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UNITED STATES SHIP PRESIDENT POLK Monday 4 October, 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description (Plus) 7

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

13-16: Pursuant to Commandant Eleventh Naval District Letter ND11/A4-1/AP-103 Serial B(SD)-2602 and in compliance with Articles 637 and 638, U.S. Navy Regulations (1920). Captain Byron McCandless, USN (Ret), representing the Commandant, Eleventh Naval District, placed the U.S.S. PRESIDENT POLK in full commission at 1300. In accordance with Commandant Eleventh Naval District Letter ND11/A4-1/AP-103 Serial B(SD)-2603 and in compliance with BuPers Orders, Clarence J. Ballreich, Commander, U.S.N., assumed duties as Commanding Officer U.S.S. PRESIDENT POLK. Moored port side to Berth #5, Destroyer Base, San Diego, California, with six 8" manila lines and two 3/4" wires. Receiving fresh and flushing water, and telephone services from dock.

J. E. Taylor
L.E. TAYLOR,
Ens. USNR.

16-20: No remarks.

J. E. Fornwalt
J.E. FORNWALT,
Lt. USNR.

20-24: No remarks.

A. A. Pratt
A.A. PRATT,
Bos'n USN.

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Approved:

C. J. Ballreich
C. J. BALLREICH, Commander, USN.

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

W. H. Wright
W. H. Wright Lt. U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP PRESIDENT POLK Tuesday 5 October, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description (Plus) 7

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0-4: Moored port side to Berth #5, Destroyer Base, San Diego, California, with six 8" manila lines and two 3/4" wires. Receiving fresh and flushing water, and telephone services from dock.

C.T. Thomas
C.T. THOMAS,
Ens. USNR.

4-8: No remarks.

J.E. Fornwalt
J.E. FORNWALT,
Lt. USNR.

8-12: No remarks.

J.E. Fornwalt
J.E. FORNWALT,
Lt. USNR.

12-16: No remarks.

B.H. Tuten
B.H. TUTEN,
Ens. USNR.

16-20: No remarks.

J.R. Wallace
J.R. WALLACE,
Lt(jg) USNR.

20-24: No remarks.

F.L. Wheeler
F.L. WHEELER,
Ens. USNR.

Approved:

C.S. Ballreich
C.S. BALLREICH, Commander, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

W.H. Wright Lt. U.S.N.R.
Navigator.

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			(Day)	(Date)	(Month)	
Zone description (Plus) 7						
Position	0800	1200	2000			
Lat.						
Long.						
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)						
0-4:	Moored port side to Berth #5, Destroyer Base, San Diego, California, with six 8" manila lines and two 3/4" wires. Receiving fresh and flushing water and telephone service from dock.					
	<i>K. Elin</i> K. ELIN, Lt. USNR.					
4-8:	No remarks.					
	<i>B.H. Tutten</i> B.H. TUTEN, Ens. USNR.					
8-12:	No remarks.					
	<i>J.R. Wallace</i> J.R. WALLACE, Lt(jg) USNR.					
12-16:	No remarks.					
	<i>K.J. DeLong</i> K.J. DeLONG, Lt(jg) USNR.					
16-20:	No remarks.					
	<i>R.W. Nasworthy</i> R.W. NASWORTHY, Ens. USN.					
20-24:	No remarks.					
	<i>C.G. Ragdale</i> C.G. RAGSDALE, Lt(jg) USN.					
Approved:			Examined:			
<i>G. Ballreich</i> G. BALLREICH, Commander, USN. Commanding Officer.			<i>W. H. Wright</i> W. H. WRIGHT Lt. U. S. N. R. Navigator.			

