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Reg. No. 639  
Reg. Sheet 15

WAR DIARY USS OBERON (AKA-14)

Month of June 1942

15 June Plus 4 Zone Time

At 1845 this day the S.S. Delalba was accepted by the Commandant Third Naval District for the United States Navy. At 1900 U.S.S. Oberon (AK-56) was placed in commission, Commander Ion Purcell USN., Commanding Officer.

15 to 30 June

Moored starboard side to Pier number one, Robins Dry Dock and Repair Co., Erie Basin, Brooklyn, New York, taking on stores and undergoing alterations and repairs by shipyard workers.

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WAR DIARY USS OBERON (AKA-14)

Month of July 1942

1 to 5 of July Plus 4 Zone Time

Moored to Pier number one, Robins Dry Dock and Repair Co., Erie Basin, Brooklyn New York; taking on stores and undergoing alterations.

6 of July

At 0600 underway to Dry Dock number six, Robins Dry Dock and Repair Co., Erie Basin, Brooklyn New York. At 0701 entered dry dock for repair and alterations by ship yard.

7 and 8 July

In dry dock number six, Robins Dry Dock and Repair Co., Erie Basin, Brooklyn New York.

9 July

At 1652 afloat and underway returning to Pier number one, Pilot W. Sporall aboard. At 1710 moored starboard side to pier number one.

9 to 16 July

Moored alongside pier number one, Erie Basin, Brooklyn New York; taking on stores, completing alterations and repairs. Exercised at routine drills.

17 July

At 0755 underway in accordance with verbal orders Commandant Ship Repair Third District to ammunition anchorage Gravesend Bay. Pilot Kime at the conn. Proceeded on various courses and speed. At 0926 anchored at ammunition berth, Gravesend Bay in fifteen fathoms of water. While at anchorage ship took on ammunition from barge.

18 July

At 0603 underway from anchorage in Gravesend Bay to deperming dock Bayonne New York. At 0746 moored port side to deperming dock Bayonne New York. At 1647 underway from deperming dock to anchorage New York Harbor. At 1815 anchored in New York Harbor. Continued testing equipment.

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WAR DIARY USS OBERON (AKA-14)

Month of July 1942

19 to 23 July

Anchored in Gravesend Bay, New York continuing with alterations and testing equipment.

24 July

At 1004 in accordance with despatch orders, underway to Norfolk Va. At 2257 anchored off Reedy Island, Delaware River.

25 July

At 0609 underway through Chesapeake Canal enroute to Norfolk Va. At 2256 anchored off Old Point Comfort, Hampton Roads, Va.

26 July

At 0710 underway to Naval Operating Base Norfolk Va. At 0734 moored to pier number four berth N.O.B. At 1258 shifted to piers number 11 and 12 Portsmouth Navy Yard.

27 to 31 July

Moored alongside pier #11 and 12 Portsmouth Navy Yard undergoing alterations.

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WAR DIARY, USS OBERON(AKA56)

Month of August 1942

August 1 - 2, Zone Time Plus 4.

This ship under orders of Commander Transport Amphibious Force Atlantic was moored to dock #2 Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Virginia, taking on supplies, undergoing drills, preparatory to amphibious training.

August 3

At 1554 underway to anchorage in Chesapeake Bay. At 2020 anchored in Rappahannock anchorage, we carried on tactical maneuvers underway.

August 4 - 30

This period was devoted to continuous amphibious training off Solomon Islands. In addition the ship was drilled peravane streaming and tactical maneuvers with following ships: USS LEONARD WOOD, O.T.C., USS TITANIA, USS JOHN PENN and USS JOHN RUTLEDGE. The one-hundred and fifty men, seven officers of the U.S. Army who boarded ship on the twelfth participated in the amphibious drills.

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WAR DIARY, USS OBERON(AKA56)

Month of September 1942

September - Zone Time Plus 4.

This ship under the Operational Plan of Commander Transport Amphibious Force Atlantic Fleet, underwent continuous amphibious training in Chesapeake Bay. During this period, in addition to amphibious training we continued drilling the crew in all ship-board drills.

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WAR DIARY, USS OBERON(AKA56)

Month of October 1942

October 1 - 23, Zone Time Plus 4

This ship under the Operational Control of Commander Transports Amphibious Forces Atlantic Fleet was moored to pier #5 Chesapeake and Ohio Docks, Newport News, Virginia, undergoing drills, taking on supplies, making all preparation for sea. This ship is combat loaded.

October 24, Zone Time Plus 4

At 0726 underway by order of ComTransPhibForLant for Fedahala, North Africa. Moving in convoy using various zigzag plans. USS AUGUSTA O.T.C.

October 25, Zone Time Plus 4

0800 38° 10' N, 70° 20' W.  
1200 38° 24' N, 69° 22' W.  
2000 37° 57' N, 69° 12' W.

October 26, Zone Time Plus 4

0800 39° 03' N, 64° 25' W.  
1200 39° 47' N, 62° 54' W.

October 27, Zone Time Plus 4

0800 39° 55' N, 57° 59' W.  
1200 39° 54' N, 57° 06' W.  
2000 39° 57' N, 54° 56' W.

October 28, Zone Time Plus 3

0800 39° 55' N, 51° 45' W.  
1200 39° 55' N, 51° 04' W.  
2000 39° 16' N, 48° 37' W.

October 29, Zone Time Plus 3

0800 38° 31' N, 46° 25' W.  
1200 38° 09' N, 45° 21' W.  
2000 37° 01' N, 43° 44' W.

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Month of October 1942

October 30, Zone Time Plus 3

0800 35° 29' N, 41° 30' W.  
1200 35° 06' N, 41° 02' W.  
2000 34° 15' N, 40° 00' W.

October 31, Zone Time Plus 2

0800 34° 10' N, 36° 55' W.  
1200 34° 27' N, 36° 23' W.

Month of November 1942

On the first of November this ship was underway from Newport News, Virginia to Fedhala, North Africa, under the direct command and by the orders of Commander Transports Amphibious Forces Atlantic Fleet. We were combat loaded with Army troops and Sundry motor-vehicles. The ship was traveling in convoy with the USS AUGUSTA O.T.C..

November 1, Zone Time Plus 2

0800 Position: 32° 47' N., 32° 47' W.  
1200 Position: 32° 12' N., 32° 08' W.  
2000 Position: 31° 00' N., 27° 31' W.

November 2, Zone Time Plus 2

0800 Position: 28° 46' N., 29° 32' W.  
1200 Position: 28° 04' N., 28° 45' W.  
2000 Position: 26° 59' N., 27° 31' W.

November 3, Zone Time Plus 1

0800 Position: 27° 47' N., 24° 33' W.  
1200 Position: 28° 26' N., 24° 22' W.  
2000 Position: 29° 43' N., 23° 44' W.

November 4, Zone Time Plus 1

0800 Position: 31° 23' N., 22° 31' W.  
1200 Position: 31° 35' N., 21° 55' W.  
2000 Position: 32° 12' N., 21° 22' W.

November 5, Zone Time Plus 1

0800 Position: 33° 06' N., 19° 03' W.  
1200 Position: 33° 30' N., 18° 25' W.  
2000 Position: 33° 47' N., 16° 16' W.

November 6, Zone Time Plus 1

0800 Position: 33° 53' N., 13° 36' W.  
1200 Position: 34° 20' N., 13° 19' W.  
2000 Position: 34° 27' N., 12° 17' W.

November 7, Zone Time 0

0800 Position: 34° 36' N., 09° 45' W.  
1200 Position: 34° 42' N., 09° 11' W.



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Month of November 1942

November 8, Zone Time 0

At 0140 we stopped all engines, lying to three miles off Fedhala, French Morocco, North Africa. Commenced lowering boats. After all boats were lowered we were underway on various courses and speeds in same area. At 1544, we anchored in assigned berth about 3 miles off Fedhala, French Morocco, North Africa.

November 9, Zone Time 0

At 0731 and again at 0819 we opened fire at groups of enemy planes. At 1058 we shifted anchorage to the debarkation area, at 1230 we again shifted berth to an anchorage closer to the beach. At 1336 we anchored in assigned berth with Fedhala Light bearing  $199^{\circ}(t)$ , distance 3000 yards.

November 10, Zone Time 0

At 0650 we commenced landing motor vehicles and troops.

November 11, Zone Time 0

At 1514 underway to dock inside breakwater at Fedhala, Pilot L. James aboard. At 1620 we were moored port side to Fedhala dock, French Morocco, North Africa. At 1700 commenced unloading gasoline drums and Sundry supplies.

November 12, Zone Time 0

Finished unloading cargo at 1511. At 1530 underway from dock to assigned anchorage off shore. At 1612 anchored in transport area off coast with Fedhala light bearing  $195^{\circ}(t)$ , distance 6000 yards. At 1731 submarines attacked transports at anchorage, USS RUTLAGE, USS SCOTT and USS BLISS were hit by torpedoes. Picked up sixty-two survivors from USS BLISS. At 1805 underway using evasive tactics, increased speed to full continued with evasive tactics. Continued on zigzag course throughout the night.

November 13, Zone Time 0

Continued zigzagging on base course  $287^{\circ}$  to rendezvous at 0800 November 13. Rendezvous position  $35^{\circ} 02' N.$ ,  $10^{\circ} 23' W.$

Month of November 1942November 13, Zone Time 0 (Continued)

At 0720 joined convoy, assigned position and proceeding to the United States.

November 14, Zone Time 0

0800 Position:  $34^{\circ} 25' N.$ ,  $09^{\circ} 19' W.$

1200 Position:  $34^{\circ} 26' N.$ ,  $10^{\circ} 05' W.$

2000 Position:  $34^{\circ} 23' N.$ ,  $12^{\circ} 27' W.$

At 0851 this day we were detached from convoy and proceeded in company with USS TITANIA to the United States, we were further ordered to rendezvous with Task Force 34.10.

November 15, Zone Time Plus 1

0800 Position:  $34^{\circ} 34' N.$ ,  $16^{\circ} 21' W.$

1200 Position:  $34^{\circ} 25' N.$ ,  $17^{\circ} 30' W.$

2000 Position:  $34^{\circ} 14' N.$ ,  $19^{\circ} 55' W.$

November 16, Zone Time Plus 1

0800 Position:  $34^{\circ} 05' N.$ ,  $23^{\circ} 44' W.$

1200 Position:  $33^{\circ} 50' N.$ ,  $24^{\circ} 44' W.$

2000 Position:  $33^{\circ} 41' N.$ ,  $27^{\circ} 09' W.$

November 17, Zone Time Plus 1

0800 Position:  $33^{\circ} 32' N.$ ,  $30^{\circ} 58' W.$

1200 Position:  $33^{\circ} 26' N.$ ,  $32^{\circ} 10' W.$

2000 Position:  $33^{\circ} 27' N.$ ,  $34^{\circ} 19' W.$

November 18, Zone Time Plus 2

0800 Position:  $33^{\circ} 29' N.$ ,  $37^{\circ} 59' W.$

1200 Position:  $33^{\circ} 22' N.$ ,  $39^{\circ} 12' W.$

2000 Position:  $33^{\circ} 15' N.$ ,  $41^{\circ} 30' W.$

November 19, Zone Time Plus 2

0800 Position:  $32^{\circ} 58' N.$ ,  $45^{\circ} 16' W.$

1200 Position:  $32^{\circ} 51' N.$ ,  $46^{\circ} 28' W.$

2000 Position:  $32^{\circ} 50' N.$ ,  $48^{\circ} 49' W.$

Month of November 1942

November 20, Zone Time Plus 3

0800 Position: 32° 40' N., 52° 24' W.  
1200 Position: 32° 40' N., 53° 32' W.  
2000 Position: 32° 26' N., 54° 37' W.

November 21, Zone Time Plus 3

0800 Position: 32° 05' N., 57° 28' W.  
1200 Position: 32° 05' N., 58° 34' W.  
2000 Position: 32° 17' N., 60° 35' W.

November 22, Zone Time Plus 3

At 0725 this day we sighted convoy of six ships proceeding to United States. At 1000 we joined Task Force 34.10.

