

Enroute from Davis Corp: Nevill Island, La. to U.S. Naval Station Algiers, La.

\$924 U.S.S. LST 1039 placed in reduced commission
by Capt. W.B. NICHOLS, USA representative of
the Commandant Fourth Naval District
Accepted by LT. R.B. McARTHUR, USN, President
board LT. G.S. LEBER, ^{USNR,} executive officer
and twenty six (26) enlisted men of Navy
Crew #15. The following ~~officers~~ officers

for transportation and duty, LT. G.E. PARIS, U.S.N.;
LT(JG) C.J. EAETH, USNR, LT(JG) F.B. TAYLOR, USNR,
ENS. R.A. CORCORAN, USNR, ENS. R.S. CADD, USNR, ENS. L.C.
HARTON, USNR, ENS. SWEARENGIN, USNR, ENS. R.B. KIRKPATRICK
USNR, ENS. J.I. HENSE, USNR, and one hundred five
105 enlisted men. The following pilot detail
aboard for temporary duty. Bos'n J.C. McKEE
USCGR and KENNY, T.E. (636-210) BM3C USCGR. MR. S.P.
RUNK, Navy Corp representative also. Gas buidies
observed. Bow doors, and ramp, bow and stern
anchors, boat davits, steering engine, annunciators
and communication system tested prior to commissioning.
~~Ship's draft 8'6" and 6'4" aft.~~ Set the watch,

Tuesday 30 Jan. Cont'

continued paralleling all watches.

1030 Capt. W. B. NICHOLS U.S.N. and commissioning party left ^{the} ship

1130 Making all preparations for getting underway

1159 Underway, standing downstream at $\frac{2}{3}$ speed 200 R.P.M.

1211 $\frac{1}{5}$ to $\frac{1}{3}$ noticed heavy vibration and lurching of ship, probably due to bent screws.

1213 $\frac{1}{5}$ to $\frac{2}{3}$ vibration and lurching still existed.

1248 Entered DASHIELDS COCK

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1458 Entered Montgomery COCK

1512 Departed Montgomery COCK

1549 Entered Lock #7

1600 Departed Lock #7

1607 Exercised at fire drill.

1623 Secured from fire drill.

1700 Anchored heading downstream off right bank at mile 45 Ohio line in 3 fathoms. 7 water, 22 fathoms of cable to stem anchor, 8 fathoms of chain to bow anchor.

1715 Commenced shifting ballast to port for purpose of inspecting starboard screw - lowered #2 boat

1750 Found starboard screw satisfactory - shifted ballast

Tuesday 30 Jan (cont.)

to inspect port screw

1830 Found one blade of port screw badly bent and started to straighten.

2000 Completed work on screw and put ship on an even keel.

2005 Hoisted #2 boat.

Wednesday 31 Jan. 1945.

0600 Making all preparations for getting underway.

0636 Underway

0652 Entered Lock #8

0706 Departed Lock #8

0755 Combat crew held quarters - turned to checking stores and preparing ship for sea.

0806 Entered Lock #9

0816 Departed Lock #9

0926 Entered Lock #10

0935 Departed Lock #10

1010 Exercised at fire drill.

1015 Secured from fire drill.

1045 Entered Lock #11

1100 Departed Lock #11

Wednesday 31 Jan (cont)

1204 Entered Lock #12

1214 Departed Lock #12

1313 Entered Lock #13

1323 Departed Lock #13

1513 Entered Lock #14

1525 Departed Lock #14

1652 Entered Lock #15

1711 Departed Lock #15

1852 Entered Lock #16

~~1903 Departed Lock #16~~

1958 Anchored heading downstream off right bank at mile 156 Ohio River in 3 fathoms of water twenty (20) fathoms of cable to stern anchor eight (8) fathoms of chain to bow anchor.

Thursday 1 Feb. 1945

0615 Making all preparations for getting underway.

0642 Underway - breaking 1-2 inches of ice.

0750 Entered Lock #17

0803 Departed Lock #17

0810 Combat crew held quarters - turned to checking stores and preparing ship for sea.

Tuesday, 1 Feb. cont.

