

UNITED STATES SHIP <u>GEMSBOK (IX-117)</u>		SATURDAY <u>1</u> JANUARY <u>1944</u>	
		<small>(Day)</small>	<small>(Date)</small> <small>(Month)</small>
Zone description <u>47</u>			
Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)			
0400	Moored to port side of Berth #90, San Pedro, California, using six (6) eight (8) inch manila line. Boiler #2 in use for auxiliary purposes. U. S. S. IX-118 moored to Starboard side.		
0800	Moored as before.	<i>J. J. Mowatt Lt (j) USNR.</i>	
1200	Moored as before.	<i>J. J. Mowatt Lt (j) USNR.</i>	
1600	Moored as before.	<i>J. B. Mc Ghee</i>	
2400	Moored as before.	<i>J. B. Mc Ghee</i>	
Approved: <u><i>A. H. Koovistie</i></u> <small>Commanding Officer.</small>		Examined: <u><i>E. W. Smith</i></u> <small>E. W. SMITH, Lt., USNR Navigator.</small>	

To be forwarded direct to the Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet, either at end of an operation or at the end of the calendar month.

76608

PART III
CONFIDENTIALCONFIDENTIAL
Page 2

UNITED STATES SHIP <u>GEMSBOK (X-117)</u>		<u>Sunday</u> (Day)	<u>2nd</u> (Date)	<u>January</u> (Month)	<u>1944</u>
Zone description <u>A 7</u>					
Position	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>		
Lat.					
Long.					
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)					
0400	Moored port side of Berth #90, San Pedro, California, using eight (8) six (6) inch manila lines. USS IX-118 moored port side to our starboard side. <i>J. J. Monty Lt. (jg) USNR.</i>				
0800	Moored as before.				
1200	Moored as before <i>J. J. Monty Lt. (jg) USNR.</i>				
2000	Moored as before. <i>J. H. Mc Ghee</i>				
2400	Moored as before. <i>J. H. Mc Ghee</i>				
Approved:		Examined:			
<i>A. H. Kocistra</i>		<i>E. W. Smith</i>			
A. H. KOCISTRA, Cdr., USNR Commanding Officer.		E. W. SMITH, Lt., USNR Navigator.			

To be forwarded direct to the Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet, either at end of an operation or at the end of the calendar month.

PART III
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL Page 3

UNITED STATES SHIP	GEMSBOK (IX-117)	Monday <small>(Day)</small>	3rd <small>(Date)</small>	19 44 <small>(Month)</small>
Zero description <u> f ?</u>				
Position	0800	1200	2000	
Lat.				
Long.				
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)				
0400	Moored port side of Berth #90, San Pedro, California, using eight (8) six (6) inch manila line. USS IX-116 moored port side to our starboard side. Boiler # 2 in use for auxiliary purposes.			
	<i>J. J. Moroney Jr. (jg) USNR</i>			
0800	Moored as before.			
	<i>J. L. Mc Saline</i>			
1200	Moored as before.			
	<i>J. J. Moroney Jr. (jg) USNR</i>			
1600	Moored as before.			
2000	Moored as before.			
	<i>J. L. Mc Saline</i>			
2400	Moored as before.			
Approved:		Examined:		
<i>A. H. Kooistra</i>		<i>E. W. Smith</i>		
A. H. KOOISTRA, Cdr., USNR Commanding Officer.		E. W. SMITH, Lt., USNR Navigator.		

To be forwarded direct to the Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet, either at end of an operation or at the end of the calendar month.

PART III
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

Page 4

UNITED STATES SHIP <u>GEMSBOK (IX-117)</u>		<u>Tuesday</u> (Day)	<u>4th</u> (Date)	<u>January</u> (Month)	<u>19 44</u>
Zone description <u>47</u>					
Position	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>		
Lat.					
Long.					
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)					
0400	Moored port side to Berth #90, San Pedro, California, using eight (8) six (6) inch manila lines. USS IX-118 moored port side to our starboard side. No. 2 boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. <i>J. H. Morrissey Lt. (jg) USNR.</i>				
0800	Moored as before.				
0830	Commenced pumping ballast into tank No. 2 and tank No. 9. Draft forward 14', aft 19'6".				
0830	Completed taking ballast, Draft for'd. 15', aft 19'6". <i>J. H. Morrissey</i>				
1200	Moored as before <i>J. H. Morrissey Lt. (jg) USNR.</i>				
1600	Moored as before				
1730	Commenced loading stores				
1830	Completed loading stores				
2000	Moored as before				
2400	Moored as before <i>J. H. Morrissey</i>				
Approved: <i>A. H. Koopstra</i> A. H. KOOPSTRA, Comdr, USNR Commanding Officer.			Examined: <i>E. W. Smith</i> E. W. SMITH, Lt., USNR Navigator.		

To be forwarded direct to the Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet, either at end of an operation or at the end of the calendar month.

4

PART III
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

Page 5

UNITED STATES SHIP <u>GEMSBOK (IX-117)</u>		<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>5th</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>1944</u>
		(Day)	(Date)	(Month)	
Zone description <u>47</u>					
Position	0800	1200	2000		
Lat.					
Long.					
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)					
0400	Moored port side to Berth #90, San Pedro, California using six (6) eight (8) inch manila lines, Boilers No. 1 and No. 2 in use for steaming purposes. USS IX-118 moored to starboard side <i>J. J. Moriarty Lt(jg) USNR.</i>				
0700	Made all preparations for getting underway.				
0857	USS IX-118 cast off starboard side.				
0900	Left Berth #90, underway steering various courses and speeds in channel.				
0940	Passed Fermin light abeam starboard, distance 1.5 miles				
1013	Passed through net. Pilot left ship				
1057	Passed Station vessel abeam to starboard				
1108	Sighted Catalina Island on port bow, 11 miles distant				
1300	Arrived in firing area proceeding on various courses and speeds <i>J. H. McGehee</i>				
1545	Secured from drills. Proceeded to San Pedro harbor at various speeds and courses <i>J. J. Moriarty Lt(jg) USNR.</i>				
1800	Passed through net				
1820	Let go port anchor				
1830	Anchored in San Pedro Bay area P2. 45 fathoms of chain at water's edge. Mud bottom. Anchor bearings inside breakwater light, 301 degrees true Los Angeles Harbor light 228 degrees true				
1840	Mail boat in channel. Lt. McGehee made trip to NOR				
1945	Boat returned to ship.				
2000	Anchored as before. <i>E. W. Smith</i>				
2400	Anchored as before <i>J. H. McGehee</i>				
Approved: <i>A. H. Kocistra</i>		Examined: <i>E. W. Smith</i>			
A. H. KOCISTRA, Cdr., USNR Commanding Officer.		E. W. SMITH, Lt., USNR		Navigator.	