November 23, Zone Time Plus 4

0800 Position: 33° 32' N., 66° 20' W.  
1200 Position: 33° 58' N., 67° 40' W.  
2000 Position: 34° 35' N., 69° 55' W.

November 24, Zone Time Plus 4

At 1310 this day we entered the channel proceeding to Hampton Roads, Virginia. At 2147 we anchored off Hampton Roads, Virginia.

November 25, Zone Time Plus 4

At 1403 we were underway to dock. At 1510 we moored to pier #1 Army Base, Norfolk Virginia.

November 26 - 30, Zone Time Plus 4

Moored to pier #1, Army Base, Norfolk Virginia, taking on stores and awaiting further orders.



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# LOG BOOK

OF THE

U. S. S. OBERON

(AK56) Rate,

COMMANDED BY

ION PURSELL, U. S. Navy,

TRANSPORT Division,

Attached to AMPHIBIOUS Squadron,

U. S. ATLANTIC Fleet,

Commencing December 1, 19 42,

at PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA,

and ending December 31, 19 42,

at \_\_\_\_\_

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## ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. OBERON (AK56)

Date December 31, 1942

## OFFICERS DATA

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Elmer Walls	Lt. (jg)	USNR E-M	Mrs. Harriet E. Walls 328 Congress Avenue Lansdown, Pa.	Wife
Henry R. Spiers	Lt. (jg)	USNR D-V(G)	Mrs. Henry R. Spiers 1319 Mordecai Drive North Carolina	Mother
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Kenneth J. Lewis	Ensign	USNR SC-V(G)	Viola Lewis 185 Belvedere St., San Francisco, Cal.	Mother
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Approved:

*Ion Pursell,*  
Commander, USN.

Examined:

*W. E. Dougherty*  
U. S. N. Investigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON

Tuesday  
(Day)1  
(Date)Dec. 1948  
(Month)ZONE DESCRIPTION † 4

REMARKS.

Moored to Pier #2 Army Base, Norfolk, Virginia.

Attached to Task Force Thirty, Amphibious Force, comprising 30.1 Support Group, 30.2 Transport Group, 30.3 Amphibious Corps, 30.4 Landing Craft Group, 30.5 Atlantic Amphibious Centre, 30.6 Naval Landing Force Equipment Depot.

Leave and Liberty period.

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*James H. Beardsley*  
James H. Beardsley  
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

*Tom Purcell*  
TOM PURSELL,  
Commander, USN.,  
Commanding

Examined:

*W. Dougherty*  
W. DOUGHERTY,  
Lieut. Comdr., D-M,  
USNR

E. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OBERON

Saturday

6

Dec.

19 42

ZONE DESCRIPTION +4

REMARKS.

Moored to Pier #2 Army Base, Norfolk, Virginia.

1524 - Left berth at Army Base and proceeded to Norfolk Navy Yard, with 10 days limited availability, for voyage repairs.

1705 - Moored at Pier 4 Norfolk Navy Yard and work commenced on repairs. Secured Engineering Plant.

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*George L. Sarris*  
George L. Sarris,  
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

*Carl Purcell*  
ION PURSELL,  
Commander, USN.,  
Commanding

Examined:

*W. Dougherty*  
W. DOUGHERTY,  
Lieut. Cmdr., D-M,  
USNR.

E. S. N., Navigator.

## ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. OBERON

Date 13 December, 1942

## Total Ammunition on board:

- 250 - 5"/51 Proj. Com. L & F TNT BP bur. chg. ST fuze Mk 4-A (BuMk 10 Mod 4) LRCo Mk. 15 Mod 14.
- 250 - 5"/51 Powder Tanks Mk. 6 Chgs. Ser. SPD 1763, wt. of chg. 25.1 lbs 1V 3150 fs.
- 800 - 3"/50 Cartridges, AA in Mk 6 boxes L & F. K H W Mk. 23. Mod 2 30 sec. Mt fuze Mk 22 - Mk. 4 red tr. Mk 14 primer, SPDN 2884, wt of chg. 3.99 lbs. 1V 2700 fs.
- 200 - 3"/50 Cartridges in Mk. 6 boxes, illum. L & F KHW Mk. 24. Mod 1 prog. BP bur chg 30 sec. MT fuze Mk. 22, Mk 14 primer, SPDN 2856 wt of chg. 3.97 lbs. 1V 2700 fs.
- 200 - 3"/50 Ctgs. common - SPDN 2939 wt. chg. 4.07 lbs. 1V 2700 fs. Primer Mk. 14, Mk. 3-5 L & F Pa. Mk. 8-4-BC-TNT-BP.
- 28800 - 20 M.M. AA Cartridge HE in boxes Mk. 1 tracer.
- 28800 - 20 MM AA HE Non-tracer.
- 5000 - Ctgs. Cal 22 ball - long rifle.
- 16500 - 30 Cal Ctgs. ball, M2, gr. R, Rem.
- 14400 - Ctgs Cal 30 ball gr R(AC) M1, FA.
- 7500 - Ctgs. Cal 30 tracer M1, gr. AC.
- 2000 - Ctgs. Cal 45, ball, M 1911, gr. 1.
- 5000 - rounds of 50 Cal MG Arms.

*George L. Davis*  
*George M. S. R. L.*

Approved

*Tom Purnell*  
 ION PURSELL,  
 Commander, USN.,  
 Commanding

Examined:

*W. Dougherty*  
 W. DOUGHERTY,  
 Lieut. Comdr. USNR,  
 USNR, Navigator.



UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON

Sunday  
194213  
(Date)Dec. 1942  
(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION #4

REMARKS.

Moored at Pier 4, Norfolk Navy Yard.

Received on board the following ammunition to fill expenditure ~~accurred~~ occurred in Torch Operation, and additional allowance:

Ammunition received on board December 13, 1942.

To fill expended allowance.

50 Ctgs. 3"/50 cal. SPDN 2884, wt. chg. 3.99 lbs. I.V. 2700fs. AA Proj.  
Mk. 23-2, Primer Mk. 14, Fuze Mk. 22, Aux. Det. 17-2 L & F.  
Tracer Mk. 4, White, B.C.: Cast TNT

50 Cases - 3"/50 Cal.

50 Tanks - 3"/50

1 lb. - Powder sample, SPDN 2884, 3"/50 Cal.

2 Bottles, 8 oz.

1820 Ctgs. - 20 MM AA H.E. Tracer, Navy, (National Fireworks)  
In 9 boxes, weight 1125 lbs.

1820 Ctgs. - 20 MM AA H.E. Non-tracer, Navy (National Fireworks)  
In 9 boxes, weight 1125 lbs.

Additional allowance.

200 Ctgs. 3"/50 Cal SPDN 2939 wt. Chg. 4.07 lbs. I.V. 2700 fs. Primer Mk. 14,  
Com Proj. Mk. 3-5 L & F Fu. Mk. 8-4 B.C.: TNT-B/P.

200 Cases 3"/50 Cal.

50 Boxes 3"/50 Cal. F.S. Weight 6,250 lbs.

8 - 3"/50 Cal dummy drill ct gs. with solid nose projs.

2 - Boxes 3"/50 Cal F.S. Weight 250 lbs.

5 - 5"/51 Cal. chgs. dummy drill type Tanks Mk. 6 5"/51 cal. Wgt. 185 lbs

5 - 5"/51 Cal. Projs. Dummy drill weight 250 lbs.

200 Ctgs. 3"/50 Cal. SPDN 3245 wt. chg. 3.94 lbs. I.V. 2700 fs. Primer Mk. 14,  
AA proj. Mk. 23-3 Aux. Det. Mk. 17-2 B.C. Cast TNT

200 Cases 3"/50 Cal

50 Boxes 3"/50 cal. Mk. 6, Weight 6250 lbs. 8 ctgs. lot 112, 192 ctgs.  
lot 113.

Powder samples SPDN 3245 3"/50 cal. 1 lb.

" " " 2939 3"/50 cal 1 lb.

Bottles, 8 oz. - 4

In one box, weight 8 lbs.

Total Ammunition on board: (See Additional Sheet dated 13 Dec. 1942)

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George L. Sarris

Ensign, USNR

Approved:

Jon Pursell  
ION PURSELL,  
Commander, USN.,  
Commanding

Examined:

W. DOUGHERTY,  
Lieut. Comdr., D-M,  
USNR

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP OBERONWednesday 16  
(Day) (Date)Dec. 1942  
(Month)ZONE DESCRIPTION f4

## REMARKS.

Moored at Pier 4 Norfolk Navy Yard.

0000 - Finished voyage repairs, let off boilers and cut in steam to Auxiliaries.

1029 - Left Norfolk Navy Yard and proceeded to Naval Supply Fuel Annex, Craney Island, Virginia.

1138 - Moored to Pier, Berth 2, Fuel Annex, Craney Island and commenced bunkering draft 11'-6" forward, 21'-0" aft.

2025 - Finished bunkering, having received 6,507 barrels of fuel oil, 30 barrels diesel oil, 9,187 Gals. gasoline.  
Draft 13'0" forward, 21'-6" aft.

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*C. C. Lingerfelt*  
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Ensign, USNR

Approved *Jon Purcell*  
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Commander, USN.,  
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Examined: *W. Dougherty*  
W. DOUGHERTY,  
Lieut. Comdr., D-M,  
USNR

W. S. J., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP OCEANON

Thursday

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Dec.

1942

ZONE DESCRIPTION #4

REMARKS.

Moored to Berth 2, Fuel Annex, Naval Supply Depot at Craney Island, Va.

Ships present USS CHARLES CARROLL.

0837 - Left Fuel dock and proceeded to loading berth.

0916 - Moored to berth 22, Pier 2, Naval Supply Annex, Army Base,  
Norfolk, Va.

(Next remarks on page for 18th)

*James H. Beardsley*  
James H. Beardsley,  
Ensign, USNR

Approved: *Don Purcell*  
DON PURSELL,  
Commander, USN.,  
Commanding

Examined: *W. Dougherty*  
W. DOUGHERTY,  
Lieut. Comdr., D-M,  
USNR

\* \* \* Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON

Friday  
(Day)18  
(Date)Dec. 1942  
(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION +4

REMARKS.

Moored to Pier 2, Army Base, Norfolk, Virginia.

Detached from Task Force Thirty and attached to Task Force Thirty Nine, comprising USS CHARLES CARROLL; (flagship), USS ARCTURIS; USS JOSEPH T. DICKMAN; USS MONTICELLO; USS WILLIAM P. BIDDLE; USS THOMAS JEFFERSON; USS OBERON; USS HERMITAGE; in compliance with ComTaskFor 39 dispatch 180717 of December.

