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1715 Secured #1 generator.
1930 Set Condition II Watch.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *Low Purcell*
LOW PURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OSERON Sunday 8 October, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in Berth 6, Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, in 16 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the port anchor and 110 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor, using two 8 inch manila lines and one 1 inch wire cable to the mole astern. #2 boiler and #2 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS CHARLES CARROLL (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

J. H. Beardsley

J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0700 Secured Condition II Watch.

J. H. Beardsley

J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0800 Set Condition II watch on four 20 MM guns.
0820 Cut in #1 generator.
0945 USS FUNSTON stood in.

J. H. Beardsley

J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.
1220 Secured #2 generator.

M. Winegarden

M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

M. Winegarden

M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

M. Winegarden

M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *Tom Purcell*
TOM PURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON

Monday
(Day)

5
(Date)

October, 1943
(Month)

Zone description -3

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in berth 6, Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, in 15 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the port anchor and 110 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor, using two 8 inch manila lines and one 1 inch wire cable to the mole astern. #2 boiler and #1 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS CHARLES CARROLL (SOPA) and other units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0809 Secured Condition II Watch.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.
1500 Commenced receiving fresh water from water barge alongside. Draft forward 15'07" - aft 25'10".
1600 Completed taking on fresh water, having received 15,000 gallons. Draft forward 15'07" - aft 25'10".

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2000 Set Condition II Watch.

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *Tom Purcell*
TOM PURCELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON Tuesday 5 October, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in berth 6, Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria in 15 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the port anchor and 110 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Using two 3 inch manila lines and one 1 inch wire cable to the mole astern. #2 boiler and #1 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS CHARLES CARROLL (SOPA) and other units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

C. C. Lingerfest Jr.
C. C. Lingerfest Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0700 Secured Condition II Watch.

C. C. Lingerfest Jr.
C. C. Lingerfest Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0805 Cut in #2 generator.

C. C. Lingerfest Jr.
C. C. Lingerfest Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1620 Secured #1 generator.
1655 S. S. FRAICHE, in maneuvering alongside, carried away three feet of lower end of starboard gangway.
1930 Set Condition II Watch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *Earl Fursell* Examined:

EARL FURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON Wednesday 6 October 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in berth 6, Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, in 15 fathoms of water, with 75 fathoms of chain to the port anchor and 110 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Using two 8 inch manila lines and one 1 inch wire cable to the mole astern. #1 boiler and #2 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS CHARLES CARROLL (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0700 Secured Condition II Watch.
0720 Lighted fires under #2 boiler. Cut in #1 generator.
0745 Cut in #2 boiler on auxiliary steam line.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0820 Cut in both boilers on main steam line.
0900 Made all preparations for getting underway. Pilot SCOTTO GABRIEL came aboard.
0913 Tug MISTRAL made fast to port quarter.
0918 Tug FORT made fast to port bow.
0928 Tug HERCULE made fast to starboard quarter.
0945 Underway in compliance with Naval Port Directors (Mers El Kebir) dispatch 080707A to shift berth. Pilot SCOTTO GABRIEL at the conn, Captain, Executive Officer, and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 14 knots (80 r.p.m's). Proceeding on various courses at various speeds conforming to channel and harbor traffic.
0945 Tugs FORT and HERCULE cast off.
1000 Moored in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, in 7 fathoms of water, between buoys "R" and "S". Bow moored to buoy "R" with starboard anchor chain and three 1 inch wire cables. Stern moored to buoy "S" with three 1 inch wire cables and two 8 inch manila lines.
1015 Tug MISTRAL cast off.
1045 Pilot SCOTT GABRIEL left the ship.
1102 Secured #1 boiler.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved: *C. Purcell*
ICM PURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OSERON

Wednesday 6
(Day) (Date)

October 1943
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Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

1600-2000 Manned as before.
1559 Secured #2 generator.
1930 Set Condition II Watch.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Manned as before.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved: *ICW Purcell* Examined:
ICW PURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON Thursday 7 October 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, in 7 fathoms of water, between buoys "R" and "S". Bow moored to buoy "R" with starboard anchor chain and three 1 inch wire cables. Stern moored to buoy "S" with three 1 inch wire cables and two 8 inch manila lines. #2 boiler and #1 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS CHARLES CARROLL (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Force. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0700 Seoured Condition II Watch.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before
0800 Set Condition II watch on four 20 MM guns.
0810 Cut in #2 generator.
1005 Lit off #1 boiler.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.
1200 Made all preparations for getting underway.
1220 Pilot ALTIER came aboard.
1252 Underway in compliance with orders of contained in C.T.D. 5 operation order 6-43. Captain, Executive Officer, and Navigator on the bridge. Pilot ALTIER at the conn. Standard speed 14 knots (80 r.p.m.'s). Steaming on various courses at various speeds standing out of Mers El Kebir Harbor.
1304 Pilot ALTIER left the ship. Executive Officer took the conn.
1333 Anchored in Gulf of Oran, Oran, Algeria in 41 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following true bearings.
Break Water (East End) 171° (pgc) and (t).
Lighthouse 210° (pgc) and (t).
Breakwater (West End) 226° (pgc) and (t).

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-1800 Anchored as before.
1740 Underway in compliance with orders contained in C.T.D. 5 operation order 6-43. Captain at conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge, standard speed 14 knots (80 r.p.m.'s), proceeding at various speeds and on various courses in transit mine swept channel.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *E. H. Pursell*
E. H. PURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OREGON Thursday 7 October, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

1800-2000 Steaming as before.
 1817 Passed channel buoy to port, distant 100 yards.
 1848 Cleared swept channel, commenced forming disposition 2.
 1906 Took position in formation and set course 053° (pgc) and (t), 047° (psc).
 1951 Commenced zig zagging according to plan #14, base course 053° (pgc) and (t).
 Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 37.6.

M. Winegarden
 M. Winegarden,
 Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.
 2400 Weather clear - moderate wind and sea from northwest.
 Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 81.5.

H. R. Spiers
 H. R. Spiers,
 Lt., USNR.

Approved: *Jon Pursell*
 JON PURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
 Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
 H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
 Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OSERON Friday 8 October, 1945
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		37 00N	
Long.		04 00E	

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming in company with ComtransDiv 5, under orders contained in C.T.D. 5 operation 6-43, in position 11, USS CHARLES CARROLL, OTC and guide. Boilers #1 and #2 and both generators in use. Base course 053° (pgc) and (t), 047° (psc). Convoy speed 14 knots (80 r.p.m.'s). Zigzagging according to plan #14.
0341 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course 053° (pgc) and (t).
0345 Changed course by wheeling to 073° (pgc) and (t), 063° (psc).
Weather - cloudy, moderate wind and sea from northwest.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 81.4.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.
0400 Wheeled to base course 083° (pgc) and (t), 070° (psc).
0408 Commenced zig zagging on plan #14, base course 083° (pgc) and (t), 070° (psc).
0800 Fair. Light wind and sea from East.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 81.4.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.
Weather clear, wind and sea slight, from the southwest.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 81.5.

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.
1232 Increased convoy speed to 14.5 knots (82 r.p.m.'s.)
1234 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course 083° (pgc) and (t), 067° (psc).
1240 Adjusted base course to 086° (pgc) and (t), 074° (psc).
1242 Commenced zig zagging according to plan #11, base course 086° (pgc) and (t), 074° (psc).
Weather clear, wind and sea, slight, from southeast.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 83.0.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.
1700 Reduced convoy speed to 14 knots (80 r.p.m.'s).
1705 Adjusted base course to 086° (pgc) and (t), 070° (psc).

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *Ion Purcell*
ION PURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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Zone description -1

Position 0800

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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1823 Ceased zig zag plan #11 and resumed base course 068° (pgc) and (t), 070° (psc).

1830 Commenced zig zag plan #11 on base course 068° (pgc) and (t), 070° (psc).

2000 Weather clear, slight wind and sea from northeast.

Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 81.9.

*H. R. Spiers*H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2140 Changed course to 093° (pgc) and (t), 072° (psc). Zig sagging according to plan #11.

Weather clear, slight wind and sea from northwest.

Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 81.5.

*A. A. Maught*A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

Approved:

Tom Purcell

TOM PURCELL, COMMANDER, USN.

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron

H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.

Navigator.

To be forwarded direct to the Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet, either at end of an operation or at the end of the calendar month.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OSERON Saturday 9 October, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		37 00 N	
Long.		11 00 W	

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Comtransdiv 5, under orders contained in C.T.D. 5 operation order 6-43, in position 11, USS CHARLES CARROLL, OTC and guide. Both boilers and both generators in use. Base course 093° (pgc) and (t), 075° (psc). Convoy speed 14 knots (80 r.p.m's.) Zig zagging according to plan #11.
0400 Clear, light wind and sea from southeast. Average steam 450. Average r.p.m's. 81.6.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.
0618 Increased convoy speed to 15 knots (86 r.p.m's.)
0634 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course 093° (pgc) and (t), 075° (psc).
0637 Commenced change in formation to 2 columns taking position 14.
0658 Completed formation of two columns, entered Tunisian War Channel. Weather clear, light wind and sea from the southeast. Average steam 450. Average r.p.m's. 81.6.

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.
0923 Changed course by wheeling to 114° (pgc) and (t), 098° (psc).
1037 Canal Island abeam to port, distance 4 miles.
1037 Changed course by wheeling to 101° (pgc) and (t), 082° (psc).
1128 Plane Island abeam to starboard, distance 4 1/2 miles.
1145 Commenced forming 2 columns' cruising disposition, taking position #11.
1145 Changed course by wheeling to 061° (pgc) and (t), 048° (psc). Weather cloudy, slight haze, slight wind and sea from southeast. Average steam 450. Average r.p.m's. 87.2.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.
1225 Passed Zembra Island abeam to starboard, distance 13 miles.
1230 Altered course to 061° (pgc) and (t), 047° (psc).
1233 Increased speed to 18 knots (86 r.p.m's.).
1312 Passed Cape Bon abeam to starboard, distance 22 miles.
1502 Commenced zig zagging in accordance with plan #11.
1522 Lighted Maritimo Island bearing 058° (t), distant 35 miles.
1555 Ceased zig zagging, resumed base course 061° (pgc) and (t). Weather, calm sea, wind force 2 from N.E. Over cast. Average steam 450. Average r.p.m's. 87.4.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

Ion Purcell
ION PURCELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OSBERON

Saturday

9

October, 1943

(Day)

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Zone description -1

Position 0800

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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

1600-1900 Steaming as before.
1603 Changed course to 040° (pgo) and (t) 010° (psc).
1614 Commenced zig zag plan #11 on base course 040° (pgo) and (t), 030° (psc).
1717 Ceased zig zag plan #11 and resumed base course.
1718 Changed course by wheeling to course 064° (pgo) and (t), 050° (psc).
1722 Reduced convoy speed to 14.5 knots (84 r.p.m.'s.)
1734 Commenced zig zag plan #11 on base course 064° (pgo) and (t), 050° (psc).
1800 Weather - cloudy, light wind and sea from northeast.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 42.4.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.
Weather - cloudy, light wind and sea from East.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s 84.8.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.
2055 Sighted Punta Gavassi light, Ustica Island, bearing 040° (t), distance 17 miles.
2244 Passed Punta Gavassi light abeam to port, distance 8 miles.
2250 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course 064° (pgo) and (t).
2255 Wheelled to base course 033° (pgo) and (t), 025° (psc).
2320 Commenced zig zagging on plan #11, base course 033° (pgo) and (t).
2400 Overcast, sea calm, light wind from east.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 83.6.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

Approved:

Tom Fursell
TOM FURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON Sunday 10 October 1945
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Comtransdiv 5 under orders contained in C.T.D. 5 operation order 6-43 in position 11, USS CHARLES CARROLL, OTC and guide. Both boilers and both generators in use. Base course 033° (pgo) and (t), 025° (psc). Convoy speed 14.5 knots (86 r.p.m.'s). Zig zagging according to plan #11. Weather cloudy, light wind and sea from the northeast. Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 84.1.

E. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.
0534 Executed emergency turn of 45° to port to course 318° (pgo) and (t) and 330° (psc).
0538 Executed emergency turn of 45° to port to course 273° (pgo) and (t) and 292° (psc).
0550 Executed emergency turn of 45° to starboard to course 318° (pgo) and (t) and 330° (psc).
0553 Executed emergency turn of 45° to starboard to course 003° (pgo) and (t) and 005° (psc).
0556 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course of 033° (pgo) and (t), 025° (psc).
0601 Commenced zig zagging on plan #11 base course 033° (pgo) and (t), 025° (psc).
0702 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course of 033° (pgo) and (t), 025° (psc).
0706 Changed course by wheeling to 000° (pgo) and (t), 002° (psc).
0749 Changed course by wheeling to 327° (pgo) and (t), 335° (psc).
Cloudy, occasional showers, wind and sea slight NNE.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 84.3.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.
0827 Commenced change in formation to single column taking position 4.
0840 Completed formation of single column.
0803 Changed course by wheeling to 002° (pgo) and (t), 004° (psc), entering Bocca Piccola passage, commenced transit of Gulf of Naples mine swept channel.
0945 Reduced speed to 10 knots (57 r.p.m.'s).
1000 Changed course by wheeling to 289° (pgo) and (t), 287° (psc).
1010 Changed course by wheeling to 273° (pgo) and (t), 291° (psc).
1023 Changed course by wheeling to 270° (pgo) and (t), 288° 30' (psc).
1025 Passed LA Cavallaro buoy abeam to starboard, distant 1000 yards.
1036 Changed course by wheeling to 034° (pgo) and (t), 031° (psc), thence various speeds approaching anchorage.
1104 Anchored in Gulf of Puzzuoli, Puzzuoli, Italy, in 38 fathoms of water, mud and sand bottom, with 90 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor on the following true bearings.
Light - 101°; Dock 073° - Breakwater 304°; Beacon - 393°.
1118 Commenced lowering boats.
1150 LCT 330 came along side, starboard side to #2 hatch, to load cargo.
average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s 9.9.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *Ion Pursell*
ION PURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON Sunday 10 October, 1943
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Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

1200-1600 Anchored as before.
 1200 Commenced discharging cargo from #1 hatch.
 1218 Last boat lowered. Commenced discharging cargo from #2 hatch.
 1248 Commenced discharging cargo from #3 hatch.
 1315 Commenced discharging cargo from #4 hatch.
 1330 Commenced discharging cargo from #5 hatch. LCT 330 left for beach.
 1440 LCT 330 moored alongside starboard side #2 hatch to load cargo.
 1505 Completed discharge of #5 hatch.
 1540 LCT 330 left for beach.

H. R. Spiers
 H. R. Spiers,
 Lt., USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.
 1610 Finished discharging #3 hatch.
 1630 Captain left the ship on official business.
 1705 Lt. Cmdr. R. C. WILLIAMS, Commanding Officer USS TRIPPE came on board.
 1720 Captain returned on board.
 1725 Lt. Cmdr. R. C. WILLIAMS left the ship.
 1817 Finished discharging #4 hatch.
 1834 Finished discharging #2 hatch.
 1911 Finished discharging #1 hatch and ship having discharged 550 tons vehicles and 3 tons ammunition.
 1928 LCT 330 unmoored and left for the beach.
 2000 Partly cloudy, slight haze inshore, calm.

H. T. Cameron
 H. T. Cameron,
 Lt., USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.
 Weather continued cloudy, slight wind from the east, sea smooth.

C. C. Lingersfelt Jr.
 C. C. Lingersfelt Jr.,
 Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *Carl Pursell*
 ION PURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
 Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
 H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
 Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OBSRON Monday 11 October, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
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Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Anchored in Gulf of Pozzuoli, Pozzuoli, Italy, in 36 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following true bearings; Light 101°; Dock 073°; breakwater 204°. Both boilers and both generators in use. Ships present; USS CHARLES CARROLL (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces.

0055 Commenced hoisting boats aboard.
Weather cloudy, occasional light rain squalls.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.
0619 Finished hoisting boats aboard.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.
1140 Made all preparations for getting underway.
1155 Underway in accordance with Comtransdiv 5 dispatch 110700A. Executive Officer at the conn, Captain and navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 15 knots (85 r.p.m.'s). Steering various courses at various speeds taking position 4 in single column.
Weather overcast, calm.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 5.5.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.
1205 Reduced convoy speed to 10 knots (87 r.p.m.'s.)
1224 Set course at 90° (pgc) and (t), 010° (psc), left Gulf of Pozzuoli, commenced transit mine swept channel, Gulf of Naples
1314 Changed course to 180° (pgc) and (t), 185° (psc).
1418 Passed Tiberic light abeam to starboard distance 1.5 miles.
1421 Changed course by wheeling to 152° (pgc) and (t), 140° (psc).
1424 Commenced forming cruising disposition II.
1441 Increased speed to 14.5 knots (85 r.p.m.'s) and completed forming cruising disposition II.
1442 Commenced zig zagging according to plan #11, base course 152° (pgc) and (t), 140° (psc).
Weather cloudy, moderate sea, moderate wind from southeast.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 66.7.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

Approved:

Jon Pursell
JON PURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON Monday 11 October, 1943
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Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

1800-1900 Steaming as before.
1852 Ceased zig tagging and resumed base course 152° (pgo) and (t).
1706 Wheeled to base course 185° (pgo) and (t), 195° (psc).
1800 Weather overcast, moderate south southeast wind and sea.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.
1814 Changed course by wheeling to 223° (pgo) and (t), 245° (psc).
1830 Commenced zig zagging according to plan #11, base course 223° (pgo) and (t), 245° (psc).
Weather overcast, wind and sea moderate, southwest.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m's. 83.7.

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.
Weather overcast, occasional squalls, wind and sea from southwest.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m's. 84.3.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *Tom Purcell* Examined:

TOM PURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ONERON Tuesday 12 October, 1945
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		37 00 N	
Long.		11 00 W	

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming in company with contrasdiv 5 under orders contained in C.T.D. 5 operation order 6-43 in position 11. Charles Carroll, OTC and guide. Both boilers and both generators in use. Base course 223° (pgo) and (t), 245° (psc). Convoy speed 14.5 knots. Zig zagging according to plan 11.
0100 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course 223° (pgo) and (t), 245° (psc).
0110 Changed course by wheeling to 245° (pgo) and (t), 272° (psc).
0119 Commenced zig zagging in accordance with plan 11, base course 245° (pgo) and (t), 272° (psc).
0135 Passed USTICA Island abeam to starboard, distant 8 miles. Weather, cloudy, moderate westerly wind and sea. Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 84.4.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.
0540 Sighted Maritimes Island, bearing 180° (t).
0622 Ceased zig zag plan #11 and resumed base course 245° (pgo) and (t), 272° (psc).
0639 Changed course by wheeling to 217° (pgo) and (t), 237° (psc).
0652 Commenced zig zag plan 11 on base course 217° (pgo) and (t), 237° (psc).
0800 Weather clear, moderate wind and sea from west. Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 83.6.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.
0854 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course 217° (pgo) and (t), 237° (psc).
0859 Changed course by wheeling to 241° (pgo) and (t), 266° (psc).
1030 Reduced speed to 10 knots (58 r.p.m.'s.) and began forming in single column.
1045 Increased speed to 14.5 knots (65 r.p.m.'s.) Completed forming into single column, entered Sicilian Channel.
1130 Changed base course to 282° (pgo) and (t), 277° (psc).
1150 Changed base course to 247° (pgo) and (t), 270° (psc). Clear, moderate wind and sea from west. Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 82.8.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.
1215 Passed floating mine close aboard to starboard.
1314 Wheelled to base course 281° (pgo) and (t), 305° (psc), left Sicilian Channel commenced transit Tunisian War Channel.
1408 Wheelled to base course 294° (pgo) and (t) 317° (psc).
1413 Passed Cani Island abeam to starboard 4.2 miles distant.
1532 Wheelled to base course 280° (pgo) and (t), 284° (psc).
1600 Light rain squalls, light wind and sea from northwest. Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 83.4.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *ICM Pursell* Examined:
ICM PURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OSERON Tuesday 12 October, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

1600-1800 Steaming as before.
Weather continued cloudy, occasional light rain squalls, wind and sea from the west.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.
1837 Passed Galitons de L'ouest light abeam to starboard, distance 12 miles and left Tunisian War Channel.
1840 Commenced forming 2 column cruising disposition, reduced speed to 13.5 knots (78 r.p.m's.)
1840 Changed course by wheeling to 274° (pgo) and (t), 299° (psc).
1858 Commenced zig zagging on plan 11, base course 274° (pgo) and (t), 299° (psc).
Weather overcast with occasional squalls, wind and sea from west.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m's. 82.5.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.
Fair, moderate westerly wind, sea slight.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m's. 78.25.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved

Jon Purcell

ION PURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP QBERONWednesday 13
(Day) (Date)October 1943
(Month)Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		37 00 N	
Long.		04 00 W	

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Comtransdiv 5 under orders contained in C.T.D. 5 operation order 6-43 in position 11. USS CHARLES CARROLL, flagship and guide. Standard speed 13.5 knots (79 r.p.m.'s.), course 274° (pgo) and (t), 300° (psc). Both boilers and generators in use. Zig sagging in accordance with plan 14.

0400 Weather overcast, occasional squalls, moderate wind and sea from northwest. Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 78.3.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0402 Ceased zig sagging and resumed base course 274° (pgo) and (t), 300° (psc).

0404 Changed base course by wheeling to 268° (pgo) and (t), 295° (psc).

0410 Commenced zig sagging according to plan 14.

0429 Executed 45° emergency turn to port to course 200° (pgo) and (t), 317° (psc).

0445 Resumed base course 268° (pgo) and (t), 295° (psc).

0448 Commenced zig sagging according to plan 14.

0638 Executed 45° emergency turn to port to course 200° (pgo) and (t), 317° (psc).

0650 Changed course to 264° (pgo) and (t), 290° (psc).

0653 Commenced zig sagging according to plan 14; base course 264° (pgo) and (t), 290° (psc).

Weather cloudy, moderate wind and sea from Northwest.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 78.0.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0815 Ceased zig sagging and resumed base course 264° (pgo) and (t), 290° (psc).

0823 Convoy speed increased to 14 knots.

0823 ~~0823~~ Commenced zig sagging on plan 11.

0939 Assumed guide of convoy.
Weather slight haze, wind and sea from northeast.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 81.5.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1227 Adjusted base course to 267° (pgo) and (t), 294° (psc).
Weather clear, wind and sea from the west.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 82.9.

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

Approved

I. G. Purcell
IGN PURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON

Wednesday 13
(Day) (Date)

October, 1943
(Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

1600-1800 Steaming as before.
 1714 Adjusted base course to 259° (pgo) and (t), 289° (psc).
 1724 Ceased zig zagging resumed base course 259° (pgo) and (t), 289° (psc).
 1728 Resumed zig zagging according to plan 14, base course 259° (pgo) and (t), 289° (psc).
 1730 USS CARROLL assumed convoy guide.
 Weather clear, wind and sea from northeast.
 Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 83.

J. H. Beardsley
 J. H. Beardsley,
 Lt.(jg), USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.
 Weather fair, slight swell from northeast, moderate westerly wind.
 Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 82.5.

M. Winegarden
 M. Winegarden,
 Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.
 2327 Ceased zig zag plan 14 and resumed base course 259° (pgo) and (t), 289° (psc).
 2330 Changed course by wheeling to 240° (pgo) and (t), 267° (psc).
 2340 Commenced zig zag plan 14 on base course 240° (pgo) and (t), 267° (psc).
 2400 Weather overcast, slight wind and sea from northeast.
 Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 80.7.

H. R. Spiers
 H. R. Spiers,
 Lt., USNR.

Approved:

Ion Fursell
 ION FURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
 Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. T. Calhoun
 H. T. CALHOUN, LT., USNR.
 Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON Thursday 14 October, 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Comtransdiv 5 under orders contained in C.T.D. 5 operation order 8-43 in position 11. USS CHARLES CARROLL flagship and guide. Standard speed 14 knots (82 r.p.m.'s.) Course 240° (pgo) and (t), 266° (psc). Zig sagging according to plan 14. Both boilers and both generators in use.
0140 Ceased zig sagging and resumed base course 240° (pgo) and (t).
0142 Executed 45° emergency turn to starboard to course 285° (pgo) and (t).
0152 Executed 45° emergency turn to port to course 240° (pgo) and (t).
0200 Commenced zig sagging according to plan 14, course 240° (pgo) and (t), 266° (psc). Weather clear, sea calm, light wind from west. Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 81.4.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

0400-0600 Steaming as before.
0704 Ceased zig sagging and resumed base course 240° (pgo) and (t).
0707 Commenced zig sagging on plan 11, base course 240° (pgo) and (t), 267° (psc).
0710 Increased standard speed to 14.5 knots (85 r.p.m.'s.)
0800 Clear, sea calm, light wind from south southwest. Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 82.3.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.
0810 Ceased zig sagging and resumed base course 240° (pgo) and (t), 267° (psc).
0815 Changed course by wheeling to 200° (pgo) and (t), 215° (psc).
0827 Commenced zig sagging according to plan 8, base course 200° (pgo) and (t), 215° (psc).
0857 Ceased zig sagging and resumed base course 200° (pgo) and (t), 215° (psc).
0900 Commenced forming single column taking position 4.
0906 Changed course to 185° (pgo) and (t), 227° (pgo).
0921 Entered mine swept channel.
1050 Anchored in Gulf of Oran off port of Oran, Algeria, in 36 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following true bearings. Signal Station 136°; East end of Breakwater 098°; Lighthouse 135°.
1136 Pilot M. DURAN came aboard.
1144 Underway in compliance with orders of Naval Port Director, Mers El Kebir. Captain, Executive Officer, and Navigator on the bridge. Pilot at the conn. Standard speed 14 knots (80 r.p.m.'s.) Proceeding on various courses at various speeds conforming to channel and harbor traffic. Average steam 450. Average r.p.m.'s. 43.5.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

Ion Purcell
ION PURCELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ORERON Thursday 14 October, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

1200-1800 Steaming as before.
1201 Tug "ENERGIE" made fast to starboard bow to assist in mooring.
1235 Moored in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, North Africa between buoys "U" and "V", using two 1 inch wire cables and anchor chain forward and two 8 inch manila lines and two 1 inch wire cables aft.
1231 Secured #1 boiler.
 Average steam 450. Average r.p.m's. 13.2.

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
 C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
 Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1930 Set Condition II Watch.

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
 C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
 Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
 C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
 Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

Jon Purcell
 JON PURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
 Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
 H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
 Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP QUEBON Friday 16 October, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, North Africa between buoys "u" and "v" using two 1 inch wire cables and starboard anchor chain forward and two 8 inch manila lines and two 1 inch wire cables aft. #2 boiler and #1 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS BARNETT (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0710 Cut in #2 generator.
0710 Secured Condition II Watch.

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1855 Secured #2 generator.
1930 Set Condition II Watch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2255 Secured stern to buoy "v" with one additional 1 inch wire cable.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: _____ Examined: _____

Tom Purcell
TOM PURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON Saturday 16 October 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, between buoys "V" and "U", using two 1 inch wire cables and starboard anchor chain to the buoy forward and two 8 inch manila lines and three 1 inch wire cables to the buoy aft. Boiler #2 and generator #1 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS BARNETT (SOPA) and various other units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0700 Secured Condition II Watch.
0715 Cut in #1 generator.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0900 Assumed AA and radar guard for harbor. Set Condition II Watch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Ensign, USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1820 Set Condition II Watch on four 20 MM guns and two 3" guns.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved: _____ Examined: _____

Ion Fursell
ION FURSELL, COMMANDER, USN,
Commanding Officer.

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR,
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OBBERON Sunday 17 October, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, between buoys "U" and "V", using two 1 inch wire cables and starboard anchor chain to the buoy forward and two 8 inch manila lines and three 1 inch wire cables to the buoy aft. Boiler #2 and generators #1 and #2 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS BARNETT (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0800 Secured Condition II watch on four 20 MM guns and two 3" guns. Relieved of AA and Radar watch by USS FUNSTON.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.
1200 Main engine made ready and standing by on one boiler (#2) in case of foul weather.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1820 Set Condition II Watch.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

Approved:

Tom Fursell
ION FURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OSERON Monday 18 October, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kabir Harbor, Algeria, between buoys "U" and "V", using two 1 inch wire cables and starboard anchor chain to the buoy forward, and two 8 inch manila lines and three 1 inch wire cables to the buoy aft. Main engine standing by on one boiler (#2) and both generators in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS BARNETT (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0711 Secured Condition II Watch.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0950 Secured main engine, #2 boiler in use for auxiliary purposes.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1800 Moored as before.
1420 Red alert, set Condition I, ~~stand~~ ^{W&D} to General Quarters.
1435 ~~White alert~~, secured Condition I, secured from General Quarters.
CONDITION WHITE

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1800-2000 Moored as before.
1735 Secured generator #2.
1825 Set Condition II Watch.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

Jon Fursell
JON FURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OSBERON Tuesday 19 October, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kiber Harbor, Algeria, North Africa, between buoys "U" and "V" using two 1 inch wire cables and starboard anchor chain to buoy "U" forward, and two 8 inch manila lines and three 1 inch wire cables to buoy "V" astern. Boiler #2 and generator #1 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS BARNETT (SOPA) and various units of the North West African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0640 Cut in generator #2.
0712 Secured from Condition II Watch.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1800 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1800-2000 Moored as before.
1930 Set Condition II Watch.
1931 Secured #1 generator.