To be forwarded direct to the Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet, either at end of an operation or at the end of the calendar month.

PART III
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

Page 6

UNITED STATES SHIP <u>GEMSROK (IX-117)</u>		<u>Thursday</u>	<u>6th</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>1944</u>
		(Day)	(Date)	(Month)	
Zone description <u>L 7</u>					
Position	0800	1200	2000		
Lat.					
Long.					
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)					
0400	Anchored in San Pedro Bay, Area P2 (1), San Pedro (2) with 45 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following bearings. Inside Breakwater light 301 degrees true Los Angeles Harbor Light 228 degrees True. Two boilers in use for auxiliary purposes. <i>J. J. Moriarty Lt(jg) USNR</i>				
0800	Anchored as before. Made all preparations for getting underway.				
0840	Anchor aweigh.				
0842	Underway at various speeds and courses.				
0905	Passed through net.				
0925	Passed through Breakwater.				
1200	Steaming on course 257 degrees PGC True at standard speed 11 knots.				
1500	Changed course to 075 degrees PGC at standard speed. <i>J. J. Moriarty</i>				
1748	Stop - Pilot Dickson, G.Z., Lt.(jg), USNR came aboard. <i>J. J. Moriarty</i>				
1750	Proceeded to half speed				
1830	Passed through net and steamed into San Pedro Harbor on various speeds and courses conforming to channel. Pilot at conn, Captain and Navigator on bridge.				
1840	Let go port anchor on 45 fathoms of chain to water's edge. Mud bottom.				
1850	Secured in Area P2, San Pedro Harbor. Anchor bearings Los Angeles Harbor Light 225 degrees True inside breakwater light 291 degrees T. Two boilers in use for auxiliary purposes.				
2000	Anchored as before. <i>E. W. Smith</i>				
2400	Anchored as before. <i>J. H. Moriarty</i>				
Approved:		Examined:			
<i>A. H. Koistra</i>		<i>E. W. Smith</i>			
A. H. KOISTRA, Cdr., USNR Commanding Officer.		E. W. SMITH, Lt., USNR Navigator.			

To be forwarded direct to the Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet, either at end of an operation or at the end of the calendar month.

PART III
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

Page 7

UNITED STATES SHIP <u>GEMSBOK (IX-117)</u>		Friday <small>(Day)</small>	7th <small>(Date)</small>	January <small>(Month)</small>	19 <u>44</u>
Zone description <u>47</u>					
Position	0800	1200	2000		
Lat.					
Long.					
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)					
0400	Anchored in Berth P-1, San Pedro Bay, San Pedro, California, with 45 fathoms of chain to port anchor on the following bearings, Los Angeles Harbor Light 225 degrees True inside Breakwater Light 350 degrees True. Two boilers in use for auxiliary purposes.				
	<i>JJ Moricenti Lt (j) USNR</i>				
0600	Anchored as before. Made all preparations for getting underway.				
0920	Anchors aweigh, slow ahead. Proceeded at various speeds and courses.				
0940	Passed through net				
0942	Passed through breakwater				
1015	Changed speed one half ahead due to limited visibility.				
1104	Changed course to 340 degrees T - PGC				
1110	Commenced steering various courses and speeds to complete series of runs over measured mile.				
1200	Steaming as before on various courses and speeds over measured mile on speed trials.				
	<i>JJ Moricenti</i>				
1600	Finished runs over measured mile, steamed various courses and speeds.				
1712	Stopped. Picked up Olson, E. B., Lt., USNR, Pilot.				
1752	Passed through Breakwater into Los Angeles Harbor. Captain and Navigator on bridge.				
1812	Anchored in Area O-1, San Pedro Bay, California. 45 fathoms of chain to port anchor. Mud Bottom. Bearings inside Breakwater Light 299 degrees T. East Entrance Light 228 degrees.				
1825	Mail Boat left for NOB				
2000	Mail Boat returned to ship				
2000	Anchored as before				
	<i>E. W. Smith.</i>				
2400	Anchored as before				
	<i>J. R. M. [unclear]</i>				
Approved:			Examined:		
<i>A. H. Kooistra</i>			<i>E. W. Smith.</i>		
A. H. KOOLSTRA, Cdr., USNR Commanding Officer.			E. W. SMITH, Lt., USNR Navigator.		

To be forwarded direct to the Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet, either at end of an operation or at the end of the calendar month.

PART III
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

Page D

UNITED STATES SHIP GEMSBOK (IX-117) Saturday 8th January, 1944
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description 47

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

- 0400 Anchored in Berth O-1, San Pedro Bay, California, with 45 fathoms of chain to port anchor on the following bearings Los Angeles Harbor Light 228 degrees T. Inside breakwater light 300 degrees T. Two boilers in use for auxiliary purposes. *J.J. Moriarty Lt (j) USNR.*
- 0800 Anchored as before. Made all preparations for getting underway
- 0900 Anchor aweigh, slow speed ahead. Underway at various speeds and courses
- 0931 Passed through nets
- 0935 Passed through Breakwater
- 0936 Took departure at set course 256 degrees T., PGC
- 1141 With right tangent, Catalina Island, abeam to port. Changed course to 240 degrees T, PGC
- 1200 Steaming as before on various courses and speeds, 240 degrees T, PGC *J.H. McSweeney*
- 1515 Commenced discharging ballast from double bottoms #1 and #3. *J.J. Moriarty*
- 1600 Steaming on various courses and speeds proceeding to San Pedro Bay. Pilot took control. Captain and Navigator on bridge.
- 1830 Moored portside to Berth #239, Terminal Island, using eight(8) six (6) inch manila lines. Boiler #1 in use for auxiliary purposes
- 2000 Moored as before *E.W. Smith*
- 2400 Moored as before *J.H. McSweeney*

Approved:

Examined:

A.H. Koistra
 A. H. KOISTRA, CDR, USNR Commanding Officer.