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R. G. Redmond,

Ensign, USNR

Approved

*Tom Purcell*  
TOM PURSELL,  
Commander, USN.,  
Commanding

Examined:

*W. Dougherty*  
W. DOUGHERTY,  
Lieut. Comdr, D-M,  
USNR

U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON

Saturday

19

Dec. 1942

ZONE DESCRIPTION + 4

REMARKS.

Moored to Berth 22, Pier 2, Naval Supply Annex, Army Base, Norfolk, Va.

Ships present: USS WILLIAM P. BIDDLE and USS HARRY LEE.

0915 - Commenced loading cargo in Nos. 1, 2 and 4 hatches.

Draft 13'0" forward, 21'6" aft.

2000 - Commenced loading cargo in No. 5 hatch.

2030 - Commenced loading cargo in No. 3 hatch.

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*C. C. Lingerfelt*  
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Ensign, USNR

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ION PURCELL,  
Commander, USN.,  
Commanding.

Examined:

*W. Dougherty*  
W. DOUGHERTY,  
Lieut. Comdr. E-N,  
USNR

E. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP OBERONSaturday  
(1942)26  
(1942)Dec. 1942  
(Month)ZONE DESCRIPTION +4

## REMARKS.

Moored to Berth 22, Pier 2, Naval Supply Annex, Army Base, Norfolk, Va.

1200 - Finished loading all cargo, having received 2222 tons as follows:

1200 tons knock-down huts.

120 tons dismantled water tanks.

100 tons assorted lumber.

801 tons mobile construction machinery and parts.

1 ton dynamite and percussion caps.

For Port "Epic" - 1217 tons.

For Port "Ebon" - 1005 tons.

Draft upon completion of loading -

FWD 19'6"  
aft 34'0"

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*Arnold Regal*  
Arnold Regal,  
Ensign, USNR

Approved:

*Ion Purcell*  
ION PURSELL,  
Commander, USN.,  
Commanding

Examined:

*W. Dougherty*  
W. DOUGHERTY,  
Lieut. Comdr. M.,  
USNR

U. S. N., Navigator.

## ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. OBERON

Date 27 December, 1942

2000-2400

Steaming as before.

*H. R. Spiers*  
H. R. Spiers,  
Lieut.(jg) USNR

Approved:

*Jon Purcell*  
ION PURSELL,  
Commander, USN.,  
Commanding

Examined:

*W. Dougherty*  
W. DOUGHERTY,  
Lieut. Comdr. D-M,  
USNR

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON

Sunday

27

Dec.

19 42

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION +4

## REMARKS.

0000-0400

Moored at Pier 2, Naval Supply Annex, Army Base, Norfolk, Va.

0400-0800

Moored at Pier 2, Naval Supply Annex, Army Base, Norfolk, Va.

*Arnold Regal*

Arnold Regal,

Ensign, USNR

0800-1200

Moored at Pier 2, Naval Supply Annex, Army Base, Norfolk, Va.

1009

In compliance with orders ComTaskFor Thirty Nine left berth and proceeded in company with Task Force Thirty Nine enroute Base LOVE.

*W. Dougherty*

W. Dougherty,

Lt. Comdr. USNR

1200-1600

1327

On passing Cape Henry formed column in the following order:  
(1) USS CHARLES CARROLL, (2) USS ARCTURIS, (3) USS JOSEPH P. DICKMAN,  
(4) USS WILLIAM P. BIDDLE, (5) USS THOMAS JEFFERSON, (6) USS OBERON,  
(7) USS MONTICELLO, (8) USS HERMITAGE.

1335

Joined by Escort, DesDiv Nineteen less HAMBLETON, plus MURPHY and  
ELLYSON; set course 135 True, speed 14 knots, 80 rpm.

1408

Passed buoy 20B abeam to port and a/c to 045 True.

1451

Passed buoy 16 CLS abeam to port and a/c to 090 True.

1553

Passed buoy whistle buoy abeam to port and a/c to 070 True.

*C. C. Lingsfelt*

C. C. Lingsfelt,

Ensign, USNR

1600-2000

1700

USS MONTICELLO took up position 4 in column.

1800

Changed to cruising disposition 2-Hype as follows:

Left column - (11) USS CHARLES CARROLL (Flagship); (12) USS ARCTURIS;  
(13) USS JOSEPH T. DICKMAN; (14) USS MONTICELLO; Right column -  
(21) USS WILLIAM P. BIDDLE; (22) USS THOMAS JEFFERSON; (23) USS OBERON;  
(24) USS HERMITAGE.

1807

Passed point X.M., end of swept channel.

1830

Changed course to 123 True.

1907

Changed course to 153 True.

2000

Position - Latitude 36° 50' N - Longitude 74° 23' W.

Approved:

*Jon Pursell*  
ION PURSELL,  
Commander, USN.,  
Commanding

Examined:

*W. Dougherty*  
W. Dougherty,  
Lieut. Comdr., D-M,  
USNR*D. F. Anderson*  
D. F. Anderson,  
Lt. Comdr. USNR

U. S. N., Navigator.



## ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. OBERON

Date 28 December 1942

1800-2000

1845

Ceased zig zagging due to darkness and resumed base course 180 True.

1900

Changed course by wheeling to 210 True.

2000

Changed course by wheeling to 180 True.

2000

Position - Latitude 31° 46' N. Longitude 73° 47' W.

*D. F. Anderegg*  
 D. F. Anderegg,  
 Lt. Comdr., USNR

2000-2400

Steaming as before.

*E. Schafer*  
 E. Schafer,  
 Lieut. (jg) USNR

Approved:

*Ion Pursell*  
 ION PURSELL,  
 Commander, USN.,  
 Commanding

Examined:

*W. Dougherty*  
 W. DOUGHERTY,  
 Lieut. Comdr. U.S.N.,  
 USNR

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON

Monday  
(Day)28  
(Date)Dec. 19 42  
(Month)ZONE DESCRIPTION +4

REMARKS.

0000-0400

Steaming in company with Task Force Thirty Nine, USS CHARLES CARROLL, Flagship, Operation Plan 1-42, enroute Norfolk, Va., to Base LOVE. Steaming on both boilers, standard speed 14 knots, 84 rpm, Course 180 True.

0230 Commenced Zig Zagging according to Plan #40 MERSIG.

*D. F. Anderegg*  
D. F. Anderegg,  
Lt. Comdr., USNR

0400-0800

Steaming as before.

0703 Executed 45° emergency turn to port.

0720 Executed 45° emergency turn to starboard.

0725 Resumed Base Course 180 True.

0730 Resumed Zig Zagging according to Plan #40.

0800 Position - Latitude 34° 17' N. Longitude 73° 46' W.

*W. Dougherty*  
W. Dougherty,  
Lt. Comdr. USNR

0800-1200

Steaming as before.

0930 Tested all 20 M.M. guns.

1200 Position - Latitude 33° 31' N. Longitude 73° 44' W.

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

1200-1600

Steaming as before.

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

1600-1800

Steaming as before.

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

1800-2000

Steaming as before.

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Approved:

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ION PURSELL,  
Commander, USN.,  
Commanding

Examined:

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

## ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. CHERONDate December 29, 19421800-2000

Steaming as before.  
 1900 Ceased Zig Zagging and resumed base course 185° True.  
 1915 Changed course by wheeling to 215° True.  
 Position 2000 Latitude 25° 00' N.  
 Longitude 74° 01' W.

*H. R. Spiers*  
 H. R. Spiers,  
 Lieut. (jg) USNR

2000-2400

Steaming as before.  
 2022 Changed course by wheeling to 180° True.

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

Approved:

*Jon Purcell*  
 ION PURSELL,  
 Commander, USN.,  
 Commanding.

Examined:

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

UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON

Tuesday  
(Day)29  
(Date)Dec. 1942  
(Month)ZONE DESCRIPTION ±4

REMARKS.

0000-0400

Steaming in company with Task Force 39, USS CHARLES CARROLL, Flagship.  
Operating Plan 1-42, enroute Norfolk, Va., to Base LOVE.  
Steaming on both boilers, Standard speed 14 knots, 85 rpm, Course  
180° True.

0118 Commenced Zig Zapping according to Plan #40 MERSIG.

0131 Ceased Zig Zapping and resumed base course 180° True.

*H. R. Spiers*

H. R. Spiers,

Lieut. (jg) USNR

0400-0800

Steaming as before.

0647 Resumed Zig Zapping according to plan #40 MERSIG.

Position 0800 Latitude 28° 49' N.

Longitude 73° 39' W.

*W. Dougherty*

W. Dougherty,

Lieut. Comdr. USNR

0800-1200

Steaming as before.

0930 Tested all 20 M.M. guns.

1032 Adjusted base course to 185° True.

Position 1200 Latitude 27° 50' N.

Longitude 73° 43' W.

*R. G. Redmond*

R. G. Redmond,

Ensign, USNR

1200-1600

Steaming as before.

*C. C. Lingerfelt*

C. C. Lingerfelt,

Ensign, USNR

1600-1800

Steaming as before.

*R. G. Redmond*

R. G. Redmond,

Ensign, USNR

Approved: *Jon Purcell*  
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Commander, USN.,  
Commanding.

Examined:

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W. DOUGHERTY,  
Lieut. Comdr. D-M,  
USNR

U. S. N., Navigator.

## ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. OBERON

Date December 30, 1942

1200-1600

Steaming as before.  
 1534 Ceased Zig Zagging and resumed base course 195° True.  
 1544 Altered course by wheeling to 156° True.

*R. G. Edmund*  
 Ensign USNR

1600-1800

Steaming as before.  
 1604 Resumed Zig Zagging according to Plan #30, Base course 156° True.

*C. C. Wingerfelt, Jr.*  
 Ensign USNR

1800-2000

Steaming as before.  
 1915 Ceased Zig Zagging and resumed base course 156° True.  
 1934 Changed course by wheeling to 126° True.  
 Position 2000 Latitude 21° 12' N.  
 Longitude 74° 26' W.

*Edward Schaffer*  
 Edward Schaffer,  
 Lieut. (jg) USNR

2000-2400

Steaming as before.  
 2035 Changed course by wheeling to <sup>160°</sup>151° True.  
 2050 Sighted Cape Mayal Light bearing <sup>155°</sup>145° True, distance approximately 35 miles.  
 2348 Executed emergency turn 45° to port, bringing ship to course 115° True.  
 2400 Executed emergency turn 45° to starboard bringing ship to course 160° True.

*H. R. Spiers*  
 H. R. Spiers, ~~USNR~~ <sup>MC</sup>  
 Lieut. (jg) USNR

Approved:

*Jon Purcell*  
 ION PURSELL,  
 Commander, USN.,  
 Commanding

Examined:

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

UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON

Wednesday

30

Dec. 1942

ZONE DESCRIPTION 4

## REMARKS.

0000-0400

Steaming in company with Task Force 39, USS CHARLES CARROLL, Flagship, Operation plan 1-42, Enroute Norfolk, Va. to Base LOVE. Steaming on both boilers. Standard speed 15 Knots (86 R.P.M.) Course 180° True.

0246

Commenced Zig Zagging according to plan #30 MERSIG.

0250

Sighted San Salvador light bearing 230° True, approximate distance 32 miles.