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *Jon Purcell* Examined:
JON PURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP OSBERON Wednesday 20 October, 1945
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, North Africa, between buoys "U" and "V", using two 1 inch wire cables and starboard anchor chain to buoy forward and two 3 inch manila lines and three 1 inch wire cables to buoy aft. Boiler #2 and generator #2 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS BARNETT (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

1100 SS CARDIUM moored alongside to port side, starboard side to.
1145 Commenced fueling ship from SS CARDIUM. Draft of ship forward 22'. Aft. 13'6".

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

1240 Cut in #1 generator.
1410 Completed fueling ship, having received on board 2060 barrels of fuel oil grade bunker "C" at 73° F. Draft of ship fwd. 13'6", aft 22'7".

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

1815 Secured #2 generator.
1705 SS CARDIUM got underway from alongside port side.
1720 Cut in #2 generator.
1805 Secured #2 generator.
1825 Set picket boat watch.
1910 Set Condition II Watch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *ICM Purcell*
ICM PURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. T. Cameron*
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ONERON Thursday 21 October 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria between buoys "U" and "V", using two 1 inch wire cables and starboard anchor chain to buoy forward, and two 8 inch manila lines and three 1 inch wire cables to buoy aft. Boiler #2 and generator #1 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS BARNETT (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch, and picket boat watch in harbor.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0713 Secured Condition II Watch and picket boat watch.
0718 Cut in #2 generator.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
1145 USS VULCAN stood in and moored.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1915 Secured #1 generator.
1930 Set Condition II Watch.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

Ion Purcell
ION PURSELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP CERON

Thursday
(Day)

21
(Date)

October, 1943
(Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria between buoys "U" and "V", using two 1 inch wire cables and starboard anchor chain to buoy forward, and two 8 inch manila lines and three 1 inch wire cables to buoy aft. Boiler #2 and generator #1 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS BARNETT (SOFA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Force. Maintaining Condition II Watch, and picket boat watch in harbor.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0713 Secured Condition II Watch and picket boat watch.
0718 Cut in #2 generator.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
1145 USS VULCAN stood in and moored.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1815 Secured #1 generator.
1930 Set Condition II Watch.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

Approved:

Ign Purcell
IGN PURCELL, COMMANDER, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. T. Cameron
H. T. CAMERON, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OREGON Friday 22 October, 1943
(Ship) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kebir Harbor, between buoys "U" and "V", using two 1 inch wire cables and starboard chain to buoy forward, and two 8 inch manila lines and three 1 inch wire cables to buoy aft. Boiler #2 and generator #2 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS BARNETT (SOFA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0650 Cut in #1 generator.
0715 Secured Condition II Watch.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
1000 Pursuant to BuPers dispatch #190487 of October, LT. COMDR. DAVID G. GREENLEE, 59529, USN., assumed command of the USS OREGON, relieving COMDR. ION PURSELL, 17009, USN.
1036 Captain left the ship on official business.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1800 Moored as before.
1205 Captain returned to the ship.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1800-2000 Moored as before.
1725 Secured #2 generator.
1820 Set Condition II Watch.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *D. G. Greenlee*
D. G. GREENLEE, LT. COMDR., USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. R. Spiers*
H. R. SPIERS, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON Saturday 23 October, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WATCH DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, between buoys "U" and "V", using two 1 inch wire cables and starboard anchor chain to the buoy forward, two 8 inch manila lines and three 1 inch wire cables to the buoy aft. Boiler #2 and generator #1 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS BARNETT (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0718 Secured Condition II Watch.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0815 Cut in #2 generator.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1905 Set Condition II Watch.
1910 Secured Generator #1.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *J. G. Greenlee*
J. G. GREENLEE, LT. COMDR., USN,
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. R. Spiers*
H. R. SPIERS, LT., USNR,
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OSERON Sunday 24 October, 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description _____

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, North Africa, in seven fathoms of water between buoys "U" and "V", using two 1 inch wire cables and the starboard anchor chain to buoy "U" forward, and two 8 inch manila lines and three 1 inch wire cables to buoy "V" astern. Boiler #2 and generator #2 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present USS BARNETT (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0600 Cut in generator #1.
0710 Secured Condition II Watch.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1930 Set Condition II Watch.

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2320 Secured #2 generator.

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

D. G. Greenlee
D. G. GREENLEE, LT. COMDR, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. R. Spiers
H. R. SPIERS, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON Monday 25 October, 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, between buoys "U" and "V", using two 1 inch wire cables and starboard anchor chain to the buoy forward and two 8 inch manila lines and three 1 inch wire cables to the buoy aft. #2 boiler and #1 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS BARNETT (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0750 Lit off #1 boiler.

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

0900 Made all preparations for getting underway.
1112 Pilot ALTIER came aboard.
1115 USS BARNETT stood out. USS BOISE (SOPA).
1135 Tugs ENERGIE and HERCULE made fast to assist in unmooring.
1148 Underway in compliance with orders of Naval Port Director, Mers El Kebir. Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. Pilot ALTIER at the conn. Standard speed 14 knots (80 r.p.m.) Steaming on various courses at various speeds conforming to channel and harbor traffic.

C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.
C. C. Lingerfelt Jr.,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1210 Tug MISTRAL cast off.
1215 Moored starboard side to Berth 2, Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, using seven 8 inch manila lines, and two 1 inch wire cables. Secured #2 boiler.
1218 Tugs ENERGIE and JOLASRY cast off
1250 Pilot ALTIER left the ship.
1300 USS ARCTURUS moored alongside to port, starboard side to.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

1800 Secured both generators. Commenced receiving light and power from USS ARCTURUS.
1750 Cut in #2 generator. Ceased receiving light and power from USS ARCTURUS.
1910 Set Condition II Watch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

D. G. Greenlee
D. G. GREENLEE, LT. COMDR., USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. R. Spiess
H. R. SPIESS, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ONBORN Monday 25 October, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

2000-2400 Moored as before.
 2200 Lighted fires under Boiler #2 and out in on the auxiliary steam line. Secured Boiler #1 and out in #1 generator, secured #2 generator.

R. G. Redmond
 R. G. Redmond,
 Lt. (jg), USNR.

Approved: *D. M. Greenlee*
 D. M. GREENLEE, LT. COMDR., USN.
 Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. R. Spiers*
 H. R. SPIERS, LT., USNR.
 Navigator.

To be forwarded direct to the Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet, either at end of an operation or at the end of the calendar month.

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UNITED STATES SHIP QUEBON Tuesday 26 October, 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to Berth 2, Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, using seven 8 inch manila lines, and two 1 inch wire cables. Boiler #2 and generator #1 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS BOISE (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0640 Cut in #2 generator.
0718 Secured Condition II Watch.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

R. G. Redmond
R. G. Redmond,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

1200-1800 Moored as before.
1420 Secured #2 generator.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

1800-2000 Moored as before.
1910 Set Condition II Watch.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

Approved: *D. G. Greenlake*
D. G. GREENLAKE, LT. COMDR., USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. R. Spiers*
H. R. SPIERS, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OSCEON Wednesday 27 October, 1945
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to berth #2, Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, using seven 8 inch manila lines and two 1 inch wire cables. Number 1 Boiler and #2 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS BOISE (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest Africa Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0700 Secured Condition II Watch.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1900 Set Condition II Watch.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *[Signature]*
V. G. GREENLEE, LT. COMDR., USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *[Signature]*
H. R. SPIERS, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON Thursday 28 October 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to berth #2, Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, using seven 8 inch manila lines and two 1 inch wire cables. #1 boiler and #2 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present; USS BOISE (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0725 Secured Condition II Watch.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0835 Cut in #1 generator.
1145 USS BOISE stood out, USS VULCAN (SOPA).

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1620 Lit off #2 boiler.
1745 Secured #1 boiler.
1900 Secured #1 generator.
1900 Set Condition II Watch.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

D. C. Spier
D. C. SPIERS, LT. COMDR., USNR.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. R. Spier
H. R. SPIERS, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ONERON Friday 29 October, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to mole, Berth #2, Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, North Africa, in 15 fathoms of water, using seven 8 inch manila lines and two 1 inch wire cables, one forward and one aft. Boiler #2 and generator #2 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS VULCAN (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0710 Secured Condition II Watch.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0800 Assumed anti-aircraft and radar guardship duties by order of SOPA (USS VULCAN) dispatch 281155A.
0900 Cut in Generator #2.
0935 Secured Generator #2.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

J. B. David Jr.
J. B. David Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

J. B. David Jr.
J. B. David Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

J. B. David Jr.
J. B. David Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved: *J. G. Meserve*
J. G. MESERVE, LT. COMDR., USNR.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. R. Spiers*
H. R. SPIERS, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OSERON Saturday 30 October, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to Mole, Berth #2, Mers El Kebir, Algeria, North Africa, in fifteen fathoms of water with seven 8 inch manila lines and one 1 inch wire cable forward and aft. #2 Boiler and #2 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS VULCAN (SOPA) and various units of the North West African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

J. B. David Jr.
J. B. David Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0750 Secured Condition II Watch. Relieved of AA And Radar Watch by USS ARCTURUS.

J. B. David Jr.
J. B. David Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0805 Cut in generator #1.

J. B. David Jr.
J. B. David Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1800 Moored as before.
1545 Secured #2 generator.

T. C. Johnson
T. C. Johnson,
Ensign, USNR.

1800-2000 Moored as before.
1930 Set Condition II Watch.

T. C. Johnson
T. C. Johnson,
Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

T. C. Johnson
T. C. Johnson,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved: *J. B. David Jr.*
J. B. DAVID, LT, USNR, USN.
Comms. Officer.

Examined: *H. R. Spiers*
H. R. SPIERS, USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON

Sunday
(Day)

31
(Date)

October, 1943
(Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to mole Berth #2, Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, North Africa, in 15 fathoms of water, using seven 6 inch manila lines, and two 1 inch wire cables, one forward and one aft. #2 boiler and #1 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS VULCAN (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

T. C. Johnson
T. C. Johnson,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0700 Secured Condition II Watch.
0700 Cut in #2 generator.

T. C. Johnson
T. C. Johnson,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0900 Made all preparation for getting underway.

T. C. Johnson
T. C. Johnson,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.
1225 Pilot LOREAL came aboard.
1240 Tug "HERCULE" made fast to port quarter.
1245 Underway to shift berth in accordance with Naval Port Director dispatch 301203R. Pilot Loreal at the conn, Captain, Executive Officer, and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 14 knots (80 r.p.m.) Proceeding on various courses and speeds to conform with harbor traffic.
1305 Moored Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, North Africa, port side to USS ARCTURUS, berth 6, in 15 fathoms of water using 12 eight inch manila lines and two 1 inch wire cables.
1313 Tug "HERCULE" cast off.
1330 Secured #1 generator.
1430 Water barge came alongside with fresh water.
1505 Received 15,000 gallons of fresh water.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1900 Set Condition II Watch.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *[Signature]*
E. J. BRADLEY, LT. COMDR., USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *[Signature]*
H. R. SPIERS, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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U. S. S. OSBORNATA14 Rate,

COMMANDED BY

D. G. GEXENLEE, LT. COMDR., U. S. Navy,

Attached to { TRANSPORT DIVISION THREE **Division,**
AIRMAIL FORCE **Squadron,**
NORTHWEST AFRICAN NAVAL FORCES **Fleet,**

Commencing NOVEMBER 1, 19 43,at SENA, ALGERIA, NORTH AFRICA,and ending NOVEMBER 30, 19 43,at SEA

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Monday
(Day)

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(Date)

November, 1943
(Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 The USS OSBERON (AKA14) as of November 1, 1943 is serving as an assault cargo carrier, Transport Division Three, Amphibious Force, Northwest African Waters. Moored in Mers El Kebir harbor, Algeria, North Africa, port side to USS ARCTURUS, berth 6 in 15 fathoms of water with 12 eight inch manila lines and two 1 inch wire cables (one forward and one aft). Boiler #2 and generator #2 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: ComTransPhib 8th Flt in USS BARNETT (SOPA) and various units of Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0625 Cut in #1 generator.
0700 Secured Condition II Watch.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0800 Assumed Radar and AA Guard.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1750 USS PHILADELPHIA stood out.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2140 Secured #2 generator.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *D. G. Greenlee*
D. G. GREENLEE, LT. COMDR., USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. R. Spiers*
H. R. SPIERS, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON Tuesday 2 November, 1913
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Oran, Algeria, port side to USS ARCTURUS, berth 6, in 15 fathoms of water with twelve 8 inch manila lines and two 1 inch wire cables (one forward and one aft). Boiler #2 and generator #1 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: ComtransPhib 9th Fleet in USS BARNETT (SOPA) and various units of Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch and Radar Guard.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

0900 Secured Condition II Watch, relieved of AA and Radar Guard by USS ARCTURUS.
0935 Cut in #2 generator.
0945 Secured #2 boiler, out in #1 boiler.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

J. B. David Jr.
J. B. David Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

1845 Secured #1 generator.
1900 Set Condition II Watch.

J. B. David Jr.
J. B. David Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

J. B. David Jr.
J. B. David Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved: *J. G. Greenlee*
J. G. Greenlee, Lt. Comdr., USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. R. Spiers*
H. R. SPIERS, Lt., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OBBERON Wednesday 3 November 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, North Africa, port side to the USS ARCTURUS, berth six, in fifteen fathoms of water using twelve 8 inch manila lines and two 1 inch wire cables fwd and aft. #1 boiler and #2 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. ComTransPhib 8th Fleet USS BARNETT (SOPA) and various units of the North West African Naval Forces present. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

J. B. David Jr.
J. B. David Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0630 Cut in #1 generator.
0715 Secured Condition II Watch.

J. B. David Jr.
J. B. David Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

J. B. David Jr.
J. B. David Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

T. C. Johnson
T. C. Johnson,
Ensign, USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1815 Secured #2 generator.
1930 Set Condition II Watch.

T. C. Johnson
T. C. Johnson,
Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

T. C. Johnson
T. C. Johnson,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved: *J. G. Greenlee*
J. G. GREENLEE, LT. CMDR., USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. R. Spiers*
H. R. SPIERS, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OREGON

Thursday

4

November, 1943

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, North Africa, port side to the USS ARCTURUS, berth six, in fifteen fathoms of water using twelve 8 inch manila lines and two 1 inch wire cables, fore and aft. #1 boiler and #1 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: ComTransPhib 8th Fleet in USS BARNETT (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

T. G. Johnson
T. G. Johnson,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0700 Cut in #2 generator.
0715 Secured Condition II Watch.

T. G. Johnson
T. G. Johnson,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
1010 Commenced receiving general cargo and vehicles from barges.

T. G. Johnson
T. G. Johnson,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1845 Transferred 250 rounds of tracer and ball ammunition (in belts) to U.S.D., Oran, Algeria.
1810 Secured from receiving general cargo and vehicles from barges.
1620 Set Condition II Watch.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2325 Secured #1 generator.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

J. G. ...
J. G. ...
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. R. Spiers
H. R. SPIERS, LT., USNR,
Navigator.

To be forwarded direct to the Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet, either at end of an operation or at the end of the calendar month.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OREGON

Friday
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Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in Mera El Kebir harbor, Algeria, North Africa, port side to USS ARCTURUS berth six, in 18 fathoms of water using twelve 8 inch manila lines and two 1 inch wire cables, fore and aft. #1 boiler and #2 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. ComTransFlot 8th Fleet in USS BARNETT (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

0000 Cut in #1 generator.

0015 Secured #1 generator.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

0630 Cut in #1 generator.

0728 Secured Condition II Watch.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

0810 Lit off under #2 boiler.

1000 Stationed all regular and special sea details.

1019 Tug "ENERGIE" made fast to starboard bow.

1033 Pilot "ALTIER" came aboard.

1034 Tug "HERCULE" made fast to bow of Tug "ENERGIE".

1045 Tug "MISTRAL" made fast to bow of tug "HERCULE".

1055 Tug "CT" made fast to starboard quarter.

1100 Made all preparations for getting underway.

1124 Underway in compliance with Com NOR, Oran, mailgram 041121A. Pilot Alter at the conn, Captain, Executive Officer, and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 14 knots (80 r.p.m.), proceeding on various courses and speeds to conform with harbor and channel traffic.

1130 Tug "CT" cast off.

1135 Tugs "HERCULE", "ENERGIE", and "MISTRAL" cast off.

1140 Passed thru net gate.

1144 Pilot Altier left ship.

1156 Secured special sea details. Set regular sea watch.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1800 Steaming as before.

1215 Assumed position 12 astern of USS ANDROMEDA (SOPA and Guide) steering on various courses at various speeds conforming with swept channel.

1248 Passed red channel buoy abeam to starboard.

1511 Changed course by wheeling to 037° (pgc and (t) and 032° (psc).

1346 Changed course by wheeling to 045° (pgc) and (t), 039° (psc).

1410 Increased speed to 16 knots (89 r.p.m.)

1456 Changed course by wheeling to 062° (pgc) and (t), 044° (psc).

1506 Sighted convoy on horizon bearing 050° (pgc) and (t).

1526 Reduced speed to 15.5 knots (89 r.p.m.)

Approved:

J. G. ...
J. G. ...
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. R. Spiers
H. R. SPIERS, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

1200-1600 (continued)

1555 Changed course by wheeling to 055° (pgc) and (t), 048° (psc).
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 77.7.

J. H. Beardsley

J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

1640 Adjusted base course to 048° (pgc) and (t), 040° (psc).
1655 Changed course by wheeling to 065° (pgc) and (t), 054° (psc).
1732 Commenced taking position #64 in convoy KIP25A.
1745 Completed formation, adjusted course to 087° (pgc) and (t), 066° (psc). Changed speed to 10 knots (58 r.p.m.)
Weather: Blue and cloudy sky, amount 7, S.C. Wind from ENE force 3, Sea Condition 1 from NE.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 79.8.

M. Winegarden

M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2310 Changed course by wheeling to course 083° (pgc) and (t), 070° (psc).
2340 Executed emergency turn to port 45° to course 038° (pgc) and (t), 033° (psc).
2400 Executed emergency turn to starboard 45° to course 083° (pgc) and (t), 070° (psc).
Weather overcast, moderate wind and sea from northeast.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 56.6.

H. R. Spiers

H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

Approved:

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. BEARDSLEY, LT., USNR.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. R. Spiers
H. R. SPIERS, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ONERON

Saturday
(Day)

6
(Date)

November, 1913
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Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming in company with convoy KMF 25A in position 04. SS STAFFORD (Flagship and Guide). Base course 083° (pgc) and (t), 069° (psc), standard speed 10 knots (58 r.p.m.)
Weather cloudy, sea calm.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 57.4.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

0400-0600 Steaming as before.
0630 Adjusted base course to 089° (pgc) and (t), 075° (psc).
0730 Commenced zig zagging in accordance with Plan #20. Base course 089° (pgc) and (t), 075° (psc).
0754 Increased convoy speed to 13 knots (75 r.p.m.)
Weather overcast, visibility fair, wind and sea from northeast.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 59.8.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.
0830 Commenced zig zagging on Plan #10. Base course 089° (pgc) and (t).
Weather cloudy, moderate swells from West, wind westerly, force 2.
Average steam 480. Average r.p.m. 76.4.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.
1230 Adjusted base course to 084° (pgc) and (t), 068° (psc).
1300 Exercised at fire drill.
1515 Ceased zig zagging and returned to base course.
1515 Reduced convoy speed to 10 knots.
Weather: sky cloudy, visibility 35,000 yds., swells from West, West wind force 3.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 74.2.

H. Winegarden
H. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.
1630 Changed convoy speed to 12 knots (72 r.p.m.) Convoy formed into three columns; odd numbered columns formed astern of even numbered columns. Ships position 34.
1808 Air raid, sounded general quarters.
1856 Secured from general quarters.
1910 Changed course by wheeling to base course 089° (pgc) and (t), 071° (psc).
Weather: Overcast, moderate wind and sea from west.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 70.1.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

Approved: *J. H. Beardsley*
J. H. BEARDSLEY, LT. COMDR., USNR.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. R. Spiers*
H. R. SPIERS, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

2000-2400 Steaming as before.
 2103 Took up position 32 in convoy.
 2332 Changed base course to 087° (pge) and (t), 071° (psc).
 Weather: overcast, moderate sea and wind from west.
 Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 75.3.

A. A. Maught
 A. A. Maught
 Lt., USNR.

Approved: *[Signature]*
D. G. GREENLEE, LT. COMDR., USN.
 Commanding Officer.

Examined: *[Signature]*
H. R. SPIERS, LT., USNR.
 Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OREGON Sunday 7 November, 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0900	1200	2000
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming in company with convoy KMF-25A in position 32, S.S. STAFFORD, flagship and guide on base course 087° (pgc) and (t), 089° (psc). Standard speed 12 knots (72 r.p.m.)
Weather cloudy occasional rain squalls, wind and sea moderate from east.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 74.5.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0900 Steaming as before.
0418 Altered course by wheeling to 070° (pgc) and (t), 055° (psc).
0508 Altered course by wheeling to 060° (pgc) and (t), 063° (psc).
0545 Held general quarters.
0639 Secured from general quarters.
0726 Changed course by wheeling to 114° (pgc) and (t), 098° (psc).
Weather, sky mainly cloudy, wind N, water force 3, clouds moving in easterly direction, swells from N, force 1.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 74.3.

H. Winegarden
H. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0900-1200 Steaming as before.
0903 Made preparations for anchoring.
0907 Detached from KMF-25A convoy with USS ANDROMEDA at entrance to Port of Bizerte.
0907 Proceeded on various courses and with various speeds to conform to swept channel.
0902 Anchored Bail de Bizerte, Bizerte, Tunisia, North Africa in 26 fathoms of water with 50 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following true bearings. Lt. Breakwater light 236°; Rt. Breakwater Light 248°; Guardia Point 312°.
1120 Made all preparations for getting underway.
1135 Pilot Le Borgue came aboard.
1144 Underway to Lake Bizerte, Pilot Le Borgue at the conn, Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 14 knots (80 r.p.m.) Proceeding at various speeds and on various courses to conform to channel and harbor traffic.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 28.7.

S. S. Morris
S. S. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.
1207 Passed through net gate.
1219 Entered Avant Port, steering various course at various speeds in conforming with channel.
1254. Passed Ras Ebnasui buoy abeam to port and entered Lac de Bizerte.
1313 Anchored in Lac de Bizerte, Tunisia, North Africa, in five fathoms of water with 55 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon 348°; Left Breakwater light 222°; Chimney 055°.

Approved: *J. H. Beardsley*
J. H. Beardsley, Lt., USNR,
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. R. Spiers*
H. R. SPIERS, LT., USNR,
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OSBERON

Sunday

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November, 1943

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Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

1200-1600 (continued)
1317 Secured #2 boiler.
1320 Pilot Le Borgue left ship.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.
1626 Lighted fires under #2 boiler.
1630 Pilot Le Borgue came aboard.
1635 Made all preparations for getting underway.
1646 Underway to shift berth. Pilot Le Borgue at the conn, Captain, Executive Officer, and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 14 knots (80 r.p.m.) Proceeding on various courses at various speeds to conform with channel and harbor traffic.
1709 Ras Kablasui buoy abeam to starboard, left Lae de Bizerte.
1725 Selna Point buoy abeam to port.
1740 Moored port side to Transatlantique dock in Bizerte, Tunisia, North Africa in 6 fathoms of water using thirteen 8 inch manila lines and one 1 inch wire fore and aft.
1815 Pilot Le Borgue left ship.
1815 Secured #2 boiler.
1835 Secured #1 generator.
1835 Set Condition II Watch.

T. C. Johnson
T. C. Johnson,
Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

T. C. Johnson
T. C. Johnson,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved:

J. G. [Signature]
J. G. [Signature], LT., USNR,
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. R. Spiers
H. R. SPIERS, LT., USNR,
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON Monday 8 November, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored port side to Transatlantic dock in Bizerte, Tunisia, North Africa in 6 fathoms of water using thirteen 8 inch manila lines and one 1 inch wire fore and aft. #1 boiler and #2 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS DELTA (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Force. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

T. C. Johnson
T. C. Johnson,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0635 Cut in #1 generator.
0850 Secured Condition II Watch.

T. C. Johnson
T. C. Johnson,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0950 Commenced unloading general cargo and vehicles from #1, 2, and 3 hatches.

T. C. Johnson
T. C. Johnson,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.
1515 Completed unloading cargo at #1 and 3 hatches.
1545 Commenced loading cargo at #1 and #3 hatches.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1700 Completed unloading #2 hatch.
1730 Set Condition II Watch.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2020 Commenced loading cargo at #2 and #4 hatches.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *J. G. ...*
J. G. ... LT. COMDR., USN,
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. R. Spiers*
H. R. SPIERS, LT., USNR,
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OREGON

Tuesday
(Day)

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(Date)

November, 1943
(Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored port side to Transatlantic dock in Bizerte, Tunisia, North Africa, in 6 fathoms of water using thirteen 8 inch manila lines and one 1 inch wire forward and one 1 inch wire aft. #1 boiler and both generators in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: Comanderabaw in USS BISCAYNE (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Continuous loading at all hatches. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0650 Secured Condition II Watch.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
1110 Commenced loading cargo at #6 hatch.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1720 Set Condition II Watch.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *J. H. Beardsley*
J. H. BEARDSLEY, LT. COMDR., USNR.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. R. Spiers*
H. R. SPIERS, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON

Wednesday 10
(Date) (Month)

November, 1943
(Year)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored port side to Transatlantic dock in Bizerte, Tunisia, in 6 fathoms of water using thirteen 8 inch manila lines and one 1 inch wire cables fore and aft. #1 boiler and both generators in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: Comanderabaw in USS BISCAWNE (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch. Continuous loading in process at all hatches.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0700 Secured Condition II Watch.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

J. B. David Jr.
J. B. David Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1705 Completed loading #5 hatch.
1720 Set Condition II Watch.

J. B. David Jr.
J. B. David Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

J. B. David Jr.
J. B. David Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved:

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley, LT., COMDR., USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. R. Spiers
H. R. SPIERS, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OSBERON Thursday 11 November, 1945
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored port side to Transatlantique dock in Bizerte, Tunisia, North Africa, in 8 fathoms of water using thirteen 8 inch manila lines and one 1 inch wire cable fore and aft. #1 boiler and both generators in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: Comanderabaw in USS BISCAYNE (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Continuous loading at Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 hatches. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

J. B. David Jr.
J. B. David, Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0655 Secured Condition II Watch.

J. B. David Jr.
J. B. David, Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

J. B. David Jr.
J. B. David, Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

T. C. Johnson
T. C. Johnson,
Ensign, USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1725 Completed loading #2 hatch.
1735 Completed loading #1 hatch.
1755 Set Condition II Watch.

T. C. Johnson
T. C. Johnson,
Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2115 Secured #1 generator.
2240 Completed loading #3 hatch.

T. C. Johnson
T. C. Johnson,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved: *D. G. Greenlee*
D. G. GREENLEE, LT., COMDR., USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. R. Spiers*
H. R. SPIERS, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP CHERON Friday 12 November, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored port side to Transatlantique dock in Bizerte, Tunisia, North Africa, in 6 fathoms of water using thirteen 3 inch manila lines and one 1 inch wire cable fore and aft. #1 boiler and #2 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: Comanderabaw in USS BISCAYNE (SOPA) and various units of the North-west African Naval Forces. Continuous loading #4 hatch. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

T. C. Johnson
T. C. Johnson,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0658 Secured Condition II Watch.

T. C. Johnson
T. C. Johnson,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0900 Cut in #1 generator.
0900 Lighted fire under #2 boiler.