E.W. Smith
 E. W. SMITH, Lt., USNR Navigator.

To be forwarded direct to the Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet, either at end of an operation or at the end of the calendar month.

8

PART III
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

Page 7

UNITED STATES SHIP		GEMSBOX (IX-117)		Sunday	8th	January	, 19 44
				(Day)	(Date)	(Month)	
Zone description <u>17</u>							
Position	0800	1200	2000				
Lat.							
Long.							
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)							
0145 Completed discharging ballast.							
0310 Commenced loading cargo fuel							
0400 Moored port side to Berth 238, Terminal Island, San Pedro, California with (8) eight (8) six inch manila lines. Boiler No. 1 in use for auxiliary purposes.							
0800 Moored as before <i>J. J. Marienty U.S.N.R.</i>							
1040 Knocked off loading fuel							
1115 Resumed cargo loading							
1200 Moored as before							
1400 Finished taking aboard 50 tons of Fresh Water <i>J. H. M. Helms</i>							
1600 Moored as before. Continued cargo operations. <i>J. J. Marienty</i>							
1610 Dry Stores loaded aboard							
1734 Finished loading cargo - diesel oil. 60,889 barrels.							
1816 Fresh provisions taken aboard							
2000 Completed topping off cargo tanks							
2330 Lighted No. 2 boiler. <i>J. H. M. Helms</i>							
Approved:				Examined:			
<i>A. H. Koristra</i>				<i>E. W. Smith</i>			
A. H. KOGISTRA, Cdr., USNR Commanding Officer.				E. W. SMITH, Lt., USNR. Navigator.			

To be forwarded direct to the Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet, either at end of an operation or at the end of the calendar month.

PART III
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

Page 10

UNITED STATES SHIP		GEMSBOOK (IX-117)		Monday	10th	January	1944
				(Day)	(Date)	(Month)	
Zone description <i>f 7</i>							
Position	0800	1200	2000				
Lat.							
Long.							
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)							
0004	Moored port side to Berth 239, Los Angeles Harbor with 8" and 6" manila lines. Boiler No. 2 in use for getting underway.						
0230	Started Master Gyro Compass <i>JJ Morante Lt(jg) USNR.</i>						
0400	Moored as before						
0730	Made all preparations for getting underway						
0840	Left Berth 239, proceeded at various speeds and courses. Pilot at controls, Captain and Navigator on bridge.						
1004	Passed through net						
1010	Passed through Breakwater						
1030	Set and energized Degaussing coils, setting 115, commenced maneuvering on various courses and speeds on run through Degaussing range on South run.						
1046	Commenced maneuvering to make North run through Degaussing range.						
1107	Passed through Degaussing range on Northern run						
1112	Began maneuvering at various courses and speeds to effect Radio Direction Finder calibrations.						
1216	Completed Radio Direction Finder calibrations <i>J. H. M. Green</i>						
1230	Commenced swinging ship for compass calibrations.						
1410	Completed compass calibrations						
1415	Steamed at various speeds and courses to Los Angeles Harbor						
1505	Passed Breakwater <i>JJ Morante</i>						
1920	Anchored in PGX eight, Los Angeles Harbor, 45 fathoms chain on port anchor to water's edge. 6 fathoms of water. Mud bottom. Anchor bearings inside Breakwater light 15 degrees T., outside Breakwater light 125 degrees T.						
2000	Anchored as before						
2400	Anchored as before. <i>J. H. M. Green</i>						
Approved:				Examined:			
<i>A. H. Koopstra</i>				<i>E. W. Smith</i>			
A. H. KOOPSTRA, Comdr., USNR Commanding Officer.				E. W. SMITH, Lt., USNR Navigator.			

To be forwarded direct to the Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet, either at end of an operation or at the end of the calendar month.

PART III
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

Page 11

UNITED STATES SHIP		GEMSBOK (IX-117)	Tuesday	11th	January	19 44
			(Day)	(Date)	(Month)	
Zone description <u>A 7</u>						
Position	0800	1200	2000			
Lat.						
Long.						
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)						
0000 - 0400 Anchored in FOX 8 San Pedro Bay with 45 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following bearings: Breakwater Light 015 degrees T. Inside Breakwater light 125 degrees T. Boiler No. 1 in use for auxiliary purposes <i>J. H. Kooistra USNR</i>						
0400 - 0800 Anchored as before						
0800 - 1200 Anchored as before. Ship's running boat making trips to NOB on schedule.						
1135 U. S. Navy Tug YMT 27 came alongside with 3 civilians (Electricians to repair ship's running lights; also delivered on board 4 lengths of 6" oil hose <i>J. H. Kooistra</i>						
1200 - 1800 Anchored as before. <i>J. H. Kooistra USNR</i>						
1500 Commenced loading ammunition from Navy Barge 752. All safety precautions taken.						
1600 Finished loading ammunition						
1800 - 2000 Anchored as before						
2000 - 2400 Anchored as before <i>J. H. Kooistra</i>						
Approved:			Examined:			
<i>A. H. Kooistra</i>			<i>E. W. Smith</i>			
A. H. KOOISTRA, Cdr., USNR <i>Commanding Officer.</i>			E. W. SMITH, Lt., USNR <i>Navigator.</i>			

To be forwarded direct to the Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet, either at end of an operation or at the end of the calendar month.