*E. Schafen*

E. Schafen,

Lieut. (jg) USNR

0400-0900

Steaming as before.

0435

San Salvador light abeam to starboard, distance 25 miles.

0456

Ceased Zig Zagging and resumed course 180° True.

0506

Changed course by wheeling to 200° True.

0516

Commenced Zig Zagging according to Plan #30 MERSIG.

Position 0800 Latitude 23° 22' N.

Longitude 74° 13' W.

*Wm. Dougherty*

Wm. Dougherty,

Lt. Comdr., USNR

0800-1200

Steaming as before.

0900

Tested all 20 m.m. guns.

0925

Ceased Zig Zagging and resumed base course 200° True.

0933

Changed base course by wheeling to 220° True.

0936

Sighted Bird Rock lighthouse bearing 172° True, approximate distance 18 miles.

0946

Commenced Zig Zagging according to Plan #30.

1025

Ceased Zig Zagging and resumed base course 220° True.

1032

Passed Bird Rock lighthouse abeam to port, distance 12 miles.

1035

Changed base course to 195° True and resumed Zig Zagging according to Plan #30.

Position 1200 Latitude 22° 45' N.

Longitude 74° 37' W.

*C. C. Lingerfelt*

C. C. Lingerfelt,

Ensign, USNR

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Approved:

*Ion Purcell*

ION PURSELL,  
Commander, USN.,  
Commanding

Examined:

*W. Dougherty*

W. DOUGHERTY,  
Lieut. Comdr. S-M,  
USNR

U. S. N., Navigator.

## ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. OBERONDate December 31, 19 421200-1600

1213 Steaming as before.  
Sighted left tangent Jamaica Island, bearing  $250^{\circ}$  True, distance 46 miles.

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

1600-1800

1623 Steaming as before.  
Ceased Zig Zagging and resumed base course  $225^{\circ}$  True.  
1635 Changed course by wheeling to  $205^{\circ}$  True.  
1640 Commenced Zig Zagging according to Plan #40 MERSIG.

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

1800-2000

1915 Steaming as before.  
Ceased Zig Zagging and resumed base course  $205^{\circ}$  True.  
1933 Changed base course by wheeling to  $175^{\circ}$  True.  
Position 2000 Latitude  $16^{\circ} 45' N.$   
Longitude  $76^{\circ} 23' W.$

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

2000-2400

2033 Steaming as before.  
Changed base course by wheeling to  $205^{\circ}$  True.

*Edward Schafer*  
Edward Schafer,  
Lieut. (jg) USNR

Approved

*Don Fursell*  
ION FURSELL,  
Commander, USN.,  
Commanding.

Examined

*W. Dougherty*  
W. DOUGHERTY,  
Lieut. Comdr. D-M,  
USNR

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP OBERONThursday  
(Day)31  
(Date)Dec. 1942  
(Month)ZONE DESCRIPTION 4

## REMARKS.

0000-0400

Steaming in company with Task Force 39, USS CHARLES CARROLL, Flagship.  
Operation plan 1-42, Enroute Norfolk, Va. to Base LOVE. Steaming on  
both boilers, Standard Speed 15 Knots (85 R.P.M.) course 161° True.

0015 Cape Maysi light abeam to starboard, distance 13 miles.

0034 Changed course by wheeling to 161° True.

0133 Changed course by wheeling to 205° True.

0145 Changed course by wheeling to 220° True.

0155 Commenced Zig Zagging according to Plan #30 MERSIG.

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

0400-0800

Steaming as before.

0615 Sighted Island of Haiti on port beam.

0755 Observed Right tangent on Cape Tiburon, Haiti, bearing 148° True,  
approximate distance 48 miles.

Position 0800 Latitude 18° 38' N.  
Longitude 74° 36' W.

*Wm. Dougherty*  
Wm. Dougherty,  
Lieut. Comdr., USNR

0800-1200

Steaming as before.

0854 Sighted Navassa Island light bearing 189° True, approximate distance  
20 miles.

0939 Changed base course to 225° True.

0943 Ceased Zig Zagging and resumed base course 225° True.

0950 Commenced Zig Zagging according to Plan #40, Base course 225° True.

1029 Passed Navassa Island light abeam to port, distance 11 miles.

Position 1200 Latitude 18° 16' N.  
Longitude 75° 26' W.

*H. G. Redmond*  
H. G. Redmond,  
Ensign, USNR

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Approved: *Jon Purcell*  
ION PURSELL,  
Commander, USN.,  
Commanding.

Examined: *W. Dougherty*  
W. DOUGHERTY,  
Lieut. Comdr. D-M,  
USNR

E. S. N., Navigator.





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Attached to PACIFIC Squadron,

Fleet,

Commencing January 1., 19 43,

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## ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ONERON (AK-56)Date January 31, 1943

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Approved:

*Ion Pursell*  
ION PURSELL,  
COMMANDER, USN.,  
COMMANDING

Examined:

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

UNITED STATES SHIP U.S.S. OBERON AX-56 Friday 1 January 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION 4 REMARKS.

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force 39, U.S.S. Charles Carroll, Flagship. Operation 1-42. Enroute Norfolk, Va. to Base Lve. Steaming on both boilers. Standard speed 15 knots (85 RPM) Course 206° True

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

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0638 Commenced zigzagging according to Plan # 40 Base course 205° True.

0800 Position 0800 Lat. 13°23' N Long. 77°-41' W

Wm. Dougherty  
Lt. Comdr. USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

1000 Changed speed to 14 knots (80 RPM)

1200 Position 1200 Lat. 13°-23' N Long. 78°-07' W

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

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

R. G. Redmond  
Ensign, USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

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

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1945 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 206° true.

1950 Convoy speed changed to 13 knots, 75 RPM.

2000 Changed course by wheeling to 175° true.

Position 2000 Lat. 11°-54' N Long. 78°-58' W

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

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2100 Changed course by wheeling to 208° True

D. F. Anderegg  
Lt. Comdr. USNR.

Approved: ICM PURSELL, COMMANDER, USN., COMMANDING

Examined: W. DOUGHERTY, LIEUT. COMDR. D-M USNR.

Dr. W. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

DEERON AK-56

Saturday 2 January 1943  
(Day) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION 4

REMARKS.

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force 39, U.S.S. Charles Carroll, flagship. Operation plan # 1-42, enroute Norfolk, Va. to Base Love. Steaming on both boilers, standard speed 13 knots (75 RPM), course 208° True.

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

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0535 Sighted Isle Grande light, bearing 151° true, approximate distance 26 miles.

1615 Changed course by wheeling to 188° true.

0632 Resumed zigzagging according to plan # 40, base course 188°.

0728 Executed a 45° emergency turn to starboard.

0733 Executed a 45° emergency turn to port, zigzagging according to plan # 40, base course 188° true.

0737 Isle Grande lighthouse abeam to port, approximate distance 10 miles.

0745 Reduced speed to two thirds to form column as follows: (1) Carroll, (2) Arcturus, (3) Dickman, (4) Monticello, (5) Siddle, (6) Jefferson, (7) Hermitage, (8) Oberon.  
Position 0800 - Latitude 9°-33'-N Longitude- 76°-49'-W

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

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0909 Sighted swept channel buoy bearing 288° true, distance 2 miles.

0916 Resumed standard speed, 15 knots (80 RPM)

0933 Set course at 180° T

1011 Changed speed to hold position in swept channel, maintained various courses and speeds thereafter, Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge.

0940 Passed between east and west breakwater lights at entrance to Limon Bay.

0942 Canal Zone Pilot W. Reid, came aboard to assist in docking.

0950 Passed buoy # 1, abeam to port.

1037 Passed buoy # 2A, abeam to starboard.

1111 Moored port side to pier # 80 Cristobol, Panama Canal Zone, 16 eight inch manila lines in use. Pilot W. Reid left ship.

1157 # 2 boiler secured, # 1 boiler in use for auxiliary purposes

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

1200-1600 Moored as before.

1200 Commenced taking fresh water.

1226 Lt. Rawhouse, USNR. (loading Officer) came on board from the Port Directors Office on Official business.

1241 Commenced taking on bunker fuel. Draft before fueling 19'6" forward, 24' 6" Aft.

*C. C. Linger, Jr.*  
C. C. Linger, Jr.,  
Ensign, USNR.

1600-1800 Moored as before.

1600 Finished taking bunker fuel, having received 234 barrels, draft 19'9" Fwd. 24' 6" Aft.

1608 Lit off # 2 boiler (ies)

1650 Pilot E. L. Smithers came aboard. (ies)

1653 Tug, U. S. Arraijian made fast to starboard bow to assist undocking.

1655 Underway to Transit PANAMA CANAL, Pilot, H. L. Smithers at the Conn., Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 80 RPM (14 knots). Proceeding at various speeds and courses conforming to channel.

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

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1835 Entered Gatun Locks.

Approved: *John Pursell*  
JOHN PURSELL,  
COMMANDER USN.,  
COMMANDING

Examined:

*W. Dougherty*  
W. Dougherty  
Lieut. Comdr. USN  
Br. N. Navigator.

## ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. OBERON AX-56

Date January 2, 1943

1957 Cleared Gatun Locks and proceeded at one-third speed ahead.

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

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2002 Proceeding at various courses and speeds conforming to channel.  
2022 Passed buoy # 13 abeam to Port, distance 75 ft. Entering Pine Blanca Reach.  
2230 Entered Gulebra Cut. ~~at~~  
2248 Changed speed to two-thirds entering Gaillard Cut.  
2050 Entered Cuvaracha Cut.  
2300 Entered Paraiso Reach.  
2304 Changed speed to one-third ahead, approaching Pedro Miguel Locks.  
2328 Entered Pedro Miguel Locks.  
2356 Cleared Pedro Miguel Locks, Proceeded at various courses and speeds to Miraflores Locks.

*W. Dougherty*  
W. Dougherty  
Lt. Comdr. USNR

Approved:

*ICN Pursell*  
ICN PURSELL,  
COMMANDER USN.,  
COMMANDING

Examined:

*W. Dougherty*  
W. DOUGHERTY  
LIEUT. COMDR. U-S  
USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON AX-56 Sunday 3 January 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION 4 REMARKS.

0000-0400 Steaming independently in transit Panama Canal, Pilot H. S. Smithies at the Conn. Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on the Bridge. Proceeding at various speeds and courses conforming to channel. Standard speed 80 RPM (14 knots) entering Miraflores Lake.

0022 Entered first lock of Miraflores Locks.

0118 Cleared Miraflores Locks and proceeded at various courses and speeds to berth.

0227 Anchored with 45 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor and stern moored to mooring buoy "H" with 2 (8") manila lines, in 7 fathoms of water in Balboa Harbor.

D. F. Anderegg  
D. F. Anderegg,  
Lt. Comdr. USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

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

1600-1800 Moored as before.

1750 Received the following ammunition aboard: 2000 strgs. .45 cal. M1911 gr. (1) PA

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

1800-2000 Moored as before.

1800 Commander of Task Force thirty-nine (39) hoisted his flag on the U.S.S. Thomas Jefferson.

1809 U. S. S. Hermitage stood in and moored at pier # 6

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

2000-2400 Moored as before.

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

Approved: [Signature]  
ICN PURSELL  
COMMANDER, USN  
COMMANDING

Examined: [Signature]  
W. DOUGHERTY  
LIEUT. COMDR. USNR.  
USNR.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OREGON AK-56

Monday

4

January

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION 4

REMARKS.