- 0927 Entered Lock #18
- 0930 MR. J.P. RORR, Navy Corp. representative
left the ship.
- 0939 Departed Lock #18
- 1055 Entered Lock #19
- 1120 Departed Lock #19
- 1213 Entered Lock #20
- 1227 Departed Lock #20
- 1330 Entered Lock #21
- 1343 Departed Lock #21
- 1410 Entered Lock #22
- 1432 Departed Lock #22
- 1442 Exercised at fire drill
- 1453 Secured from fire drill
- 1526 Entered Lock #23
- 1546 Departed Lock #23
- 1940 Entered Gallipolis Lock - moved starboard side to
for the night.
- 1955 CHIEF BOSN H.K. RAIKE USCGR., reported aboard for
temporary duty as pilot.
- 2005 BOSN J.L. McKEE USCGR. detached.

FRIDAY 2 Feb 1945

0615 Making all preparations for getting underway.

0644. Departed GALLIPOLIS LOCK ~~LOCK~~

0815 Combat crew held quarters - turned to checking stores and preparing ship for sea.

0825 Entered Lock #27

0839 Departed Lock #27

0935 Entered Lock #28

0949 Departed Lock #28

1034 Entered Lock #29

~~1148 Departed Lock #29~~

1224 Entered Lock #30

1238 Departed Lock #30

1310 Exercised at fire drill

1324 Secured from fire drill

1419 Entered Lock #31

1431 Departed Lock #31

1622 Entered Lock #32

1650 Departed Lock #32

1838 Entered Lock #33

1859 Departed Lock #33

2115 Entered Lock #34

2132 Departed Lock #34

Friday 2 Feb. 1945 (cont.)

- 2218 Anchored off right bank at mile 42.6
This river in three (3) fathoms of water, twenty
(20) fathoms of cable to stem anchor and eight
(8) fathoms of chain to bow anchor.

Sat 3 Feb. 1945.

0600 Making all preparations for getting underway.

0629 Underway - breaking ice.

0710 Entered Lock #35

0735 Departed Lock #35

0830 Entered Lock #36

0849 Departed Lock #36

1040 Entered Lock #37

1055 Departed Lock #37

1230 Laying to awaiting lock clearance

1256 Let go both anchors

1328 Exercised at fire drill - held instructions on all fire
~~fighting~~ fighting equipment.

1410 Secured from drills.

1523 Underway

1541 Entered Lock #38

1559 Departed Lock #38

Sunday 4 Feb (cont)

- 1130 Secured fire fighting instruction period.
1208 Entered Lock #44
1227 Departed Lock #44
1300 Combat crew held quarters
1440 Fire drill for 3rd section
1444 Fire drill for 1st section
1447 Fire drill for 2nd section
1455 Secured from fire drills
1525 Entered Lock #45
1545 Departed Lock #45
1755 Entered Lock #46
2009 Departed Lock #46
2155 Entered Lock #47
2214 Departed Lock #47

Monday 5 Feb. 1965

- 0039 Anchor heading downstream off left bank at
mile 508.4 Ohio River in 3 1/2 fathoms water, twenty
five fathoms of ~~the~~ cable to stem anchor, ten fathoms
of chain to bow anchor.
0630 Unable to get underway because of damaged
lock gates - waiting for dam to be lowered.
0810 Combat crew held quarters - turned to preparing ship for sea.

Monday 5 Feb. Cont.

0825 Underway

0835 Passed Lock and Dam #48

1110 Trying to above Lock #49 awaiting lock clearance, towboat SONIOAN with double lockage given preference over this vessel.