UNITED STATES SHIP <u>GEMSBOK (IX-117)</u>		<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>12 January</u>	<u>19 44</u>
		(Day)	(Date)	(Month)
Zone description <u>47</u>				
Position	0800	1200	2000	
Lat.				
Long.				
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)				
0000 - 0400	Anchored in Berth FOX 8, San Pedro Bay, California with 45 fathoms of chain to the port side anchor and the following bearings, inside breakwater light 015 degrees T, outside breakwater light 125 degrees T. No. 1 boiler in use for auxiliary purposes.			
0400 - 0800	Anchored as before <i>J. J. Moriarty USNR.</i>			
1200 - 1600	Anchored as before			
1230	Made all preparations for getting underway			
1330	Underway from Berth FOX 8, San Pedro Bay, California on various courses and speeds conforming to channel. Captain at controls. Executive Officer on bridge.			
1407	Passed Breakwater. Took departure			
1435	Set course 243 degrees T, PGC advanced to standard speed, 11.5 knots, 74 revolutions.			
1600 - 2000	<i>J. J. Moriarty USNR.</i>			
1616	West Point of Santa Catalina Island abeam on port side 3 miles distant. Changed course at 245 degrees T, PGC			
1650	Changed course at 252 degrees T, PGC <i>E. W. Smith</i>			
2000 - 2400	Steaming as before <i>J. R. Mullen</i>			
2025	Changed course to 262 degrees T, PGC <i>J. R. Mullen</i>			
Approved:		Examined:		
<i>A. H. Kooistra</i>		<i>E. W. Smith</i>		
A. H. KOOISTRA, Comdr, USNR <i>Commanding Officer.</i>		E. W. SMITH, Lt., USNR <i>Navigator.</i>		

To be forwarded direct to the Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet, either at end of an operation or at the end of the calendar month.

PART III
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

Page 13

UNITED STATES SHIP		GEMSBOX (IX-117)		Thursday	13	January	1944
				(Day)	(Date)	(Month)	
Zone description: <u>4 8</u>							
Position	0800	1200	2000				
Lat.		32° - 50' N					
Long.		122 - 55 W					
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)							
0000 - 0400	Steaming on course 261 degrees T, PGC at standard speed 11.5 knots 73.5 revolutions. Boiler No. 1 & 2 in use for steaming purposes <i>J. J. Murawski USNR.</i>						
0400 - 0800	Steaming on course 261 degrees, PGC at standard speed 11.5 knots, 73.5 revolutions. Boilers No. 1 & 2 in use for steaming purposes <i>E. W. Smith</i>						
0600	Commenced zig-zagging on various courses						
0800 - 1200	Steaming and zig-zagging as before <i>J. R. M. Seese</i>						
1150	Made daily routine inspection of magazine spaces and and smokeless powder samples. Conditions normal. <i>J. R. M. Seese</i>						
1200 - 1600	Steaming as before on base course 261 degrees T, PGC at standard speed 11.5 knots, 73 revolutions, zig-zagging on various courses. <i>J. J. Murawski USNR.</i>						
1400	Retarded clocks to <u>7.5</u> Time Zone						
1600 - 2000	Steaming as before zig-zagging at standard speed 11.5 knots 73.5 revolutions <i>E. W. Smith</i>						
1800	Changed course to 257 degrees T, PGC, and discontinued zig-zagging						
2000 - 2400	Steaming as before at standard speed. Average RPM 71.4 <i>J. R. M. Seese</i>						
Approved:				Examined:			
<i>A. H. Kooistra</i>				<i>E. W. Smith</i>			
A. H. KOOISTRA, Cdr., USNR Commanding Officer.				E. W. SMITH, Lt., USNR Navigator.			

To be forwarded direct to the Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet, either at end of an operation or at the end of the calendar month.

13

PART III
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

Page 14

UNITED STATES SHIP GEMSBOK (IX-117) Friday 14 January, 1944
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description 8

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		31° - 31' N	
Long.		127 - 59 W	

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400 Steaming on course 257 degrees T, PGC, at standard speed, 11 knots, ~~XXXXX~~ 73.1 RPM. Boilers No. 1 & 2 in use for steaming purposes

J. M. Monte
R. G. U. & N. R.

0400 - 0800 Steaming as before at standard speeds 11 knots. Average RPM 73.1. No. 1 & 2 boilers in use for steaming purposes.

E. W. Smith

0730 Changed course to 257 degrees T, PGC and 231 PSC

0800 - 1200 Steaming as before at standard speed, 11 knots

J. R. M. Seese

1100 Routine daily inspection of magazine spaces and smokeless powder samples. Conditions satisfactory. Average RPM: 71.8

J. R. M. Seese

1000 Tested Fire Alarm System. Test satisfactory

J. R. M. Seese

1600 - 2000 Steaming as before on standard speed, knots: 11, RPM: 72.6 No. 1 & 2 boilers in use for steaming purposes

E. W. Smith

2000 - 2400 Steaming as before on standard speed, 11 knots, 73.7 RPM

J. R. M. Seese

Approved:

A. H. Kooistra
A. H. KOOISTRA, Cdr., USNR. Commanding Officer.

Examined:

E. W. Smith
E. W. SMITH, Lt., USNR. Navigator.

To be forwarded direct to the Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet, either at end of an operation or at the end of the calendar month.

14

UNITED STATES SHIP GEMSBOK (IX-117) Saturday 16 January, 19 44
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description 8

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		29° - 46' N	
Long.		133 - 17 W	

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400 Steaming on course 249 degrees T, PGC at standard speed 11 knots, 73 RPM. Boilers No. 1 & 2 in use for steaming purposes.

*J. J. Moriarty
Lt(jg) USNR*

0400 - 0800 Steaming as before

E. W. Smith

0800 - 1200 Steaming as before

J. H. M. Seaman

1200 - 1600 Steaming as before

*J. J. Moriarty
Lt(jg) USNR*

1310 Changed course to 150 degrees T, PGC

1600 - 2000 Steaming as before

E. W. Smith

2000 - 2400 Steaming as before

J. H. M. Seaman

Approved:

Examined:

A. H. Kooistra
A. H. KOOISTRA, Cdr., USNR Commanding Officer.

E. W. Smith
E. W. SMITH, Lt., USNR Navigator.

To be forwarded direct to the Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet, either at end of an operation or at the end of the calendar month.

15

PART III
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

Page 16

UNITED STATES SHIP GEMSBOK (IX-117)		Sunday	16	January	19 44
		(Day)	(Date)	(Month)	
Zone description <u>9</u>					
Position	0800	1200	2000		
Lat.		28° - 10' N			
Long.		138 - 06 W			
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)					
0000 - 0400 Steaming on course 250 degrees T, PGC at standard speed, 11.5 knots, 73 RPM. Boilers No. 1 & 2 in use xxxxxxxxxxxx steaming purposes <i>J. J. Moriarty Lt. (jg) USNR</i>					
0400 - 0800 Steaming as before on course 250 degrees T, PGC <i>E. W. Smith</i>					
0800 - 1200 Steaming as before on course 250 degrees, PGC <i>J. R. M. Seale</i>					
1200 - 1600 Steaming as before on course 250 degrees, PGC <i>J. J. Moriarty Lt. (jg) USNR</i>					
1600 - 2000 Steaming as before on course 250 degrees, PGC <i>E. W. Smith</i>					
2000 - 2400 Steaming as before on course 250 degrees, PGC <i>J. R. M. Seale</i>					
Approved:			Examined:		
<i>A. H. Kooistra</i>			<i>E. W. Smith</i>		
A. H. KOOISTRA, Cdr., USNR <i>Commanding Officer.</i>			E. W. SMITH, Lt., USNR <i>Navigator.</i>		

To be forwarded direct to the Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet, either at end of an operation or at the end of the calendar month.