T. C. Johnson
T. C. Johnson,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1715 Set Condition II Watch.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.
2115 Secured #2 generator.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *[Signature]*
S. B. MORRIS, LT., USNR.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *[Signature]*
H. R. SPIERS, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ORISKANY Saturday 13 November, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WATCH DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored port side to Transatlantique dock in Bizerte, Tunisia, North Africa, in 6 fathoms of water using thirteen 8 inch manila lines and one 1 inch wire cable fore and one 1 inch wire cable aft. #1 boiler and #1 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: ComLandCrabNew in US3 BISCAYNE (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Force. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0657 Secured Condition II Watch.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0840 Lighted fire under #2 boiler.
0905 Secured #2 boiler.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1630 Secured #1 generator.
1715 Set Condition II Watch.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *D. G. Greenlee*
D. G. GREENLEE, LT., COMDR, USNR.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. R. Spiess*
H. R. SPIESS, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ONERON Sunday 14 November, 1945
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

**OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)**

0000-0400 Moored port side to Transatlantique dock in Bizerte, Tunisia, North Africa, in 6 fathoms of water using thirteen 8 inch manila lines and two 1 inch wire cables, fore and aft. #1 boiler and #2 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. ComPhib 8th Fleet in USS BISCAYNE (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

0050 Completed loading #4 hatch.

J. H. Beardaley

J. H. Beardaley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

0430 Lighted fire under #2 boiler.

0610 Made all preparations for getting underway.

0631 Pilot LEQUIN came aboard.

0652 Tug "EMPIRE EDWARDS" made fast to starboard bow.

0703 Underway for anchorage in Baie of Bizerte, Tunisia. Pilot LEQUIN at conn, Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 14 knots (80 r.p.m.). Steering various courses at various speeds in conformance with harbor channel.

0710 Tug "EMPIRE EDWARDS" cast off.

0720 Passed JET'E NORD light abeam to port and entered Baie of Bizerte.

0726 Pilot LEQUIN left ship.

J. H. Beardaley

J. H. Beardaley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Underway as before.

0900 Anchored in Baie of Bizerte, Tunisia, in 17 fathoms of water with 55 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following true bearings: White Breakwater light 280°, Black Breakwater light 290°; and Guardal Point 324°.

J. H. Beardaley

J. H. Beardaley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

1415 Pilot ROLLAND came aboard.

1415 Made all preparations for getting underway.

1423 Underway to shift berths. Pilot ROLLAND at the conn, Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 14 knots (80 r.p.m.). Proceeding on various courses at various speeds to conform channel.

1453 Passed JET'E NORD light abeam to starboard and entered Avant Port.

1459 Entered dredged channel.

1511 Passed Pt. Saba light abeam to starboard. Entered Coulet Du Lac.

1532 Passed Ras Khaboul lighted buoy abeam to port. Entered Lac Du Bizerte.

1559 Anchored Lac Du Bizerte, Tunisia, North Africa, in 5 1/2 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Left Breakwater light 220°, Left Radio Tower 225°, Buoy 276°, Buoy 319°.

J. B. David Jr.
J. B. David Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved:

D. C. Greenlee
D. C. GREENLEE, Lt. COLDR., USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. R. Spiess
H. R. SPIESS, Lt., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OSBERON Sunday 14 November, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

1600-2000 Anchored as before.
 1605 Secured #1 boiler.
 1607 Pilot ROLLAND left the ship.
 1620 Secured #2 generator.
 1700 Oil Tanker AGATHA came along starboard side.
 1715 Set Condition II Watch.
 1755 Commenced fueling ship: draft fwd 16'2" - aft 23'00".
 1915 Completed fueling ship, having received on board 1072 bbls. of fuel. Draft of ship fwd. 16'5" - aft 23'3".

J. B. David Jr.
 J. B. David Jr.,
 Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

J. B. David Jr.
 J. B. David Jr.,
 Ensign, USNR.

Approved:

D. H. Keenan
 D. H. Keenan, LT, COMDR., USN.
 Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. R. Spiers
 H. R. Spiers, LT., USNR.
 Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OSORON Monday 16 November, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

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Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Anchored in Lac Du Bizerte, Tunisia, North Africa in 5 1/2 fathoms of water with 48 fathoms of chain out on starboard anchor on the following bearings: Left W light 220°, Left Radio tower 220°, Buoy 276°, Buoy 319°. #2 boiler and #1 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS DELTA (SOPA) and various units of Northwest African Fleet. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

J. B. David Jr.
J. B. David Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0600 Anchored as before.
0650 Secured Condition II Watch.

J. B. David Jr.
J. B. David Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.
0905 Oil Tanker AGATHA underway from starboard side.

J. B. David Jr.
J. B. David Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.
1255 Cut in #2 generator.
1430 Secured #1 generator.

T. C. Johnson
T. C. Johnson,
Ensign, USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.
1715 Set Condition II Watch.

T. C. Johnson
T. C. Johnson,
Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

T. C. Johnson
T. C. Johnson,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved:

J. G. ...
J. G. ...
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. R. ...
H. R. ...
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OSBORN Tuesday 16 November, 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Anchored in Lac Du Bizerte, Tunisia, North Africa in 5 1/2 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain out on the starboard anchor on the following bearings: Left SW Light 220°, Left Radio Tower 229°, Buoy 276°, Buoy 319°. #2 boiler and #2 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS DELTA (SOFA) and various units of Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

T. C. Johnson
T. C. Johnson,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.
0700 Secured Condition II Watch.

T. C. Johnson
T. C. Johnson,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.
0815 Cut in #1 generator.

T. C. Johnson
T. C. Johnson,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.
1415 Secured #2 generator.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.
1715 Set Condition II.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *J. H. Spiers*
J. H. SPIERS, LT., COMDR., USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. R. Spiers*
H. R. SPIERS, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ONERON Wednesday 17 November, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Anchored in Lac Du Bizerte, Tunisia, North Africa in 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms of water, with 45 fathoms of chain out on the starboard anchor on the following bearings: Left S.W. light 220°, Left radio tower 220°, Buoy 276°, Buoy 319°. #2 boiler and #1 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS DELTA (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.
0850 Secured from Condition II.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.
1645 LCI #43 came along side to deliver troops and moored port side #3 hatch.
1710 Set Condition II.
1755 LCI #43 underway from port side.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *J. H. Beardsley*
J. H. BEARDSLEY, LT., USNR.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. R. Spiers*
H. R. SPIERS, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OSBERON Thursday 18 November, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Anchored in Lac de Bizerte, Tunisia, North Africa, in 5 1/2 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following bearings: Left Breakwater light 220°, Left Radio Tower 220°, buoy 279°, buoy 319°. #1 generator and #2 boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS DELTA (SOPA) and various units of the North African Naval forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

J. H. Beardsley

J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.
0702 Secured Condition II Watch.

J. H. Beardsley

J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.
0830 Cut in #2 generator.
0840 Lighted fires under #1 boiler.

J. H. Beardsley

J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.
1450 Secured #1 boiler.
1800 Secured #3 generator.

J. B. David Jr.
J. B. David Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.
1715 Set Condition II Watch.

J. B. David Jr.
J. B. David Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

J. B. David Jr.
J. B. David Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved:

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. BEARDSLEY, LT., USNR.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. R. Spiess
H. R. SPIESS, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OSBERON Friday 19 November, 1945
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Anchored in Lac Du Bizerte, Tunisia, North Africa in 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following bearings: Left B.W. light 220°, Left Radio tower 220°, Buoy 278°, Buoy 318°. #2 generator and #2 boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: USS DELTA (SOPA) and various units of the North African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

J. B. David Jr.
J. B. David Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.
0703 Secured Condition II Watch.

J. B. David Jr.
J. B. David Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.
0825 Lighted fires under #1 boiler.
0825 Cut in #1 generator.
1140 Made all preparations for getting underway.

J. B. David Jr.
J. B. David Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.
1316 Pilot LANCE came aboard.
1317 Underway for anchorage in Baie de Bizerte. Pilot LANCE at the conn, Captain, Executive Officer, and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 14 knots (80 r.p.m.). Steering various courses at various speeds in conformance with channel.
1339 Passed Ra Kehlaoui buoy abeam to starboard and left Lac Du Bizerte.
1419 Entered Avant Port.
1423 Passed Jette Nord light abeam to port and entered Baie du Bizerte.
1434 Pilot LANCE left ship.
1437 Anchored Baie Du Bizerte, Tunisia, North Africa, in 11 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Point Gardia 327°, Black Breakwater light 292°, Red Breakwater light 282°.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.
1930 Made all preparations for getting underway.
1957 Underway in compliance with orders Flag Officer Tunisia Dispatch 181131-A of November. Captain at the conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. Proceeding at various courses and speeds leaving anchorage in Baie du Bizerte. Standard speed 14 knots (80 r.p.m.)

Approved: *J. B. Green*
J. B. GREEN, LT., COMB., USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *P. A. Mought*
P. A. Mought,
Lt., USNR.
H. R. Spiers
H. R. SPIERS, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON Friday 19 November, 1943

(Day) (Date) (316440)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

2000-2400 Steaming as before.
 2017 Passed flashing buoy south end of baffle abeam to port 100 yards.
 2045 Set course 020° (pgc) and (t), 018° (psc) and took position eastern USS ANDROMEDA.
 2106 Sighted convoy GMP-7 on starboard bow, distance 8 miles.
 2120 Changed course to 290° (pgc) and (t), 310° (psc).
 2147 Changed speed to 15 knots (85 r.p.m.)
 2225 Changed course to 260° (pgc) and (t), 082° (psc).
 2246 Took position 15 in convoy GMP-7, ComTransPhib 8th Flt in USS DICKMAN (SOPA) and guide.

J. H. Beardsley

J. H. Beardsley,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

Approved:

[Signature]
 H. R. SPIERS, LT., USNR.
 Commanding Officer.

Examined:

[Signature]
 H. R. SPIERS, LT., USNR.
 Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OSBORN Saturday 20 November, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming in position 15, Convoy SNF-7, Comtrans 8th Flab, in USS DICKMAN (SOPA) and guide. Base course 285° (pgc) and (t), 278° (psc). Standard speed 13 knots (74 r.p.m.)
 0032 Sighted Galite Island bearing 296° (t), 25 miles.
 0138 Passed Galite Island abeam to starboard, distance 13 miles, left Tunisian War Channel.
 0149 Changed course by wheeling to base course 272° (pgc) and (t), 296° (psc).
 0228 Commenced zig zagging in accordance with plan 16, base course 272° (pgc) and (t).
 0303 Ceased zig zagging, resumed base course 272° (pgc) and (t), 296° (psc).
 0315 Reduced convoy speed to 10 knots (58 r.p.m.) Commenced forming cruising disposition II.
 0335 Assumed convoy position 12, resumed convoy speed of 13 knots (74 r.p.m.)
 0352 Commenced zig zagging in accordance with plan 16, base course 272° (pgc) and (t), 296° (psc).
 Weather: clear. Wind: force 3 from SW. Sea: 1 from SW.
 Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 81.8.

M. Winegarden
M. Winegarden,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.
 0510 Held General Quarters.
 0648 Secured from General Quarters.
 Weather: clear - Wind: force 4, wind and sea from southwest.
 Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 64.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.
 0902 Adjusted base course to 267° (pgc), 293° (psc).
 0936 Adjusted base course to 262° (pgc), 288° (psc).
 1125 Reduced speed to 10 knots and assumed position 11 in convoy.
 1151 Ceased zig zagging, returned to base course 262° (pgc), 288° (psc).
 Weather - cloudy, heavy wind and sea from southwest.
 Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 85.6.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1800 Steaming as before.
 1318 Changed course by wheeling to 282° (pgc) and (t), 310° (psc).
 1348 Changed course by wheeling to 265° (pgc) and (t), 291° (psc).
 1800 Changed base course to 270° (pgc) and (t), 297° (psc).
 Weather cloudy, heavy swells and wind from WSW.
 Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 89.9.

A. A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

Approved: *H. R. Spiers*
H. R. SPIERS, LT., USNR.,
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. R. Spiers*
H. R. SPIERS, LT., USNR.,
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP USSR-11 Saturday 20 November, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

1600-2000 Steaming as before.
1831 Increased standard speed to 11 knots (79 r.p.m.)
 Weather - continued cloudy - heavy swells and wind from West.
 Average steam 450. Average speed 88.4.

J. H. Beardsley
 J. H. Beardsley,
 Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.
2018 Increased convoy speed to 12 knots (68 r.p.m.)
 Weather cloudy. Wind force 4 from SW - Sea - 4 from WSW.
 Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 73.7.

M. Siegarden
 M. Siegarden,
 Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

J. H. Beardsley
 J. H. BEARDSLEY, LT., USNR,
 Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. R. Spiers
 H. R. SPIERS, LT., USNR,
 Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP 032207 Sunday 21 November, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming in company with convoy SNF-7, in position 11, ComTransPhib 8th Fleet in U.S.S. DICKMAN (SOPA) and guide. Base course 270° (pge) and (t), 297° (par). Standard speed 12 knots (74 r.p.m.)

0015 Commenced zig zag plan #16 on base course 270° (pge) and (t).

0050 Ceased zig zag plan #16 and resumed base course.

0100 Changed course by wheeling to 250° (pge) and (t), 273° (psc).

0200 Changed convoy speed to seven knots (45 r.p.m.)

0314 Executed emergency turn 45° to starboard to course 295° (pge) and (t), 321° (psc).

0324 Executed emergency turn 45° to starboard to course 340° (pge) and (t), 355° (psc).

0354 Executed emergency turn 45° to port to course 295° (pge) and (t), 321° (psc).

Weather - Clear, slight wind and sea from west.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 58.9.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

0400-0600 Steaming as before.

0400 Executed 45° emergency turn to port to course 250° (pge) and (t), 279° (psc).

0411 Executed 45° emergency turn to port to course 205° (pge) and (t), 220° (psc).

0422 Executed 45° emergency turn to starboard to course 250° (pge) and (t), 279° (psc).

0450 Increased convoy speed to 10 knots (62 r.p.m.)

0602 Commenced zig zagging according to plan #16.

0630 Held general quarters.

0703 Secured from general quarters.

0755 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course 250° (pge) and (t), 279° (psc).

Weather - Cloudy. Sea - calm, moderate wind from southwest.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 57.2.

R. A. Maughit
R. A. Maughit,
Lt., USNR.

0600-1200 Steaming as before.

0901 Changed course by wheeling to base course 231° (pge) and (t), 308° (psc).

0936 Increased convoy speed to 11 knots (62 r.p.m.)

0901 Changed course by wheeling to base course 250° (pge) and (t), 283° (psc).

0754 Commenced zig zagging in accordance with plan #24. Base course 250° (pge) and (t).

1008 Ceased zig zagging and resumed course 232° (pge) and (t), 257° (psc).

1019 Resumed base course 250° (pge) and (t), 283° (psc).

1030 Commenced zig zagging in accordance with plan #24. Base course 250° (pge) and (t).

Weather - cloudy, moderate wind and sea from southwest.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 64.1.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

D. G. ...
D. G. ...
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers, Lt., USNR,
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON

Sunday
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November, 1943
(Month)

Zone description -1

Position 0800

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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

- 1404 Changed convoy speed to 10 knots (5G p.m.)
 - 1427 Ceased zig zagging, resumed base course 250° (pgc) and (t), 233° (psc).
 - 1431 Executed emergency turn 45° to starboard to course 301° (pgc) and (t), 327° (psc).
 - 1436 Executed emergency turn 45° to starboard to course 348° (pgc) and (t), 001° (psc).
 - 1455 Executed emergency turn 45° to port to course 301° (pgc) and (t), 327° (psc).
 - 1500 Executed emergency turn 45° to port to course 358° (pgc) and (t), 233° (psc).
 - 1514 Executed emergency turn 45° to starboard to course 301° (pgc) and (t), 327° (psc).
 - 1520 Executed emergency turn 45° to starboard to course 348° (pgc) and (t), 001° (psc).
 - 1545 Executed emergency turn 45° to port to course 301° (pgc) and (t), 327° (psc).
 - 1550 Executed emergency turn 45° to port to course 358° (pgc) and (t), 233° (psc).
- Weather - cloudy, wind and sea from Northeast.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 82.9.

J. H. Boardley
J. H. Boardley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

- 1600 Executed emergency turn to port to 211° (pgc) and (t), 230° (psc).
 - 1607 Executed emergency turn to port to 186° (pgc) and (t), 181° (psc).
 - 1621 Executed emergency turn to starboard to 211° (pgc) and (t), 230° (psc).
 - 1626 Executed emergency turn to starboard to 258° (pgc) and (t), 233° (psc).
 - 1640 Commenced zig zagging in accordance with zig zag plan #24.
- Weather - clear, moderate wind and sea.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 59.8.

Wynne W. Winegardon
W. Winegardon,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

- 2049 Ceased zig zag plan #24 and resumed base course.
 - 2100 Changed course by wheeling to base course 240° (pgc) and (t), 266° (psc).
 - 2121 Commenced zig zag plan #24 on base course 240° (pgc) and (t), 266° (psc).
- Weather - clear, moderate wind and sea.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 59.5.

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

Approved:

J. H. Boardley
J. H. Boardley, Lt.(jg), USNR,
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. R. Spiers
H. R. Spiers, Lt., USNR,
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON Monday 22 November, 19 43
(Ship) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming in company with convoy SNF-7 in position 11, ComTransPhib 8th Fleet, USS DICKMAN (SOFA) and guide. Base course 240° (pgc) and (t), 260° (psc). Convoy speed 10 knots (80 r.p.m.) Zig zapping according to plan #24.

0101 Increased convoy speed to 11 knots (88 r.p.m.)
Weather - cloudy - Sea calm, wind from southwest.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 84.1.

A.A. Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0535 Ceased zig zapping and resumed base course 240° (pgc) and (t), 260° (psc).
0638 Changed course by wheeling to 200° (pgc) and (t), 238° (psc).
0654 Commenced zig zapping according to plan #24. Base course 300° (pgc) and (t), 280° (psc).
0623 Ceased zig zapping and resumed base course 260° (pgc) and (t), 288° (psc).
0630 Changed course by wheeling to 240° (pgc) and (t), 266° (psc).
0654 Commenced forming two column cruising disposition.
0715 Completed forming of two columns.
0730 Changed course by wheeling to 170° (pgc) and (t), 168° (psc).
Weather - cloudy, wind and sea from southeast.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 83.9.

J.H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before, proceeding in sortie formation through swept channel.

0812 Changed course to 160° (pgc) and (t), 154° (psc).
0820 Proceeded at various courses and speeds to conform to swept channel.
0855 Anchored in Gran Bay, Algeria, North Africa in 40 fathoms of water, using 75 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following bearings: End of breakwater 128°, Old breakwater light 178°, North point 280°.

S.B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1800 Anchored as before.

1245 Made all preparations for getting underway.
1241 Pilot GILL came on board.
1305 Underway for Gran Harbor. Pilot GILL at the con, Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 14 knots (80 r.p.m.). Proceeding on various courses and speeds to conform with harbor traffic.
1323 Passed Traverse du Large light abeam to port. Entered Avant Port Gran.
1412 Secured Gran Harbor, Gran, Algeria, North Africa, port side to Mole Jules Girard, Berth #15 in 6 fathoms of water using thirteen 3 inch Manila lines and one 1 inch wire cable fore and aft.
1425 Pilot GILL left the ship. Assumed Radar and AA Guard.
1425 Secured #1 boiler.
1540 Secured #1 generator.

J.H. Davis Jr.
J. H. Davis Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved:

J.S. Green
J. S. Green, Lt., USNR,
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H.R. Spiers
H. R. SPIERS, LT., USNR,
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ONAGER Monday 22 November, 19 45
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1635 Commenced receiving fresh water from dock.

J. B. David Jr.
J. B. David Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

J. B. David Jr.
J. B. David Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved: *J. B. David Jr.*
J. B. David Jr., LT. COMDR., USN.
Consulting Officer.

Examined: _____
H. R. SPIERS, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ONETON

Tuesday
(Day)

23
(Date)

November, 19 43
(Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0600	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored Oran Harbor, Oran, Algeria, North Africa port side to Mole Jules Gerard, Berth #15 in 8 fathoms of water using thirteen 3 inch manila lines and one 1 inch wire cable fore and aft. Boiler #2 and generator #1 in use for auxiliary purposes. Receiving fresh water from dock. ComTransPhib 8th Fleet in USS BARNETT (SOPA) and various other units of Northwest African fleet present. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

J. B. David Jr.
J. B. David Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

- 0600 Lighted fire under #1 boiler.
- 0615 Secured receiving fresh water from dock.
- 0640 Made all preparations for getting underway.
- 0650 Pilot J. P. FORRELMYER came on board.
- 0745 Tug "GOWLAND III" made fast to starboard quarter.
- 0749 Tug "JOLASNY II" made fast to starboard bow.
- 0752 Underway to shift berth to Mers el Kebir. Pilot FORRELMYER at the conn, Captain Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 14 knots (80 r.p.m.) Proceeding on various courses and speeds to conform with harbor channel.

J. B. David Jr.
J. B. David Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

- 0805 Tugs GOWLAND III and JOLASNY II cast off.
- 0815 Passed Traverse du Large light abeam to starboard, left Avant Port, Oran.
- 0847 Passed antisubmarine boom gate abeam to starboard. Entered Harbor of Mers el Kebir
- 0902 Anchored in harbor Mers el Kebir, using 25 fathoms of chain to port anchor.
- 0910 Underway, Pilot J. P. FORRELMYER at the conn, Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on bridge. Standard speed 14 knots (80 r.p.m.)
- 0929 Moored starboard side to USS BARNETT in Mers El Kebir harbor, Mers El Kebir, Algeria, North Africa in 15 fathoms of water with 30 fathoms of chain to port anchor and thirteen 3 inch manila lines and one 1 inch wire cable fore and aft.
- 0950 Pilot J. P. FORRELMYER left the ship.
- 0950 Secured #2 boiler.
- 1049 Relieved from Radar and AA Guard by U.S.S. CHARLES CARROLL.

J. B. David Jr.
J. B. David Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

- 1430 USS DALLAS moored along port side.

T. C. Johnson
T. C. Johnson,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved:

J. B. David Jr.
J. B. David Jr., USNR,
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. N. Spiers, Lt.
H. N. SPIERS, LT., USNR,
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ONSDORF Tuesday 23 November, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

1800-2000 Moored as before.
1800 Set Condition II Watch.

T. C. Johnson
T. C. Johnson,
Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

T. C. Johnson
T. C. Johnson,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved: *D. H. Greener*
D. H. Greener, LT., USN.
Coordinating Officer.

Examined: *H. H. Spiers*
H. H. SPIERS, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OREGON Wednesday 24 November 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kebir harbor, Algeria, North Africa, starboard side to USS BARNETT, Berth 2 in 18 fathoms of water with 20 fathoms of chain to port anchor and fourteen 8 inch manila lines and one 1 inch wire cable fore and aft. #1 boiler and #1 and #2 generators in use for auxiliary purposes. ComTransPhib 8th Fleet in USS BARNETT (SOPA) and various other units of Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.
0040 Secured #1 generator.

T. C. Johnson
T. C. Johnson,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0725 Cut in #1 generator.
0735 Secured Condition II Watch.

T. C. Johnson
T. C. Johnson,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

T. C. Johnson
T. C. Johnson,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1750 Set Condition II Watch.
1830 Secured #2 generator.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *[Signature]*
Lt. Commander, USNR
Comsiting Officer.

Examined: *[Signature]*
Lt. USNR, Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP 088500 Thursday 25 November, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kehir Harbor, Algeria, North Africa, starboard side to USS BARNETT Berth 2 in 18 fathoms of water with 20 fathoms of chain to port anchor. Using fourteen 3 inch manila lines and one 1 inch wire cable forward and one aft. #1 boiler and #1 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. ComTransFlot 8th Fleet in USS BARNETT (SOPA) and various other units of Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0743 Secured Condition II Watch.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
1109 Fuel Barge BENZENE moored along port side to fuel USS BARNETT.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.
1550 Out in #2 generator.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1600 Secured #1 generator.
1716 Fuel barge "SENEGAL" cast off from port side and stood out.
1750 Set Condition II and Picket Boat Watch.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

J. H. Beardsley
J. H. Beardsley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *J. H. Beardsley*
J. H. Beardsley, USNR
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. R. Spinks*
H. R. SPINKS, LT, USNR
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ONRCON Friday 26 November, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, North Africa, starboard side to the USS BARNETT, berth 2 in 15 fathoms of water with 20 fathoms of chain to the port anchor, using fourteen 3 inch manila lines and one 1 inch wire cable forward and 1 aft. #1 boiler and #2 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. ComTransPhib 8th Fleet in USS BARNETT (SOPA) and various other units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

J. H. Beardley
J. H. Beardley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0738 Secured picket boat watch.
0748 Secured Condition II Watch.

J. H. Beardley
J. H. Beardley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0910 Out in #1 generator.

J. H. Beardley
J. H. Beardley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.
1530 Secured #2 generator.

J. B. David Jr.
J. B. David Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1750 Set Condition II Watch.

J. B. David Jr.
J. B. David Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

J. B. David Jr.
J. B. David Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved: *[Signature]*
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *[Signature]*
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OSBORN Saturday 27 November, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, North Africa, starboard side to the USS BARNETT, berth 2 in 18 fathoms of water with 20 fathoms of chain to the port anchor using fourteen 8 inch manila lines and one 1 inch wire cable forward and one aft. #1 boiler and #1 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. ComTransPhib 8th Fleet in USS BARNETT (SOPA) and various other units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

J. B. David Jr.
J. B. David Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0745 Secured Condition II Watch.

J. B. David Jr.
J. B. David Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0800 Assumed Radar and AA guard.
0910 Cut in #2 generator.
0925 Heaved in the port anchor.
0925 Fuel barge BENZENE moored along port side to fuel USS BARNETT.

J. B. David Jr.
J. B. David Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.
1330 Secured #1 generator.

T. C. Johnson
T. C. Johnson,
Ensign, USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1905 Fuel barge, BENZENE, cast off.

T. C. Johnson
T. C. Johnson,
Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

T. C. Johnson
T. C. Johnson,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved: *J. B. Greenlee*
J. B. Greenlee, LT., USNR.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. R. Spiers*
H. R. Spiers, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP 092001 Sunday 28 November, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in Hera El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, North Africa, starboard side to USS SARDONYX, berth 2 in 15 fathoms of water using fourteen 8 inch manila lines and one 1 inch wire cable forward and one aft. #1 boiler and #2 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. ComTransFlit 8th Fleet in USS SARDONYX (SOPA) and various other units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch on Radar and AA Guard.

T. C. Johnson
T. C. Johnson,
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

T. C. Johnson
T. C. Johnson,
Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.
0815 Secured Radar and AA Guard.

T. C. Johnson
T. C. Johnson,
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.
1800 Set Condition II Watch.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *D. G. Gaudin*
D. G. GAUDIN, LT., USNR., USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. R. Spiers*
H. R. SPIERS, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ORION Monday 29 November, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, North Africa, starboard side to USS BARNETT, berth #2 in 15 fathoms of water, using fourteen 8 inch manila lines and one 1 inch wire cable forward and one aft. #1 boiler and #2 generator in use for auxiliary purposes. ComTransFlib 8th Fleet in USS BARNETT (SOPA) and various other units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.
0400 Out in #1 generator.
0500 Lighted fire under #2 boiler.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0900-1200 Moored as before.
0900 Made all preparations for getting underway.
1015 Pilot Altiero came aboard.
1015 Tug "LARGADE ORAN" made fast to port bow.
1018 Tug "ENERGIE" made fast to port quarter.
1022 Underway. Pursuant to orders of ComTransFlib 8th Fleet #81315A. Pilot Altiero at the conn, Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 14 knots (80 r.p.m.) Proceeding on various courses and speeds to conform with harbor and channel traffic.
1026 Tug "ENERGIE" cast off.
1034 Tug "LARGADE ORAN" cast off.
1045 Passed through anti submarine boom gate, entered Bay of Oran.
1048 Pilot Altiero left the ship.
1121 Anchored in Bay of Oran, Algeria, North Africa in 40 fathoms of water, with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following bearings: End of breakwater 171⁰⁰⁰, Old lighthouse 308⁰, Signal Station 217⁰.
Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 33.2.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1800 Anchored as before.

J. H. Beardley
J. H. Beardley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1800-2000 Anchored as before.
1749 Set Condition II Watch.

Wynon Winegardner
W. Winegardner,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved: *J. G. ...*
S. B. ... Lt. Commander, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *H. R. Spiers*
H. R. SPIERS, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ORRION Monday 20 November, 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

H. R. Spiers
 H. R. Spiers,
 Lt., USNR.

Approved: *[Signature]*

Commanding Officer.

Examined: *[Signature]*

H. R. SPIERS, LT., USNR.
 Navigator.

To be forwarded direct to the Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet, either at end of an operation or at the end of the calendar month.

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UNITED STATES SHIP OSBORN

Tuesday
(Day)

30
(Date)

November, 1943
(Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
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Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Anchored in Bay of Oran, Algeria, North Africa in 40 fathoms of water, with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following bearings: End of breakwater 171°; Old lighthouse 206°, Signal Station 217°. Both boilers and generators in use for auxiliary purposes. ComTransPhib 8th Fleet in USS BARNETT (SOPA) and various units of the Northwest African Naval Forces. Maintaining Condition II Watch.

