

U.S.S. NEW MEXICO

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PLAN OF THE DAY, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1943

- 0300 - Reveille.
- 0315 - Mess Gear.
- 0330 - Battle Breakfast. (Canned fruits, grilled steak, gravy, fried potatoes, fried onions, hot corn bread and coffee).
- 0355 - Condition II Section 2 relieve the watch.
- 0450 - Flight Quarters.
- 0512 - General Quarters.
- 0535 - (about) Catapult planes.
- 0600 - Commence bombardment.
- 0612 - Sunrise.
- 1005 - Serve sandwiches, coffee and gum. (See Note #4 on back).
 - Turn on flushing water in all heads if situation permits.
 - Recover planes.
- 1330 - Serve sandwiches and coffee. (See Note #4 on back).
 - Turn on flushing water in all heads if situation permits.
- 1535 - Condition III Section 1 relieve the watch. (Unless at General Quarters.)
- 1630 - Mess Gear.
- 1700 - Dinner.
- 1735 - Condition III Section 2 relieve the watch.
- 1935 - Condition III Section 3 relieve the watch.
- SUNSET - Darken ship on main deck and above.
- One-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) hour after sunset - Darken ship. (Set Condition II).
- 2335 - Condition II Section 4 relieve the watch.

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Executive Officer.

- NOTES: (1) If we keep the water expenditure down to 35,000 gallons daily we may be able to operate without water hours. Yesterday we used..... 41,279 gallons.
- (2) it is expected that the ship will remain at General Quarters for most of the day. All hands should prepare themselves accordingly.
- (3) All hands will remain quiet about the decks Friday afternoon to permit those who so desire to obtain rest.

Hold
D-day minus 1 for Makin Island

THE CAPTAIN'S BULLETIN

Yesterday Nov. 19 - (D-1)

A few minutes ago a four-engine enemy patrol plane was picked up -- within five minutes our fighters were on his tail and he was shot down.

Today our carrier planes and some shore based planes have been softening up many enemy bases by heavy bombing attacks. Getting them ready for our bombardment tomorrow.

Our target will be Makin Island.

The targets of other groups of ships will be Tawara Island and Apamama Island -- all of which will be occupied by landing forces.

To put out of action other air bases nearby we have been attacking with planes for several days the islands of Mille, Jaluit, and Maleolap. These bases are used by the enemy to ferry planes to points where they can attack us. We hope to nullify these spots. That is all. Carry on.

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NOTE: (4) Sandwiches will be issued as follows:

(a) Men with battle stations in casemates and above will draw sandwiches from the galley.

(b) All turrets, main deck repair parties, ammunition supply parties and quarterdeck gun crews draw sandwiches from main deck serving station..

(c) Engineers and men with battle stations on second deck and below will draw sandwiches from second deck serving station.

(d) Senior petty officer from each station will designate a man to draw food from serving station. This man will carry a slip of paper stating the number of men on his station.

(e) Each station will draw only two (2) sandwiches per man.