1112 Let go bow & stern anchors.

1248 Underway

1302 Entered lock #49

1316 Departed lock #49

1541 Entered lock #50

1552 Departed lock #50

1554 Exercised at fire drill

1558 Exercised at general quarters drill

1615 Secured from all drills.

1752 Entered lock #51

1803 Departed lock #51

2057 Entered lock #52

2108 Departed lock #52

2245 Passed Lock & Dam #53

2350 C.G. picket boat alongside to stb'd, rec'd channel reports aboard

Tuesday 6 Feb 1945

- 0005 Entered Mississippi River at
Cairo Illinois
- 0210 Passed Hickman Kentucky
- 0410 Passed USS 657 1121 anchored at mile 899.5
- 0800 Passed Camthensville, Mo.
- 0815 Combat crew held quarters - turned to
preparing ship for sea.
- 1259 Combat crew commenced general and
emergency drill period, exercising at all drills
- 1406 Secured from all drills
- 1545 Anchored at Memphis, Tenn. The following
named pilot detail left ship having completed
Temporary Duty, (LTJG) EDWARD C. KICKELL USCGR,
Boat'n R.H. EGGELESTON USCGR and CARTER, GEORGE B
(539-230) COX. USCGR. The following reported aboard
for temporary duty as pilots, LT. WM M. MCNEELY
and STEPHENS, J.W. (635-389) COX. USCGR. The below-
named man transferred to USN Hospital, Memphis, Tenn.
D.O. Cellulitis, right elbow, SCOTT, S.W. (630-52-67)
SC7C USNR
- 1555 Underway proceeding downstream
- 1605 Passed under Memphis Bridges

Tuesday 6 Feb. (cont.)

- 1606 Combat crew exercised at general quarters drill
- 1613 Secured from general quarters.
- 2021 Anchored heading upstream of left bank at mile 6.70 SMP. Mississippi River in ~~Five~~ 5 fathoms water, 20 fathoms of chain to bow anchor and 25 fathoms of cable to stern anchor.
- 2030 Commenced instruction period in main and auxiliary engine rooms.
- 2120 Secured engine room instructions.

Wednesday 7 Feb. 1945

- 0600 Making all preparations for getting underway
- 0630 Underway, proceeding downstream
- 0800 Combat crew held quarters - turned to preparing ship for sea.
- 1103 Exercised at fire drill
- 1118 Secured from fire drill
- 1601 Passed under Greenville Miss Bridge.

Wednesday 7 Feb. (Cont.)

- 1855 Collision drill for Combat crew
- 1858 General quarters drill for Combat crew
- 1950 Secured from all drills
- 2155 Passed under Vicksburg miss. bridge
- 2212 Anchored heading upstream off left bank at mile 428 S.E. P. Mississippi river in five (5) fathoms of water with twenty (20) fathoms of chain to bow anchor and fourteen (14) fathoms of cable to stern anchor.

Thursday 8 Feb. 1945.

- 0500 Making all preparations for getting underway
- 0530 Underway, proceeding downstream
- 0800 Combat crew held quarters - turned to preparing ship for sea
- 0949 Passed under NATCHEZ, MISS. Bridge
- 1000 Combat crew P.C.O. held personnel inspection
- 1030 Secured from personnel inspection

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- 1559 Combat crew exercised at general quarters drill
- 1606 Secured from general quarters.
- 1800 Passed under Baton Rouge ~~High~~ Bridge
- 1823 Moored sloop side to Standard Oil Co. Baton Rouge, La.
- 1837 Commenced receiving lubricating oil
Draft 4'3" and 8'4" aft.
- 1929 Completed receiving lubricating oil, received
554 gals Draft 4'3" and 8'4" aft.
- 1939 Underway - standing downstream

~~Thursday 8 Feb. 1945~~

~~1939~~

Friday 9 Feb. 1945

0320 moored starboard side to Shell Oil Co.
Dock. Harco. La.

0330 Commenced receiving fuel oil
Draft 4'6" FWD 8'3" AFT

0504 Completed fueling, received 172,414 gals.
Draft — FWD — AFT.

0518 Underway, standing down stream

0645 Passed under Public Belt Bridge, New
Orleans, La.

0745 ~~Commenced~~ #2 LCVP.

0800 moored port side to in berth —
at U.S. Naval Station, Algiers, La.

0815 The following named detached, having
completed temporary duty as pilots,
LT. WM. M. McNEELY USCGR and STEPHENS
J. W. (635-389) COX USCGR.

0900 Turned ship over to the Commandant
Eighth Naval District, New Orleans, La.

R. B. McARTHUR
LIEUT. U.S.N.