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		(Day)	(Date)	(Month)	
Zone description <u>PLUS 7</u>					
Position	0800		1200		2000
Lat.			33° N		
Long.			118 W		
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)					
0-4:	Moored port side to Berth #5, Destroyer Base, San Diego, California, with six 8" manila lines and two 3/4" wires. Receiving fresh and flushing water and telephone service from dock.				
	<i>E. A. Thomas</i> E. A. THOMAS, Lt. USNR.				
4-8:	No remarks.				
	<i>C. T. Thomas</i> C. T. THOMAS, Ens. USNR.				
8-12	0811: Pilot H.N. Krog aboard. 0815: Let go all lines. Underway on various courses at various speeds, assisted by Tugs YMT-1 and YT-133. Pilot at Conn. Captain and Navigator on Bridge. 0833: Cast off all tugs. 0915: Passed through inner submarine nets. 0925: Passed through outer submarine nets. 0938: Pilot left ship. 1010: Proceeding on various courses at various speeds to degaussing range. 1018: Commenced degaussing runs.				
	<i>J. R. Wallace</i> J. R. WALLACE, Lt.(jg) USNR.				
12-16:	Steaming as before. 1221: Completed degaussing runs and radar range calibration. 1257: Commenced swinging in circle. 1330: Commenced calibrating Radio Direction Finder. 1430: Secured from calibrating Radio Direction Finder. Commenced compensating compasses. 1443: Electric steering casualty - shifted to telemotor steering. 1524: Shifted to electric steering. 1553: Shifted to telemotor steering.				
	<i>K. Elin</i> K. ELIN, Lt. USNR.				
16-18:	Steaming as before. 1627: Completed compass compensation. 1645: Pilot H.N. Krog aboard. Pilot at Conn. Captain and Navigator on Bridge. 1651: Standing into channel on various courses at various speeds. 1654: Passed through outer submarine nets. 1700: Passed through inner submarine nets. 1716: Tugs YT-133 and YT-266 alongside to port, proceeding to mooring. 1750: Moored starboard side to Navy Pier, Sand Diego, California, with six 8" manila lines. Receiving fresh and flushing water and telephone services from dock.				
	<i>B. H. Tutten</i> B. H. TUTTEN, Ens. USNR.				
18-20:	No remarks.				
	<i>L. E. Taylor</i> L. E. TAYLOR, Ens. USNR.				
20-24:	No remarks.				
	<i>J. E. Fornwalt</i> J. E. FORNWALT, Lt. USNR.				
Approved:	Examined:				
<i>C. J. Ballreich</i> C. J. BALLREICH, Commander, USN. Commanding Officer.	<i>W. H. Wrigley</i> W. H. WRIGLEY, Navigator.				

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Zone description (Plus) 7							
Position	0800		1200			2000	
Lat.							
Long.							
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)							
0-4:	Moored starboard side to Navy Pier, San Diego, California, with six 8" manila lines. Receiving fresh and flushing water and telephone services from dock.						
						<i>A.A. Pratt</i> A.A. PRATT, Bos'n. USN.	
4-8:	No remarks.						
						<i>W.H. Wright</i> W.H. WRIGHT, Lt. USNR.	
8-12:	No remarks.						
						<i>L.E. Taylor</i> L.E. TAYLOR, Ens. USNR.	
12-16:	No remarks.						
						<i>F.L. Wheeler</i> F.L. WHEELER, Ens. USNR.	
16-20:	No remarks.						
						<i>B.H. Tuten</i> B.H. TUTEN, Ens. USNR.	
20-24:	No remarks.						
						<i>B.H. Tuten</i> B.H. TUTEN, Ens. USNR.	
Approved:				Examined:			
<i>C. Ballreich</i> C. BALLREICH, Commander, USN. Commanding Officer.				<i>W.H. Wright</i> W. H. WRIGHT, Lt. USNR. Navigator.			

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Zone description (Plus) 7

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		33° 15' N.	
Long.		118° 07' W.	

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0-4: Moored starboard side to Navy Pier, San Diego, California, with six 8" manila lines. Receiving fresh and flushing water, and telephone services from dock.

M.J. DeLong
M.J. DELONG,
Lt(jg) USNR.

4-8: 0740: Pilot H.N. Krog, aboard. 0745: Tugs YT-266 and YT-133 alongside.

F.L. Wheeler
F.L. WHEELER,
Ens. USNR.