PART III
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

Page 17

UNITED STATES SHIP GEMSBOK (IX-117) Monday 17 January, 1944
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description 49

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		26° - 20' N	
Long.		143 - 14 W	

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400 Steaming on course 248 degrees T, PGC, at standard speed, 11.4 knots, 73 RPM. Boilers No. 1 & 2 in use for steaming purposes.

J. J. Morante
(Lt.) USNR

0400 - 0800 Steaming as before on course 248 degrees T, PGC, 73 RPM

E. W. Smith

0800 - 1200 Steaming as before on course 248 degrees T, PGC 72.8 RPM

J. R. M. Selva

1200 - 1600 Steaming as before on course 248 degrees T, PGC 73.1 RPM at standard speed, 11.5 knots.

1310 Changed course to 249 degrees T. PGC

J. J. Morante
(Lt.) USNR

1600 - 2000 Steaming as before on course 248 degrees T. PGC 73.1 RPM

E. W. Smith

2000 - 2400 Steaming as before on course 248 degrees T, PGC 73.6 RPM

J. R. M. Selva

Approved:

Examined:

A. H. Kooistra
A. H. KOOISTRA, Cdr., USNR Commanding Officer.

E. W. Smith
E. W. SMITH, Lt., USNR Navigator.

To be forwarded direct to the Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet, either at end of an operation or at the end of the calendar month.

PART III
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

Page 18

UNITED STATES SHIP GEMSBOK (IX-117) Tuesday 18 January, 1944
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description F 9

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		24° - 35' N	
Long.		148 - 10 W	

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400 Steaming on course 249 degrees T., PGC at standard speed. RPM 73. Boilers No. 1 & 2 in use for steaming purposes.

J. J. Moriarty
(Signature) USNR

0400 - 0800 Steaming as before on course 249 degrees T., PGC

E. W. Smith

0800 - 1200 Steaming as before on course 249 degrees T., PGC

0839 Changed course to 247 degrees, PGC

J. H. M. Sweeney

1200 - 1600 Steaming as before on course 247 degrees, PGC, 248 degrees T

1330 Retarded clocks 20 minutes

J. J. Moriarty
(Signature) USNR

1600 - 2000 Steaming as before on course 247 degrees, PGC, 248 degrees T.

1756 Stopped engines to repair oil pump

1825 Full ahead. 29 minutes delay

E. W. Smith

2000 - 2400 Steaming as before on course 247 degrees, PGC, 248 degrees T.

J. H. M. Sweeney

Approved:

Examined:

A. H. Kooistra
A. H. KOOISTRA, Comdr, USNR Commanding Officer.

E. W. Smith
E. W. SMITH, Lt., USNR Navigator.

To be forwarded direct to the Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet, either at end of an operation or at the end of the calendar month.

16-30079-2 ☆ U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE : 1943

18

PART III
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

Page 19

UNITED STATES SHIP GEMSBOK (IX-117) Wednesday 19 January, 1944
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description 10

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		22° - 34' N	
Long.		153° - 07' W	

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

00 - 04 Steaming on course 248 degrees T, PGC, at standard speed 11.5 knots, RPM 73. Boilers No. 1 & 2 in use for steaming purposes. ^{247°}

04 - 08 Steaming as before on course 248 degrees T, PGC

08 - 12 Steaming as before, RPM 73.1

12 - 16 Steaming as before on course 248 degrees T, 247 PGC

1310 Changed course to 254 degrees T, PGC

1330 Retarded clocks 12 minutes

16 - 20 Steaming as before on course 254 degrees T, PGC, standard speed 11.5 knots, RPM 73.8

1915 Changed course to 257 degrees T, 256 PGC.

20 - 24 Steaming as before 257 degrees T, 256 PGC
RPM 73.1

Approved:

Examined:

A. H. Kooistra
A. H. KOOISTRA, Comdr, USNR Commanding Officer.

E. W. Smith
E. W. SMITH, Lt., USNR Navigator.

To be forwarded direct to the Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet, either at end of an operation or at the end of the calendar month.

PART III
CONFIDENTIAL

Page 20

UNITED STATES SHIP <u>GEMSBOK</u>		<u>Thursday</u> (Day)	<u>20</u> (Date)	<u>January</u> (Month)	<u>1944</u>
Zone description <u>± 10</u>					
Position	0800	1200	2000		
Lat.					
Long.					
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)					
0000 - 0400	Steaming on course 256° T.P.G.C. at standard speed 11.5 knots 73 R.P.M. Boilers No. 1 and 2 in use for steaming purposes.				
0307	Stopped engines due to casualty to main circulating pump.				
0335	Emergency repairs completed and underway at standard speed.				
0400 - 0800	Steaming as before.				
0440	Changed course to 255° T. P.G.C.				
0600	Commenced zig zagging on various courses. R.P.M. 73.8				
0800 - 1200	Steaming as before.				
0810	Discontinued zig zagging.				
0812	Change course to 218° P.G.C.				
0850	Commenced maneuvering at various courses and speeds, standing into harbor.				
1030	Special sea detail.				
1137	Passed buoy No. 1 entering Pearl Harbor.				
1200 - 1600	Steaming as before.				
1228	Moored starboard side to U.S.S. IX-116 using 5-8" manila lines and two mooring wires to buoys in Berth Xray - 18 Pearl Harbor, T.H. Boiler No. 1 in use for auxiliary purposes.				
1600 - 2000	Moored as before.				
2000 - 2400	Moored as before.				
Approved:		Examined:			
<u>A. H. Kooistra</u>		<u>E. W. Smith</u>			
A. H. KOOISTRA, Comdr., USNR.		E. W. SMITH, Lieut., USNR.			
Commanding Officer.		Navigator.			