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth "H" Balboa, Canal Zone in 7 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor, and two (6") eight inch manila lines to mooring buoy "H". Both boilers in use. Ships present, U.S.S. Jefferson (SOPA) U.S.S. Hermitage, U.S.S. Areturus, U.S.S. Concord, and U.S.S. Biddle.

*H. Spiera*  
H. Spiera,  
Lt. (jg) USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

*D. F. Anderegg*  
D. F. Anderegg,  
Lt. Comdr. USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

1101 U. S. S. Trenton, stood in and moored along starboard side of U. S. S. Concord.

1200 Received information that designating number of Task Force thirty-nine (39) was changed to nineteen (19).

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

1200-1600 Moored as before.

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

1600-1800 Moored as before.

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

1800-2000 Moored as before.

1912 U. S. S. Trenton, shifted to berth at pier.

1800 Retarded clocks, 1 hr. to zone + 5 time

*D. F. Anderegg*  
D. F. Anderegg,  
Lt. Comdr. USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

*Adrian A. Maught*  
Adrian A Maught

Approved: *ICN FURSELL*  
ICN FURSELL  
COMMANDER USN.,  
COMMANDING

Examined: *W. DOUGHERTY*  
W. DOUGHERTY  
LIEUT. COMDR. D-11  
USNR.

Mr. M. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OBERON AK-56

Tuesday

5

January

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION 5

## REMARKS.

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth "H" Balboa, Canal Zone in 7 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor and two 8 inch manila lines to mooring buoy "H". # 2 boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: U.S.S. Thomas Jefferson (SOPA) U.S.S. Hermitage, U.S.S. Biddle, U.S.S. Arcturus, U.S.S. Concord, and U.S.S. Trenton.

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

0400-0800 Moored as before.  
0600 Lit off # 1 boiler and generator.

*H. Spiers*  
H. Spiers  
Lt.(jg)USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

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

1200-1800 Moored as before.

1420 Pilot D.S. Heath came aboard.

1437 Tug "Mariner" made fast to starboard bow to assist in shifting berth.

1450 Underway to shift berth, pilot D.S. Heath at the Conn., Captain, Executive Officer, and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 80 RPM (14 knots). Proceeding at various speeds and courses to conform with channel and harbor traffic.

1520 Moored port side to pier # 6, Balboa Harbor, Panama Canal Zone, 13-(8") manila lines in use.

1529 Tug "Mariner" cast off.

1531 Pilot D. S. Heath left the ship.

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

1600-1800 Moored as before.

1600 Secured # 2 boiler.

1610 Commenced taking on Bunker Fuel. Draft before fueling 24' aft 19'6" forward.

1735 Secured taking on bunker fuel. Draft forward 20'00" Aft. 24'00".

Fuel received 541 bbls.

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

1800-2000 Moored as before.

1935 Commenced loading Diesel fuel.

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

2000-2400 Moored as before.

2116 Secured loading Diesel oil having received 90 barrels .

*D. F. Anderegg*  
D. F. Anderegg,  
Lieut. Condr. USNR.

Approved:

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

Examined:

*W. Dougherty*  
W. DOUGHERTY  
LIEUT. CONDR. D-AM  
USNR.

T. S. N., Navigator.



UNITED STATES SHIP

OBERON

Wednesday

6 January

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION 5

## REMARKS.

0000-0400 Moored as before, portside to Pier # 6 Balboa Harbor, Panama Canal Zone, 17 eight inch manila lines in use.

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

0400-0800 Moored as before.  
0745 U.S.S. Cony stood out.  
0755 U.S.S. Strong stood out.

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

0800-1200 Moored as before.

0610 U. S. S. Concord, U.S.S. Warrington, U.S.S. Thomas Jefferson, U. S. S. Biddle, U. S. S. Arcturus got underway and stood out.  
1025 Tug, "Mariner" made fast to starboard bow to assist in undocking.  
1034 Underway, left berth at Pier 6 Balboa and proceeded in company with Task Force 19, U. S. S. Thomas Jefferson, flagship and escort U. S. S. Concord, U.S.S. Warrington, U. S. S. Strong and U.S.S. Cony. Operating plan 1-43. Proceeding in column in the following order; (1) U. S. S. Thomas Jefferson, (2) U. S. S. William Biddle, (3) U.S.S. Arcturus, (4) U.S.S. Hermitage (5) U.S.S. Joseph Dickman (6) Oberon. Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on the Bridge. Canal Zone Pilot E. Simms at the Conn, Standard speed 15 knots (85 RPM). Steering on various courses at various speeds, conforming to channel.  
1042 Passed through obstruction net.  
1119 Buoy # 1 abeam to starboard, set course 178° T  
1125 Buoy "X" abeam to port, changed course to 155° T  
1127 Pilot Simms left the ship.  
1145 Passed Toboguilla Light abeam to starboard, distance 1500 yds., changed course to 180° T.  
Position 1200 Latitude 8°-48'-N Longitude 79°-30' W.

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

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1238 U.S.S. Dickman left formation and took position 6 in column, showing breakdown signal.  
1245 Bona Island light abeam to starboard, distance 5.3 miles.  
1403 All hands to General Quarters: Set speed 10 knots for surface target practice on pyramid target in tow.  
1440 Commenced firing.  
1445 Ceased firing, having expended 20 rounds 3"/50 Cal. 10 rounds 5"/51 Cal ammunition.  
1500 Secured from General Quarters.

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

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

1615 Changed standard speed to 12 knots.  
1625 Changed to formation 2 Hypo, in the following order: (11) Jefferson (12) Arcturus (13) Biddle (21) Hermitage (22) Oberon (23) Dickman.  
1655 Changed course by wheeling to 192° True.  
1707 Commenced zigzagging according to Plan # 40, Base course 192° True.  
1828 Changed speed to 11 knots. (65-RPM)  
1900 Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course 192° True.  
1930 Clocks retarded 20 minutes.  
Position 2000 Latitude 07°-11' N Longitude 79°-39' W.

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

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

*H. R. Espers*  
H. R. Espers, Lt.(jg) USNR.

Approved: *Ion Purcell*  
ION PURSELL,  
COMMANDER, USN.,  
COMMANDING

Examined:

*W. D. Doherty*  
W. D. DOHERTY  
LIEUT. COMDR. D-M  
E. S. AR Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ORBRON AK-56 Thursday 7 January 1943  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION 5-20

## REMARKS.

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force 19, U.S.S. Thomas Jefferson flagship; Operation plan # 1-43, both boilers in use. Course 192° True, Standard speed 11 knots (58RPM).

*D. F. Anderegg*  
 D. F. ANDEREGG  
 Lt. Comdr. USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0533 Changed course by wheeling to 224° True.

0608 Changed course by wheeling to 255° True.

0637 Resumed zigzagging according to plan # 40, base course 255° True.  
 Position 0800, Lat. 5°-07' N Long. 80°-22' W

*Adrian A. Naught*  
 Adrian A Naught,  
 Lt. (jg) USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0815 Changed speed to 14 knots.

0909 Changed base course to 252° True.

Position 1200 - Lat. 04°-50' N Long. 81°-19' W.

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

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1202 Changed speed to 15 knots (59RPM)

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

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

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

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1900 Clocks retarded 20 minutes

1909 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 252° True.

Position 2000 Lat. -04°-02' N Long. 83°-19' W

*Adrian A. Naught*  
 Adrian A Naught,  
 Lt. (jg) USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

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

Approved:

*Ion Pursell*  
 ION PURSELL,  
 COMMANDER USN.,  
 COMMANDING

Examined:

*W. Dougherty*  
 W. DOUGHERTY  
 LIEUT. COMDR. D-M  
 USNR.

E. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

ONERON

Friday 8

January

19 43

ZONE DESCRIPTION 1.5 3/4

REMARKS.

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force 19, U. S. S. Thomas Jefferson flagship. Operation plan # 1-43, both boilers in use. Base course 252° True. Standard speed 15 knots (88RPM)

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

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0500 Changed course by wheeling to 257° True.

0531 Commenced zigzagging according to Plan # 40, Base course 257° True

Position 0800 - Lat. 02°-51' N - Long. 86°-04' W.

*D. F. Anderegg*  
D. F. Anderegg  
Lieut. Comdr. USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0842 Changed base course to 261° True.

Position 1200 - Lat. 02°-42' N Long. 87°-06' W

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

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

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

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

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

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1832 Executed emergency turn 45° to Port

1839 Executed emergency turn 45° to Starboard.

1843 Executed emergency turn 45° to Starboard.

1846 Resumed base course 261° True.

1900 Clocks retarded 20 minutes to zone + 5 time.

Position 2000 Lat. 02°-23' N Long. 88°-03' W

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

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

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

Approved

*Jon Purseil*  
JON PURSELL  
COMMANDER, USN.,  
COMMANDING

Examined:

*W. Dougherty*  
W. DOUGHERTY  
LIEUT. COMDR. U-S  
USNR.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OBERON

Saturday  
(Day)

9 January  
(Date) (Month)

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION 6

REMARKS.

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force # 19, U. S. S. Thomas Jefferson, flagship.  
Operation plan # 1-43, standard speed 15 knots (88 R.P.M). Both boilers in use.  
Base Course 261° T.

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

0400-0600 Steaming as before.  
0528 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 40, base course 291° True.  
0600 Sighted Wenman Island, bearing 216° T. Approximate distance 22 miles.  
0623 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 231° T.  
0628 Changed base course by wheeling to 300° T.  
0629 Sighted Culpepper Island, bearing 267° T. Approximate distance 23 miles.  
0634 Passed Wenman Island abeam to Port, Approximate distance 20 miles.  
0700 Changed base course by wheeling to 290° T.  
0711 Commenced zigzagging according to Plan # 19, base course 290° T.  
0750 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 280° T.  
0755 Changed course by wheeling to 262° T. Culpepper Island abeam to Port, approximate distance 12 1/2 miles.  
Position 0800 Latitude 1°-51' N - Longitude 91°-58' W.

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

0800-1200 Steaming as before.  
0815 Commenced zigzagging according to Plan # 19, base course 262° T.  
0943 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course, 262° T.  
1048 Commenced zigzagging according to Plan # 19, base course 262° T.  
Position 1200 Latitude 02°-00' N Longitude 93°-00' W.

*C. C. Lingersfeldt, Jr.*  
C. C. Lingersfeldt, Jr.,  
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.  
1357 Changed base course to 257° True.  
1408 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 257° True.  
1411 Commenced zigzagging under Plan # 11, base course 257° T.

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

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

*C. C. Lingersfeldt, Jr.*  
C. C. Lingersfeldt, Jr.,  
Ensign, USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.  
1900 Clocks retarded 20 minutes.  
1900 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 257° T.  
Position 2000 Latitude 1°-20' N - Longitude 94°-48' W.

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

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

*L. T. Anderson*  
L. T. Anderson,  
Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

Approved:

*Ion Purcell*  
ION PURSELL,  
COMMANDER, USN.,  
COMMANDING

Examined:

*W. Dougherty*  
W. DOUGHERTY  
LIEUT. COMDR. D-8  
U. S. NAVY

UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON AK-56 Sunday 10 January 1943  
(Day) (Date) (Month)
ZONE DESCRIPTION 6.1/3

REMARKS.