8-12: 0802: Cast off all lines - underway from Navy Pier, San Diego, California, enroute to Port Hueneme, California pursuant to Com 11 confidential letter, Ser. A271 of 8 October 1943. On various courses at various speeds conforming with channel. Pilot at Conn. Captain and Navigator on Bridge. 0805: Cast off all tugs. 0828: Passed through inner submarine nets. 0835: Passed through outer submarine nets. 0840: Pilot left ship. 0841: Steaming on various courses at various speeds conforming to channel. 0926: With bell buoy "A" abeam to port - distance 700 yards took departure, set course 321° (T&G).

B.H. Tutten
B.H. TUTEN,
Ens. USNR.

12-16: Steaming as before. 1204: Sighted Santa Catalina Island bearing 308° (T) distance 20 miles. 1406: Changed course to 305° (T&G).

B.H. Tutten
B.H. TUTEN,
Ens. USNR.

16-20: Steaming as before. 1654: Anacapa Island light sighted bearing 262° (T) 1702: Changed course to 005° (T&G) changed speed to ahead standard. 1703: Steering on various courses at various speeds, standing into Port Hueneme Harbor. 1736: Pilot R.E. Cook on board. Pilot at Conn. Captain and Navigator on Bridge. 1753: Tug T-014 alongside to port. 1800: Let go the port anchor in 5 fathoms of water to 30 fathoms chain. 1818: Moored starboard side Pier #3, Port Hueneme, California, with six 8" manila lines, two 12" lines and two 3/4" wires. Receiving fresh and flushing water from dock.

C.G. Ragdale
C.G. RAGSDALE,
Lt(jg) USN.

20-24: No remarks.

R.W. Nasworthy
R.W. NASWORTHY,
Ens. USN.

Approved:

Examined:

C.A. Ballreich
C.A. BALLREICH, Commander, USN.
Commanding Officer.

W.H. Wrigley
W.H. WRIGLEY, Lt. U.S. N. R.
Navigator.

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Zone description (Plus) 7

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0-4: Moored starboard side to Pier #3, Port Hueneme, California, with six 8" manila lines, two 12" lines and two 3/4" wires. Receiving fresh ~~and flushing~~ water from dock.

C.G. Ragsdale
C.G. RAGSDALE,
Lt(jg) USN.

4-8: No remarks.

C.T. Thomas
C.T. THOMAS,
Ens. USNR,

8-12: No remarks.

J.E. Fornwalt
J.E. FORNWALT,
Lt(jg) USNR.

12-16: No remarks.

J.E. Fornwalt
J.E. FORNWALT,
Lt(jg) USNR.

16-20: No remarks.

W.H. Wright
W.H. WRIGHT,
Lt. USNR.

20-24: No remarks.

L.E. Taylor
L.E. TAYLOR,
Ens. USNR.

Approved:

C.J. Ballreich
C.J. BALLREICH, Commander, USN.

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

W.H. Wright Lt. USN.R.
Navigator.

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(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description (Plus) 7

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0-4: Moored starboard side to Pier #3, Port Hueneme, California, with six 8" manila lines, two 12" lines and two 3/4" wires. Receiving fresh ~~and flushing~~ water from dock.

C.T. Thomas
C.T. THOMAS,
Ens. USNR.

4-8: No remarks.

R.W. Nasworthy
R.W. NASWORTHY,
Ens. USN.

8-12: No remarks.

W.A. Wright
W. H. WRIGHT,
Lt. USNR.

12-16: No remarks.

B.H. Tuten
B.H. TUTEN,
Ens. USNR.

16-20: No remarks.

J.R. Wallace
J.R. WALLACE,
Lt(jg) USNR.

20-24: No remarks.

F.L. Wheeler
F. L. WHEELER,
Ens. USNR.

Approved:

Examined:

J.J. Ballreich
J.J. BALLREICH, Commander, USN.
Commanding Officer.