To be forwarded direct to the Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet, either at end of an operation or at the end of the calendar month.

PART III
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

Page 21

UNITED STATES SHIP		GEMSBOK	Friday	21	January	19 44
			(Day)	(Date)	(Month)	
Zone description <u>1 10</u>						
Position	0800	1200	2000			
Lat.						
Long.						
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)						
0 - 4	Moored at Bery Xray - 18 Pearl Harbor with a wire forward to buoy and a wire aft to buoy. Starboard side to U.S.S. IX-116 with 6-8", two lines forward three lines aft. No. 1&2 boilers in use for auxiliary purposes.					
4 - 8	Moored as before.					
8 - 12	Moored as before.					
0911	Water barge #Y079 alongside. Received 1379 tons of fresh water.					
1150	Water barge left.					
12 - 16	Moored as before.					
16 - 20	Moored as before.					
20 - 24	Moored as before.					
2100	Commenced loading oil drums.					
<p style="text-align: right;"><i>J. H. Kovista</i> Lt. Jg USNR.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>J. H. Kovista</i> Lt. Jg USNR.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>J. H. Kovista</i></p>						
Approved:			Examined:			
<i>G. H. Kovista</i>			<i>E. W. Smith</i>			
Commanding Officer.			E. W. SMITH, Lt., USNR. Navigator.			

To be forwarded direct to the Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet, either at end of an operation or at the end of the calendar month.

21

PART III
CONFIDENTIAL

Page 22

UNITED STATES SHIP		GEMSBOX	Saturday	22	January	19 44
			(Day)	(Date)	(Month)	
Zone description <u>1 10</u>						
Position	0800	1200	2000			
Lat.						
Long.						
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)						
0000 - 0400	Moored as before.					
0200	Completed loading cargo of lubricating oil and gasoline having received one hundred barrels lube oil and two hundred barrels aviation gasoline.					
0400 - 0800	Moored as before. <i>J. J. Mowbray Lt. jg USNR</i>					
0800 - 1200	Moored as before.					
0815	Started gyro compass.					
1115	Routine inspection of magazines spaces and smokeless powder samples. Condition normal. <i>J. R. M. Miller</i>					
1200 - 1600	Moored as before.					
1300	Made all preparations for getting underway.					
1445	Underway from Pearl Harbor, steaming on various courses and speed conforming to channel. Turned on M plus 90 degaussing coils.					
1545	Passed entrance buoy No. 1 on starboard beam. Took departure. <i>J. J. Mowbray</i>					
1715	Set basic course 217° T P.G.C.					
1851	Changed course to 223° T P.G.C. R.P.M. 57.					
2000 - 2400	Steaming on basic course.					
2130	Secured degaussing coils. <i>J. R. M. Miller</i>					
Approved:			Examined:			
<i>A. H. Kocistra</i>			<i>E. W. Smith</i>			
A. H. KOCISTRA, Comdr., USNR.			E. W. SMITH, Lt., USNR.			
Commanding Officer.			Navigator.			

To be forwarded direct to the Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet, either at end of an operation or at the end of the calendar month.

PART III
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

Page 23

UNITED STATES SHIP <u>GEMSBOK</u>		Sunday <u>23</u>	January <u>19 44</u>
		(Day)	(Date) (Month)
Zone description <u>± 10</u>			
Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		20° - 10' N	
Long.		160° - 04' W	
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)			
0 - 4	Steaming on course 223° T, PGC at standard speed 9.0 knots, R.P.M. 51, in company with Task Group 51.5 boilers No. 1 & 2 in use for steaming purposes.		
0120	Changed course to 253° T, PGC. <i>J. J. Morant</i>		
4 - 8	Steaming as before R.P.M. 54. <i>J. J. Morant Lt. jg USNR.</i>		
8 - 12	Steaming as before.		
0800	Commenced zigzagging in accordance Plan 10 average R. P. M. 54.7. <i>J. R. McFadden</i>		
12 - 16	Steaming as before on course 253° T, PGC.		
1530	Changed course to 253° T, PGC. <i>J. J. Morant Lt. jg USNR</i>		
16 - 20	Steaming as before on base course 253° T, PGC.		
1840	Discontinued zigzagging R.P.M. 55.6.		
20 - 24	Steaming as before R.P.M. 54.2. <i>J. R. McFadden</i>		
Approved: <i>A. H. Koistra</i>		Examined: <i>E. W. Smith</i>	
A. H. KOISTRA, Comdr, USNR. <i>Commanding Officer.</i>		E. W. SMITH, Lt., USNR. <i>Navigator.</i>	

To be forwarded direct to the Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet, either at end of an operation or at the end of the calendar month.

23

PART III
CONFIDENTIAL

Page 24

UNITED STATES SHIP GEMSBOK Monday 24 January, 1944
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description ± 10

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		18° - 58' N	
Long.		164° - 00' W	

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0 - 4 Steaming on course 252° T, P.G.C. at standard speed
9 knots R.P.M. 51, in company with Task Group 51.5.
Boilers No. 1 & 2 in use for steaming purposes.

4 - 8 Steaming at standard speed on course 252° T, P.G.C.

0700 Commenced zigzagging according to Plan 11.

8 - 12 Steaming and zigzagging as before.

0832 Changed course to 250° T, P.G.C. R.P.M. 54.3.

12 - 16 Steaming and zigzagging as before on base course 250° T,
P.G.C..

1445 Changed speed to two thirds.

1500 Retarded clocks 30 minutes.

1510 Resumed standard speed.

16 - 20 Steaming on base course 250° T, P.G.C.

1830 Ceased zigzagging, R.P.M. 57.2.

20 - 24 Steaming as before R.P.M. 57.7.

Approved:

Examined:

A. H. Kooistra
A. H. KOOISTRA, Comdr, USNR. *Commanding Officer.*

E. W. Smith
E. W. SMITH, Lt., USNR. *Navigator.*

To be forwarded direct to the Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet, either at end of an operation or at the end of the calendar month.

24

PART III
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

Page 25

UNITED STATES SHIP GEMSBOK (IX-117) Tuesday 25 January, 1944
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description ± 11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		17° - 50' N	
Long.		167° - 00' W	

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0 - 4 Steaming on course 250° T, P.G.C. at standard speed 9 knots. R.P.M. 51, in company with Task Group 51.5. Boilers No. 1 & 2 in use for steaming purposes.