0000-0400 - Steaming in company with Task Force #19. U.S.S. THOMAS JEFFERSON, flagship. Operation Plan #1-43, both boilers in use. Base course 257° true, standard speed 15 knots, 88 RPM

*Adrian A. Mought*  
Adrian A. Mought, Lieut. (jg) USNR

0400-0800 - Steaming as before.

0530 Commenced Zig Zagging according to Plan #11. Base Course 257° true.

Position 0800 - Latitude 00° 34' N. Longitude 98° 05' W.

*E. Schafar*  
E. Schafar, Lieut. (jg) USNR

0800-1200 - Steaming as before.

0919 Reduced speed due to temporary difficulty with water feed line to Boilers, left Station #22 in formation and took position #23.

0930 Mechanical difficulty repaired, proceeded to resume station. Course 257° true and speed 17 knots, 98 R.P.M.

1200 Resumed position #22 in formation and resumed standard speed 15 knots, 85 R.P.M. Course 257° true.

Position 1200 - Latitude 00° 29' N. Longitude 98° 59' W.

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

1200-1600 - Steaming as before.

1352 Changed course by wheeling to 252° true.

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

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

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

1800-2000 - Steaming as before.

1830 Changed base course by wheeling to 222° true.

1945 Changed base course by wheeling to 252° true.

1955 Retarded clocks 20 minutes.

Position 2000 Latitude 00°-17' S Longitude 100°-50' W

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

2000-2400 - Steaming as before.

*H. R. Spiers*  
H. R. Spiers, Lieut. (jg) USNR

Approved *Con Purcell*  
CON PURSELL,  
Commander, USN.,  
Commanding.

Examined: *W. Dougherty*  
W. DOUGHERTY,  
Lieut. Comdr. USN.,  
USNR

*W. N. Navigator.*

UNITED STATES SHIP

OBERON

Monday  
(Day)11  
(Date)January  
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1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION 6 2/3

## REMARKS.

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force # 19, U. S. S. Thomas Jefferson, flagship.  
Operation Plan # 1-43, both boilers in use. Base course 252° True. Standard  
speed 15 knots (88 RPM).

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

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0530 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 11, base course 252° true,

0732 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 252° true.

Position 0800 Latitude 01°-21' S Longitude 103°-33' W

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

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

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

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

Position 1200 Latitude 01°-44' S Longitude 104°-39' W.

*R. W. Redmond*  
R. W. Redmond,  
Ensign, USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

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

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1811 Changed course by wheeling to 282° true.

1926 Changed course by wheeling to 252° true.

1855 Clocks retarded 20 minutes.

Position 2000 Latitude 2°-19' S Longitude 106°-50' W.

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

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

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

Approved:

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

Examined:

*W. D. Doherty*  
W. D. DOHERTY  
LIEUT. COMDR. D-4  
U. S. N. R. Woodgator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OBERON

Tuesday 12 January 1943  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION 7

## REMARKS.

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force # 19, U. S. S. Thomas Jefferson, flagship.  
Both boilers in use. Base course 252° True. Standard speed 15 knots (30 RPM).

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

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0510 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 11, base course 252° True.

Position 0800 Latitude 03°-17' S Longitude 109°-55' W.

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

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0842 Changed base course by wheeling to 250° True.

Position 1200 Latitude 03°-35' S Longitude 110°-56' W.

*R. E. Redmond*  
R. E. Redmond,  
Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

*C. C. Lingerfeldt Jr.*  
C. C. Lingerfeldt Jr.,  
Ensign, USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

*R. E. Redmond*  
R. E. Redmond,  
Ensign, USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1822 Changed course by wheeling to 280° True.

1937 Changed course by wheeling to 250° True.

1955 Retarded clocks 30 minutes.

Position 2000 Latitude 4°-12' S Longitude 113°-12' W

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

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

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

Approved:

*Carl Fursell*  
ION FURSELL,  
COMMANDER, USN.,  
COMMANDING

Examined:

*W. Dougherty*  
W. DOUGHERTY,  
LIEUT. COMDR. D-M  
U. S. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OSERON

Wednesday

13

January

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION 7 1/2

## REMARKS.

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force 19, U. S. S. Thomas Jefferson, flagship.  
Operation plan # 1-43. Both boilers in use. Base course 250° True. Standard speed  
90 RPM (15 knots).

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

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0500 Commenced zigzagging according to Plan # 11, base course 250° True.

0858 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 250° True.

Position 0800 Latitude 05°-19' S. Longitude 116°-15' W.

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

0900-1200 Steaming as before.

0956 Changed course to 252° True.

Position 1200 Latitude 5°-39' S Longitude 117°-15' W

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

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

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

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

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

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1818 Changed course by wheeling to 252° True.

1933 Changed course by wheeling to 252° True.

1943 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 11, base course 252° True.

1955 Retarded clocks 30 minutes.

Position 2000 Latitude 6°-29' S Longitude 119°-24' W.

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

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

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

Approved:

*Ion Fursell*  
ION FURSELL,  
COMMANDER, USN.,  
COMMANDING

Examined:

*W. Dougherty*  
W. DOUGHERTY,  
LIEUT. COMDR. D-M  
U. S. N., Analyst.



UNITED STATES SHIP

OBERON

Thursday

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January

19 43

ZONE DESCRIPTION 8

REMARKS.

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force # 19, U.S.S. Thomas Jefferson, flagship. Operation plan # 1-43. Both boilers in use. Zigzagging according to Plan # 11. Base course 252° True. Standard speed 15 knots (88 RPM).  
0049 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 252° True.

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

0400-0800 Steaming as before.  
0500 Commenced zigzagging on plan # 11, base course 252° True.  
0618 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 252° True.  
0630 U.S.S. Thomas Jefferson, left formation and took position (13) for fueling operations. Reduced speed to 10 knots (58 RPM)  
0800 U.S.S. Dickman commenced fueling the U.S.S. Strong, U.S.S. Thomas Jefferson commenced fueling the U.S.S. Cony.  
Position 0800 Latitude 07°-25' S Longitude 122°-21' W.

*E. Schafel*  
E. Schafel,  
Lt.(jg) USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.  
1045 U.S.S. Strong finished fueling and cast off from the U.S.S. Dickman.  
1150 U.S.S. Cony finished fueling and cast off from the U.S.S. Thomas Jefferson.  
1200 Escort resumed position.  
Position 1200 Latitude 07°-41' S Longitude 123°-02' W.

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

1200-1600 Steaming as before.  
1217 U.S.S. Thomas Jefferson resumed station # 11, in formation and speed was increased to 15 knots (90 RPM).

*C. C. Lingg, Jr.*  
C. C. Lingg, Jr.  
Ensign, USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

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

1800-2000 Steaming as before.  
1815 Changed course by wheeling to 282° true.  
1930 Changed course by wheeling to 266° true.  
1943 Commenced zigzagging on plan # 40, base course 252° True.  
1950 Retarded clocks 30 minutes.  
Position 2000 Latitude 8°-14' S Longitude 126°-08' W

*E. Schafel*  
E. Schafel,  
Lt.(jg) USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

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

Approved:

*Earl Fursell*  
EARL FURSELL,  
COMMANDER, USN.,  
COMMANDING

Examined:

*W. Dougherty*  
W. DOUGHERTY,  
LIEUT. COMDR. D-M  
U. S. N.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OBERON AK-56

Friday

15

January

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION B 1/2

## REMARKS.

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force #19, U.S.S. Thomas Jefferson, flagship. Operation plan # 1-43. Both boilers in use. Zigzagging according to plan # 11, base course 265° T. Standard speed 15 knots (90 RPM).

0132 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 265° True.

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

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0450 Commenced zigzagging on plan # 11, base course 255° T.  
Position 0800 - Latitude 08°-57' S - Longitude 128°-05' W.

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

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

Position 1200 - Latitude 09°-09' S - Longitude 129°-01' W.

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

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

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

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

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

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1805 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 255° True.  
1910 Changed course by wheeling to 225° T  
1820 Commenced zigzagging on plan # 11.  
1920 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 225° T.  
1930 Changed course by wheeling to 255° True.  
1940 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 11, base course 255° T.  
1955 Retarded clocks 30 minutes.  
Position 2000 - Latitude 9°-55' S - Longitude 130°-05' W

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

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

*E. Schafte*  
E. Schafte,  
Lt. (jg) USNR.

Approved:

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

Examined:

*W. D. Dougherty*  
W. D. DOUGHERTY  
LIEUT. COMDR. D-2  
E. S. A. Navigator

UNITED STATES SHIP

OBERON AK-56

Saturday 16 January 1943  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION 9

REMARKS.

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force # 19, U.S.S. Thomas Jefferson, flagship. Operation plan #1-43. Both boilers in use. Zigzagging according to plan # 11, base course 255° true. Standard speed 15 knots (90 RPM)

0154 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 255° true.

*M. R. Spiers*  
M. R. Spiers,  
Lt. (jg) USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0445 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 11. Base course 255° T.

Position 0900 - Latitude 10°-41' S - Longitude 154°-09' W

*D. F. Anderogg*  
D. F. Anderogg,  
Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

Position 1200 - Latitude 10°-55' S - Longitude 135°-07' W

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

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

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

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

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

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1800 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 255° T.

1808 Changed course by wheeling to 285° T.

1824 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 11, base course 285° T.

1920 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course, 285° T.

1938 Changed course by wheeling to 255° True.

1950 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 11, base course 255° True.

1955 Clocks retarded 30 minutes.

Position 2000 Latitude 11°-18' S - Longitude 137°-11' W.

*D. F. Anderogg*  
D. F. Anderogg,  
Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2012 <sup>v</sup> Arcturus displayed breakdown signal and left formation.

2021 Reduced speed to 10 knots (60 RPM).

2126 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 255° True.

2130 <sup>v</sup> Arcturus rejoined formation.

2142 Increased speed to 15 knots (90 RPM).

2144 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 11.

2146 <sup>v</sup> Arcturus displayed breakdown signal and left formation.

2160 Reduced speed to 10 knots (60 RPM).

2211 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 255° True.

2232 <sup>v</sup> Arcturus resumed position in formation.

2233 Increased speed to 15 knots (90 RPM).

2235- Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 11, base course 255° True.

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

Approved:

*Ion Purcell*  
ION PURSELL,  
COMMANDER, USN.,  
COMMANDING

Examined:

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

UNITED STATES SHIP

ORERON AK-56

Sunday

17,

January

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION #2 1/2

## REMARKS.

0600-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force #19, U. S. S. Thomas Jefferson, flagship.  
 Operation plan #1-43. Both boilers in use. Zigzagging according to plan #11,  
 base course 255° True. Standard speed 15 knots (90 RPM).

0237 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 255° True.

*E. Schafel*  
 E. Schafel,  
 Lt. (jg) USNR.

0400-0600 Steaming as before.

0435 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #11, base course 255° True.

Position 0800 - Latitude 12°-01' S Longitude 139°-57' W.

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

0600-1200 Steaming as before.

0916 Changed speed to 10 knots (60 RPM). Arcturus displayed breakdown signal and left formation.

0944 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 255° True.

0945 Arcturus resumed position in formation.

0951 Changed speed to 15 knots (90 RPM).

0956 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #11, base course 255° True.

Position 1200 - Latitude 12°-00' S - Longitude 140°-58' W.