A. R. Maugh
A. R. Maugh
Lt., USNR.

0400-0600 Anchored as before.

0455 Made all preparations for getting underway.

0515 Underway, pursuant to Eighth Amphibious Force Serial 00468 of 29 November 1943, Captain at conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge, standard speed 14 knots (80 r.p.m.) Steering various courses at various speeds conforming to Swept Channel.

0635 Took position three in column astern of USS DICKMAN, USS BARNETT (SOPA) and guide. Held General Quarters.

0645 Changed course by wheeling to 270° (pgc) and (t), 295° (psc), and formed three column disposition, assumed position 33.

0722 Secured from General Quarters.

0725 Changed course by wheeling to 290° (pgc) and (t), 313° (psc).

0754 Changed course by wheeling to 260° (pgc) and (t), 283° (psc).

Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 33.2.

J. H. Beardley
J. H. Beardley,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0807 Reduced speed to 5 knots (27 r.p.m.) in assuming position in convoy NEF 26.

0830 Assumed position 23 in convoy; base course 290° (pgc) and (t), 284° (psc), standard speed 14 knots (80 r.p.m.)

0904 Reduced convoy speed to 10 knots (58 r.p.m.)

0934 Changed convoy speed to 12 knots (68 r.p.m.)

0957 Changed convoy speed to 13.5 knots (73 r.p.m.)

1037 Exercised at tactical drills.

1100 Secured from tactical drills.

1115 Changed convoy speed to 14 knots (80 r.p.m.)

1131 Commenced zig zagging in accordance with plan #12. Base course 260° (pgc) and (t) 256° (psc). Standard speed 14 knots (80 r.p.m.)

Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 75.8.

S. B. Morris
S. B. Morris,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1315 Reduced convoy speed to 13.5 knots (73 r.p.m.)

Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 81.3.

Wynon W. Winegardner
W. Winegardner,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

[Signature]
C. S. GARDNER, Lt., USNR,
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

[Signature]
E. B. SPIERS, Lt., USNR,
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ONHORN Tuesday 30 November, 19 43
(Ship) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

1600-2000 Steaming as before.
 1633 Ceased zig zag plan #12 and resumed base course 260° (pgc) and (t), 286° (psc).
 1649 Changed course by wheeling to course 282° (pgc) and (t), 309° (psc).
 1653 Changed convoy disposition into 4 columns. Ships position 13.
 1732 Changed convoy speed to 8 knots (45 r.p.m.)
 1751 Changed convoy speed to 13.5 knots (78 r.p.m.)
 1800 Commenced zig zag plan #12 on base course 282° (pgc) and (t), 309° (psc).
 1805 Held general quarters.
 1850 Secured from general quarters.
 1900 Ceased zig zag plan #12 and resumed base course 282° (pgc) and (t), 309° (psc).
 Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 75.1.

H R Spiers
H. R. Spiers,
Lt., USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.
 2115 Air raid alert, sounded general quarters.
 2121 Executed 45° emergency turn to port to course 237° (pgc) and (t), 262° (psc).
 2140 All clear. Secured from general quarters.
 2144 Executed 45° emergency turn to starboard to course 282° (pgc) and (t), 309° (psc).
 2154 Changed course by wheeling to 237° (pgc) and (t), 316° (psc).
 Average steam 450. Average r.p.m. 75.2.

A A Maught
A. A. Maught,
Lt., USNR.

Approved: *J. J. [Signature]*Examined: *H R Spiers*

J. J. [Signature]
Commanding Officer, USNR.

H R Spiers
H. R. SPIERS, LT., USNR.
Navigator.

To be forwarded direct to the Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet, either at end of an operation or at the end of the calendar month.

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WAR DIARY, USS OBERON(AKA14)

Month of December 1943

December 1, Zone Time Minus 1

On the first day of December 1943 this ship under orders of Commander Transport Amphibious Force Atlantic was proceeding in convoy MKF from Bizerte, North Africa to Bangor Bay, Northern Ireland. One hundred twenty U. S. Army paratroopers aboard as passengers, their gear and sundry cargo.

1200 Position 36° 00' N., 08° 00' W.

December 2, Zone Time Minus 1

1200 Position 36° 00' N., 14° 00' W.

December 3, Zone Time Minus 1

1200 Position 38° 00' N., 20° 00' W.

December 4, Zone Time Minus 1

1200 Position 41° 00' N., 25° 00' W.

December 5, Zone Time Minus 1

1200 Position 45° 00' N., 23° 00' W.

December 6, Zone Time Minus 1

1200 Position 50° 00' N., 22° 00' W.

December 7, Zone Time Minus 1

1200 Position 53° 00' N., 17° 00' W.

December 8, Zone Time Minus 1

At 2000 this day we entered North Channel.

December 9, Zone Time Minus 1

At 0149 we anchored off Blackhead Light, Bangor Bay, Northern Ireland awaiting instructions to proceed to Belfast, Ireland.

December 10, Zone Time Minus 1

At 1050 underway to Belfast, Ireland to unload cargo and troops.
At 1315 moored to Pollock Dock, Belfast, Ireland.
At 1410 commenced unloading cargo.

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WAR DIARY, USS OBERON(AKA14)

Month of December 1943

December 11, Zone Time Minus 1

Moored to Pollock Dock, Belfast Ireland, unloading cargo.

December 12, Zone Time Minus 1

Cargo unloading completed, at 1359 we were underway to Firth of Clyde, Scotland to await orders from Commander Transport Division Three, Eighth Fleet. At 2222 dropped anchor as ordered.

December 13 - 17, Zone Time Minus 1

Anchored in Firth of Clyde, Scotland awaiting further orders.

December 18, Zone Time Minus 1

At 2230 underway to shift berth, sea and wind very heavy. At 2237 merchant ship of unknown registry drifted into our port side causing only slight damage. At 2317 anchored in new berth, Firth of Clyde, Scotland. At 2342 underway in accordance with sailing orders of Naval Control Service at Clyde, United Kingdom to join convoy and further proceed to United States.

December 19, Zone Time Minus 1

Underway in company with Clyde Section of convoy, U. C. 8, USS Charles Carroll O.T.C., USS Barnett SOPA, destination United States.

1200 Position 56° 00' N., 07° 00' W.

December 20, Zone Time Minus 1

1200 Position 56° 00' N., 11° 00' W.

December 21, Zone Time 0

1200 Position 55° 00' N., 16° 00' W.

December 22, Zone Time 0

1200 Position 56° 00' N., 21° 00' W.

December 23, Zone Time Plus 1

1200 Position 56° 00' N., 28° 00' W.

December 24, Zone Time Plus 2

1200 Position 54° 00' N., 33° 00' W.

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WAR DIARY, USS OBERON(AKA14)

Month of December 1943

December 25, Zone Time Plus 2

1200 Position 51° 00' N., 37° 00' W.

December 26, Zone Time Plus 2

1200 Position 49° 00' N., 41° 00' W.

December 27, Zone Time Plus 2

1200 Position 46° 00' N., 45° 00' W.

December 28, Zone Time Plus 3

1200 Position 42° 00' N., 49° 00' W.

December 29, Zone Time Plus 3

1200 Position 40° 00' N., 55° 00' W.

December 30, Zone Time Plus 3

1200 Position 39° 00' N., 61° 00' W.

December 31, Zone Time Plus 3

1200 Position 40° 00' N., 65° 00' W.

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WAR DIARY, USS OBERON(AKA14)

Month of January 1944

On the first day of the month this ship attached to Transport Division Three Atlantic Fleet was underway from Firth of Clyde Scotland to Philadelphia in convoy U.C. 8.

January 1, Zone Time Plus 4.

1200 Position 39° 00' N., 72° 00' W.

January 2 ~~00~~, Zone Time Plus 4

At 0832 this day we anchored off Fort Mifflin in Delaware River channel. At 0953, underway to shift berth. At 1100 we moored to Pier "F" Philadelphia Navy Yard.

January 3, ³⁰Zone Time Plus 4

On orders of ComTransDivThreeLant we were moored to Pier "F", Philadelphia Navy Yard for general overhaul. Continuous work in progress by Navy Yard workers.

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WAR DIARY, USS OBERON(AKA14)

Month of February 1944

February 1 - 7, Zone Time Plus 4

On the first day of the month this ship attached to Transport Division Three, Atlantic Fleet was moored to pier at Philadelphia Navy Yard for the purpose of a general overhaul. Continuous Navy Yard work was in progress, U.S.S. COTOCTIN (SOPA).

February 8, Zone Time Plus 4

At 0000 this day all repairs having been completed we were underway from Philadelphia Navy Yard to Hampton Roads, Virginia, on the orders of ComTransPhibLant. At 1000 we anchored in Hampton Roads off Old Point Comfort. U.S.S. ALCON (SOPA).

February 9, Zone Time Plus 4

At 0825 shifted berth to Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Virginia to take on new landing craft. Received aboard twenty-four boats from Naval Operating Base.

February 10, Zone Time Plus 4

On orders of ComPhibTraLant we were underway to Chesapeake firing range. Held structural firing tests.

February 11 - 12, Zone Time Plus 4

Returned to Hampton Roads, Virginia. At 1447 anchored off Fort Wool, Hampton Roads, Virginia.

February 13, Zone Time Plus 4

In compliance with ComPhibLant Speedletter 0082 of February we were underway to Staten Island, New York.

February 14, Zone Time Plus 4

At 1131 this day we anchored off pier 24, Staten Island, New York, at 1451 shifted berth. At 1522 moored alongside pier 19 Staten Island, New York.

February 15 - 16, Zone Time Plus 4

Moored to pier 24, Staten Island, New York. Standing by to take on cargo.

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WAR DIARY, USS OBERON(AKA14)

Month of February 1944

February 17 - 26, Zone Time Plus 4

Moored to pier 24, Staten Island, New York, taking on cargo.

February 27, Zone Time Plus 4

At 0825 this ship was underway proceeding to Cardiff Wales on order of Port Director, Third Naval District, to join convoy UT-9 Task Force 69. There were fifty-one men and twelve officers of U.S. Navy aboard as passengers. All holds loaded with Sundry cargo. U.S.S. E. C. STANTON (SOPA).

February 28, Zone Time Plus 4

1200 Position: 40° 00' N., 67° 00' W.

February 29, Zone Time Plus 4

1200 Position: 42° 00' N., 62° 00' W.

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WAR DIARY, USS OBERON(AKA14)

Month of March 1944

On the first day of the month this ship attached to Com-TransDivThree was proceeding in convoy UT-9, Task Force 69 under sailing instructions of Naval Port Director, New York to Cardiff, Wales. U.S.S. E.C. STANTON (SOPA). We had aboard fifty-one men and twelve officer as passengers, all holds loaded with cargo.

March 1, Zone Time Plus 3.

1200 Position: 43° 00' N., 55° 00' W.

March 2, Zone Time Plus 3.

1200 Position: 42° 00' N., 49° 00' W.

March 3, Zone Time Plus 2

1200 Position: 45° 00' N., 43° 00' W.

March 4, Zone Time Plus 2

1200 Position: 49° 00' N., 39° 00' W.

March 5, Zone Time Plus 1

1200 Position: 54° 00' N., 34° 00' W.

March 6, Zone Time Plus 1

1200 Position: 56° 00' N., 26° 00' W.

March 7, Zone Time 0

1200 Position: 56° 00' N., 17° 00' W.

March 8, Zone Time 0

1200 Position: 55° 00' N., 07° 00' W.

March 9, Zone Time Minus 1

At 2057 this day we moored to Queen Alexandra Dock, Denny's Mott, Cardiff, Wales.

March 10 - 12 Zone Time Minus 1

Moored to Queen Alexandra Dock, Cardiff Wales. Discharged all passengers, fifty-one men and twelve officers. Commenced unloading cargo.

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WAR DIARY, USS OBERON (AKA14)

Month of March 1944

March 13, Zone Time Minus 1

At 2109 this day all cargo having been discharged we were underway on FOIC Cardiff sailing orders #141, March 12, 1944, to Loch Long, Scotland. Proceeding with escort.

March 14, Zone Time Minus 1

At 2149 this day we anchored in Rothsay Sound, Scotland.

March 15, Zone Time Minus 1

At 0858 we shifted berth. At 0959 we were anchored in Loch Long, Scotland.

March 16 - 28, Zone Time Minus 1

Anchored in Loch Long, Scotland awaiting further instructions. Now under operational command of ComTransPhib Eleventh Fleet. U.S.S. SAMUEL CHASE (SOPA).

March 29, Zone Time Minus 1

At 1912 on orders of ComTransPhib Eleventh Fleet we were underway to join with convoy KMF30, S.S. STRATHAIRD (SOPA). Proceeding to Mers El Kebir, Algeria, North Africa.

March 30, Zone Time Minus 1

1200 56° 00' N., 08° 00' W.

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WAR DIARY, USS OBERON(AKA14)

Month of April 1944

On this day, 1 April, this ship attached to TransDivThree PhibLant was proceeding in convoy KMF30 to Mers El Kebir, Algeria, North Africa from Loch Long, Scotland. S.S. STRATHAIRD (SOPA). Sailing under orders of Opnav despatch 141315A of March 1944.

April 1 - Zone 0

1200 Position: 48° 00' N., 19° 00' W.

April 2

1200 Position: 44° 00' N., 19° 00' W.

April 3

1200 Position: 40° 00' N., 19° 00' W.

April 4

1200 Position: 36° 00' N., 15° 00' W.

April 5 - Zone Minus 1

1200 Position: 36° 00' N., 08° 00' W.

April 6 - Zone Minus 2

At 2300 this day we moored to buoy, berth 6, Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, North Africa. U.S.S. VULCAN (SOPA).

April 7 - 8 - 9

Moored to buoy berth 6 Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, North Africa, awaiting orders to participate in amphibious maneuvers. U.S.S. PHILIDELPHIA (SOPA).

April 10 - 21

Underway to shift berth. At 2023 anchored in Galfe de Arzew, Algeria, North Africa. U.S.S. CEPHEUS (SOPA).

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Month of April 1944

April 22

At 0930 this day we were underway to shift berth in accordance with Commander Naval Training Base, Arzew, despatch 220900. At 1301 moored to berth #3, Mers El Kebir, Algeria, North Africa.

April 23 - 30

Moored to berth #3 Mers El Kebir, Algeria, North Africa, awaiting further orders.

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WAR DIARY, USS OBERON(AKA14)

Month of May 1944

On the first day of the month this ship attached to Trans Div Three Eleventh Fleet acting under orders of ComTrans Eighth Amphibious Force Atlantic Fleet was moored to mole, berth #3, Mers El Kebir, Algeria, North Africa. U.S.S. VULCAN (SOPA). Continuous amphibious drills with one-hundred and twenty-five men and 18 officers of U.S. Army, May 16 through May 30. At 1251 underway in compliance with Commander Naval Operating Base, Oran, despatch 151747B of 15 May to Port D'Arzew, Algeria, North Africa. At 1645 moored to buoy "E", Port D'Arzew, Algeria, North Africa. Now under the operational command of Commander Assault Group II Eighth Amphibious Force. U.S.S. BISCAYNE (SOPA). Continuous amphibious drills.

May 31

Underway at 0932 in compliance ComNobOran, despatch 290929B of May 29 for Mers El Kebir, proceeding independently. At 1715 moored to buoy "Y" in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, North Africa. U.S.A.T. JAMES PARKER (SOPA).

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WAR DIARY, USS OBERON(AKA14)

Month of June 1944

June 1 - 3 - Zone Minus 2

On the first day of the month this ship attached to Assault Group II Eighth Amphibious Force was moored to buoy in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, North Africa. U.S.A.T. JAMES PARKER (SOPA). Continuous amphibious landing drills, the one-hundred and twenty-five men and eighteen officers of U. S. Army attached to ship under temporary orders participating.

June 4 - 9

Underway by order of Naval Port Director, Mers El Kebir, Algeria, North Africa. At 1905 moored to mole Millerand berth #8, Oran, Algeria, North Africa. U.S.S. CEPHEUS (SOPA).

June 10

At 1203 this day underway to shift berth by the orders of Naval Port Director, Mers El Kebir. At 1239 anchored in convoy assembly area, Gulf of Oran, Algeria, North Africa. At 1800 this day underway on tactical maneuvers and amphibious landing drills, in accordance with CTU 81.2 operating order 1-44, proceeding in convoy, U.S.S. CEPHEUS convoy guide, U. SS BISCAYNE OTC. One hundred and fifty men and six officers U.S. Army aboard as passengers.

June 11

At 2010 moored to Mole Millerand, berth #8, Oran, Algeria. U.S.S. PROCYON (SOPA).

June 12 - 13 - 14 - 15

Moored to Mole Millerand, berth #8, Oran, Algeria, North Africa, taking on cargo and stores.

June 16

At 1038 underway to shift berth by orders of Naval Port Director Oran. At 1105 anchored in convoy assembly area, Gulf of Oran, North Africa. We had one hundred and nineteen men and two officers of U. S. Army aboard as passengers. All holds fully loaded with various stores and supplies for U. S. Army. At 1349 underway by orders of Commander Task Group 81.2 operations order #2-44, proceeding in convoy to Naples, Italy. U.S.S. E.C. STANTON guide, U.S.S. BISCAYNE (SOPA).

June 17

1200 Position: 37° 00' N., 04° 00' E.

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Month of June 1944

June 18

1200 Position: 37° 00' N., 11° 00' E.

June 19

At 0923 anchored in Gulf of Naples, Naples, Italy. At 1955 underway to shift berth by orders of NOIC Naples, Italy. At 2200 moored to dock, berth 4, pier 52, Naples, Italy.

June 20

Moored to pier 52, berth 4, Naples, Italy, discharging cargo. All passengers disembarked this day. At 0934 all cargo having been discharged we were underway to shift berth in accordance with NOIC despatch 191235 of June 20. At 1009 anchored in Bay of Naples, Naples, Italy. U.S.S. BISCAYNE (SOPA)

June 21 - 22

Anchored in Bay of Naples, Naples, Italy, awaiting further orders.

June 23

At 1855 underway in accordance with FOWIT despatch 231126B of June 23 to Palermo, Sicily, proceeding in convoy. U.S.S. ANDROMEDA OTC.

June 24

At 1048 moored to Transverse Breakwater Mole, Port of Palermo, Sicily.

June 25 - 30

Moored to Transverse Breakwater Mole, Port of Palermo, Sicily, taking on stores and supplies. U.S.S. BROOKLYN (SOPA).

WAR DIARY USS OBERON(AKA14)

Month of July 1944

July 1 - 4, Zone Time Minus 2.

On the first day of the month this ship attached to Assault Group II Eighth Amphibious Force was moored to Transverse breakwater mole Port of Palermo, Sicily, standing by for further orders. USS Delta SOPA.

July 5.

At 1014 underway to shift berth in compliance with verbal orders of U. S. Naval Port Director, Port of Palermo, Sicily. At 1035 moored starboard to Pier #4, Port Palermo, Sicily.

July 6 - 13.

Moored to Pier #4, Port Palermo, Sicily for purpose of rest and recreation, undergoing minor repairs and alterations.

July 14.

At 1503 underway to shift berth on orders of COMNOB, Palermo despatch 131409B. At 1527 anchored outside port of Palermo, Sicily. At 1955 underway for Naples, Italy in compliance with COMNOB Palermo despatch 131409B of July proceeding with USS Cepheus SOPA.

July 15 - 17.

At 0910 anchored in Gulf of Naples, Naples, Italy.

July 18.

At 1557 underway to shift berth in compliance with orders from Eighth Port Headquarters, Movement order #271. At 1645 moored to dock, Berth H, Pier 52, Naples, Italy.

July 19.

Moored to Pier 52, Berth H, Naples, Italy. USS Catocin SOPA. Taking on general cargo. At 1807 having completed taking on cargo we were underway to shift berths in compliance with orders from Eighth Port Headquarters Movement Order #365. At 1845 anchored in Gulf of Naples, Naples, Italy.

July 20. - 22.

Anchored in Gulf of Naples, Naples, Italy awaiting further instructions. USS Catocin SOPA.

WAR DIARY USS OBERON(AKA14)

Month of July 1944

July 23.

At 1734 underway in compliance with orders of ComTransDivOne Mailgram 220915B. At 1853 anchored in Gulf of Pozzuol, Italy.

July 24 - 25.

Anchored in Gulf of Pozzuol, Italy standing by for orders.

July 26.

At 2358 this day underway in compliance with orders of Commander Transport Division One, 260900B of July, proceeding on amphibious landing drill and tactical maneuvers with Transport Division One, Eight Amphibious Force. USS Henrico OTC.

July 27.

At 1330 all exercises having been completed we anchored in Gulf of Pozzuol, Italy.

July 28 - 30.

Anchored in Gulf of Pozzuol, Italy. At 0925 twenty-five men and one officer of U. S. Army and thirteen men of U. S. Navy came aboard as passengers.

July 31.

At 0250 underway by the orders of and with ComTransDivOne ComTransEightPhibForce for amphibious landing exercise. At 0542 anchored in transport area Gulf of Pozzuol, Italy.

WAR DIARY USS OBERON (AKA14)

Month of August 1944

August 1, Zone Time Minus 2

On the first day of the month this ship attached to Transport Division One of the Eight Amphibious Force was anchored in Gulf of Pozzuol, Italy. We were combat loaded. USS Henrico SOPA. At 0603 underway in convoy in accordance with ComTrans DivOne visual despatch 311750 B of July. At 0842 anchored in Berth CM5 Port of Castellammare, Italy.

August 2 - 12.

Anchored in Berth CM5, Port of Castellammare, Italy, awaiting further orders. We were holding daily drills aboard ship.

August 13-14.

At 1424 we were underway on orders of Commander Western Naval Task Force Operation Plan #4-44 and Commander Alpha Attack Force Operation plan #2-44 for the invasion of Southern France. We were proceeding in convoy as a unit of CTU 84.14.4 in USS Henrico. There ninty men and three officers of U. S. Army aboard as passengers.

August 15.

At 0504 we were lying to in Transport Area off St. Tropez, France. At 0505 commenced lowering boats. At 0510 commenced discharging cargo. At 1524 we were anchored in Baie De Pampelonne, France, and discharging cargo and U. S. Army personnel. At 1825 completed discharging cargo, all passengers put ashore.

August 16.

At 1958 we were underway to Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, North Africa in compliance with ComTransEightPhibForce despatch 161345B Of August. Proceeding as a unit of Transport Division One, USS Henrico OTC. Aboard as passengers were the following casualties. Seven American Soldiers, five German P.O.W.s.

August 17.

1200 Position 41° 00' N., 08° 00' E.

August 18.

1200 Position 37° 00' N., 05° 00' E.

At 0745 this day one German P.O.W. died of wounds.

WAR DIARY USS OBERON(AKA14)

Month of August 1944

August 19.

At 1122 moored to buoy YOKE, Mers El Kebir, Algeria, North, Africa.

August 20 - 21.

Moored to buoy YOKE in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, North Africa.

August 22.

At 1627 underway to shift berth. At 1700 moored to berth #3, Mers El Kebir, Algeria, North Africa. USS Henrico SOPA.

August 23.

Moored to berth #3 Mers El Kebir, Algeria, North Africa. USS Henrico SOPA. Loading cargo.

August 24.

At 0649 on orders of Naval Port Director, Mers El Kebir we were underway to shift berth, all cargo having been loaded. At 0720 moored to buoy YOKE, Algeria, North Africa.

August 25.

We received aboard today as passengers sixty-five men and one officer of the French Army.

August 26.

Moored to buoy YOKE, Mers El Kebir, Algeria, North Africa.

August 27.

At 0807 underway by orders of ComTransDivOne mailgram 260910B of August to convoy assembly area. At 0904 anchored in convoy assembly area, Oran, Algeria, North Africa. At 1257 underway by orders of Commander Transport, Eight Amphibious Forces movement plan #12-44, proceeding in convoy as unit of Transport Division One to Baie De Cavaiaire, France. USS Henrico OTC.

August 28.

1200 Position 037° 00' .N., 004° 00' E.

WAR DIARY USS OBERON(AKA14)

Month of August 1944

August 29.

1200 Position 040° 00' N., 008° 00' E.

August 30.

At 0944 anchored in Baie De Cavaiaire, France. At 1917 all cargo discharged and all passengers having disembarked we were underway for Gulf of Naples, Italy, on orders of Commander Transport, Eight Amphibious Fleet Movement Plan 12-44 in company with Transport Divisions one and five. Proceeding in convoy. USS Henirco OTC.

August 31.

1200 Position 041° 00' N., 009° 00' E.

WAR DIARY USS OBERON(AKA14)

Month of September 1944

September 1, Zone Time Minus 2

On the first day of the month this ship attached to Division One Transport Eight Amphibious Forces and by the orders of ComTrans8thPhibForce was proceeding in convoy from Baie De Cavaiani, France to Gulf of Naples, Italy. USS Henrico OTC. At 0941 we anchored in Gulf of Naples, Italy.

September 2.

At 0801 underway to shift berth on orders of ComTransDivOne despatch 020659B of September. At 0921 moored to berth 56, Naples, Italy. Commenced taking on cargo. Sixty-four men and four officers of U. S. Army came aboard for transportation. At 2040 completed loading cargo.

September 3.

At 0828 underway to shift berth on order of Eight Port Headquarters, Movement #2783. At 0903 anchored in Gulf of Naples, Naples, Italy.

September 4 - 6.

Anchored in the Gulf of Naples, Italy. USS Henrico SOPA.

September 7.

At 1903 underway by order of Commander Transport, Eight Amphibious Force Movement Plan #12-44. Proceeding in convoy as unit of TransDivOne. USS Henrico OTC. Combat loaded, carrying as passengers one hundred ten men and five officers of U. S. Army.

September 8.

1200 Position 041° 00' N., 010° 00' E.

September 9.

At 0952 anchored in Gulf of St. Tropez, France, unloading cargo disembarking all passengers, At 2007 underway to Gulf of Naples, Italy, on orders of ComEightPhibForce Movement Plan #12-44 in company with TransDiv 1&5. USS Henrico OTC.

September 10.

1200 Position 041° 00' N., 009° 00' E.

WAR DIARY USS OBERON(AKA14)

Month of September 1944

September 11.

At 0933 anchored in the Gulf of Naples, Naples Italy.

September 12.

At 1729 underway to shift berth on orders of 8th Port Headquarters. At 1829 moored to berth 25, Naples, Italy. Commenced taking on cargo at 2000.

September 13.

At 1236 completed loading cargo. We were underway to shift berths as orders of Eight Port Headquarters. At 1330 anchored in Gulf of Naples, Italy. One hundred thirty-three men and six officers of U. S. Army aboard for transportation.

September 14 - 16.

Anchored in Gulf of Naples, Italy. Awaiting convoy formation.

September 17, Zone Time Minus 1.

At 1704 underway for Marseille, France, in compliance with Com TransEightPhib despatch 171355A of September. Proceeding in convoy. USS Henrico OTC.

September 18.

1200 Position 041° 00' N., 010° 00' E.

September 19.

At 1303 anchored in Bay of Marseille, France. At 1458 commenced unloading cargo.

September 20.

At 1601 having completed unloading all cargo, all passengers disembarked we were unloading, proceeding to Bay of Naples, Italy, in compliance with ComTransEightPhibs Mailgram 201100A of September.

September 21.

1200 Position 041° 00' N., 009° 00' E.

September 22.

At 0931 anchored in Bay of Naples, Naples, Italy.

WAR DIARY USS OBERON(AKA14)

Month of September 1944

September 23.

At 0945 underway to shift berths on orders of Eight Port Headquarters. At 1018 moored to dock berth #25, Naples Harbor, Naples Italy. Commenced taking on cargo. Completed taking on cargo at 1618. Eighty-five men and three officers of U. S. Army came aboard for transportation.

September 24.

At 1713 underway to shift berths on orders of Eight Port Headquarters. At 0749 anchored in the Bay of Naples, Naples, Italy.

September 25 - 26.

Anchored in the Bay of Naples, Naples, Italy, USS Henrico SOPA.

September 27.

At 1454 underway in compliance with ComTrans8thPhib Mailgram 251321A of September. Proceeding as unit of Transport Div. One.

September 28.

At 1333 in compliance with ComTransEightPhib despatch 280950A of September. We were detached from convoy and in company of USS Andromeda and USS Thurston we proceeded to Assicio, Corsica to pickup additional landing craft. At 1940 having taken aboard landing craft we were proceeding to join convoy. At 2115 joined convoy.

September 29.

At 1201 anchored in Bay of Marseille, France. Commenced unloading cargo. At 1945 all cargo discharged, all passengers disembarked.

September 30.

Anchored in Bay of Marseille, France.