4 - 8 Steaming as before.

0645 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan 10. R.P.M. 58.7.

8 - 12 Steaming and zigzagging as before. R.P.M. 57.1

12 - 16 Steaming and zigzagging as before.

16 - 20 Steaming and zigzagging as before. Retarded ship's clocks 30 minutes to conform with ± 11 zone time.

1735 Changed course to 252° T. P.G.C.

1830 Ceased zigzagging, RPM 58.1.

20 - 24 Steaming as before. R.P.M. 58.6.

Approved:

Examined:

A. H. Kooistra
A. H. KOOISTRA, Comdr., USNR, Commanding Officer.

E. W. Smith
E. W. SMITH, Lt., USNR, Navigator.

To be forwarded direct to the Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet, either at end of an operation or at the end of the calendar month.

25

PART III
CONFIDENTIAL

Page 26

UNITED STATES SHIP GEMSBOK (IX-117) Wednesday 26 January, 1944
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description ± 11.5

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		16° - 45' N	
Long.		171° - 10' W	

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0 - 4 Steaming on course 252° T, P.G.C. at standard speed 9 knots, R.P.M. 57.0 in company with Task Group 51.5. Boilers in use for steaming purposes.

J. H. Kooistra
USNR

4 - 8 Steaming as before.

0630 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan 11.

0740 Changed course to 250° T, P.G.C. R.P.M. 58.2.

0751 Made starboard emergency turn to evade possible torpedo attack.

E. W. Smith

8 - 12 Steaming and zigzagging as before. R.P.M. 58.5.

J. H. Kooistra

12 - 16 Steaming as before.

1300 Changed course to 248° T, P.G.C. R.P.M. 57.

J. H. Kooistra
USNR

16 - 20 Steaming as before.

1800 Ceased zigzagging, R.P.M. 55.6.

E. W. Smith

20 - 24 Steaming as before. R.P.M. 56.7.

J. H. Kooistra

Approved:

Examined:

A. H. Kooistra

A. H. KOOISTRA, Comdr., USNR. *Commanding Officer.*

E. W. Smith

E. W. SMITH, Lt., USNR. *Navigator.*

To be forwarded direct to the Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet, either at end of an operation or at the end of the calendar month.

PART III
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

Page 27

UNITED STATES SHIP GEMSBROK (IX-117) Thursday 27 January, 1944
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description 12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		15° - 28' N	
Long.		175° - 02' W	

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

- 0 - 4 Steaming on course 248° T, P.G.C. at standard speed 9 knots, in company with Task Group 51.5. Boilers No. 1 & 2 in use for steaming purposes. *J. J. Moroney Lt. jg USNR.*
- 4 - 8 Steaming as before.
- 0530 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan 10.
- 0745 Reduced speed to 2/3rd 7.5 knots R.P.M. 54.9. *E. W. Smith*
- 8 - 12 Steaming and zigzagging as before.
- 0910 Ceased zigzagging and returned to base course 248° T, P.G.C.
- 1030 Commenced zigzagging using plan 8, R.P.M. 50. *J. R. M. ...*
- 12 - 16 Steaming and zigzagging as before.
- 1316 Ceased zigzagging.
- 1350 Changed course to 228° T.
- 1402 Made emergency 45° turn to port.
- 1425 Resumed base course 248° T, P.G.C.
- 1425 Commenced zigzagging to plan 8. *J. J. Moroney Lt. jg USNR.*
- 16 - 20 Steaming as before.
- 1640 Changed speed to standard 9 knots.
- 1830 Ceased zigzagging, R.P.M. 54.9. *E. W. Smith.*
- 20 - 24 Steaming as before R.P.M. 58.5. *J. R. M. ...*

Approved:

Examined:

A. H. Kooistra
A. H. KOOISTRA, Comdr. USNR. Commanding Officer.*E. W. Smith*
E. W. SMITH, Lt., USNR. Navigator.

To be forwarded direct to the Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet, either at end of an operation or at the end of the calendar month.

PART III
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

Page 28

UNITED STATES SHIP <u>GEMSBOK (IX-117)</u>		<u>Friday</u> (Day)	<u>28</u> (Date)	<u>January</u> (Month)	<u>1944</u>
Zone description <u>± 12</u>					
Position	0800	1200	2000		
Lat.		14° - 16' N			
Long.		178° - 23' W			
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)					
0 - 4	Steaming on course 248° T. P.G.C. at standard speed 9 knots, R.P.M. 57 in company with Task Group 51.5. Boilers Nos. 1 & 2 un use for steaming purposes. <i>J. J. Mowatt USNR</i>				
4 - 8	Steaming as before.				
0530	Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan 8. R.P.M. 57.5. <i>E. W. Smith</i>				
8 - 12	Steaming and zigzagging as before.				
1122	Ceased zigzagging, reduced speed to 1/3.				
1126	Changed speed to standard, commenced zigzagging using plan 16. R.P.M. 56. <i>J. H. Mowatt</i>				
12 - 16	Steaming as before.				
1415	Ceased zigzagging on leg . 288° T. P.G.C.				
1446	Column maneuvered to course 248° T. P.G.C.				
1453	Emergency turn 45° to port.				
1456	Emergency turn 45° to starboard.				
1530	Column turned right, commenced zigzagging to plan 14. <i>J. J. Mowatt USNR</i>				
16 - 20	Steaming as before.				
1605	Changed course to 249° T. P.G.C. and reduced speed 2/3, 7.5 knots, R.P.M. 47, ceased zigzagging.				
1645	Resumed base course and commenced zigzagging on plan 14. R.P.M. 47.2. <i>E. W. Smith</i>				
20 - 24	Steaming as before R.P.M. 46.7. <i>J. H. Mowatt</i>				
Approved:		Examined:			
<i>A. H. Koistra</i>		<i>E. W. Smith</i>			
A. H. KOISTRA, Comdr., USNR Commanding Officer.		E. W. SMITH, Lt., USNR. Navigator.			

To be forwarded direct to the Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet, either at end of an operation or at the end of the calendar month.