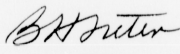
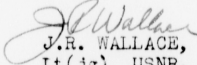
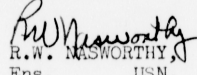
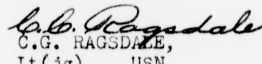
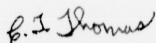
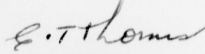
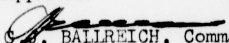
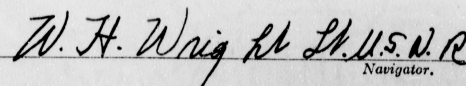
W.H. Wright Lt. U.S.N.R.
W.H. WRIGHT, Lt. U.S.N.R.
Navigator.

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Position	0800	1200	2000				
Lat.							
Long.							
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)							
0-4:	Moored starboard side to Pier #3, Port Hueneme, California, with six 8" manila lines, and two 12" lines and two 3/4" wires. Receiving fresh and flushing water from dock.						
	 K. ELIN, Lt. USNR						
4-8:	No remarks.						
	 B.H. TUTTEN, Ens. USNR.						
8-12:	No remarks.						
	 J.R. WALLACE, Lt(jg) USNR.						
12-16:	No remarks.						
	 R.W. MASWORTHY, Ens. USN.						
16-18:	No remarks.						
	 C.G. RAGSDALE, Lt(jg) USN.						
18-20:	No remarks.						
	 C.T. THOMAS, Ens. USNR.						
20-24:	No remarks.						
	 C.T. THOMAS, Ens. USNR.						
Approved:				Examined:			
 C. BALLREICH, Commander, USN. Commanding Officer.				 W.H. Wrig Lt. U.S.N.R. Navigator.			

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UNITED STATES SHIP PRESIDENT POLK Wednesday 13 October 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description (Plus) 7 & 7 $\frac{1}{2}$

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	--	--	33° 43' N
Long.	--	--	119° 58' W

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

- 0-4: Moored starboard side to Pier #3, Port Hueneme, California, with six 8" manila lines, ~~two~~ 12" manila line and two 3/4" wires. Receiving fresh and flushing water from dock.
- 4-8: No remarks.
- 8-12: No remarks.
- 12-16: No remarks.
- 16-20: 1603: Pilot R.E. Cook aboard. Pilot at Conn. Captain and Navigator on Bridge. 1614: Steering various courses at various speeds conforming with channel. 1628: Passed through submarine nets. Pilot left ship. Took departure enroute to Pearl Harbor, T.H. in compliance with Com 12 secret voyage order 492-43 and Com 11 confidential letter, serial A-271 of 8 October 1943. Set course 200° (T&G) Psc 194°. 1800: Changed course to 263° (T&G) Psc 243° 1840: Commenced zigzagging according to Plan #8. 1910: Steering casualty - shifted to electric steering. 1918: Shifted to telemotor steering.
- 20-24: Steaming as before. 2219: Ceased zigzagging. 2230: Commenced zigzagging according to Plan #8.

Approved:

J. Ballreich
J. BALLREICH, Commander, USN.

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

W. H. Wright
W. H. Wright Lt. U. S. N. R.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP PRESIDENT POLK Thursday 14 October, 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description (Plus) 7 1/4 & 8 1/12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	33° 13' N.	35° 05' N.	32° 23' N.
Long.	123° 34' W.	124° 50' W.	127° 16' W.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

- 0-4: Steaming independently on base course 263° (T&G) Psc 243°, zigzagging according to Plan #8, Speed 16.8 knots, 80 RPM. Ship darkened in condition of readiness three.
- 4-8: Steaming as before.
- 8-12: Steaming as before.
- 12-16: Steaming as before. 1444: Changed base course to 245° (T&G) Psc 226°.
- 16-20: Steaming as before.
- 20-24: Steaming as before.