WAR DIARY USS OBERON(AKA14)

Month of October 1944

October 1, Zone Time Minus 1

On the first day of the month this ship attached to Division One of Transport Eight Phib Force was anchored in Bay of Marseille, France, all cargo having been discharged we were standing by for further orders.

October 2.

At 1308 in compliance with ComTransEightPhib mailgram O1130A of October underway and proceeding to Gulf of Oran, Algeria, in company with TransDivOne, five and ninety-nine.

October 3.

1200 Position 039° 00' N., 005° 00' E.

October 4.

At 1416 we anchored in Gulf of Oran, Algeria. At 1627 underway to shift berth on orders of Port Director. At 1803 moored to buoy T in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria.

October 5.

Moored to buoy Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria.

October 6.

At 1659 shifted berth to mole berth 4, Mers El Kebir, Algeria.

October 7.

At 1613 having completed loading cargo. We shifted berth to buoy T in harbor of Mers El Kebir.

October 8 - 11.

Moored to buoy T in harbor of Mers El Kebir, Algeria, No. Africa, standing by for further orders.

October 12.

At 0640 underway as orders of ComNOB, Oran despatch 100943A of October. At 0715 anchored in Gulf of Oran, Algeria. At 0805 on orders of ComTransEightPhib underway and proceeding to Bay of Marsielle, France, proceeding in convoy with TransDivOne. We had 62 men and 3 officers of Italian Army, 25 men and 2 officers of U. S. Army and 30 men of U. S. Navy aboard for transportation.

WAR DIARY USS OBERON(AKA14)

Month of October 1944

October 13.

1200 Position 039° 00' N., 006° 00' E.

October 14.

At 1026 anchored in Bay of Marseille, France. At 1630 all cargo was discharged and all passengers put ashore.

October 15.

At 1603 underway in compliance with ComTrans8thPhib despatch 141601A of October, proceeding to Bay of Naples in convoy with TransDivOne.

October 16.

1200 Position 041° 00' N., 009° 00' E.

October 17.

At 0740 anchored in Gulf of Naples, Italy. At 1901 underway and proceeding to Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria in compliance with ComTransDivOne mailgram 171304A of October. Proceeding in convoy.

October 18.

1200 Position 039° 00' N., 011° 00' E.

October 19.

1200 Position 038° 00' N., 004° 00' E.

October 20.

At 0921 moored to buoy in Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, No. Africa.

October 21 - 22.

Moored to buoy in Mers El Kebir Harbor.

October 23.

At 0732 underway to shift berth in compliance with Naval Port Director order #221008A of October. At 0831 moored to berth #4 Mers El Kebir, Algeria. Commenced taking on cargo. At 1650 completed taking on cargo, Underway to shift berths. At 1739 moored to buoy Mers El Kebir Harbor, Algeria, No. Africa.

WAR DIARY USS OBERON(AKA14)

Month of October 1944

October 24.

Moored to buoy Mers El Kebir Harbor Algeria, No. Africa.

October 25.

At 0730 underway on orders of Port Director to shift berths. At 0900 anchored in outer harbor Oran. At 1642 underway in compliance with ComTrans8thPhibForce despatch 2511402 of October proceeding to join convoy and further proceed to United States. Steaming in convoy consisting of TransDivOne, Three, Five and Thirty-nine. Six escorts proceeding to United States. USS Henrico OTC.

October 26.

1200 Position $036^{\circ} 00' N.$, $005^{\circ} 00' W.$

October 27.

1200 Position $034^{\circ} N.$, $011^{\circ} W.$

October 28, Zone Time Plus 1

1200 Position $031^{\circ} N.$, $016^{\circ} W.$

October 29, Zone Time Plus 2

1200 Position $031^{\circ} N.$, $023^{\circ} W.$

October 30.

1200 Position $032^{\circ} N.$, $029^{\circ} W.$

October 31.

1200 Position $032^{\circ} N.$, $035^{\circ} W.$

WAR DIARY USS OBERON(AKA14)

Month of November 1944

On the first day of the month this ship attached to Transport Division One of TransEightPhibForce was proceed in convoy under escort from Oran, North Africa to Boston Harbor, U. S. Proceeding in compliance with ComTransEightPhibForce despatch 251 1402 of October. USS Henrico OTC.

November 1, Zone Time Plus 2

1200 Position 032° N., 041° W.

November 2, Zone Time Plus 3

1200 Position 033° N., 047° W.

November 3.

1200 Position 032° N., 053° W.

November 4.

1200 Position 031° N., 059° W.

November 5.

1200 Position 031° N., 065° W.

November 6.

1200 Position 033° N., 067° W.

November 7.

1200 Position 039° N., 069° W.

November 8.

At 1052 moored to Berth #2, Boston and Albany Piers, Boston Harbor, U. S. A.

November 9.

At 0718 underway to shift berths on order of Commandant Boston Navy Yard. At 0746 moored to Pier 5, South Boston Navy Yard Annex #1. Commenced discharging cargo. At 1830 completed discharging cargo.

November 10.

At 1955 underway to shift berth on order of Com. Boston Navy Yard. At 2010 moored to pier #5 South Boston Navy Yard.

WAR DIARY USS OBERON(AKA14)

Month of November 1944

November 11 - 30.

Moored to Pier #5 in South Boston Navy Yard Annex #1 for general overhaul by Yard workers.

WAR DIARY USS OBERON(AKA14)

Month of December 1944

December 1 - 12, Zone Time Plus 4.

On the first day of the month this ship attached to TransDivOne of TransEightPhibForce Atlantic was moored to dock at South Boston Navy Yard undergoing a general overhaul by yard workers, action under ComTrans8thPhib Despatch #2511402 of October.

December 13.

At 0918 underway and proceeding to Naragansett Bay, R. I. in compliance with ComPhibTransLant confidential despatch 081919 of December. At 1747 anchored in Naragansett Bay, R. I.

December 14.

At 0715 underway and proceeding to Davisville, R. I. in compliance with NAVSTA, Newport despatch 111030 of December. At 0923 moored to pier Advanced Base Depot, Davisville, R. I. commenced taking on cargo .

December 15 - 21..

Moored to pier Advanced Base Depot, Davisville, R. I., taking on cargo. USS Barnett SOPA.

December 22.

At 0845 underway and proceeding to Hampton Roads, Va. in compliance with orders of ComTaskForce 29, despatch #162359 of December. Proceeding in company of USS Andromeda SOPA.

December 23 - 24.

Anchored in Berth #3, Hampton Road, Va..

December 25.

At 1344 underway and proceeding to Balboa, Panama Canal in compliance with ComServLant 232043 of December. Proceeding in company of Task Unit 29.6.1. USS Andromeda OTC.

December 26.

1200 Position 034° N., 073° W.

December 27.

1200 Position 028° N., 074° W.

WAR DIARY USS OBERON(AKA14)

Month of December 1944

December 28.

1200 Position 023° N., 075° W.

December 29.

1200 Position 018° N, 076° W.

December 30.

1200 Position 014° N., 079° W.

December 31, Zone Time Plus 5

At 0950 entered locks of Panama Canal. At 1900 moored to berth #1, Naval Operating Base, Balboa, Panama.

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U. S. S. OBERON (AKA14),
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WAR DIARY, USS OBERON (AKA14)

MONTH OF JANUARY 1945

1 January 1945 - Zone Time + 5

0001 Moored port side to berth 1, NOB, Balboa, Panama Canal Zone. The Oberon is proceeding from Davisville, Rhode Island, via Norfolk and the Panama Canal to Pearl Harbor, Territory of Hawaii, carrying 2,203.8 tons of general cargo, consigned to Pearl Harbor. This ship is attached to Transport Division 47, Squadron 16, Transports Amphibious Forces, U. S. Pacific Fleet, having reported for duty to Cincpac on 31 December 1944. 1520 underway in compliance with the following paraphrase of original orders.

"In accordance with CNO Directions Andromeda (AKA15) and Oberon (AKA14) proceed to Pearl Harbor, Oahu. When in all respects ready for sea take departure Balboa approximately 1900Z one January and proceed to destination. Speed of advance (A) 13 (B) 14.5 knots. ETA fifteenth January. Communications accordance USF 70A. Guard NBA primary fox until zero hours Zebra 15 January then shift to NPM secondary fox. Obtain latest Q messages as applicable. No enemy activity reported recently along route but some possible. Compaseafon will make report of departure. Andromeda senior."

1624 Took departure with channel entrance buoy "1" abeam to starboard, astern of USS Andromeda (SOPA) guide.

2000 Position: 7° 54' N., 79° 30' W.

2 January - Zone Time + 5

0800 Position: 7° 03' N., 82° 03' W.

1200 Position: 6° 54' N., 83° 10' W.

2000 Position: 6° 42' N., 85° 10' W.

3 January - Zone Time + 5

0800 Position: 7° 42' N., 87° 58' W.

1200 Position: 7° 58' N., 88° 38' W.

1700 Retarded all ship's clocks one hour to plus 6 zone time.

2000 Position: 8° 49' N., 90° 44' W.

4 January - Zone Time + 6

0800 Position: 9° 51' N., 93° 49' W.

1200 Position: 10° 09' N., 94° 48' W.

2000 Position : 10° 45' N., 96° 46' W.

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Month of January 1945

5 January 1945 - Zone Time + 6

0800 Position: 11° 43' N., 99° 55' W.
1200 Position: 12° 05' N., 100° 56' W.
1700 Retarded all ship's clocks one hour to plus 7 zone time.
2000 Position: 12° 47' N., 103° 03' W.

6 January - Zone Time + 7

0800 Position: 13° 28' N., 106° 06' W.
1200 Position: 13° 40' N., 107° 06' W.
2000 Position: 14° 05' N., 109° 00' W.

7 January - Zone Time + 7

0800 Position: 14° 48' N., 112° 00' W.
1200 Position: 15° 16' N., 113° 06' W.
2000 Position: 15° 52.2' N., 115° 03' W.

8 January - Zone Time + 7

0800 Position: 16° 28' N., 117° 56' W.
1030 Simple maneuvering exercises from the U. S. Navy
General Signal Book, Andromeda acting as guide.
1147 Secured from maneuvering exercises.
1200 Position: 16° 30' N., 118° 57' W.
1338 Assumed unit guide.
1700 Retarded all ship's clocks one hour to plus 8 zone time.
2000 Position: 17° 15' N., 121° 11.2' W.

9 January - Zone Time + 8

0800 Position: 17° 48' N., 124° 20' W.
1200 Position: 18° 03' N., 125° 10' W.
1330 U.S.S. Andromeda assumed unit guide.
2000 Position: 18° 28' N., 127° 01' W.

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MONTH OF JANUARY 1945

10 January 1945 - Zone Time + 8

0800 Position: 18° 57' N., 129° 52' W.
1200 Position: 19° 01' N., 130° 44' W.
1700 Retarded all ship's clocks 30 minutes to plus 8-1/2 zone time.
2000 Position: 19° 22' N., 132° 47' W.

11 January - Zone Time + 8-1/2

0800 Positions: 19° 52' N., 135° 34' W.
1200 Position: 19° 54' N., 136° 25' W.
1700 Retarded all ship's clocks 30 minutes to plus 9 zone time.
2000 Position: 20° 07' N., 138° 28' W.

12 January - Zone Time + 9

0800 Position: 20° 26' N., 141° 16' W.
1200 Position: 20° 32' N., 142° 10' W.
1700 Retarded all ship's clocks 30 minutes to plus 9-1/2 zone time.
2000 Position: 20° 40' N., 144° 12' W.

13 January - Zone Time + 9-1/2

0800 Position: 21° 05' N., 146° 58' W.
1200 Position: 21° 07' N., 147° 54' W.
2000 Position: 21° 13' N., 149° 42' W.

14 January - Zone Time + 9-1/2

0800 Position: 21° 23' N., 152° 28' W.
1200 Position: 21° 24' N., 153° 27' W.
2000 Position: 21° 27' N., 155° 12' W.

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15 January 1945 - Zone Time + 9 1/2

0740 Passed Diamond Head lighthouse abeam to starboard bearing 136° (T), distance 4.6 miles. 0855 Entered channel and stood in to Pearl Harbor, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii. 1006 Moored in berth X-2 in East Loch, Pearl Harbor.

17 January - Zone Time + 9 1/2

Moored as before. 0110 Commenced discharge of ship assisted by the 14th and 34th Naval Construction Battalion.

20 January - Zone Time + 9 1/2

Moored as before. Discharge of cargo continued until 1115 when the side was cleared of all barges in preparation for shifting berth. 1352 Underway to shift berth in compliance with orders of the Assistant Captain of the Yard. 1507 Moored port side to Berth W-9. 1550 Resumed discharge of cargo.

22 January - Zone Time + 9 1/2

Moored as before. Discharge of cargo was completed at 0110 and all hatches covered in anticipation of movement to Honolulu Harbor. 1240 Underway by order of Port Director, Pearl Harbor. 1420 Moored port side to Pier 25 Honolulu Harbor, Oahu. 1800 Commenced loading of all hatches with general, ammunition and traction cargo of 111 Infantry regiment, 81st infantry division and 819th Tank Destroyer Battalion.

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25 January - Zone Time + 9 1/2

Moored as before. 0745 Completed loading ship. 1222 Embarked following personnel for transportation to Peleliu, Palau Islands. Officers USA 2, Marines 24, USN 3, 18 U. S. Army.

1517 - Underway in compliance with the following paraphrase of original orders of Cincpac:

"THIS IS TO MODIFY MY (1st REFERENCE) X SUBSTITUTE WYANDOT (AKA92) FOR OBERON (AKA14) X MODIFY ALSO MY (2nd REFERENCE) X SUBSTITUTION OBERON FOR WYANDOT X REFERENCES PASSED SEPARATELY TO BOTH SHIPS CONCERNED X NOT NEEDED BY OTHER ADDRESSEES X NO CHANGE IN ULTIMATE DESTINATION, DEADLINE DATE OF ARRIVAL OR ORDERS FOR REPORTING EITHER SHIP XX"

First Reference:

"WHEN READY FOR SEA ADCOMPFIHSPAC DIRECT INFO SHIPS REPORT COMSERVPAC FOR LOADING X ASSIGNED TO LIFT UNITS AND CARGO HONOLULU TO LEYTE X"

Second Reference:

"WHEN READY FOR SEA ADCOMPFIHSPAC DIRECT INFO SHIP TO REPORT COMSERVPAC FOR LIFTING REMAINDER OF EQUIPMENT 819TH TANK DESTROYER BN AND 111TH INFANTRY HAWAIIAN AREA TO PELELIU XX"

Speed of advance 14.5 knots.

1538 - Passed channel buoy #1 to starboard and took departure from Honolulu, TH. Escorted by U.S.S. (PC) 486.

1815 - U.S.S. (PC) 486 closed escort operation and returned to base.
2000 Position: 20° 11' N., 158° 02' W.

26 January - Zone Time + 9 1/2

0800 Position: 19° 59' N., 161° 09' W

1200 Position: 19° 57' N., 162° 10' W

1800 Retarded all ships clocks 1 hour to plus 10 1/2 zone time.

2000 Position: 19° 44' N., 164° 27' W

27 January - Zone Time + 10 1/2

0800 Position: 19° 26' N., 167° 13' W

1200 Position: 19° 10' N., 168° 16' W

1800 Retarded all ships clocks 1 hour to plus 11 1/2 zone time.

2000 Position: 18° 40' N., 170° 40' W

28 January - Zone Time + 11 1/2

0800 - Position: 18 14 N., 173 34 W.

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28 January - Zone Time + 11 1/2 (Cont'd)

1200 Position: 17 51 N., 174 36 W.
1800 Retarded all ship's clocks one half hour to plus 12 zone.
2000 Position: 17 25 N., 176 46 W.

29 January - Zone Time + 12

0800 Position: 16 47 N., 179 42 W.
0912 Crossed the international date line, advanced time 24 hours to minus 12 zone time Tuesday, 30 January.
1200 Position: 16 32 N., 179 28 E.
1340 Commenced maneuvering for firing practice.
1456 Ceased maneuvering for firing practice having expended 1,665 rounds of 20 mm, 207 rounds of 40 mm and 6 rounds of 5" 38 ammunition.
2000 Position: 16 08 N., 177 22 E.

31 January - Zone Time -12

0800 Position: 15 15 N., 174 39 E.
1200 Position: 15 10 N., 173 46 E.
1800 Retarded all ship's clocks one hour to minus 11 zone time.
2000 Position: 14 24 N., 171 29 E.

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U.S.S. OBERON (AKA14),
 Fleet Post Office,
 San Francisco, Calif.,
 6 March 1945.

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

From: The Commanding Officer.
 To : The Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet.
 Subject: War Diary, U. S. S. OBERON; submittal of.
 Reference: (a) Cincpac Conf. Ltr. 1CL-45.
 Enclosure: (A) Subject War Diary.

1. In compliance with directive contained in reference (a), the war diary of this ship's operations for the month of February 1945 is submitted herewith.

H. T. Cameron
 H. T. CAMERON.

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MONTH OF FEBRUARY 19451 February - Zone Time Minus 11

0000 Steaming independently enroute from Honolulu to Eniwetok Atoll, West Marshall Islands, in compliance with Cincpac despatch 200339 of January 1945, carrying 1593.4 tons of general, ammunition and traction cargo of the 111th Infantry Regiment, 81st Infantry Division and 819th Tank Destroyer Battalion consigned to Peleliu, Palau Islands. The USS OBERON is attached to Transport Division 47, Squadron 16, Transports Amphibious Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet. Two U.S. Army Officers, 24 Marines, 3 U.S. Navy and 18 U.S. Army enlisted personnel are on board for transportation to Peleliu.

0800 Position: 13° 33' N., 168° 28' E.

1200 Position: 13° 17' N., 167° 30' E.

2000 Position: 12° 40' N., 165° 34' E.

2 February - Zone Time Minus 11

0800 Position: 11° 32' N., 162° 43' E.

0855 Sighted Runit Island, Eniwetok Atoll.

1003 Passed channel buoy C-3 to port entered Eniwetok Lagoon and proceeded to anchorage in Southeastern part of Lagoon. At 1200 all ship's clocks were advanced to minus 12 zone time to conform with Eniwetok Atoll standard. Reported to the Port Director Eniwetok Atoll for onward routing to Peleliu.

3 February - Zone Time Minus 12

1345 Underway with Convoy Eniwetok to Kossol Roads #13 in compliance with Port Director, Eniwetok, Confidential order serial A4-3 of 3 February.

1524 Passed channel buoy #3 abeam to starboard; assumed position 32 in cruising disposition, Convoy Commodore in S.S. CAPE NEDDICK.

2000 Position: 11° 14' N., 161° 51' E.

4 February - Zone Time Minus 12

0100 Retarded all ship's clocks one hour to minus 11 zone time.

0800 Position: 11° 37' N., 159° 36' E.

0900 Convoy Commodore conducted maneuvering exercises according to Mersigs and Wims.

1200 Position: 11° 46.5' N., 158° 56' E.

1223 The Commodore, having received a positive submarine contact report from USS BEBAS (DE10) in Lat. 12° 16' N., and Long. 155° 15' E., rerouted the convoy to pass 13 miles north of submarine's position.

2000 Position: 12° 13' N., 157° 35' E.

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5 February - Zone Time Minus 11

0800 Position: 12° 45' N., 155° 33.5' E.
1200 Position: 12° 53' N., 154° 52' E.
2000 Position: 13° 03' N., 153° 25' E.

6 February - Zone Time Minus 11

0800 Position: 13° 07' N., 151° 21' E.
1200 Position: 13° 08' N., 150° 39' E.
2000 Position: 12° 51' N., 149° 16.2' E.

7 February - Zone Time Minus 11

0100 Retarded all ship's clocks 30 minutes to
minus 10-1/2 zone time.
0800 Position: 12° 00' N., 147° 19' E.
1200 Position: 11° 50' N., 146° 38' E.
2000 Position: 11° 15' N., 145° 20' E.

8 February - Zone Time Minus 10-1/2

0100 Retarded all ship's clocks 30 minutes to
minus 10 zone time.
0800 Position: 10° 49' N., 143° 22' E.
1200 Position: 10° 40' N., 142° 44' E.
2000 Position: 10° 24' N., 141° 21' E.

9 February - Zone Time Minus 10

0800 Position: 10° 02' N., 138° 53' E.
0854 Ulithi Section of Convoy was detached and
proceeded into Ulithi Atoll, Oberon assumed
position 31 in cruising disposition.
1200 Position: 09° 44' N., 139° 36' E.
2000 Position: 09° 09' N., 138° 48' E.

10 February - Zone Time Minus 10

0800 Position: 07° 54' N., 137° 47' E.
1200 Position: 07° 49' N., 136° 58' E.
2000 Position: 07° 50' N., 135° 53' E.

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11 February - Zone Time Minus 11

- 0800 Position: $07^{\circ} 51' N.$, $134^{\circ} 41' E.$
0824 Passed buoy C-2 close abeam to starboard and entered Kossol Passage Palau Islands and proceeded to anchorage in berth 43 at 0950.
1730 In compliance with Port Director, Kossol Roads, Confidential order of 11 February 1945, underway as O. T.C. and guide in company with USS LST 814, 815, LSM 321, and YR 287 with USS SC 669 and YMS 302 as surface escort. At 1826 passed channel buoy C-2 abeam to port and took departure on base course $110^{\circ}(t)$, standard speed 8 knots. At 1827 assumed position 21 in cruising formation.
2000 Position: $07^{\circ} 48' N.$, $134^{\circ} 50' E.$

12 February - Zone Time Minus 10

At 0700 formed a single column of the convoy in anticipation of detaching the section ordered to Anguar Island. At 0724 sighted Anguar and Peleliu at a distance of 7 and 10 miles respectively. At 0843 the convoy was dissolved, all ships proceeding independently to destinations. 0955 in transport area, Peleliu, lying to using main engine to maintain position and lowering all boats preparatory to discharge of cargo. At 1020 the U.S. Army, Navy and Marine personnel on board for transportation were disembarked. Throughout the remainder of the day we continued to discharge cargo into ship's boats and assisting LCT's.

13 February - Zone Time Minus 10

Continuing discharge of cargo. At 1155 a salvage party was sent to LCT 371 upon request, LCT 371 having reported, "We our flooded." At 1515 the salvage party returned, the LCT having capsized apparently due to loss of stability from flooding and shifting of cargo. At 1725 the discharge of ship's cargo at all hatches was completed. Loading of #2 hatch was commenced at 1435 and completed at 1900. Loading of #3 hatch was begun at 1700 and continued until about 1900. At 2200 all boats being hoisted aboard we were underway steaming in the transport area off Peleliu Island on various courses and speeds which continued throughout the night.

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14 February - Zone Time Minus 10

0745 Left the steaming area and entered the transport area and at 1125 commenced loading #3 hatch. At 1900 loading was completed having received 30 tons of general cargo and five vehicles consigned to Leyte, Philippine Islands, for reshipment. 1935, underway for Kossol Roads in compliance with Port Director, Peleliu, orders of 14 February, escorted by YMS 302. Standard speed 6.5 knots.

2000 Position: 06° 57' N., 134° 45' E.

15 February - Zone Time Minus 10

0800 Position: 07° 48' N., 134° 45' E.

0830 Released escort YMS 302 and stood into Kossol Roads. Assigned anchorage in Berth 43.

18 February - Zone Time Minus 10

0917 Underway with Task Unit 94.18.12, Kossol Roads to Leyte Convoy #16 in obedience to Kossol Roads Port Director's confidential order of 15 February 1945. C.T.U. and Convoy Commodore in U.S.S. CHILTON (APA38) in position 41 as guide. At 1002 passed buoy #2 and took departure on base course 068°(t). Standard speed 10 knots. At 1038 assumed position 12 in cruising formation. At 1057 Vice Commodore in S.S. CAPE NEDDICK, position 31 assumed convoy guide.

1200 Position: 07° 57' N., 134° 57' E.

2000 Position: 09° 02' N., 134° 25' E.

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- 0130 Retarded all ship's clocks 30 minutes to minus 9-1/2 zone time.
0800 Position: 09° 43' N., 132° 18' E.
1200 Position: 09° 49' N., 131° 34' E.
2000 Position: 10° 02' N., 130° 19' E.

20 February - Zone Time Minus 9-1/2

- 0800 Position: 10° 13' N., 128° 31' E.
0100 Retarded all ship's clocks 30 minutes to minus 9 zone time.
1200 Position: 10° 08' N., 127° 57' E.
2000 Position: 10° 27' N., 126° 45' E.

21 February - Zone Time Minus 9

- 0615 Sighted Dinegat Island, Philippine Islands.
0651 Commenced forming single column, standing into Gulf of Leyte.
0800 Position: 10° 51' N., 125° 17' E.
0835 Convoy dissolved, all ships proceeding independently.
1043 Anchored in Gulf of Leyte off Dulag, and commenced preparation for discharging cargo. At 1600 commenced discharge assisted by LCT's 1279 and 805. At 2255 completed discharge.

22 February - Zone Time Minus 9

- 0330 Reported for duty by despatch 211830Z, of February 1945 to Commander Amphibious Forces Group 12 and Commander Amphibious Forces, Pacific Fleet.

23 February - Zone Time Minus 9

- 1235 Underway for northern anchorage area, San Pedro Bay, to fuel ship by order of ComTransRon 17, despatch 220805. At 1134 anchored in berth 107 to await availability alongside U.S.S. SILVER CLOUD. At 1312 moored starboard side to U.S.S. SILVER CLOUD(IX143) in berth 92, San Pedro Bay. At 1705 underway for Tarraguna, Leyte, Philippine Islands, anchored at 1855 in berth 804, Tarraguna
1915 In compliance with Commander Amphibious Group 12, Despatch 221352Z reported for duty by Mailgram 231015Z to Commander Amphibious Group 7 and Commander Transport Squadron 17.

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25 February - Zone Time Minus 9

1440 Underway to shift berth in accordance to verbal orders of ComTransRon 17 of 25 February 1945. At 1500 anchored in berth 843, Tarraguna, Leyte.

26 February - Zone Time Minus 9

2005 Commenced loading ship with general and traction cargo of the 77th U.S. Army Division, assisted by pontoon barges, LSM's and LCT's.

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U. S. S. OBERON (AKA14),
Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, Calif.,
1 May 1945.

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

From: The Commanding Officer.
To : The Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet.
Subject: War Diary, U. S. S. OBERON; submittal of.
Reference: (a) Cincpac Conf. Ltr. 1CL-45.
Enclosure: (A) Subject War Diary.

1. In compliance with directive contained in reference (a), enclosure (A) is forwarded.

H. T. Cameron.
H. T. CAMERON.

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MONTH OF MARCH 1945

1 March - Zone Time Minus 9

0000 Anchored off Tarraguna, Leyte, Philippine Islands, in berth 843. Ships present: Commander Amphibious Group Seven (SOPA) in U.S.S. MOUNT McKINLEY and various units of the U.S. Pacific Fleet. Continuous loading of general and traction cargo of the 77th Infantry Division, U.S. Army is in progress. The U.S.S. OBERON is temporarily attached to Amphibious Group Seven, Transport Squadron 17, Transport Division 49 and for administrative purposes attached to Amphibious Group 12, Transport Squadron 16, Transport Division 47.

5 March - Zone Time Minus 9

0135 Completed loading ship having received 651 tons of general cargo, and 700 tons of traction cargo of the 77th Infantry Division, U.S. Army. At 1500 received one U.S. Army officer, 77th Division on board for transportation.

6 March - Zone Time Minus 9

1029 Underway to hold paravane drill in obedience to verbal orders of ComTransRon 17 of 5 March 1945. Steaming independently off Tarraguna, Leyte. At 1100 commenced streaming paravanes. At 1115 port and starboard paravanes were rigged and streamed. At 1228 recovered starboard paravane. At 1258 the port paravane was recovered. Weak link device on inhaul of port paravane carried away causing delay in recovery. From 1230 to 1346 ship was swung for deviation check on standard compass. At 1426 anchored off Tarraguna, Leyte, Philippine Islands, in berth 843. Ships present: Commander Amphibious Group Seven (SOPA) in U.S.S. MOUNT McKINLEY and various units of the U.S. Pacific Fleet.

7 March - Zone Time Minus 9

0641 Underway for San Pedro Bay, Leyte Gulf, Philippine Islands in accordance with verbal orders of ComTransRon 17 of 6 March 1945.

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7 March - Zone Time Minus 9 (Continued)

0858 Anchored in San Pedro Bay, Leyte Gulf, Philippine Islands in berth 77. Ships present: U.S.S. ARGONNE (SOPA) and various units of the U.S. Pacific Fleet. Provided boats and working parties to assist in provisioning landing craft in San Pedro Bay anchorage area.