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

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1529 Adjusted base course to 256° True.

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

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

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

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1930 Ship's clocks retarded 30 minutes.  
 Position 2000 Latitude 12°47'S Longitude 142°54' W.

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

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

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

Approved:

*Carl Purcell*  
 ION PURSELL,  
 COMMANDER, USN.,  
 COMMANDING

Examined:

*W. Doucherty*  
 W. DOUCHERTY,  
 LIEUT. COMDR., D-M  
 U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OBERON AX-56

Monday

18

January

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ZONE DESCRIPTION ±10

REMARKS.

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force # 19, U.S.S. Thomas Jefferson, flagship. Operation Plan 1-43, Base course 256° True. Standard speed 15 knots (88 RPM). Zigzagging according to plan # 11, both boilers in use.

0317 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course, 256° T.

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

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0425 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 11, Base course 256° T  
Position 0800 - Latitude 13°-34' S Longitude 145°-50' W.

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

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0837 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 256° True.

0857 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 11.

Position 1200 Latitude 13°-46' S Longitude 146°-43' W.

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

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1300 U. S. S. Mahan <sup>Page 2</sup> joined convoy.

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

1800-1900 Steaming as before.

*E. Schaler*  
E. Schaler,  
Lt.(jg) USNR.

1900-2000 Steaming as before.

Position 2000 Latitude 14°-11' S Longitude 148°-45' W.

*D. F. Andreegg*  
D. F. Andreegg,  
Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2025 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 256° T.

2032 Changed course by wheeling to 230° T.

2050 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 11, base course 230° T.

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

Approved:

*Jon Fursell*  
JON FURSELL,  
COMMANDER, USN.,  
COMMANDING

Examined:

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

UNITED STATES SHIP

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Tuesday 19 January 1943  
(1943) (1943) (1943)ZONE DESCRIPTION r 10

## REMARKS.

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force # 19, U.S.S. Thomas Jefferson, flagship. Operation Plan # 1-43. Standard speed 15 knots (88 RPM). Base course 230° true. Zigzagging according to plan # 11, both boilers in use.

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

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

Position 0800 Latitude 16°-03' S Longitude 151°-00' W.

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

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0900 Sighted Tahaa Island, bearing 210° T. Approximate distance 35 miles.

0927 Ceased zigzagging and returned to base course 230° T.

0930 Sighted Bora Bora Island, bearing 242° T., approximate distance 35 miles.

0941 Resumed zigzagging according to plan # 11, base course 230° T.

1000 U.S.S. Strong and U.S.S. Cory left convoy and proceeded to base boat.

1120 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 230° T.

1123 Passed Tahaa Island (Mt. Uhiri) abeam to port, distance 9 miles.

1142 Passed Bora Bora Island (Mt. Tenanu) abeam to starboard, distance 7.2 miles.

1152 Resumed zigzagging according to plan # 11, base course 230° true.

Position 1200 Latitude 16°-39' S Longitude 151°-42' W.

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

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1231 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 230° T.

1237 Changed base course by wheeling to 260° T.

1300 Sighted Maupiti Island, bearing 312° T., distance 30 miles.

1408 Maupiti Island abeam to starboard distance 19½ miles.

1540 U.S.S. Warrington came alongside to pick up mail.

1546 U.S.S. Warrington, completed taking on mail and stood off.

1600 U.S.S. Strong, and Cory rejoined convoy, U.S.S. Concord and U.S.S. Warrington, released

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

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

1611 Changed course by wheeling to 243° True.

1622 Commenced zigzagging on plan # 11, base course 243° True.

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

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

Position 2000 Latitude 17°-17' S Longitude 153°-34' W.

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

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2215 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 243° T.

2220 Altered course by wheeling to 265° true.

2240 Resumed zigzagging according to plan # 11, base course 265° T.

*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-M  
U.S. N.R. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OBERON AK-56

Wednesday 20, January 1943  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION +10

REMARKS.

0600-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force # 19, U.S.S. Thomas Jefferson, flagship. Operation plan # 1-43, base course 265° True. Standard speed 15 knots (88 RPM). Both boilers in use. Zigzagging according to plan # 11.

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

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

Position 0800 Latitude 17°-57' S Longitude 156°-32' W.

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

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

Position 1200 Latitude 18° S Longitude 157°-30' W.

*E. Schafel*  
E. Schafel,  
Lt. (jg) USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1556 U.S.S. Hermitage showed breakdown signal and dropped out of position in convoy.

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

1500-1800 Steaming as before.

1616 U.S.S. Hermitage resumed position 21 in convoy.

1619 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course, 265° true.

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

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

Position 2000 Latitude 18°-16' S Longitude 159°-36' W.

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

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2204 Changed base course by wheeling to 243° True.

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

Approved:

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

Examined:

*W. Dougherty*  
W. DOUGHERTY  
LIEUT. COMDR. USN.  
S. N. 2 Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OBERON AK-56

Thursday 21 January 1945  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION #10

REMARKS.

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force #10, U.S.S. Thomas Jefferson, flagship.  
Operation plan # 1-43. Base course 242° True. Standard speed 15 knots (88 RPM).  
Both boilers in use.

0116 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 11, base course 242° T.  
*R. G. Reusch*  
R. G. REUSCH,  
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.  
Position 0600 Latitude 19°-28' S. Longitude 162°-06' W.  
*D. J. Anderson*  
D. J. ANDERSON,  
Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.  
0858 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 242° True.  
0902 Reduced convoy speed to 5 knots (30 RPM) to lower port personnel boat.  
0906 Lowered port personnel boat (#24) into water. Boat proceeded to the U.S.S. Thomas Jefferson to pick up surgeon to assist at operation of crew member.  
0921 Hoisted port personnel boat on board. Lt.(jg) William A Clark MC-V(G) USNR., came on board to assist at operation on Huggins, James Leonard, Sea lo - Diagnosis Excision of left inguinal adenopathy, reinforcement of Femoral ring.  
0923 Resumed convoy speed of 15 knots (88 RPM).  
0935 Commenced zigzagging according to Plan # 11, base course 242° T.  
1115 Operation on Huggins, J. L. Sea lo began.  
1200 Position Latitude 19°-57' S Longitude 163°-00' W.  
*E. Schafel*  
E. Schafel,  
Lt.(jg) USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.  
1230 Operation on Huggins, J. L. completed satisfactorily.  
1402 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 242° True.  
1404 Reduced speed to 5 knots (20 RPM)  
1413 Lowered port personnel boat in water to return Lt.(jg) Clark MC-V(G) USNR., to U.S.S. Thomas Jefferson.  
1426 Personnel boat # 24 returned to ship.  
1427 Resumed convoy speed to 15 knots (88 RPM).  
1433 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 11, base course 242° True.  
*A. A. Maught*  
A. A. MAUGHT,  
Lt.(jg) USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.  
*E. C. Lingerfelt Jr.*  
E. C. LINGERFELT JR.,  
Ensign, USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.  
1855 Sighted unidentified vessel bearing 235° T, distance about 8 miles on opposite course. Destroyer Mahon proceeded to investigate.  
1900 Emergency turn 45° to port.  
1913 Vessel identified as a Norwegian merchant ship.  
1919 Emergency turn 45° to starboard to base course. Resumed zigzagging according to plan # 11, base course 232° True.  
1928 Passed Norwegian vessel abeam to starboard, distance about 8 miles on opposite course.  
Position 2000 Latitude 20°-56' S Longitude 164°-42' W.  
*E. Schafel*  
E. Schafel, Lt.(jg) USNR.  
*H. R. Spiers*  
H. R. SPIERS, Lt.(jg) USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

Approved:

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

Examined:

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



UNITED STATES SHIP

OBERON AK-56

Friday

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ZONE DESCRIPTION + 10

REMARKS.

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force # 19, U.S.S. Thomas Jefferson, flagship. Operation plan # 1-43. Base course 242° true. Standard speed 15 knots (88 RPM). Both boilers in use.

*D. V. Anderson*  
D. V. Anderson,  
Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.  
Position 0800 Latitude 22°-12' S Longitude 167°-28' W.

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

0800-1200 Steaming as before.  
0829 Changed base course to 244° True.  
Position 1200 Latitude 22°-33' S. Longitude 168°-24' W.

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

1200-1600 Steaming as before.  
1500 Pursuant to orders of Commander Task Force, reduced speed to 14.5 knots (84 RPM).  
1521 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 244° true.  
1537 Changed course by wheeling to 269° True.

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

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

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

1800-2000 Steaming as before.  
1840 General Quarters - sighted unidentified vessel, bearing 288° T., distance about 12 miles. D. D. U.S.S. Mahan proceeded to investigate. All hands to General Quarters.  
1849 Ceased zigzagging and resumed mean course 269° True.  
1852 Executed 45° emergency turn to starboard.  
1910 Vessel identified as friendly.  
1911 Secured from General Quarters; Executed 45° emergency turn to port to base course 269° T.  
1914 Resumed zigzagging according to plan # 11, base course 269° True.  
Position 2000 Latitude 22°-54' S Longitude 170°-17' W.

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

2000-2400 Steaming as before.  
2005 S.S. Nuolja Sverige, Norwegian cargo ship ahead to port on course S.E. Approximate distance 5000 yds.  
2200 Adjusted base course to 264° true.  
2230 Adjusted base course to 260° true.

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

Approved:

*ICM Purcell*  
ICM PURSELL,  
COMMANDER, USN.,  
COMMANDING

Examined:

*W. Deugherty*  
W. DEUGHERTY  
LIEUT. COMDR. D-M  
U.S. AS Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OSBERON AK-56

Saturday

23

January

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ZONE DESCRIPTION <sup>10-28</sup> 10-28

## REMARKS.

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force # 19, U.S.S. Thomas Jefferson, flagship. Operation plan # 1-43. Base course 260° True. Standard speed 14.5 knots (84 RPM). Both boilers in use.

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

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0737 Changed course by wheeling to 270° true.

Position 0800 Latitude 23°-20' S Longitude 173°-19' W.

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

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

Position 1200 Latitude 23°-22' S Longitude 74°-15' W.

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

1200-1800 Steaming as before.

1200 Inspected and tested fire mains and fire equipment, condition satisfactory.

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

1800-1800 Steaming as before.

*A. A. Maughy*  
A. A. Maughy,  
Lt.(jg) USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1930 Clocks retarded 20 minutes.

Position 2000 Latitude 23°-20' S Longitude 176°-22' W.

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

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

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

Approved:

*Ion Purcell*  
ION PURSELL,  
COMMANDER, USN.,  
COMMANDING

Examined:

*W. Deumerty*  
W. DEUMERTY  
LIEUT. COMDR. D-M  
U. S. N.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OSERON

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Monday

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January

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ZONE DESCRIPTION 10-28

## REMARKS.

Incident to crossing International Date Line, date advanced to January 25, 1943.

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force # 19, U.S.S. Thomas Jefferson, flagship. Operation Plan # 1-43. Base course 273° True. Zigzagging according to plan # 11. Standard speed 14.8 knots (85 RPM). Both boilers in use.

*C. G. Lingsfeldt, Jr.*  
C. G. Lingsfeldt, Jr.  
Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0728 Adjusted base course to 270° True.

Position 0800 Latitude 23°-11' S Longitude 179°-29' W.

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

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

Position 1200 Latitude 23°-11' S Longitude 179°-30' E

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

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

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

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

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

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1930 Ships clocks retarded 32 minutes.