Approved:

J. Ballreich, Commander, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

W. H. Wright Lt. U.S.N.R.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP PRESIDENT POLK Friday 15 October, 19 43
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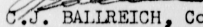
Zone description (Plus) 7 2/3 & 8 1/12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	31° 07' N.	30° 40' N.	29° 34' N.
Long.	130° 29' W.	131° 36' W.	133° 55' W.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

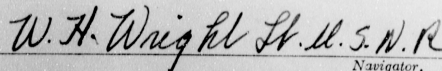
- 0-4: Steaming independently on base course 245° (T&G) Psc 226°, zigzagging according to Plan #8, Speed 17.8 knots, 80 RPM. Ship darkened in condition of readiness three.
- 4-8: Steaming as before.
- 8-12: Steaming as before. 1052: Ceased zigzagging.
- 12-16: Steaming as before. 1418: Commenced zigzagging according to Plan #8.
- 16-20: Steaming as before. 1915: Ceased zigzagging.
- 20-24: Steaming as before. 2015: Commenced zigzagging according to Plan #8.

Approved:


 C.J. BALLREICH, Commander, USN.

Commanding Officer.

Examined:


 W.H. Wright Lt. U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP PRESIDENT POLK Saturday 16 October 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description (Plus) $8\ 1/12$ & $8\ 1/2$

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	28° 26' N.	28° 02' N.	27° 16' N.
Long.	137° 05' W.	138° 22' W.	140° 41' W.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

- 0-4: Steaming independently on base course 245° (T&G) Psc 226°, zigzagging according to Plan #8, Speed 16.5, 77.5 RPM. Ship darkened in condition of readiness three. 0000 Changed base course to 249° (T&G) Psc 231°.
- 4-8: Steaming as before.
- 8-12: Steaming as before. 1137: Ship sighted, Bearing 160° (T); Identified as friendly.
- 12-16: Steaming as before.
- 16-20: Steaming as before. 1920: Ceased zigzagging.
- 20-24: Steaming as before. 2125: Commenced zigzagging according to Plan #8.

Approved:

C. J. Ballreich
C. J. BALLREICH, Commander, USN.

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

W. H. Wright
W. H. Wright Lt. U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

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(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description (Plus) 8 1/2 & 8 11/12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	26° 04' N.	25° 47' N.	25° 00' N.
Long.	143° 55' W.	145° 00' W.	147° 07' W.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

- 0-4: Steaming independently on base course 249° (T&G) Psc 231°, zigzagging according to Plan #8, Speed 16.8 knots, 78.0 RPM. Ship darkened in condition of readiness three.
- 4-8: Steaming as before.
- 8-12: Steaming as before.
- 12-16: Steaming as before.
- 16-20: Steaming as before. 1600: Changed base course to 250° (T&G) Psc 232°.
- 20-24: Steaming as before. 2015: Casualty to port control panel in Engine Room causing stoppage of Main lube oil pump. Stopped all engines to make repairs. 2033: Changed speed to two-thirds ahead. 2035: Changed speed to standard. 2055: Changed speed to full speed - 80 RPM. 2157: Stopped engines to complete repairs on control panel. 2228: Repairs completed resumed ~~to~~ Full speed - 80RPM. 2305: Commenced zigzagging according to Plan #8 on base course 250° (T&G) Psc 232°.

Approved:

[Signature]
Cdr. BALLREICH, Commander, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

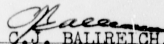
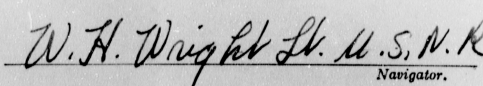
[Signature] W. A. Wright Lt. U.S.N.R.
Navigator.

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		<small>(Day)</small>		<small>(Date)</small>	<small>(Month)</small>
Zone description (Plus) 8 11/12 & 9 1/4					
Position	0800	1200	2000		
Lat.	23° 51' N.	23° 21.2' N.	23° 16.5' N.		
Long.	150° 36' W.	151° 34' 30" W.	159° 49' W.		
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)					
0-4: Steaming independently on base course 249° (T&G) Psc 231°. Zigzagging according to Plan #8. Speed 16.8 knots, 76.0 RPM. Ship darkened condition of readiness three set.					
4-8: No remarks.					
8-12: 0920: Shifted from telemotor to Electric steering.					
12-16: No remarks.					
16-20: 1606: Changed base course to 250° (T&G) Psc 232°. 1930: Changed base course to 251° (T&G) Psc 233°.					
20-24: No remarks.					
Approved:			Examined:		
 O. J. BALLREICH, Commander, USN. <small>Commanding Officer.</small>			 W. H. Wright Lt. U.S.N.R. <small>Navigator.</small>		