8 March - Zone Time Minus 9

1154 Having completed assistance to landing craft being provisioned in the San Pedro Bay anchorage area we got underway for Tarraguna in compliance with instructions of ComTransRon 17. At 1337 we anchored off Tarraguna, Leyte, Philippine Islands in berth 843. Ships present: Commander Amphibious Group Seven (SOPA) and various units of the U.S. Pacific Fleet.

9 March - Zone Time Minus 9

1306 Underway in company with Transport Division 49 in compliance with Training Order ComTransDiv 49 No. AL-45. ComTransRon 17 (SOPA) in U.S.S. CHILTON. At 1412 anchored in Transport Area off Tarraguna, Leyte, lowered boats and commenced ship to shore exercise in accordance with the above training order. At 1700, pursuant to Commanding General 77th Infantry Division orders of 9 March 1945, 5 officers and 100 enlisted men, 77th Division U.S. Army reported on board for transportation.

1717 The ship to shore exercise being completed we were underway for anchorage off Tarraguna. At 1750 we anchored in berth 843 Tarraguna, Leyte, Philippine Islands. Ships present: Commander Amphibious Group Seven (SOPA) in U.S.S. MOUNT MCKINLEY and various units of the U.S. Pacific Fleet.

11 March - Zone Time Minus 9

1115 Detached five boat officers for temporary duty as wave guide officers to various LST's, in compliance with orders.

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12 March - Zone Time Minus 9

1655 Pursuant to ComTransRon 17 Mailgram 100600 of March 1945, two radiomen were transferred to the U.S.S. LST 885 for temporary duty equipped with two SCR610 radios.

13 March - Zone Time Minus 9

0737 Underway in obedience to C.T.U. 51.1.1 despatch 130720 of March 1945, conforming to Commander Amphibious Group 7 Training Order A703-45. At 0857 assumed position 44 in four column cruising disposition by Divisions. C.T.U. 51.1.1 (Commodore T. B. Brittain, USN, Commander Transport Squadron 17, U.S.S. CHILTON, Squadron Flagship) in position 41. C.T.G. 51.1 (Rear Admiral I. N. Kiland, USN, Commander Amphibious Group Seven, U.S.S. MOUNT MCKINLEY, Flagship) in position 31. From 1055 to 1209 held tactical maneuvering exercise from General Signals, U.S. Navy.

1200 Position: 10° 35' N., 125° 35' E.
From 1303 to 1605 held tracking drill, exercised at Battle Stations for simulated air attack and anti-aircraft sleeve firing. Firing practice was carried out in two column cruising disposition. Ammunition expended during firing practice: 3,750 rounds of 20 MM, 352 rounds of 40MM and 15 rounds of 5"38 caliber ammunition. From 1620 to 1650 held drill and test of pyrotechnics. At 1700 convoy reformed into four column cruising disposition.

2000 Position: 10° 40' N., 126° 48' E.

14 March - Zone Time Minus 9

0356 Lying to in outer Transport Area off Hinunangan Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands, Lowered boats as required by Training Order.

0435 Detached two boat officers for temporary duty as before.

0958 Stood in to inner Transport Area and anchored. At 1620 anchored in night retirement berth off Silago, Leyte, Philippine Islands, having completed participation in ship to shore movement in accordance with Training Order A703-45.

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15 March - Zone Time Minus 9

0705 Underway for outer Transport Area in compliance with Training Order A703-45. At 0816 lying to in outer Transport Area for participation in ship to shore movement. At 1341 anchored in inner Transport Area off Hinunangan Bay, Leyte Philippine Islands.

16 March - Zone Time Minus 9

1310 Underway for San Pedro Bay, Leyte Gulf, Philippine Islands, by order of C.T.U. 51.1.1 despatch 160008 of March 1945. At 1400 assumed position 14 in single column cruising disposition. At 1615 commenced streaming paravanes. At 1639 completed paravane exercises. At 1917 moored port side to U.S.S. GAZELLE in berth 74, San Pedro Bay, for fueling. At 1945 the two radiomen, transferred for temporary duty aboard U.S.S. LST 885 with two SCR610 radios in compliance with instructions contained in Mailgram 100600 of ComTransRon 17 returned on board, temporary duty having been completed. At 2115 completed fueling ship.

17 March - Zone Time Minus 9

0649 Underway to shift berth by order of ComTransDiv 49 despatch 162309. At 0717 anchored in berth 71, San Pedro Bay, Leyte. At 0950 commenced taking on diesel fuel oil from Navy fuel Barge 77. At 1050 fuel Barge 77 cast off. At 1650 underway for Dulag anchorage, Leyte. At 1852 anchored in berth 664 off Dulag, Leyte, Philippine Islands. U.S.S. MOUNT McKINLEY, Commander Amphibious Group Seven (SOPA).

19 March - Zone Time Minus 9

0630 Conforming to instructions contained in Attack Order A703-45 and by order of ComTransRon 17 despatch 180902 of March 1945, two radiomen were transferred with two SCR model radios to U.S.S. LST 885 for temporary duty.

20 March - Zone Time Minus 9

1015 Pursuant to Commanding Officer, 77th Infantry Division order of 12 March 1945, two U.S. Army enlisted men reported on board for transportation with Dukw # USN 7026347 W163.

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- 1243 Underway for Kerama Retto, Ryukyu Islands, by order of Commander Amphibious Group Seven Movement Order A702-45 in company with Task Unit 51.1.1, Commander Task Group 51.1 in U.S.S. MOUNT McKINLEY (SOPA) O.T.C. and convoy guide. At 1353 assumed position 44 in four column cruising disposition by divisions. C.T.U. 51.1.1 and ComTransDiv 49 in U.S.S. CHILTON in position 41. At 1500 commenced paravane drill. At 1603 recovered paravanes and secured from drill.
- 2000 Position: $10^{\circ} 54' N.$, $126^{\circ} 07' E.$
- 2233 The ship sustained a casualty to the forced draft blower, No. 2 boiler. The appropriate report was made to the O.T.C. and fires were allowed to die out under No. 2 boiler. Because of this ship's reduced maximum speed the convoy speed was reduced to 10 knots. Repairs were commenced by the engineering department. At 2316 by order of the O.T.C. we took position 45.

22 March - Zone Time Minus 9

- 0044 Our maximum speed determined to be 11 knots, the O.T.C. set convoy standard at 11 knots. At 0720 lighted fires under No. 2 boiler repairs to forced draft blower having been completed, at 0745 No. 2 boiler was cut in to main steam line.
- 0800 Position: $11^{\circ} 40' N.$, $126^{\circ} 48' E.$
- 0802 Having formed two column cruising disposition we commenced anti-aircraft firing drill. At 0804 convoy speed was increased to 13.5 knots. At 0900 because of recurrence of the forced draft blower casualty, the fires were allowed to die out under No. 2 boiler, and we commenced dropping out of position. At 0910 by order of the O.T.C. we were detached from the main convoy and assigned the U.S.S. STERN (DE187) for escort. At 0940 No. 2 boiler was secured from the main steam line. At 0943 we secured from anti-aircraft firing drill having expended 870 rounds of 20MM and 207 rounds of 40MM ammunition.
- 1200 Position: $12^{\circ} 03' N.$, $128^{\circ} 14' E.$
- 1920 The fires under No. 2 boiler were lighted. Repairs to the forced draft blower were completed.
- 2000 Position: $12^{\circ} 42' N.$, $129^{\circ} 01' E.$
- 2002 Increased speed to 14 knots.

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23 March - Zone Time Minus 9

0800 Position: 14° 43' N., 130° 02' E.
1200 Position: 15° 26' N., 130° 20' E.
2000 Position: 17° 08' N., 131° 05' E.

24 March - Zone Time Minus 9

0800 Position: 19° 27' N., 132° 00' E.
1020 Sighted main convoy, Task Unit 51.1.1, bearing
333°(t) from heading 335°(t), distance 16 miles.
1200 Position: 12° 25' N., 131° 36' E.
1715 Assumed position 45 of cruising disposition in
main body of convoy.
2000 Position: 22° 02' N., 130° 32' E.

25 March - Zone Time Minus 9

0800 Position: 23° 36' N., 129° 14' E.
1130 Commenced maneuvering to starboard to clear floating
mine.
1142 Passed mine abeam to port, distance 600 yards.
1200 Position: 23° 54' N., 128° 42' E.
2000 Position: 24° 42' N., 127° 40' E.

26 March - Zone Time Minus 9

0406 In company with Task Unit 51.1.1, we took assigned
position in outer Transport Area for assault by
Western Islands Attack Group on Kerama Retto, Ryukyu
Islands and lowered boats required for participation
in ship to shore movement. At 0515, at first light,
we sighted Yakabi Shima and Koba Shima, Westerly Is-
lands of the Kerama Retto. At 0800, on signal from
C.T.G. 51.1 we proceeded into the inner Transport
Area off Koba Shima. From 1330 to 1600 we fueled
the U.S.S. KINZER(APD91). We were underway for night
retirement at 1801 and at 1930 convoy was formed,
our position being 45 in four column cruising disposi-
tion, C.T.G. 51.1 in U.S.S. MOUNT McKINLEY (SOPA)
O.T.C. and guide in position 31. We steamed through-
out the night on the route prescribed by C.T.F. 51
Operation Plan A1-45.

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At 0604 in company with Task Unit 51.1.1 we entered and took position in inner Transport Area off Koba Shima, Kerama Retto, and throughout the remainder of the day were lying to. From 1255 to 1400 we delivered 3,000 gallons of fresh water to LCI 657. At 1845 we took position 45 in four column cruising disposition to carry out night retirement. C.T.G. 51.1 in U.S.S. MOUNT McKINLEY (SOPA) O.T.C. and guide in position 31.

28 March - Zone Time Minus 9

At 0630 in company with Task Unit 51.1.1 we took position in inner Transport Area off Koba Shima, Kerama Retto. At 0715 pursuant to orders of the Commanding General, 77th Division, two U.S. Army enlisted men were transferred to shore operations Kerama Retto, with Dawk #USA 7026374 W163. At 1240 pursuant to Commander Amphibious Group Seven Attack Order A701-45, one LCM(3) was transferred with standard equipment to Kerama Retto Boat Pool. At 1725 we were underway to form four column cruising disposition, our position 44, C.T.U. 51.1.1 in U.S.S. CHILTON (SOPA) O.T.C. Guide in U.S.S. LAGRANGE in position 31. Night retirement was carried out as on previous nights on route prescribed by C.T. F. 51 Operation Plan A1-45.

29 March - Zone Time Minus 9

At 0250 a single Japanese plane flew in over the convoy from starboard to port, convoy axis 358°(t), the plane was fired upon by escort units and detonation in the water was heard. The plane was last seen going in a westerly direction. No hits. At 0645 in company with Task Unit 51.1.1, entered inner Transport Area off Koba Shima, Kerama Retto. At 0810, following movements of C.T.U. 51.1.1 proceeded in toward West Passage, Kerama Retto, for anchorage. C.T.G. 51.1 in U.S.S. MOUNT McKINLEY (SOPA). At 1330 three U.S. Army personnel, pursuant to Commanding Officer (Signal Corp Section) 77th Infantry order of 29 March, reported aboard for transportation. At 1601 underway to carry out night retirement in company with Task Unit 51.1.1. At 1745 assumed position 43 of four column cruising disposition. C.T.U. 51.1.1 in U.S.S. CHILTON (SOPA) O.T.C. U.S.S. LAGRANGE in position 31, guide.



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30 March - Zone Time Minus 9

0710 Anchored off Yakabi Shima in Kerama Retto, Northwest Anchorage Area. C.T.G. 51.1 in U.S.S. MOUNT MCKINLEY (SOPA). At 0852 on order from C.T.U. 51.1.1 shifted anchorage to berth off north tip of Kushibaru Island Northwest Anchorage. At 1100 four boat division officers returned on board having completed temporary duty in connection with Commander Amphibious Group 7 Attack Order A701-45 (with LST Group). At 1105, pursuant to orders of C.T.U. 51.1.1 two boat division officers, two LCM(3)'s and crews left the ship for temporary duty with assault forces in amphibious attack on Keise Jima, east of Kerama Retto. At 1500 provisioned PGM10. At 1500 two radiomen returned on board with two SCR model radios, temporary duty in connection with Commander Amphibious Group 7 Attack Order A701-45 having been completed. At 1450 one boat division officer returned on board, temporary duty in connection with the above Attack Order with LST Groups having been completed. Remained at anchorage throughout the night.

31 March - Zone Time Minus 9

At 1309 underway to shift berths by order C.T.U. 51.1.1 to anchorage 1,000 yards bearing 180°(t). At 1331 anchored in Northwest Anchorage Area, West Passage, Kerama Retto. At 1635 commenced fueling U.S. S. IRWIN(DD794). At 1726 during air raid alert, U. S.S. IRWIN(DD794) cast off. Remained at anchorage throughout the night.

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MONTH OF APRIL 19451 April - Zone Time Minus 9

- Anchored in Northwest Anchorage, West Passage, Kerama Retto, Ryukyu Islands. C.T.G. 51.1 (Rear Admiral Kiland, USN., in U.S.S. MOUNT McKINLEY) SOPA. This ship is loaded with 651 tons of general cargo and 700 tons of traction cargo of the 77th Infantry Division, U.S. Army. On board for transportation are 6 officers, U.S. Army, and 102 enlisted men, U.S. Army of the 77th Infantry Division. The U.S.S. OBERON is temporarily attached to Amphibious Group 7, Transport Squadron 17, Transport Division 49, and for administrative purposes to Amphibious Group 12, Transport Squadron 14, Transport Division 42.
- 0140 All ships in the anchorage area executed the transport area smoke plan upon receiving an air raid alert. At 0213, after the order to cease making smoke had been given a second air raid alert was received. A third alert was given at 0245.
- 1015 One officer, previously detached for temporary duty in connection with Commander Amphibious Group 7, Attack Order A701-45, returned aboard, temporary duty on board LST 674 having been completed. At 1205, two officers previously detached for temporary duty in connection with Commander Amphibious Group 7, Attack Order A701-45 returned on board, temporary duty with LCI 783 for amphibious assault on Keise Shima having been completed.
- 1215 Two LCM(3)'s, with boat crews, previously detached for duty with Salvage Group in LCI(FF) 783 in connection with amphibious attack on Keise Shima, returned aboard, temporary duty having been completed. At 1750, in compliance with instructions contained in Commander Amphibious Group 7 (Rear Admiral Kiland, USN., in U.S.S. MOUNT McKINLEY) Attack Order A701-45, one boat officer returned on board, temporary duty on board LST 649 having been completed. All boat officers have now returned to the ship.
- 1704 Underway for night retirement in accordance with route prescribed in C.T.F. 51 (Vice Admiral Turner, USN., in U.S.S. ELDORADO) Operation Plan A1-45. At 1745 assumed position 24 in three column cruising disposition. C. T.U. 51.1.1 (Commodore T.B. Brittain, USN., in U.S.S. CHILTON) SOPA, O.T.C. and guide in position 21.

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- 0608 Sighted enemy plane, type "Val", first at about 800 yards, dead astern, ship's head; $010^{\circ}(t)$. Plane appeared out of thick haze. Opened fire with 20MM and 40MM guns. Observed hits on under part of fuselage as plane banked, turned and disappeared astern, low and losing altitude. Ammunition expended: 200 rounds of 20MM and 32 rounds of 40MM.
- 0823 Anchored in Northwest Anchorage, West Passage, Kerama Retto, Ryukyu Islands. C.T.G. 51.1 in U.S.S. MOUNT MCKINLEY SOPA.
- 0900 Received air raid alert from SOPA and at 0910 observed Japanese plane, type unidentified, dive in suicide attack into anchorage area on eastern side of Aka Shima Peak.
- 1000 ComTransRon 17, in U.S.S. CHILTON, assumed designation and duties of C.T.G. 51.1. ComPhibGroup 7 in U.S.S. MOUNT MCKINLEY assumed designation and duties of C.T.G. 51.15 and SOPA, Kerama Retto.
- 1623 Underway for night retirement. Proceeding out of anchorage area to take position in convoy. At 1715 assumed cruising disposition. C.T.G. 51.1.1 in U.S.S. CHILTON (SOPA) O.T.C. and guide in position 21. Retirement according to route prescribed in C.T.F. 51 Operation Plan A1-45.
- 1840 Sighted 3 Japanese planes broad on the starboard bow, ship's head $135^{\circ}(t)$. At 1842 observed suicide attacks by 3 Japanese planes. The first struck the U.S.S. GOODHUE, in position 31. The second struck the U.S.S. TELFAIR, in position 32. The third struck the U.S.S. HENRICO, in position 11. U.S.S. HENRICO was observed to be burning. She commenced dropping out of position and the U.S.S. SUFFOLK was ordered to stand by her.
- 1847 Sighted Japanese bomber, type "Dinah", approaching from starboard bow, ship's head $180^{\circ}(t)$. The plane dove from dead ahead in suicide attack and struck the U.S.S. DICKERSON (APD21) amidships from starboard. The U.S.S. DICKERSON was in the screen ahead of the convoy; she was observed to be burning. At 1852, sighted Japanese bomber, type "Dinah", diving from dead ahead, ship's head $205^{\circ}(t)$. Opened fire. Plane was observed to crash ahead of convoy between column one and two.

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- 1854 Sighted two Japanese planes, bombers, type "Dinah", broad on the starboard bow. Ship's head 205°(t). Opened fire, planes dove in suicide attack, both were observed to crash in the water near the third column of the convoy. At 1909 received order from the O.T. C. to discontinue all firing. Total ammunition expended: 6 rounds of 5"38, 346 rounds of 40MM and 925 rounds of 20MM.
- 2140 The U.S.S. GOODHUE fell out of convoy to return to Kerama Retto.

3 April - Zone Time Minus 9

- 0440 After previous radar contact, sighted "Sonia" type, Japanese plane off port quarter. Ship's head; 000°(t). Plane approached this ship. Opened fire with two 40MM and eight 20MM guns. Plane banked steeply and disappeared into darkness off port bow, dropping bomb about 800 yards off port bow. Tracers were observed entering the body of the plane. Ammunition expended: 40 rounds of 40MM and 400 rounds of 20MM.
- 0550 One Japanese plane, "Nate" type, was seen strafing U.S.S. SUESENS (DE342) in position of screen astern of convoy. Ship's head 000°(t). Plane was seen to crash after U.S.S. SUESENS opened fire.
- 0720 In company with Task Unit 51.1.1 proceeding in toward anchorage area.
- 0900 After waiting for haze to clear, we entered West Passage and anchored in the Northwest Anchorage, Kerama Retto. C.T.G. 51.15 in U.S.S. MOUNT McKINLEY SOPA.
- 1540 Underway in obedience to C.T.G. 51.1 despatch 030535 of March for waiting area assigned by C.T.F. 51 despatch 030150 of April 1945. Task Unit 51.1.1 ordered to operate in area fifteen miles from point of origin 24 degrees north latitude by 130 degrees east longitude.
- 2000 Position: 25° 40' N., 127° 44' E.

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- 0800 Position: 24° 16' N., 129° 16' E.
1200 Position: 24° 01' N., 130° 04' E.
2000 Position: 22° 52' N., 131° 01' E.

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5 April - Zone Time Minus 9

0800 Position: 23° 03' N., 130° 32' E.
1200 Position: 23° 45' N., 130° 12' E.
2000 Position: 22° 53' N., 131° 09' E.

6 April - Zone Time Minus 9

0800 Position: 23° 24' N., 130° 30' E.
1200 Position: 23° 55' N., 130° 09' E.
2000 Position: 23° 08' N., 130° 58' E.
2130 Upon receipt of C.T.F. 51 despatch 060745 of March 1945, waiting area of Task Unit 51.1.1 moved south east to area between latitudes 21° 10' and 22° 45' North parallel to Route Foray (C.T.F. 51 Operation Plan Al-45) ten and thirty miles northeast respectively.

7 April - Zone Time Minus 9

0800 Position: 22° 42' N., 131° 16' E.
1200 Position: 22° 31' N., 131° 39' E.
1825 Took position 15 astern of U.S.S. SUFFOLK preparatory to fueling at first light April 8.
2000 Position: 21° 13' N., 132° 30' E.

8 April - Zone Time Minus 9

0740 U.S.S. TELFAIR assumed formation guide as U.S.S. CHILTON dropped astern to fuel.
0800 Position: 22° 41' N., 131° 07' E.
0825 Commenced taking position astern of column three to fuel destroyers. At 0900 U.S.S. SHANNON came alongside for fueling.
1200 Position: 23° 00' N., 131° 27' E.
1227 Received air raid alert from O.T.C. and went to General Quarters. At 1229 the U.S.S. SHANNON cast off having received 67,704 gallons of Grade C Bunker fuel oil. Secured from General Quarters at 1236, air raid did not materialize. At 1237 the U.S.S. SUESENS came alongside for fueling. At 1458 the U.S.S. SUESENS cast off having received 46,200 gallons of Grade C Bunker fuel oil. At 1515 the U.S.S. CHILTON resumed position 21 and formation guide. At 1742 we assumed position 15 astern of the U.S.S. SUFFOLK, Fueling operations having been completed for the day.
2000 Position: 23° 38' N., 132° 06' E

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- 0800 Position: $22^{\circ} 37' N.$, $131^{\circ} 22' E.$
0816 U.S.S. LAGRANGE in position 11 dropped astern of the convoy to fuel. At 0817 we assumed position 14 astern of the U.S.S. SUFFOLK. At 1035 the U.S.S. SUFFOLK in position 13 fell out, and took position astern of convoy.
1200 Position: $22^{\circ} 14' N.$, $131^{\circ} 51' E.$
1512 U.S.S. TORRENCE in position 23 fell out and took position astern of convoy to fuel. At 1602 commenced maneuvering to assume position 24, at 1604 we assumed position 24. At 1653 we assumed position 15 astern of U.S.S. SUFFOLK.
2000 Position: $21^{\circ} 29' N.$, $132^{\circ} 37' E.$

10 April - Zone Time Minus 9

- 0530 Fell out of position 15 to take position starboard side to U.S.S. SEBEC to take fuel. 0645 made fast to U.S.S. SEBEC and secured fueling hose.
0800 Position: $22^{\circ} 36' N.$, $131^{\circ} 50' E.$
1115 Cast off from U.S.S. SEBEC having received 294,300 gallons Grade C Bunker fuel oil. At 1142 resumed position 15 astern of U.S.S. SUFFOLK.
1200 Position: $22^{\circ} 08' N.$, $132^{\circ} 06' E.$
1633 Took position 25 astern of U.S.S. TORRENCE.
2000 Position: $21^{\circ} 20' N.$, $133^{\circ} 26' E.$
2100 C.T.G. 51.1 in U.S.S. CHILTON left the convoy under orders of C.T.F. 51 to return to Okinawa in company with one destroyer mine-sweep. ComTransRon 50 in U.S.S. LAGRANGE in position 31 assumed the duties and designation of SOPA, O.T.C. and formation guide in position 21. We assumed position 24 astern of the U.S.S. TORRANCE.

11. April - Zone Time Minus 9

- 0048 Commander Transport Division 51 in U.S.S. GOODHUE joined the convoy, having proceeded from Okinawa and took position 35 astern of the U.S.S. MOUNTRAIL.
0800 Position: $22^{\circ} 28' N.$, $132^{\circ} 23' E.$
0910 Received air raid alert and went to General Quarters. At 0921 secured from General Quarters, enemy attack did not materialize.
1200 Position: $22^{\circ} 06' N.$, $131^{\circ} 44' E.$

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- 1335 The Convoy commenced maneuvering as the screen had made a positive submarine contact. At 1436 in position 21 we assumed formation guide. At 1525 the U.S.S. ST. MARY'S assumed formation guide.
- 1812 The U.S.S. GOODHUE commenced maneuvering to assume position 21. At 1828 Commander Transport Division 51 (SOPA) in U.S.S. GOODHUE assumed duties of O.T.C. and formation guide. We assumed position 25 astern of U.S.S. TORRANCE at 1828.
- 2000 Position: 21° 00' N., 131° 31' E.

12 April - Zone Time Minus 9

- 0800 Position: 22° 35' N., 131° 04' E.
- 1000 Commenced tactical exercises in accordance with Navy General Signal Book, guide in U.S.S. GOODHUE. At 1140 ceased tactical exercises.
- 1200 Position: 22° 14' N., 131° 32' E.
- 1321 Air raid alert, went to General Quarters. Secured from General Quarters at 1335. Enemy attack did not materialize.
- 2000 Position 21° 22' N., 132° 06' E.

13 April - Zone Time Minus 9

- 0745 Pursuant to orders of Commander Task Force 51, the U.S.S. DREW, U.S.S. RIXEY, U.S.S. TATE, U.S.S. LANGRANGE, U.S.S. TAZEWELL, U.S.S. ST. MARY'S, and U.S.S. MONTROSE left the convoy and proceeded back to Okinawa.
- 0800 Position: 22° 50' N., 130° 50' E.
- 0820 Assumed position 13 astern of U.S.S. TORRANCE in two column cruising disposition of Task Unit 51.1.1 less detachments. ComTransDiv 51 in U.S.S. GOODHUE (SOPA) O.T.C. and guide in position 21. From 1055 to 1125 held anti-aircraft firing practice and expended the following ammunition: 1065 rounds of 20MM, 309 rounds of 40MM and 4 rounds of 5"38.
- 1200 Position: 22° 33' N., 131° 14' E.
- 2000 Position: 21° 40' N., 132° 16' E.

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14 April - Zone Time Minus 9

- 0800 Position: 22° 52' N., 130° 49' E.
0800 By order of C.T.F. 51 (despatch 120950Z of April) this Task Unit less detachments departed operating area to proceed to Northern Hagushi beaches via Route Foray (C.T.F. 51 Operation Plan A1-45) to arrive at 0800, 15 April 1945.
1200 Position: 23° 21' N., 130° 15' E.
From 1310 to 1333 held anti-aircraft firing practice and expended the following ammunition: 174 rounds of 40MM, 225 rounds of 20MM and 1 round of 5"38. For firing practice column one fell in astern of column two and at 1350 two column disposition was reformed
2000 Position: 24° 20' N., 129° 52' E.

15 April - Zone Time Minus 9

- 0620 Passed Aware Saki Point abeam to port on true bearing 285°, distance 5 miles.
0800 Position: 26° 22' N., 127° 36' E.
0835 Went to General Quarters having received air raid alert from O.T.C. Okinawa area. At 0855 secured and set Condition II.
0908 Anchored off Hagushi beach, west coast of Okinawa Shima, Ryukyu Islands. Commander Task Force 51 in U.S.S. ELDORADO (SOPA). At 1000 in accordance with Commander Task Group 51.1 despatch 142315 of April 1945 one officer and 6 enlisted men were transferred to the U.S.S. TAZEWELL for duty in connection with the amphibious assault on Ie Shima as contained in Commander Task Group 51.21 (Commander Amphibious Group 4, Rear Admiral Reifsnider in U.S.S. PANAMINT) Attack Plan (ComPhibGroup 4 #A406-45). In accordance with same references 7 officers of this ship were transferred for temporary duty with LST Groups of the same operation. At 1820 received air raid alert from O.T.C. Okinawa and opened fire on enemy aircraft which splashed in water on bearing 80°(t), distance 1 mile. 1822 ceased firing having expended 2 rounds of 5"38, 16 rounds of 40MM, and 28 rounds of 20MM. Another plane was seen to escape from AA fire from ships and beach. At 2035 six bombs were heard detonating over Yontan Airfield. At 2230 all clear, Set Condition II.

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0220 Went to General Quarters, air raid alert; secured at 0320. At 0345 went to General Quarters, air raid alert; secured at 0605. At 0645 went General Quarters; secured at 0700. At 0936 went to General Quarters, air raid alert. At 0940 enemy plane was observed bearing 290°(t) under attack by Corsairs and splashed at 0945. At 1043 secured from General Quarters. At 1525 in accordance with despatch 161150 of U.S.S. GOODHUE transferred 992 rounds of 40MM ammunition to the U.S.S. GOODHUE. From 1815 to 2117 held General Quarters for air raid alert, making smoke intermittantly.

17 April - Zone Time Minus 9

0242 Held General Quarters, air raid alert; secured at 0310. At 0440 in compliance with ComTransDiv 51 despatch 162040 of April 1945, 3 LCM(3)'s and boat crews were ordered to report to the U.S.S. GOODHUE and 2 LCM(3)'s and boat crews were ordered to report to the U.S.S. MOUNTRAIL for duty in connection with amphibious assault on Ie Shima; reference Attack Plan, ComPhibGroup 4#A406-45. At 1620 the LCM(3)'s and boat crews returned to the ship temporary duty with the U.S.S. GOODHUE and U.S.S. MOUNTRAIL having been completed. From 2023 to 2255 held General Quarters for air raid alert making smoke intermittantly.