28

PART III
CONFIDENTIAL

Page 29

UNITED STATES SHIP		GEMSBOK (IX-117)	Saturday	29	January	1944
			(Day)	(Date)	(Month)	
Zone description <u>12</u>						
Position	0800	1200	2000			
Lat.		13° - 11' N				
Long.		178° - 13' E				
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)						
0 - 4	Steaming on course 248° T. P.G.C. at 2/3 speed 7.5 knots R.P.M. 47 in company with Task Group 51.5. Boilers Nos. 1 & 2 in use for steaming purposes. Average R.P.M. 44.9. <i>J. Morante (R) USNR</i>					
4 - 8	Steaming as before.					
0545	Commenced zigzagging in accordance plan 10.					
0640	Advanced speed to standard 9 knots, R.P.M. 48.4. <i>E. W. Smith</i>					
8 - 12	Steaming and zigzagging as before.					
1000	Changed zigzagging to plan 21, average R.P.M. 52.7. <i>J. H. M. Selu</i>					
12 - 16	Steaming as before on course 248° T. 249° P.G.C. Zigzagging in accordance to plan 21.					
1400	Ceased zigzagging.					
1405	Turned right 90°.					
1412	Turned left 90°.					
1419	Turned left 90°.					
1421	Turned right 90°.					
1436	Changed course to 218° T. P.G.C..					
1440	Changed course to 248° T. 249° P.G.C.					
1451	Resumed zigzagging according to plan 18, average R.P.M. 52.6. <i>J. Morante (R) USNR</i>					
16 - 20	Steaming as before and zigzagging to plan 18.					
1845	Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 248° T. P.G.C.					
1900	Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan 10 Average R.P.M. 54.3. <i>E. W. Smith</i>					
20 - 24	Steaming and zigzagging as before.					
2215	Ceased zigzagging and returned to base course 248° T. P.G.C., average R.P.M. 55.8. <i>J. H. M. Selu</i>					
Approved:		Examined:				
<i>A. H. Koistra</i>		<i>E. W. Smith</i>				
A. H. KOISTRA, COMDR. USNR Commanding Officer.		E. W. SMITH, Lt., USNR. Navigator.				

To be forwarded direct to the Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet, either at end of an operation or at the end of the calendar month.

PART III
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

UNITED STATES SHIP GEMSBOK (IX-117) Sunday 30 January, 1944
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description 12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		11° - 50' N	
Long.		175° - 09' E	

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0 - 4 Steaming on course 248° T 2489 P.G.C. standard speed 9 knots, R.P.M. 57 in company with Task Group 51.5. Boilers No. 1 & 2 in use for steaming purposes. Average R.P.M. 54.4. *J. J. Morante Lt. (jg) USNR.*

4 - 8 Steaming as before.

0600 Commenced zigzagging on plan 18, Average R.P.M. 54.1. *E. W. Smith*

8 - 12 Steaming and zigzagging as before.

1135 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course.

1140 Commenced zigzagging using plan 14, average R.P.M. 53.8. *J. R. M. Gahan*

12 - 16 Steaming and zigzagging as before.

1343 Executed 45° turn to right.

1346 Executed 90° turn to right.

1352 Executed 60° turn to left.

1357 Executed 60° turn to left.

1402 Executed 15° turn to left.

1409 Executed 90° turn to left.

1415 Column movement to 248° T, P.G.C.

1427 Column movement 30° to right.

1443 Column movement to course 253° T, 254° P.G.C.

1500 Commenced zigzagging according to plan 6.

16 - 20 Steaming and zigzagging as before. *J. J. Morante Lt. (jg) USNR.*

1900 Changed zigzag plan to No. 10, average R.P.M. 50.4. *E. W. Smith*

20 - 24 Steaming and zigzagging as before.

2315 Ceased zigzagging, average R.P.M. 50.4. *J. R. M. Gahan*

Approved: A. H. Kooistra
A. H. KOOISTRA, Comdr, USNR. *Commanding Officer.*

Examined: E. W. Smith
E. W. SMITH, Lt., USNR. *Navigator.*

To be forwarded direct to the Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet, either at end of an operation or at the end of the calendar month.

PART III
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

Page 31

UNITED STATES SHIP <u>GEMSBOK (IX-117)</u>		<u>Monday</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>January</u> , 19 <u>44</u>
		(Day)	(Date)	(Month)
Zone description <u>12</u>				
Position	0800	1200	2000	
Lat.	11° - 02' N			
Long.	171° - 32' E			
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)				
0 - 4	Steaming on course 253°T, 254° P.G.C. at 2/3 speed, R.P.M. 47, 7.5 knots in company with Task Group 51.5. Boilers No. 1 & 2 in use for steaming purposes. <i>J. H. Monte</i> <i>USNR</i>			
4 - 8	Steaming as before.			
0600	Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan 2. Average R.P.M. 44.5. <i>E. W. Smith</i>			
8 - 12	Steaming and zigzagging as before.			
0806	Changed course to 264° T, P.G.C.			
0816	Commenced zigzagging using plan 30. Average R.P.M. 48.1. <i>J. H. Monte</i>			
12 - 16	Steaming and zigzagging as before.			
1353	Ships right 60°.			
1358	Ships right 60°.			
1402	Ships right 60°.			
1413	Commenced zigzagging according to plan 14.			
1437	Ceased zigzagging, resumed course 084° T, P.G.C.			
1450	Ships right 30°.			
1503	Ships left 45°.			
1509	Ships right 45°.			
1514	Ships right 60°.			
1527	Ships right 60°, resumed base course 264° T, P.G.C.			
1535	Ships commenced zigzagging using plan 30 Average R.P.M. 47.3. <i>J. H. Monte</i> <i>USNR</i>			
16 - 20	Steaming and zigzagging as before.			
1920	Changed zigzag plan to 15, R.P.M. 47.2. <i>E. W. Smith</i>			
20 - 24	Steaming and zigzagging as before, Average R.P.M. 46. <i>J. H. Monte</i>			
Approved:		Examined:		
<i>A. H. Koistra</i>		<i>E. W. Smith</i>		
A. H. KOISTRA, Comdr., USNR. <i>Commanding Officer.</i>		E. W. SMITH, Lt., USNR. <i>Navigator.</i>		

To be forwarded direct to the Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet, either at end of an operation or at the end of the calendar month.