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		<small>(Day)</small>	<small>(Date)</small>	<small>(Month)</small>	
Zone description _____					
Position	0800	1200	2000		
Lat.	21° 38' N.				
Long.	157° 15' W.				
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)					
0-4:	Steaming independently on base course 251° (T&G) 233° Psc at 16.8 knots 78RPM. Zigzagging according to Plan #8. Ship darkened condition of readiness three set.				
4-8:	0655: Sighted Molakai Island bearing 150 (T) distance 35 miles.				
8-12:	0852: U.S.S. DM-83 reported for duty as escort. 0955: Steaming on various courses at various speeds, Manuevering to enter channel.				
12-16:	1204: Pilot R.L. Green came aboard. Pilot at Conn. Captain and Navigator on bridge. 1209: Passed through outer submarine nets. 1214: Passed through inner submarine nets. 1248: Moored starboard side to Berth M-3, Pearl Harbor, T.H. with six 8" manila lines and two 1½" wires. 1400: Commander Clarence J. Ballreich, U.S.N., the Commanding Officer, personally reported to Cincpac for duty and was verbally assigned to the fifth amphibious force. 1515: Commenced disembarking troops.				
16-20:	1735: Completed disembarking troops.				
20-24:	No remarks.				
Approved:			Examined:		
<i>C. J. Ballreich</i> C. J. BALLREICH, Commander, USN. <small>Commanding Officer.</small>			<i>W. H. Wright Lt. U.S.N.A.</i> <small>Navigator.</small>		

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UNITED STATES SHIP PRESIDENT POLK Wednesday 20 October, 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description _____

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0-4: Moored starboard side to Berth M-3, Pearl Harbor, T.H. with six 8" manila lines and two 1 1/2" wires. Receiving fresh water from dock. Ship darkened condition of readiness three set.

4-8: No remarks.

8-12: No remarks.

12-16: 1500: Pilot R.L. Green came aboard. Pilot at Conn. Captain and Navigator on bridge. 1519: Underway assisted by tugs to shift berth to X-17, steering various courses at various speeds conforming to channel. 1616: Manuevering for position in berth X-17.

16-20: Manuevering as before. 1915: Moored in berth X-17 with two 8" manila lines and one 2" wire to forward buoy, and two 8" manila lines and one 2" wire to after buoy. 1917: Pilot R.L. Green left the ship.

20-24: No remarks.

Approved:

Examined:

C. J. Ballreich
C. J. BALLREICH, Commander, USN.

Commanding Officer.

W. H. Waig
W. H. Waig Lt. M. S. N. R.

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP	PRESIDENT POLK	Thursday	21	October	19 43
		<small>(Day)</small>	<small>(Date)</small>	<small>(Month)</small>	
Zone description					
Position	0800	1200	2000		
Lat.					
Long.					
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)					
0-4:	Moored in Berth X-17, Pearl Harbor, T.H. with two 8" manila lines and one 2" wire to forward buoy and two 8" manila lines and one 1½" wire to after buoy. Ship darkened.				
4-8:	No remarks.				
8-12:	No remarks.				
12-16:	No remarks.				
16-20:	No remarks.				
20-24:	No remarks.				
Approved: _____ Examined: _____					
<i>S. J. Ballreich</i> S. J. BALLREICH, Comdr., USN. <small>Commanding Officer.</small>			<i>W. H. Wright</i> W. H. Wright Lt. U.S.N.R. <small>Navigator.</small>		

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UNITED STATES SHIP PRESIDENT POLK Friday 22 October , 19 43 .
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description _____

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0-4: Moored in berth X-17 Pearl Harbor, T.H. with two 8" manila lines and one 2" wire to forward buoy and two 8" manila lines and one 1½" wire to after buoy. Ship darkened.