Position 2000 Latitude 23°-18.5' S Longitude 177°-17' E.

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

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2020 Ceased zigzagging and executed emergency turn 45° to starboard to course 315° T.

2051 Executed emergency turn 45° to port and resumed base course 270° T.

2322 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 11, base course 270° T.

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

Approved:

*Ion Pursell*  
ION PURSELL,  
COMMANDER, USN.,  
COMMANDING

Examined:

*W. Dougherty*  
W. DOUGHERTY  
LIEUT. CMDR. D-M  
U. S. N.

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Tuesday 26, January 1943  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION #11

## REMARKS.

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force # 19, U.S.S. Thomas Jefferson, flagship.  
Operation plan # 1-43. Base course 270° T. Zigzagging according to plan # 11.  
Standard speed 14.5 knots (84.5 RPM). Both boilers in use.

0315 Sighted signal light of vessel, identified as friendly, distance 8000 yds.

*A. A. Maugh*  
A. A. MAUGH  
Lt. (jg) USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

Position 0800 Latitude 23°-12' S Longitude 174°-10' E.

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

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

Position 1200 Latitude 23°-10' S Longitude 173°-09' E.

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

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

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

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

*D. Dougherty*  
D. T. Dougherty,  
Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1935 Retarded clocks 20 minutes.

Position 2000 Latitude 23°-10' S Longitude 171°-00' E.

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

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2008 Ceased zigzagging and executed emergency turn 45° to Port.

2055 Executed emergency turn 45° to starboard, base course 270° T.

2332 Resumed zigzagging in accordance with plan # 11.

*D. Dougherty*  
D. T. Dougherty,  
Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

Approved:

*W. Purcell*  
W. PURSELL,  
COMMANDER, USN.,  
COMMANDING

Examined:

*D. Dougherty*  
W. DOUGHERTY  
LIEUT. COMDR. D. M.  
U. S. Navy Investigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OBERON AK-56

Wednesday 27

January

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ZONE DESCRIPTION # 11 1/3

REMARKS.

0000-0400 Steaming in company with Task Force # 19, U.S.S. Thomas Jefferson, flagship. Operation plan # 1-43. Zigzagging in accordance with plan # 11, base course 270° True. Standard speed 14.5 knots (84 RPM). Both boilers in use.

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

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

Position 0800 Latitude 23°-24' 3" Longitude 167°-53' 7".

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

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0823 Adjusted mean course to 275° True.

Position 1200 Latitude 23° 28' S Longitude 167° 44' E.

*E. Schaler*  
E. Schaler,  
Lt. (jg) USNR.

1200-1800 Steaming as before.

1216 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base 275° True.

1218 Changed speed to 13.5 knots (79 RPM).

1230 Changed course by wheeling to 317° True.

1241 Changed speed to 14.5 knots (84 RPM).

1247 Resumed zigzagging according to plan # 11, base course 317° True.

1428 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 317° True.

1436 Changed course by wheeling to 001° True.

1440 Sighted Mt D'Or, New Caledonia, bearing 015° True. Approximate distance 37 miles.

Changed course to 011° True.

1441 Changed speed to 14.5 knots (85 RPM).

1450 Resumed zigzagging according to plan # 11, base course 011° True.

1545 Sighted Amadee Island Lighthouse, bearing 024° True, approximate distance 12 miles

1550 Adjusted mean course to 006° True.

1558 Adjusted mean course to 011° True.

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

1800-1800 Steaming as before.

1615 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 011° True. Ships formed column in the following order: (1) U.S.S. Thomas Jefferson, flagship, (2) U.S.S. Arcturus, (3) U.S.S. William P Riddle, (4) U.S.S. Hermitage, (5) U.S.S. Oberon, (6) U.S.S. Joseph T Dickman. Steaming on various courses and speeds conforming to channel while entering Noumea Harbor, Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on Bridge. Executive Officer at Conn.

1714 Amadee Lighthouse abeam to Port, distance 500 yds.

1720 Harbor boat came alongside and delivered copy of Port instructions.

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

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1838 Passed Mundo Island beacon, abeam to starboard. U.S.S. Joseph T Dickman passed on starboard side and took position (6) in column.

1850 Debrun Island abeam to starboard.

1923 U.S.S. Hermitage and U.S.S. Joseph T Dickman anchored.

1932 Anchored berth # 49 Isle Nou anchorage, Port Noumea New Caledonia in 11 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain out to starboard anchor on the following bearings: Beacon P. 038.30, Beacon Q 095, Beacon R. 112°, Beacon 116.30. Engineering Plant maintaining condition of readiness.

1948 Retarded clocks 1 hour and 40 minutes to Zone -11 time.

*E. Schaler*  
E. Schaler,  
Lt. (jg) USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

2000 Detached from Task Force # 19.

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

Approved:

*W. D. Purcell*  
W. D. PURCELL,  
COMMANDER, USN.,  
COMMANDING

Examined:

*W. Dougherty*  
W. DOUGHERTY  
LIEUT. COMMANDER, USN.  
P. S. P. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OSERON AK-56

Thursday 28  
(Day)

January

(Month)

19 43

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS.

0000-0400 Anchored in berth # 49, Isle Nou anchorage, Port Noumea, New Caledonia in eleven fathoms of water with ninety fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor on the following bearings. Beacon P-038°-30', Beacon Q-088°, Beacon R-112°, and Beacon S-116°-30'. Engineering Plant maintaining a condition of readiness. Ships present U.S.S. Washington (SOPA), U.S.S. North Carolina, U.S.S. Indiana, U.S.S. Monongahela, U.S.S. Cimarron, U.S.S. Titania, U.S.S. Henry R. Allen, U.S.S. Thomas Jefferson, U.S.S. Arcturus, U.S.S. Joseph T. Dickman, and various other units of the Pacific Fleet.

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

0400-0800 Anchored as before.  
0435 Set condition 2M, manned 37/50 and 20 MM AA battery.  
0530 U.S.S. Washington, and U.S.S. Cummings stood out.  
0545 U.S.S. North Carolina and U.S.S. Farming stood out.  
0555 U.S.S. Indiana stood out.  
0615 U.S.S. Keersarge stood out.

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

0800-1200 Anchored as before.  
0810 U.S.S. Mahan stood out.  
0845 Captain left the ship on official call to Commander South Pacific Force.  
0925 U.S.S. Case, U.S.S. Maury and U.S.S. McCall stood out.  
0935 U.S.S. Sanfley stood out.  
1000 Commanding Officer reported to the Commander South Pacific Force for duty.  
1012 U.S.S. San Juan stood out.  
1030 U.S.S. Saratoga stood out.  
1100 U.S.S. Shell Drake anchored off Port bow.  
1135 Captain returned on board ship from visit to Commander South Pacific Force.

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

1200-1600 Anchored as before.  
1430 Captain left ship on official call to Commander Task Force 19.  
1440 U.S.S. Gaster stood in.  
1520 Captain returned from visit with Commander Task Force 19.  
1550 U.S.S. Strong stood out.

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

1600-1800 Anchored as before.  
1606 U.S.S. Hermitage and U.S.S. Thomas Jefferson stood out.  
1607 U.S.S. Cony stood out.  
1608 U.S.S. Arcturus stood out.  
1630 U.S.S. Joseph Dickman stood out.  
1646 U.S.S. Titania underway and shifted berth.  
1752 U.S.S. Monongahela shifted anchorage.

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

1800-2000 Anchored as before.

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

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

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

Approved:

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

Examined:

*W. Dougherty*  
W. DOUGHERTY  
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER  
U. S. NAVY

UNITED STATES SHIP

OPERON AX-58

Friday

29

January

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS.

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 90 fathoms of chain out to the Starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon P - 038° 30', Beacon Q - 085°, Beacon R - 112°, Beacon "S" 116° 30'. Ships present U.S.S. Argonne (SCPA), and various units of the Pacific Fleet.

C. C. Lingerfelt, Jr.  
Ensign, USNR

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

- 0435 Set condition 2M, manned 3"/50 and 20 MM A.A. guns.
- 0535 U.S.S. William T. Biddle stood into the inner harbor.
- 0606 U.S.S. Shelldrake stood out.
- 0625 U.S.S. Brias stood out.
- 0631 U.S.S. Henry T Allen stood out.
- 0635 U.S.S. Titania stood out.

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

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

- 0853 U.S.S. Shaw stood out.
- 1010 U.S.S. Monongahela stood out.
- 1100 Tested all fire lines and plugs with full water pressure and found satisfactory.

E. Schaffer  
Lt.(jg) USNR.

1200-1800 Anchored as before.

- 1445 U.S.S. Prable, U.S.S. Tracy stood out.
- 1550 U.S.S. Shaw stood in and anchored.

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

1800-2000 Anchored as before.

- 1930 Secured from Condition II M.

R. G. Redmond  
Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

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

Approved:

Carl Pursell  
ICM PURSELL,  
COMMANDER, USN.,  
COMMANDING.

Examined:

W. Dougherty  
W. DOUGHERTY  
LIEUT. COMDR. D-2  
U. S. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

OREGON AX-56

Saturday

30

January

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

## REMARKS.

0300-0400 Attached to <sup>(20)</sup>Commander South Pacific Force. Anchored in berth # 49, Isle Nou anchorage, Port Noumea, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water, with 80 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon P - 038°30', Beacon Q, 086°, Beacon R -112°, Beacon S 116°-30'. Ships present U.S.S. Argona, and various units of the Pacific Fleet. # 1 boiler in use.

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

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

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

0720 U.S.S. Gridley stood in and anchored.

*E. Schafie*  
E. Schafie,  
Lt. (jg) USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

1043 Commanding Officer left ship on official call to Commander South Pacific Force.

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

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

1510 U.S.S. Gridley stood out.

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

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

1638 U.S.S. Cinarron stood out.

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

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

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

Approved:

*Con Purcell*  
ION PURSELL,  
COMMANDER, USN.,  
COMMANDING.

Examined:

*W. Dougherty*  
W. DOUGHERTY  
LIEUT. COMDR. D.  
U. S. Navy Navigator.



UNITED STATES SHIP OBERON AK-56 Sunday 31 January 1945  
(No.) (Date) (Rate)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11 REMARKS.

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 90 fathoms of chain out, to the starboard anchor. No. 1 boiler in use. Anchorage bearings (True); Beacon P - 038°-30', Beacon Q - 085°, Beacon R - 112°, and Beacon S 116°-30'. Ships present U.S.S. Argonne(SOPA) and various units of the Pacific Fleet.

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

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

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

0600 U.S.S. Shaw and U.S.S. Mahan stood out.

0748 Commenced taking bunker fuel oil, Draft forward 19'00" - Aft. 22'02".

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

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

1008 Completed taking on bunker fuel oil having received 3721 bbls. Draft forward 19'00" Aft. 22'6".

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

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

1410 U.S.S. Strong, U.S.S. Cony stood in.

*C. C. Linggfelt Jr.*  
C. C. Linggfelt Jr.  
Ensign, USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

1915 Secured from condition IIM.

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

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

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

Approved:

*ICN Purcell*  
ICN PURSELL,  
COMMANDER, USN.,  
COMMANDING

Examined:

*W. D. O'Sherty*  
W. D. O'SHERTY  
LIEUT. COMDR. D-4  
U.S. NAVY