18 April - Zone Time Minus 9

0500 Went to General Quarters, air raid alert. Secured at 0601. At 1055 one officer and six enlisted men returned to the ship, temporary duty in compliance with ComTaskGroup 51.1 despatch 142315 in connection with amphibious assault on Ie Shima having been completed. At 1055, same reference, one officer returned from temporary duty with LST group as wave guide. At 1815 went to General Quarters, air raid alert. Secured at 2105. Made smoke intermittantly. At 2250 we got underway in compliance with Operation Order A108-45 of Commander Amphibious Group One (C. T.G. 51.23, Rear Admiral Blandy in U.S.S. ESTES) for amphibious feint assault on Southeastern beaches of Okinawa.

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18 April - Zone Time Minus 9

At 2358 assumed position 1-11 in single column cruising disposition with C.T.U. 51.23.2 in U.S.S. GOODHUE, O.T. C. and guide in position 11. C.T.G. 51.23 in U.S.S. ESTES (SOPA) in position astern of formation.

19 April - Zone Time Minus 9

0130 Dropped astern of station, radar not operating properly. Visibility poor.

0151 SG radar inoperative. Made appropriate report to O.T.C.

0215 Regained station in convoy, 25 astern of U.S.S. DREW.

0500 Sighted southeastern beaches of Okinawa dead ahead on course 020°(t), distance about 8 miles. At 0517 we were lying to in Transport Area Charlie. At 0615, having lowered five LCV(P)'s required by Operation Plan ComTransDiv 51 #0004-45, we disembarked 20 troops into each boat for participation in amphibious feint assault on southeastern beaches of Okinawa Shima. Demonstration landings were made in accordance with Commander Amphibious Group I Operation Order A108-45. The five OBERON LCV(P)'s, five from the U.S.S. MOUNTRAIL and one each from the U.S.S. TORRANCE and SUFFOLK formed into two waves off port and starboard beams of this ship, each contained 20 troops. At 0645 both waves left the ship to arrive at Green beach rendezvous area by 0700. Our waves left the rendezvous area for the line of departure at 0715. Arriving there at 0800, the waves left the line of departure at 0805 to proceed in toward Green Beach until at a distance of about 3,000 yards off the beach. At 0945 the two waves returned to the ship; reembarked troops by 1015. LCV(P)'s belonging to the U.S.S. MOUNTRAIL, TORRENCE and SUFFOLK were returned and our five LCV(P)'s were hoisted aboard by 1020. At 1305 we were underway for Hagushi in two column cruising disposition, our position 25. At 1416, by order of O.T.C., five ships in company, the U.S.S. DREW, EASTLAND, SUFFOLK, TELFAIR and TORRANCE were detached from the formation and ordered back to the Hagushi beaches at best possible speed. At 1610 the convoy formed into a single column disposition for passage between Mae Shima and the shoals off Nagannu Shima. At 1807 we anchored in berth H175 off Hagushi, west coast of Okinawa Shima, Ryukyu Islands. At 1919 received air raid alert and we went to General Quarters; secured at 2002. Made smoke during alert.

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20 April - Zone Time Minus 9

0433 Sounded General Quarters for air raid alert. Made smoke and at 0555 we secured. At 1435, one officer, detached in compliance with C.T.G. 51.1 despatch 142315, of April, 1945, for temporary duty with LST Groups as wave guide during amphibious assault on Ie Shima, returned aboard, temporary duty completed. At 1919, pursuant to orders of C.T.G. 51.23 despatch 200452 of April 1945, one LCV(P) with two crews and two gunner's mates was sent to the U.S.S. TEXAS for duty as patrol and smoke protection boat. At 1910, we received air raid alert, were already at General Quarters, made smoke and at 2333 secured. During the attack bomb detonations were heard in the vicinity of Yontan Airfield and fires were seen burning for several hours afterward.

21 April - Zone Time Minus 9

0047 Air raid alert, went to General Quarters. Secured at 0123 having made smoke for screen. At 0745 three officers, previously detached for temporary duty as wave guides with LST groups during amphibious assault on Ie Shima, returned aboard, temporary duty completed. At 1115 in compliance with verbal orders ComTransRon 17, forty enlisted men, U.S. Army, 77th Division, and two U.S. Navy enlisted men reported aboard for transportation. At 1133, in compliance with C.T.U. 51.22.12 visual order 210155 of April, underway to shift berths. At 1730 two officers, previously detached for temporary duty as wave guides with LST groups during amphibious assault on Ie Shima returned aboard, temporary duty completed. All officers transferred as wave guides for Ie Shima assault have returned to the ship. At 1951 we received air raid alert, we were already at General Quarters having set Condition I at 1830. Commenced making smoke for screen at 1955. At 2234, we stopped making smoke there being no more enemy planes in the area.

22 April - Zone Time Minus 9

0050 Air raid alert, went to General Quarters. Secured at 0257 having made smoke during the attack. At 1115, in compliance with ComTransDiv 51 orders, despatch 222240 of April 1945, we were underway to shift berth closer to beach for the purpose of unloading all cargo. Anchored at 1207 in berth H145, transport area, western Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands. We Commenced unloading the

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ship at 1425. At 1800, by order of C.T.U. 51.22.23 sent one LCV(P) to the S.S. BOZEMAN VICTORY for use as smoke and picket boat. At 1825, having received information that the beaches would not work during the night we ceased discharge at all hatches. At 1930 we went to General Quarters; enemy planes in area. At 2002 we secured. Smoke was used for coverage during the alert. Planes were in the area but no attack was observed

23 April - Zone Time Minus 9

0030 Commenced making smoke, enemy planes in Okinawa area but not sufficiently close to transport area to man General Quarters. Secured smoke screen at 0304. At 0500 the LCV(P) on duty with S.S. BOZEMAN VICTORY as smoke and picket boat returned to the ship. We commenced discharge of cargo at all hatches at 0535. At 1030 we received word that the beach would be unable to handle this ship's cargo during the rest of the day so we discontinued unloading. At 1805 the smoke and picket LCV(P) was again sent to the S.S. BOZEMAN VICTORY. There were no air raid alerts during the night.

24 April - Zone Time Minus 9

0538 Commenced discharge of cargo at all hatches. At 0640 the LCV(P) ordered as smoke and picket boat to the S.S. BOZEMAN VICTORY returned to the ship. At 1430, 49 enlisted men of the 306th Infantry Battalion, 77th Division, U.S. Army reported aboard for temporary duty. At 1803 we dispatched one LCV(P) to the S.S. SIOUX FALLS VICTORY for duty as smoke and picket boat in accordance with ComTransDiv 51 order 240153 of April. Continued discharge of cargo during the rest of the night.

25 April - Zone Time Minus 9

0700 The LCV(P) on duty with the S.S. SIOUX FALLS VICTORY as smoke and patrol boat returned to the ship. 1800 completed discharge of all cargo having delivered 651 tons of traction cargo to the 77th Division shore activity. At 2030, pursuant to ComTransDiv 51 despatch 250115 of April one LCV(P) left the ship for duty with the S.S. SIOUX FALLS VICTORY as picket and smoke protection boat.

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At 2048 the following U.S. Army and Navy personnel left the ship, transportation and temporary duty having been completed: 306th Infantry Battalion, 2 officers, 42 enlisted men. Company C 132nd Engineer Combat Battalion, 20 enlisted men. 77th Quartermaster Company, 20 enlisted men. 304th Field Artillery Battalion, 2 officers, 57 enlisted men. 724th MP Company, 6 enlisted men. 77th Signal Company, 12 enlisted men. 77th Division Artillery, 7 enlisted men. 77th MP Company, 5 enlisted men. Division Headquarters personnel, 7 enlisted men. 30603 G.R. Company, 1 enlisted man. 2 enlisted men of the U.S. Navy Military Government. All personnel on board for transportation have been disembarked.

26 April - Zone Time Minus 9

0227 Received an air raid alert and commenced making smoke. At 0343, enemy planes being in the vicinity we went to General Quarters. At 0451 secured from General Quarters. At 0610 the LCV(P) on duty as smoke and picket boat with the S.S. SIOUX FALLS VICTORY returned to the ship, duty being completed. At 0620, pursuant to orders C.T.G. 51.22 (Rear Admiral Hall, USN., in U.S.S. TETON) the following smoke making equipment was transferred to the U.S.S. LSD 6 for further transfer to the U.S.S. LST 1024: 57 smoke pots, Mk.3, 3 smoke floats, M4A2, Besler for generator, model 317, 220 gallons of fog oil, 15 gallons of gasoline. At 0850 we received an order to transfer all provisions in excess of requirements for three weeks, C.T.G. 51.22 despatch 252310 of April 1945. To the U.S.S. GWINN: fresh provisions, 8,334 pounds, dry provisions, 17,016. To the U.S.S. TWIGGS: fresh provisions, 3,312 pounds, dry provisions, 2,277 pounds. At 0937 having completed loading boats we got underway for Ulithi, Western Caroline Islands, in compliance with C.T.G. 51.22 despatch 252310 of April 1945, and sailing orders of C.T.U. 29.23 (Captain R.D. Williams in U.S.S. BUNCH). At 1225 we assumed position 13 in five column cruising disposition. O.T.C. and guide in U.S.S. EASTLAND in position 31. C.T.U. 51.29.23 in U.S.S. BUNCH in screen. ComTransDiv 51 in U.S.S. GOODHUE, in position 54, SOPA.

1200 Position: 26° 07' N., 127° 28' E.
1500 Advanced all ship's clocks one hour to minus 10 zone time.
2000 Position: 24° 55' N., 128° 19' E.

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MONTH OF APRIL 1945

27 April - Zone Time Minus 10

0800 Position: 22° 43' N., 130° 00' E.
1200 Position: 22° 03' N., 130° 32' E.
2000 Position: 20° 41' N., 131° 39' E.

28 April - Zone Time Minus 10

0800 Position: 18° 36' N., 133° 18' E.
1200 Position: 17° 59' N., 133° 33' E.
2000 Position: 16° 30' N., 134° 41' E.

29 April - Zone Time Minus 10

0800 Position: 14° 20' N., 136° 15' E.
1200 Position: 13° 35' N., 136° 48' E.
2000 Position: 12° 10' N., 137° 49' E.

30 April Zone Time Minus 10

0800 Position: 10° 25' N., 139° 42' E.
0845 Sighted Mogmog Island bearing 203°(t), distance 14 miles. At 0915 held anti-aircraft firing practice on airplane towed sleeve. Secured at 0934 having expended 815 rounds of 20MM, 12 rounds of 5"38 and 245 rounds of 40MM ammunition. At 1050 we assumed position 1-18 in single column cruising disposition for entry into Ulithi Atoll. We entered Mugai Channel at 1206 proceeded to assigned berth. At 1259 we anchored in berth 234, Southern Anchorage, Ulithi Atoll, Western Caroline Islands. Commander Service Squadron 10 in U.S.S. OCELOT administrative senior officer present afloat for Ulithi. At 1300, reported to ComServ-Ron 10 by Mailgram 300300Z of April 1945, for availability and to await further orders.

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MONTH OF MAY 1945

1 May - Zone Time Minus 10

On the first day of May, this ship was anchored in the southern anchorage area of Ulithi Atoll, Western Caroline Islands. We had reported to ComServRon 10 on the 30th of April for a period of availability, maintenance and logistics, and to await further orders. ComServRon 10 (Commodore W. R. Carter, USN., in the U. S.S. CCELOT) was administrative SOPA for the Atoll. The U.S.S. OBERON is temporarily attached to Amphibious Group 7, Transport Squadron 17, Transport Division 49. For administrative purposes the OBERON is attached to Amphibious Group 12, Transport Squadron 14, Transport Division 42.

8 May - Zone Time Minus 10

During this day we received orders from Cincpoa, Pearl Harbor, despatch 070221 of May, 1945, action to the U.S.S. OBERON and the U.S.S. CEPHEUS(AKA18), to proceed when ready for sea, to Auckland, New Zealand, to load 3rd Base Depot U.S. Army material for Guam. Because of engineering repairs already in progress, preparations were made to depart from Ulithi 13 May.

12 May - Zone Time Minus 10

Despatch 120257 of May, 1945, Cincpoa Pearl Harbor, ordered this ship to proceed via Guadalcanal to embark the Commanding Officer's relief. At 1135, all ships in the Atoll were alerted; we went to General Quarters. All clear was given over the port wave at 1200; we secured and reset the port watch.

13 May - Zone Time Minus 10

At 1555 we got underway from our anchorage in compliance with orders of Cincpoa, Pearl Harbor, 070221 of May 1945, routing via Manus, Admiralty Islands. At 1633, we passed Mangejang beacon abeam to starboard and left Ulithi Atoll.

2000 Position: 09° 21' N., 140° 03' E.

14 May - Zone Time Minus 10

0800 Position: 07° 03' N., 141° 41' E.

1200 Position: 06° 18' N., 142° 14' E.

2000 Position: 04° 46' N., 143° 23' E.

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MONTH OF MAY 1945

15 May - Zone Time Minus 10

0800 Position: $02^{\circ} 32' N., 145^{\circ} 07' E.$
1200 Position: $01^{\circ} 43' N., 145^{\circ} 32' E.$
2000 Position: $00^{\circ} 10' N., 146^{\circ} 18' E.$

16 May - Zone Time Minus 10

At 0530 we sighted Manus Island bearing $200^{\circ}(t)$, distance 25 miles. At 0745 we passed through the anti-submarine nets and entered Seeadler Harbor, Manus Island, Admiralty Group, Bismark Archipelago. We anchored at 0814 and reported to the Port Director for onward routing to Guadalcanal.

17 May - Zone Time Minus 10

We got underway for Guadalcanal at 0652 with orders of the Port Director, Manus, Movement Order 1124-45 of 16 May. We passed through the anti-submarine nets and left Seeadler Harbor at 0718.

0800 Position: $01^{\circ} 56' S., 147^{\circ} 24' E.$

1200 Position: $02^{\circ} 51' S., 147^{\circ} 11' E.$

At 1230 we entered the Bismark Sea. At 1630 we sighted Karkar Island, off the coast of New Guinea, bearing $242^{\circ}(t)$ at a distance of 90 miles.

2000 Position: $04^{\circ} 57' S., 147^{\circ} 16' E.$

At 2131 we passed Tolokiwi Island abeam to port bearing $082^{\circ}(t)$, distance 12 miles, and entered Vitiaz Straits. At 2230 we left Vitiaz Straits and entered Solomon Sea.

18 May - Zone Time Minus 10

0800 Position: $06^{\circ} 55' S., 149^{\circ} 13' E.$

1200 Position: $07^{\circ} 16' S., 150^{\circ} 01' E.$

2000 Position: $07^{\circ} 53' S., 151^{\circ} 43' E.$

19 May - Zone Time Minus 10

0800 Position: $08^{\circ} 53' S., 154^{\circ} 29' E.$

1200 Position: $09^{\circ} 17' S., 155^{\circ} 28' E.$

2000 Position: $09^{\circ} 22' S., 157^{\circ} 09' E.$

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WAR DIARY, USS OBERON (AKA14)

MONTH OF MAY 1945

20 May - Zone Time Minus 10

At first light, approximately 0450 we sighted the Solomon Islands, Banika and Guadalcanal Island, distance about 12 miles. By radio despatch we received orders modifying Cinopoa, Pearl Harbor, 070221 to the extent that we were to report to ComSoPac to load material and personnel of Utility Squadrons Eight and Thirteen, Service Force U.S. Pacific Fleet, for transportation to Samar, Philippine Islands. This change of orders was contained in Cinopoa, Pearl Harbor, despatch 190315 of May 1945. The same despatch instructed this ship, upon completion of cargo discharge at Samar, to report to Commander Amphibious Group 13.

0800 Position: $09^{\circ} 13' S.$, $159^{\circ} 46' E.$

At 0945 we anchored in berth 11 off Lunga Point, Guadalcanal Island to await instructions for loading. At 1300 we advanced all ship's clocks one hour to minus 11 zone time.

22 May - Zone Time Minus 11

At 1118 we got underway for Point Cruz Dock, Guadalcanal Island, in order to commence loading cargo. We moored at 1215 and loading was begun at 1522.

23 May - Zone Time Minus 11

At 1510 four officers and fourteen enlisted men of the ground echelon of Utility Squadron Thirteen, U.S. Navy, reported aboard for transportation to Samar, Philippine Islands.

24 May - Zone Time Minus 11

At 0445, we completed loading equipment of Utility Squadron Thirteen, having received 278 tons of general cargo, 176 tons of traction cargo and one power boat. Total tonnage received on board was 454 tons. At 0830 pursuant to BuPers order 3115 - MBC - 6E of February, 1945, Captain John C. Goodnough, USN., relieved Lieut. Commander Harold T. Cameron, (DM), USNR., as Commanding Officer of this vessel. At 0922, by orders of the Port Director, Guadalcanal we got underway for Port Purvis, Florida Island in order to fuel ship. We anchored at 1220 and commenced fueling from YO 120 at 1533. At 1745 we completed fueling having received on board 203,000 gallons of fuel oil.

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MONTH OF MAY 1945

25 May - Zone Time Minus 11

At 0700, in compliance with orders of the Port Director, Guadalcanal, despatch 230422, we got underway for the Russell Islands, Solomon Group. At 0948, after passing Savo Island abeam to starboard, we held anti-aircraft firing practice, firing at a target sleeve. During firing practice 28 rounds of 5"38, 825 rounds of 40MM and 4,307 rounds of 20MM ammunition were expended. At 1129 we entered Sunlight Channel, Russell Islands, at 1200 we moored to South Tillotson Dock, Banika Island. We commenced loading material of Utility Squadron Eight at 1515 in accordance with Cincpac, Pearl Harbor, despatch 190315 of May 1945.

27 May - Zone Time Minus 11

At 1130, pursuant to orders of the Commanding Officer, Utility Squadron Eight, Service Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, three officers and fifteen enlisted men comprising ground echelon of Utility Squadron Eight, U.S. Navy reported aboard for transportation. At 1130 we completed loading having received 815 tons of general cargo, 196 tons of traction cargo and one power boat. Total tonnage of VJ-8 material 1,011. Total tonnage on board 1,465.

28 May - Zone Time Minus 11

At 1200, in compliance with orders of the Port Director, Guadalcanal, despatch 270110 of May 1945, we got underway for Hollandia, New Guinea, to report for further routing for Samar, Philippine Islands

2000 Position: 09° 07' S., 157° 39' E.

2100 Retarded all ship's clocks one hour to minus 10 zone time.

29 May - Zone Time Minus 10

0800 Position: 08° 37' S., 154° 37' E.

1200 Position: 08° 18' S., 153° 30' E.

2000 Position: 07° 41' S., 151° 57' E.

30 May - Zone Time Minus 10

0800 Position: 06° 59' S., 149° 19' E.

1200 Position: 06° 34' S., 148° 18' E.

1248 We sighted the Northeast Coast of New Guinea and at 1304 we entered Vitiaz Straits.

2000 Position: 05° 25' S., 146° 49' E.

2300 We entered Isumrud Strait between the Northeast Coast of New Guinea and Karkar Island.

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MONTH OF MAY 1945

31 May - Zone Time Minus 10

0151 Left Isumrud Strait.
0800 Position: 03° 31' S., 145° 03' E.,
1200 Position: 02° 40' S., 144° 30' E.
2000 Position: 02° 44' S., 143° 08' E.

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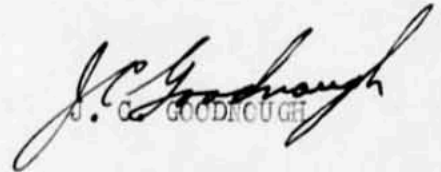
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WAR DIARY USS OBERON (AKA-14)

1 June - Zone Time Minus 10

On the first day of June 1945 this ship attached to TransDiv Forty-two (Captain A. R. Mack, USN), TransRon Fourteen (Commodore C. G. Richardson USN), operating under temporary orders direct from CincPoa Pearl was underway, steaming independently from Russell Islands enroute to Samar, Philippine Islands, via, Hollandia, New Guinea. The ship is loaded with 1,093 tons of general cargo and 372 tons of traction cargo of Utility Squadrons Eight and Thirteen, Service Force, US Pacific Fleet, consigned to Naval Advanced Base, Samar. On board for transportation are three officers and fifteen enlisted men of the ground echelon of Utility Squadron Eight and four officers and fourteen enlisted men of Utility Squadron Thirteen. At 0540 we sighted the north coast of New Guinea at a distance of approximately fifteen miles. At 0815 we anchored in Humboldt Bay, New Guinea and reported to the Port Director, Hollandia for onward routing. At 1330 we retarded all ship's clocks one hour to minus nine zone time. At 1600 we got underway for Samar, Philippine Islands, proceeding independantly.

2 June - Zone Time Minus 9

0800 Position: 02° 19.5 S 138° 35 E
1200 Position: 00° 38.1 S 138° 02.8 E
2000 Position: 02° 04 N 136° 31 E

3 June

0800 Position: 04° 22 N 134° 54 E
1200 Position: 05° 01.8 N 134° 17 E
2000 Position: 06° 17 N 132° 49.6 E

4 June

0800 Position: 07° 53.6 N 130° 20 E
1200 Position: 08° 16 N 129° 10 E
2000 Position: 09° 15 N 127° 52 E

5 June

At 0455, at first light, we sighted Suluan Island, Philippine Islands, at an approximate distance of 24 miles. At 0635 we entered Suragau Staits. We anchored in San Pedro Bay off Leyte, Philippine Islands to await further orders. We reported to Commander Amphibious Group 13 in accordance with CincPoa Pearl 190315. Further directed by Commander Amphibious Group 13 despatch 050325 to report to Commander Service Squadron 10 for duty.

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Month of June 1945

6 June

At 0540 underway for Guiuan Roadstead, Southeast coast of Samar, Philippine Islands on orders of Commander Naval Base Leyte, despatch 050737. At 0945 we anchored in berth Able Two Guiuan Roadstead.

7 June

Anchored in berth Able Two, Guiuan Roadstead Southeast coast of Samar Philippine Islands.

8 June

At 0726 underway on orders of Port Director despatch 070747 to berth Zeb thirteen. At 0900 Commenced discharging cargo.

9 - 10 - 11 - 12 June

Anchored in berth Zeb thirteen Guiuan Roadstead, Samar, Philippine Islands discharging cargo. All cargo discharged at 1600, June 12.

13 June

At 0645 underway in accordance with Commander Naval Base, Samar despatch of June 12th to San Pedro Bay, Philippine Islands for routing instructions to Noumea, New Caledonia. At 1640 anchored in berth #37 San Pedro Bay.

14 June

At 1050 underway to Noumea, New Caledonia to load cargo in accordance with CincPoa Pearl 070352 under routing instruction of Port Director Tacloban, Leyte, Philippine Islands. Departure at 1145 with Maricuitosquit Island light bearing 210° (to, distance one mile. All cargo holds empty, proceeding independently.

15 June

0800 Position: $08^{\circ} 01.7' N 129^{\circ} 01.5' E$
1200 Position: $07^{\circ} 51.5' N 129^{\circ} 57.1' E$
2000 Position: $06^{\circ} 48' N 131^{\circ} 33' E$

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Month of June 1945

16 June

0800 Position: 04⁰ 37 N 134⁰ 01.2 E
1200 Position: 03⁰ 51.8 N 134⁰ 47 E
2000 Position: 02⁰ 28 N 136⁰ 22 E

17 June

0800 Position: 00⁰ 17 N 138⁰ 00.7 E
1200 Position: 00⁰ 17 S 138⁰ 40.8 E
2000 Position: 01⁰ 46 S 139⁰ 52.7 E

18 June - Zone Time Minus 10

0800 Position: 02⁰ 18 S 142⁰ 12.5 E
1200 Position: 02⁰ 31 S 142⁰ 12.5 E
2000 Position: 03⁰ 06 S 144⁰ 28 E

19 June

0800 Position: 05⁰ 07 S 146⁰ 05.5 E
1200 Position: 05⁰ 31 S 146⁰ 47 E
2000 Position: 08⁰ 26.5 S 148⁰ 00.7 E

20 June - Zone Time Minus 11

0800 Position: 07⁰ 31 S 150⁰ 32 E
1200 Position: 07⁰ 52 S 151⁰ 23.1 E
2000 Position: 08⁰ 44 S 153⁰ 00.1 E

21 June

0800 Position: 09⁰ 24.8 S 155⁰ 29 E
1200 Position: 10⁰ 05 S 155⁰ 58 E
2000 Position: 11⁰ 35.9 S 156⁰ 42 E

22 June

0800 Position: 14⁰ 19.5 S 158⁰ 02.5 E
1200 Position: 15⁰ 07 S 158⁰ 22 E
2000 Position: 17⁰ 00 S 159⁰ 14.2 E

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Month of June 1945

23 June

0800 Position: 19° 11.7 S 161° 01.5 E

1200 Position: 19° 40 S 161° 51 E

2000 Position: 20° 55 S 163° 36 E

At 0900 held anti-aircraft and surface firing practice, expending 819 rounds of 20MM, 13 rounds 5"-38, 548 rounds of 40MM ammunition.

24 June

At 0530 sighted west coast of New Caledonia, abeam to port, distance twenty two and a half miles. At 0842 we started through Bulari Passage on charted course through reefs. At 0908 pilot came aboard. At 1036 anchored in berth Able One, Great Roads, Port Noumea, New Caledonia. Under Administrative Command of ComSoPac.

25 - 26 June

Anchored in berth Able One, Great Roads, Port Noumea, New Caledonia. Standing by for docking space.

27 June

At 1000 underway to dock #2, Grand Quay, Noumea on Port Directors visual dispatch 252303. Secured alongside dock at 1120. At 1430 started taking on cargo.

28 - 29 - 30 June

Tied alongside dock #2, Grand Quay, Noumea, New Caledonia, loading sundry construction material from Advance Base Construction Depot for discharge at Samar, Philippine Islands.

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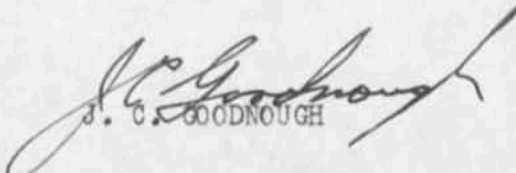
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WAR DIARY USS OBERON (AKA-14)

Month of July 1945

July 1-2-3-4, Zone -11

On the first day of July 1945 this ship attached to TransDiv Forty-two (Captain A. R. Mack USN), TranRon Fourteen (Commodore C. G. Richardson USN) operating under temporary orders direct from CincPoa Pearl was moored to Grand Quay dock, Noumea, New Caledonia. We were taking on construction material destined for Samar, Philippine Islands in accordance with CincPoa Pearl's despatch 070352.

July 5

At 1200 completed loading operations. Underway at 1400 and proceeding independently to Guiuan, Samar, Philippine Islands by orders of ComSoPac 242145 despatch of July. Total cargo aboard 3763 long tons. Carrying as passengers twenty-nine men, one officer. Took departure at 1557 with Amedee Light bearing 049^o(t) distance 6000 yds.

July 6

0800 Position: 20^o 31.0 S, 162^o 59.0 E
1200 Position: 19^o 49.0 S, 162^o 12.8 E
2000 Position: 18^o 41.3 S, 160^o 20.0 E

July 7

0800 Position: 16^o 24.0 S, 159^o 05.0 E
1200 Position: 15^o 22.8 S, 158^o 24.0 E
2000 Position: 13^o 33.0 S, 157^o 58.0 E

July 8, Zone -10

0800 Position: 10^o 50.5 S, 156^o 16.0 E
1200 Position: 09^o 58.0 S, 156^o 23.5 E
2000 Position: 08^o 38.2 S, 154^o 55.0 E

July 9

0800 Position: 07^o 44.0 S, 151^o 52.5 E
1200 Position: 07^o 25.5 S, 151^o 01.0 E
2000 Position: 06^o 51.0 S, 149^o 07.0 E

July 10

0800 Position: 05^o 15.0 S, 146^o 30.0 E
1200 Position: 04^o 26.8 S, 145^o 46.2 E
2000 Position: 03^o 05.0 S, 144^o 42.5 E

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Month of July 1945

July 11, Zone -9

0800 Position: 02° 17.0 S, 141° 44.0 E
1200 Position: 02° 01.0 S, 140° 48.0 E
2000 Position: 00° 39.5 S, 139° 28.3 E

July 12

0800 Position: 01° 22.5 N, 137° 36.0 E
1200 Position: 02° 00.0 N, 137° 00.5 E
2000 Position: 03° 09.2 N, 135° 49.3 E

July 13

0800 Position: 05° 08.6 N, 134° 12.5 E
1200 Position: 05° 35.0 N, 133° 35.4 E
2000 Position: 06° 31.0 N, 132° 06.0 E

July 14

0800 Position: 08° 04.0 N, 129° 40.8 E
1200 Position: 08° 26.0 N, 129° 00.0 E
2000 Position: 09° 29.5 N, 127° 34.2 E

July 15

At 0440 sighted Suluan Island lighthouse bearing 340°(t) distance twenty miles. At 0850 we passed thru net at entrance to Guiuan Roadstead with Lt.(jg) R. H. Schaider USNR aboard as pilot. On verbal instructions Com-Nav Base Samar, we anchored at 0929 in berth A-30, Guiuan Roadstead, Samar, Philippine Islands. Standing by for instructions to discharge cargo.