4-8: No remarks.

8-12: No remarks.

12-16: 1240: Trash was discovered on fire in incinerator room. 1245: Blaze extinguished, no damage.

16-20: No remarks.

20-24: No remarks.

Approved:

J. Ballreich
J. BALLREICH, Comdr., USN.

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

W. H. Wright
W. H. Wright Lt. U. S. N. R.
 Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP PRESIDENT POLK Saturday 23 October , 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description _____

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0-4: Moored in berth X-17 Pearl Harbor, T.H. with two 8" manila lines and one 2" wire to forward buoy and two 8" manila lines and one 1½" wire to after buoy. Ship darkened.

4-8: No remarks.

8-12: No remarks.

12-16: No remarks.

16-20: No remarks.

20-24: No remarks.

Approved:

[Signature]
C. BALLREICH, Comdr., USN.

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

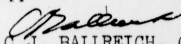
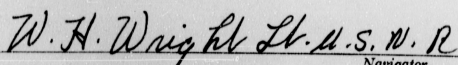
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W. H. Wright Lt. U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

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				(Day)	(Date)	(Month)	
Zone description _____							
Position	0800		1200			2000	
Lat.							
Long.							
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)							
0-4:	Moored in berth X-17 Pearl Harbor, T.H. with two 8" manila lines and one 2" wire to forward buoy and two 8" manila lines and one 1½" wire to after buoy. Ship darkened.						
4-8:	No remarks.						
8-12:	No remarks.						
12-16:	No remarks.						
16-20:	1800: C.L. Olson, pilot came aboard. 1825: R.L. Green, pilot relieved C.L. Olson as pilot. 1841: Underway to shift berths assisted by tugs. 1845: cast off tugs, steaming on various courses at various speeds conforming to channel. Pilot at Conn. Captain on Bridge. 1940: Moored starboard side to Dock A-10, Iroquis Point Wharf, Pearl Harbor, T.H. with six 8" manila lines and two 1½" wires. 1959: Pilot left ship.						
20-24:	No remarks.						
Approved:				Examined:			
 C. J. BALLREICH, Commander, USN. <i>Commanding Officer.</i>				 W. H. Wright Lt. U.S.N.R. <i>Navigator.</i>			

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UNITED STATES SHIP PRESIDENT POLK Monday 25 October, 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description _____

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

- 0-4: Moored starboard side to Dock A-10, Iroquis Point Wharf, Pearl Harbor, T.H. with six 8" manila lines and two 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " wires. Ship darkened.
- 4-8: No remarks.
- 8-12: No remarks.
- 12-16: 1240: Received the merchantman Dashing Wave alongside to port.
- 16-20: No remarks.
- 20-24: No remarks.

Approved:

C. J. Ballreich
 C. J. BALLREICH, Commander, USN.

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

W. H. Wright U.S.N.R.
 Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP	PRESIDENT POLK	Tuesday	26	October	19 43
		(Day)	(Date)	(Month)	
Zone description _____					
Position	0800	1200	2000		
Lat.					
Long.					
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)					
0-4: Moored starboard side to dock A-10, Iroquis Point Wharf, Pearl Harbor, T.H. with six 8" manila lines and two 1 1/4" wires. Ship darkened. Receiving fresh water. Discharging cargo.					
4-8: No remarks.					
8-12: 0820: S.S. DASHING WAVE got underway from port side and shifted berths. 1025: L.S.T. 281 moored alongside to port.					
12-16: 1500: L.S.T. 281 unmoored and shifted berths. Completed receiving fresh water having received 126,417 gallons.					
16-20: No remarks.					
20-24: No remarks.					
Approved:			Examined:		
<i>J. Ballreich</i> J. BALLREICH, Commander, USN.			<i>W. H. Wright</i> Lt. U. S. N. R.		
Commanding Officer.			Navigator.		

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UNITED STATES SHIP	PRESIDENT POLK	Wednesday	27	October	, 19 43
		(Day)	(Date)	(Month)	
Zone description _____					
Position	0800	1200	2000		
Lat.					
Long.					
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)					
0-4: Moored starboard side to dock A-10, Iroquis Point Wharf, Pearl Harbor, T.H. with six 8" manila lines and two 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " wires. Ship darkened. Discharging cargo.					
4-8: No remarks.					
8-12: 0800: Commenced receiving fresh water from dock.					
12-16: No remarks.					
16-20: No remarks.					
20-24: 2000: Completed discharging cargo from #1 hold. 2245: Completed receiving fresh water having received 40,000 gallons.					
Approved:			Examined:		
<i>C. Balreich</i> C. BALREICH, Commander, USN. Commanding Officer.			<i>W. H. Wright Lt. U.S.N.R.</i> Navigator.		

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UNITED STATES SHIP	PRESIDENT POLK	Thursday	28	October	19 43
		<small>(Day)</small>	<small>(Date)</small>	<small>(Month)</small>	
Zone description _____					
Position	0800	1200	2000		
Lat.					
Long.					
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)					
0-4:	Moored starboard side to dock A-10, Iroquis Point Wharf, Pearl Harbor, T.H. with six 8" manila lines and two 1½" wires. Ship darkened. Discharging cargo.				
4-8:	No remarks.				
8-12:	1000: Completed discharging cargo from #2 hold.				
12-16:	1304: Pilot Bos'n E. Van Dusen came aboard. 1325: Underway to shift berths assisted by tugs, steering various courses conforming to channel at various speeds. Pilot at Conn. Captain and Navigator on Bridge. 1449: Moored port side to Berth M2, Pearl Harbor, T.H. with six 8" manila lines and two 1½" wires. 1455: Pilot left the ship.				
16-20:	No remarks.				
20-24:	2200: Completed discharging cargo.				
Approved: <i>C. J. Ballreich</i>			Examined: <i>W. H. Wright Lt. U.S.N.R.</i>		
C. J. BALLREICH, Commander, USN. <small>Commanding Officer.</small>			W. H. WRIGHT, Lt. U.S.N.R. <small>Navigator.</small>		

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UNITED STATES SHIP PRESIDENT POLK Friday 29 October, 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description _____

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0-4: Moored port side to Berth M2, Pearl Harbor, T.H. with six 8" manila lines and two 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " wires. Ship darkened.

4-8: No remarks.

8-12: No remarks.

12-16: No remarks.

16-20: No remarks.

20-24: No remarks.

Approved:

C. D. Balreich
 C. D. BALREICH, Commander, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

W. H. Wright *St. U. S. N. R.*
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP PRESIDENT POLK Saturday 30 October, 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description _____

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

- 0-4: Moored port side to berth M-2, Pearl Harbor, T.H. with six 8" manila lines and two 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " wires. Ship darkened.
- 4-8: No remarks.
- 8-12: 0816: Pilot R.L. Green came aboard. 0834: Underway, assisted by tugs, to shift berths. Steering various courses conforming to channel at various speeds. Pilot at Conn. Captain and Navigator on Bridge. 0915: Moored starboard side to berth B-7, Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor, T.H. with six 8" manila lines and two 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " wires. 0917: Pilot left ship.
- 12-16: No remarks.
- 16-20: No remarks.
- 20-24: No remarks.

Approved:

J. Ballreich
J. BALLREICH, Commander, USN.
 Commanding Officer.

Examined:

W. H. Wright
W. H. Wright Lt. U.S.N.R.
 Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP PRESIDENT POLK Sunday 31 October, 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description _____

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

**OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)**

0-4: Moored starboard side to berth B-7, Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor, T.H. with six 8" manila lines and two 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " wires. Ship darkened.

4-8: No remarks.

8-12: No remarks.

12-16: No remarks.

16-20: No remarks.

20-24: No remarks.

Approved:

J. Ballreich
J. BALLREICH, Commander, USN.

J. Ballreich
 Commanding Officer.

Examined:

W. H. Wright II
W. H. Wright II, U. S. N. R.
 Navigator.

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