July 16-17-18

Anchored in berth A-30, Guiuan Roadstead, Samar Philippine Islands awaiting unloading instructions.

July 19

At 1333 underway to shift berth, in accordance with Port Directors Dispatch 190237 of July. At 1415 anchored in Guiuan Roadstead, Samar Philippine Islands, with Church bearing 044°(t), 4000 yds.

July 20

At 0830 commenced unloading cargo into lighters.

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WAR DIARY USS OBERON (AKA-14)

Month of July 1945

July 21-22-23

Anchored in Guiuan Roadstead, Samar Philippine Islands. Continuous unloading in progress.

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U.S.S. OBERON (AKA-14) WAR DIARY

Month of July

July 24 - Zone -9

Anchored in Guiuan Roadstead, Samar, Philippine Islands. Continuous unloading in progress. At 0935 this day Lt. Comdr. Carl F. A. Johnson, (DM), USNR. assumed command of this ship relieving Captain John C. Goodnough, USN Detached.

July 25

At 1302 underway to shift berth by orders of Port Director, Samar, Despatch 250145 of July. At 1347 anchored in berth 54 Guiuan Roadstead, Samar, Philippine Islands. All cargo having been discharge we are awaiting further orders.

July 26 - 27

Anchored in berth 54 Guiuan Roadstead, Samar, Philippine Islands awaiting further orders.

July 28

At 0716 underway and proceeding to Sam Pedro Bay Leyte by order of Port Director Despatch 271527 of July. At 1106 anchored in berth 30, San Pedro Bay, Leyte Philippine Islands.

July 29

Anchored in berth 30, San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands taking on fuel and supplies.

July 30

At 0650 underway and proceeding to Russell Islands by order of ComSerDiv 101 Despatch 280413 of July to carry out orders of CinPac Pearl in their 25051 Despatch of July. Proceeding independently, all hold empty of cargo.

July 31

0800 Position 07° 53.5 N, 129° 45.0 E
1200 Position 07° 26.0 N, 130° 27.0 E
2000 Position 06° 19.0 N, 132° 20.5 E

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USS OBERON (AKA-14) WAR DIARY
Month of August, 1945

On the first day of the month this ship attached to Transport Division Forty-nine (Commodore T. B. Brittain USN), Transport Squardan Seventeen (Commodore T. B. Brittain USN) was proceeding independently from San Pedro Bay, Philippine Islands to Russell Islands. We are proceeding by order of ComSerDiv 101 Despatch 280413 of July to carry out basic orders outlined in CincPoa Pearl Despatch 262051 of July. All holds empty of cargo.

August 1 - Zone -9

0800 Position 04° 06 N, 134° 13 E
1200 Position 03° 42 N, 134° 58 E
2000 Position 02° 09 N, 136° 19 E

August 2

0800 Position 00° 04 S, 138° 14 E
1200 Position 00° 47 S, 138° 48 E
2000 Position 01° 57 S, 140° 17 E

August 3

0800 Position 02° 44 S, 142° 51 E
1200 Position 02° 57 S, 143° 52 E
2000 Position 03° 53 S, 145° 09 E

August 4 - Zone -10

0800 Position 05° 50 S, 147° 25 E
1200 Position 06° 16 S, 148° 05 E
2000 Position 07° 08 S, 149° 42 E

August 5

0800 Position 08° 01 S, 152° 11 E
1200 Position 08° 22 S, 152° 08 E
2000 Position 09° 03 S, 155° 05 E

August 6 - Zone -11

At 1500 this day we moored port side to South Dock, Banika Island, Russell Islands.

August 7 - 8 - 9 - 10 - 11 - 12 - 13

Moored port side to South Dock, Banika Island Russell Island taking on cargo of construction material.

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August 14

At 0903 having completed taking on cargo we were underway and proceeding to Samar, Philippine Islands by orders of C T U 11.5.6 despatch 130351 of August.

August 15

0800 Position 08° 20 S, 154° 06 E
1200 Position 08° 01 S, 153° 05 E
2000 Position 07° 21 S, 150° 52 E

August 16 - Zone -10

0800 Position 06° 10 S, 147° 57 E
1200 Position 09° 09 S, 147° 24 E
2000 Position 03° 04 S, 147° 16 E

August 17

0800 Position 00° 55 S, 146° 07 E
1200 Position 00° 57 S, 146° 06 E
2000 Position 00° 26 S, 145° 13 E

August 18

0800 Position 02° 12 N, 140° 43 E
1200 Position 02° 42 N, 139° 47 E
2000 Position 03° 46 N, 137° 52 E

August 19 - Zone -9

0800 Position 05° 05 N, 135° 31 E
1200 Position 05° 32 E, 134° 40 E
2000 Position 06° 18 N, 132° 15 E

August 20

0800 Position 07° 29 N, 130° 30 E
1200 Position 08° 06 N, 129° 39 E
2000 Position 09° 10 N, 127° 51 E

August 21

At 0947 anchored in berth A-16 Guiuan Roadstead, Samar, Philippine Islands.

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August 22 - 23 - 24 - 25 - 26 - 27 - 28

Anchored in berth A-16 Guiuan Roadstead, Samar, Philippine Islands awaiting orders to discharge cargo.

August 29

At 1129 underway and proceeding to dock on orders of Port Director, Samar, Despatch 29026 of August. At 1315 moored starboard side to Calicoan Dock, Calicoan Island, Samar, Philippine Islands. Commenced discharging cargo.

August 30 - 31

Moored starboard side to Calicoan Docks, Calicoan Island discharging cargo.

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To : The Commander in Chief U. S. Fleet.
Subject: War Diary, U. S. S. OBERON; submittal of.
Reference: (a) Cincpac Conf. Ltr. 1CL-45.
Enclosure: (A) Subject War Diary.

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Month of September 1945

On the first day of the month this ship attached to Transport Division Forty-Nine, Transport Squadron Seventeen (Commodore T. B. Brittain, USN), acting on basic orders in CincPoa Pearl despatch 262051 of July was moored to Dock, Calicoan Island, Samar, Philippine Islands, discharging cargo.

Sept. 1, Zone -9

Moored to dock, Calicoan Island, Samar, Philippine Islands, discharging cargo .

Sept. 2

At 0856 underway on verbal orders of Port Director, Samar, Philippine Islands, proceeding to anchorage in Guian Roadstead. All holds empty of cargo.

Sept. 3

Anchored in Guian Roadstead, Samar, Philippine Islands, standing by for orders. At 0627 underway by order of Port Director, Samar, proceeding to San Pedro Bay for fuel and provisions, then to report to ComPhibGrp Three in accordance with CincPacAdvHqtr despatch 260826 of August. At 1608 anchored in San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands.

Sept. 4 - 5 - 6

Anchored in San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands awaiting further orders

Sept. 7

At 0755 underway to shift berth by orders of ComPhibGrp Three despatch 051422 of September. At 1040 anchored off the coast of Tarraguna, Leyte, Philippine Islands.

Sept. 8

Anchored off the coast of Tarraguna, Leyte, Philippine Islands. Standing by for further orders.

Sept. 9

At 1424 underway and proceeding to Tacloban, San Pedro Bay, Philippine Islands by orders of ComPhibGrp Three despatch 090312 of September. At 1729 anchored off Tacloban, San Pedro Bay, Philippine Islands.

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Sept. 10 - 11

Anchored off Tacloban, San Pedro Bay, Philippine Islands taking on cargo.

Sept. 12

At 0950 underway and proceeding to anchorage off Tarraguna, Leyte, Philippine Islands, having loaded six hundred tons of rations from 81st Infantry Division. At 1457 anchored off Tarraguna.

Sept. 13 - 14 - 15 - 16 - 17

Anchored off Tarraguna, Leyte, Philippine Islands, taking on cargo for 81st Infantry Division.

Sept. 18

At 0628 underway on orders of ComTransDiv Forty-Three despatch 171250 of September, proceeding in company with C.T.F. 34 to Aomori Ominato, Northern Honshu, Japan. We are attached to T.G. 34.3, proceeding in division columns. Combat loaded with 2000 tons, 114 enlisted man and eight officers. T.F. 34 transporting 81st Infantry Division as occupying force.

Sept. 19

0800 14° 32' N., 128° 17' E.
1200 15° 24' N., 128° 42' E.
2000 16° 55' N., 129° 29' E.

Sept. 20

0800 19° 33' N., 130° 59' E.
1200 20° 16' N., 131° 24' E.
2000 22° 04' N., 132° 25' E.

Sept. 21

0800 24° 43' N., 133° 57' E.
1200 25° 23' N., 134° 12' E.
2000 27° 08' N., 135° 18' E.

Sept. 22

0800 29° 38' N., 136° 48' E.
1200 30° 29' N., 137° 20' E.
2000 32° 02' N., 138° 20' E.

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Sept. 23

0800 34° 24' N., 140° 37' E.
1200 35° 10' N., 141° 07' E.
2000 37° 15' N., 142° 14' E.

Sept. 24

0800 39° 45' N., 142° 35' E.
1200 40° 25' N., 142° 28' E.
2000 41° 42.6' N., 141° 52' E.

Sept. 25

At 0615 anchored in Transport Area, Aomori Wan, Honshu, Japan. First wave of occupying troops were landed at 0910, our boats participated in landings at 1045. At 1500 moved to anchorage 2000 yards closer to beach. At 1622 commenced unloading vehicles.

Sept. 26 - 27 - 28 - 29

Anchored in Transport Area, Aomori Wan, Honshu, Japan, discharging cargo.

Sept. 30

At 0558 underway in company of T.U. 34.3.17 with C.T.U. 34.3.17 in U.S.S. THEENIM (AKA-63) proceeding to Leyte on C.T.U. 34.3.17 despatch 291120 of September.

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On the first day of the month this ship was proceeding from Aomori, Northern Honshu, Japan to Leyte, Philippine Islands. In company with 34.3.17, CTU in USS THEENIM (AKA-63), proceeding on ComTaskForce 34 despatch 290747 of September. Our unit was part of CTF 34 which landed the initial occupation troops (81st division) at Aomori, Japan.

October 1 Zone -9

0800	37° 27' N.,	141° 51' E.
1200	34° 26' N.,	141° 32' E.
2000	34° 46' N.,	140° 41' E.

October 2

0800 32° 59' N., 138° 25' E.

At 1110 we received CTF 34 despatch 021118 of October instructing the unit to proceed immediately at best speed to Tokyo Bay, Japan to have shelter from typhoon.

October 3

At 0010 we started through entrance to Tokyo Bay, anchoring at 0133. At 1543, the typhoon having passed to the north of Tokyo area, we were underway in company with Task Unit 34.3.17 proceeding to Manila in accordance with CTF 32 despatch 050416 of October.

October 4

At 0945 we were again ordered to reverse our course and proceed at best possible speed to Tokyo Bay to have shelter from a second typhoon. We passed T Seragi Saki Light marking the entrance to the channel at 2259, proceeding to anchorage in Tokyo Bay under very adverse conditions, heavy rainfall accompanied by a high wind.

October 5

At 0141 anchored in Tokyo Bay about four miles off Yokahama. We remained at anchor throughout the day and night. The center of the storm passed to the west of us with the result that we were in no danger although subjected to a wind of about force nine.

October 6

At 0747 we were underway and proceeding to Manila, P.I., in company with TU 34.3.17 in accordance with ComThirdPhibs despatch 051264 of October.

October 7

0800	32° 40' N.,	136° 33' E.
1200	32 04' N.,	135 51' E.
2000	30 50' N.,	133 59' E.

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October 8

0800 30° 10' N., 133° 00' E.
1200 29° 59' N., 132° 43' E.
2000 29° 15' N., 132° 30' E.

The unit was forced to proceed on a south easterly course in order to avoid a very intense typhoon which was moving in a north easterly direction. We proceeded for three days on the edge of the storm about three hundred and fifty miles from the center.

October 9

0800 28° 26' N., 133° 58' E.
1200 27° 53' N., 134° 28' E.
2000 26° 51' N., 135° 20' E.

October 10

0800 25° 21' N., 136° 21' E.
1200 24° 49' N., 135° 48' E.
2000 23° 24' N., 135° 20' E.

October 11

0800 22° 34' N., 132° 19' E.
1200 22° 17' N., 131° 24' E.
2000 21° 50' N., 129° 26' E.

At about 2100 the unit was laying to while a very difficult appendectomy was performed on a member of the ship's crew, to assure the success of the operation our medical officer requested a doctor from the USS THEENIM to board us for consultation. At about 2200 we were again underway, the operation having been successfully concluded.

October 12

0800 21° 09' N., 126° 50' E.
1200 20° 47' N., 125° 41' E.
2000 20° 26' N., 123° 34' E.

October 13

0800 19° 43' N., 120° 35' E.
1200 18° 52' N., 120° 11' E.
2000 17° 04' N., 119° 25' E.

October 14

At 1410 anchored in berth 609, Manila Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

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October 15 - 16 - 17

Anchored in berth 609 Manila Bay, Philippine Islands awaiting orders to take on cargo.

October 18

Anchored in berth 609, Manila Bay, Philippine Islands awaiting orders to take on cargo. 0625 Underway, pursuant to Port Command at Manila, 1710412, to pier 1, Manila Harbor. 1005 Commenced loading cargo and vehicles of 1329th Engineering, General Service Regiment.

October 19

Moored as before. 1000 Underway by orders of Port Command at Manila proceeding to berth 529 to take on bunker and diesel fuel. 1305 Moored port side to U.S.S. WINOOSKI (AO38). 1757 Underway for Yokohama, Honshu, Japan, pursuant to ComPhilGrup 9, movement order No. A917-45 of 19 October 1945, in company with Task Unit 33.2.16, U.S.S. CATAMOUNT (LSD17) O.T.C. 2034 Took departure Manila Bay with Corrigidor Island abeam to port.

October 20

0800	16°	25.5' N.,	119°	42.5' E.
1200	17°	22.4' N.,	119°	57.1' E.
2000	19°	13.1' N.,	120°	40.8' E.

October 21

0800	20°	53.4' N.,	122°	57.5' E.
1200	21°	26.3' N.,	123°	39.5' E.
2000	22°	50' N.,	125°	05' E.

October 22

0800	24°	45.5' N.,	127°	45.5' E.
1200	25°	24.1' N.,	127°	43.6' E.
2000	26°	31' N.,	129°	02.7' E.

October 23

0800	28°	24' N.,	131°	33' E.
1200	28°	51' N.,	132°	15' E.
2000	30°	04.4' N.,	133°	56.9' E.

October 24

0800	31°	54' N.,	136°	22.5' E.
1200	32°	23' N.,	136°	48.1' E.
2000	33°	47' N.,	138°	16' E.

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October 25

0800 Proceeding up swept channel to Tokyo Bay. 0902 Anchored northwest sector berth 44, anchorage area "Baker", Tokyo Bay, Yokohama District.

October 26

Anchored as before. 0739 Underway, pursuant to Port Director at Yokosuka, despatch 251647 of 26 October 1945, to south pier berth "Baker" to discharge cargo. 0918 Moored starboard side to south pier, berth "Baker", Yokohama, Honshu, Japan. 1005 Commenced discharging cargo. 1955 Completed discharging cargo.

October 27

Moored as before. 0750 Underway by order of C.T.F. 33, despatch 262240 of October 1945. 0950 Anchored southwest section berth 19, anchorage area "Easy", Tokyo Bay, Honshu, Japan.

October 28 - 29 - 30 - 31

Anchored in southwest section berth 19, anchorage area "Easy", Tokyo Bay, Honshu, Japan.

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To: The Secretary of the Navy,
Navy Department
Subject: History of U.S.S. OBERON (AKA-14).
Reference: (a) AlPac 202.
(b) ComPhibsPac dispatch 180730, September 1945.

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b) the following information concerning the U. S. S. OBERON (AKA-14) is forwarded. All material herein contained is of an unclassified nature and is written in compliance with existing censorship regulations.

Built by the Federal Ship Building Company in Kearny, New Jersey, the USS OBERON was commissioned the AK 56 on June 15th, 1942 at the Robbins Dry Deck piers, Erie Basin, Brooklyn, New York. Commander Ion Purcell, U.S.N. was the ship's first commanding officer.

Until the 24th of July the ship remained in Brooklyn undergoing alterations to suit her for Naval warfare. With basic alterations completed the ship went to Norfolk, Va., for more alterations and later for training maneuvers off the Solomon Islands in the Chesapeake Bay. On October 24th, with the USS Augusta as OTC of task force, the Oberon joined company with the ships that were to make the initial landings in North Africa.

By the 8th of November 1942 the task force was standing in to Fedala, French Morocco, North Africa, the invasion underway. Six days were spent in discharging cargo. The initial taste of battle for the ship was a large taste. Air attacks by the German Air Force were plentiful. One submarine attack, however, proved most costly for the ships of the fleet. Boldly approaching, a German submarine was able to torpedo six ships. The USS Rutledge, USS Scott, USS Bliss, USS Hamilton and the USS Hughes were sunk. The USS Electra was damaged heavily. The Oberon and her sister ship the USS Titania, got underway on the 14th of the month with orders to return to the United States. Seventy five miles off Bermuda the two ships joined task force 34.1 and by the 24th of November 1942 were anchored at Hampton Roads, Va.

Having completed repairs and preparations for going to sea, the Oberon started for the Pacific on December 27th, 1942. It appeared that the ship was destined for a long tour of Pacific duty but the trip was to last only a little over two months. The USS Titania which accompanied the Oberon on the trip through the Panama Canal and into the Pacific, remained there on duty. The Oberon after visiting Noumea, New Caledonia and later Esperite Santo, returned to Norfolk, Va., arriving there on the 12th of March 1943. Soon after, the designation of the ship was changed from AK 56 to AKA 14.

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The stay in Norfolk was short, and by the 14th the ship was at Boston, Mass., for an over-haul period. By April 2nd the over-haul completed, the ship returned to Norfolk. Until May 10th the Oberon engaged in maneuvers and loading cargo, and on the 10th started for Oran, Algeria. After unloading at the destination the ship moved on to Algiers where a combat load was taken aboard and training started for the coming operations, the invasion of Sicily.

During the 10th, 11th and 12th the Oberon participated in the invasion of Sicily. One man was killed, five were wounded. The explosion of an ammunition ship close at hand is the most well remembered incident of the entire battle.

The ship then returned to Oran and spent the next two months preparing and training for operations of the future. During the 9th and 10th of September, 1943 the Oberon took part in the invasion of Salerno. Two officers and one man received the Silver Star for heroic conduct in battle. The invasion itself was far from quiet, but many then aboard have said that air attacks while at sea were worse. The night of November 6th was the night of such an attack. The ship was bound for Bizerte. Torpedo planes of the Luftwaffe surprised the task group completely. The severity of the attack was such that the Navy awarded a battle star to all these who had taken part in the action.

After a few weeks in Bizerte following the attack on the formation, during which the ship discharged her cargo, the ship received orders to return to Oran. She arrived there on the 30th of November 1943.

Before the ship again went to sea Lieut. Commander D. G. Greenlee, USN relieved Commander Ion Purcell, USN as commanding officer. After a very short stay in Oran the ship got underway and traveled out of the Mediterranean, and on December 9th anchored in Bangor Bay, Northern Ireland. On the 11th she moved to Belfast for unloading. Belfast Ireland still rates as one of the best liberty ports that the ship has visited. After the very pleasant stay here the ship moved north to the Firth of Clyde in Scotland. Here again all hands enjoyed their time ashore. But enjoyable as the liberty was, the news that the ship was to return to the U. S. was more enjoyable. On the 16th of December the Oberon started homeward.

During the trip back a storm occurred that caused comment from many hands that its effect on the nerves was more trying than any of the engagements with the enemy. The high light of the storm for many of the members of the crew was the instant when the deck forward of the superstructure on the starboard side split under the strain. A twenty foot rend in the deck allowed water to pour into the forward living compartment where some of the crew were attempting to sleep. The time necessary to clear the compartment at that time was at least as short as the time during any general quarters alarm.

Having spent a hectic Christmas fighting the storm and missing New Year's celebrations by one day, the ship put in to Philadelphia on the 2nd of January, 1944. Until February 8th the ship underwent alterations and repairs. Firing runs followed this, and on the 8th she was ready for sea. On the 13th the Oberon moved up to Staten Island, New York, to take on cargo. Some fourteen days later the ship again started across the Atlantic. The destination

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was Cardiff, Wales, England. She arrived there on the 9th of March 1944. Unloading was completed in short order.

The 15th of the month saw the ship anchored at Lock Long, Scotland. The two weeks spent here allowed for many enjoyable liberties ashore. On the 29th of March the ship got under way for Mers El Kebir, North Africa. She arrived at her destination on the 6th of April.

During April, May and part of June 1944 the ship spent her time in the locality of Oran, Mers El Kebir and Arzew. The ship was attached to Transport Division One of Assault Group Two, Eighth Amphibious Force. Maneuvers followed maneuvers, and the time seemed to pass more slowly than it had in the past.

On the 16th of June the ship, along with TransDiv One, followed the flagship, the USS Henrice, to Naples, Italy. The group arrived here on the 18th of the month. Only a few days were spent here on the first visit. On the 23rd of June the Oberon moved to Palermo, Sicily for a period of rest and recreation. On the 14th of July the ship traveled back to Naples. Soon after arriving here Lieut. Commander H. T. Cameron relieved Commander D. G. Greenlee as commanding officer.

During the next few weeks cargo was taken aboard and on the 24th the ship anchored off Pezzuoli, a little North of Naples, awaiting orders. On the 31st Army personnel came aboard for maneuvers and training. The first few weeks of August the ship spent in Castellamare, Italy making final preparations for the coming invasion of Southern France. The preparations did not keep the crew aboard all of the time and the ruins of ancient Pompeii proved to be the high point of interest.

The 13th and 14th of August saw the ship headed for Southern France. On the 15th she took part in the invasion of St. Tropez. On the 16th, with seven wounded American soldiers and five wounded German prisoners aboard, the ship got underway.

Arriving at Mers El Kebir on the 19th of August, the Oberon started preparations for moving personnel and supplies back to France. During the rest of August, all of September, and most of October, the Oberon made her way back and forth between France and the two supply points, Naples and Mers El Kebir. Units of the French Army and units of the Japanese-American division as well as regular American Army units were moved to France. In all two trips to St. Tropez and three to Marseilles were made.

Finally on the 24th of October the rumors that the ship would start home turned into reality and the ship joined a formation for the trip back to the U. S. The Oberon docked at Boston, Mass., on November 8th, 1944.

The Boston and Albany Railroad Piers were dark and grimy, but they were very inviting to a home sick crew. The next day the ship moved into the South Boston Navy Yard for a period of over-haul.

Repairs completed and shore leaves something to remember, the Oberon got underway for Davisville, R.I., to take on cargo. She arrived in Davisville on the 14th of December. The next trip was to take the Oberon back into the Pacific, and after a day in Norfolk, Va., on Christmas morning of 1944, she

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got underway for the Panama Canal.

The trip started uneventfully as the ship made her way down the coast to the canal. New Year's Eve was celebrated more or less quietly in Balboa, on the Pacific side of the canal. The next morning, January first, along with the USS Andromeda, AKA-15, the cruise into the Pacific was started.

On January 15th the ship arrived at Pearl Harbor. Liberty was granted and was indeed welcome. West of Pearl there was little opportunity. The ship shifted berths on the 22nd to Honolulu to complete loading operations and on the 25th was at sea again. The destination was Leyete in the Philippines. On the 29th the ship crossed the International Date Line. Before reaching Leyete on the 21st of February, the ship spent a day at Eniwetok in the Marshalls, two days in Pelilieu, Palau Island, and three days at Kossel Rhodes.

Soon after discharging cargo at Leyete, the ship joined the ships of Transport Squadron Seventeen for maneuvers under the command of Commodore T. B. Brittain USN. The next several days were feverishly filled with preparations for the operation that was to come soon. The 21st of March saw the squadron, maneuvers completed, combat loaded and starting out to sea. The particular assignment of Transport Squadron Seventeen was the occupation of the small group of islands to the west of Okinawa known as Kerama Retto. These islands were to act as stepping stones to the larger prize, Okinawa.

The expected attacks from the Japs did not materialize during the trip northward, but even so the Oberon experienced some especially worried hours. Mechanical difficulties caused her to lose speed and it was necessary to fall behind the formation. The single DE that fussed around the ship as an escort helped, but the two ships were very much alone and in enemy waters. Repairs were effected with haste and by cutting a corner from the proposed route of the main body of the task unit, the Oberon and her lonely escort joined the group shortly after daylight on the following day.

The designated transport area off the islands of Kerama Retto was reached a few hours before dawn of the morning of the 26th of March. The occupation of the islands was effected and on the first of April the push on Okinawa began.

Attacks by aircraft made it undesirable to keep the transports near the islands during the night and a policy was adopted whereby the squadron left late in the afternoon and after following a somewhat circular course, returned to the islands at dawn the following morning. It was almost dusk on the 2nd of April during such a retirement movement that the squadron came in contact with the Japanese air force in number. Official war diaries say, "Time 1852 .. Being attacked from starboard by enemy aircraft." For many, most of this war's conflict was to take place during the next twenty minutes. It is difficult if not impossible to record exactly the events at such a time. It can best be said, perhaps, that after the firing had ceased and the ships began to look around they saw this: The U.S.S. Goodhue, U.S.S. Telfair, U.S.S. Dickerson and the U.S.S. Henrice were smoldering from suicide planes which had crashed into them. The Henrice, a comrad of the Oberon from days before in the Mediterranean was the most badly crippled. She fell astern, completely unmaneuverable, to be towed back to port. The task unit limped on,

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There was no more respect for the Jap in its heart but a little more awe at his methods. Seven planes had been officially downed. Many more were probables. The Oberon shared under both of these records. One plane was claimed. Many men and officers aboard felt certain at least two others had been brought down by the Oberon.

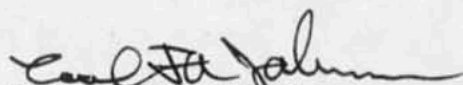
For the next several days the transports worried in and out of the transport area, discharging cargo and men as fast as the beach could take them. The days were filled with work and the nights saw all hands at battle stations. Sleep came in between. On the 26th of April the Oberon had completed unloading and had started back to Ulithi (MogMog). She arrived here on the 30th and the next day the crew went ashore for the first time in 97 days.

May was a good month. On the 8th the news that Germany had surrendered reached the ship. On the 13th the ship started southward for New Zealand. Hopes were high for liberty in a "city" but fate was unkind. The 15th of May saw the Shellbacks explaining things to the Pollywogs as the ship crossed the equator. After a short stay in Manus, in the Admiralty Islands, the ship put in to Guadalcanal on the 20th. While the ship shifted berth to Tulagi and then to Russell Islands taking on cargo, there were movies and beer parties. There was also the news that the trip to New Zealand had been cancelled. Captain J. C. Goednough, U. S. Navy relieved Lt. Comdr. H. T. Cameron, U. S. Naval Reserve as Commanding Officer and the Oberon started her trip back to the Philippines. She carried her four striper commanding officer preddy. The destination was Samar.

On June 1st she put into Hollandia, New Guinea for a day and by the 5th was in Samar. Moving supplies northward was to become ritual for the Oberon for the next two months. The 5th of July saw her putting out from Naumea, New Caledonia bound for Samar. Lieutenant F. M. Romanick, USNR had relieved Lieutenant H. R. Spiers, USNR as Executive Officer. On July 24th, before the ship started south again, Lt. Comdr. Carl F. A. Johnson, U. S. Naval Reserve relieved Captain J. C. Goednough as commanding officer. On the 14th of August the ship was leaving Russell Islands with another cargo bound for Samar. One day out, the news of the Japanese surrender reached the ship.

The ship arrived at Samar on August 21. After a few weeks while changes in plans were made following the rather surprising surrender of the Japanese, the ship finally had been loaded and the business of occupying Japan started. The first trip, starting on September 18, took the Oberon to the northern tip of Honshu to put ashore units of the 81st Division, IX Corps at Aomori on 25 September. As the writing of this account is brought to date, the ship is bound for Tokyo Bay.

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