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UNITED STATES SHIP ELECTRA

Monday 1
(1943)

February, 1943
(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -1

REMARKS

Covering Operational Details, etc.

- (1) The U.S.S. ELECTRA (AKA), is not operating but is undergoing salvage and repairs subsequent to having been torpedoed. The ship is commanded by Commander J.J. HUGHES, U.S. Navy and is temporarily assigned to the Western Task Force, Sea Frontier Forces, which is commanded by Rear Admiral J.L. Hall Jr., U.S. Navy.
- (2) No operation plan.
- (3) At Casablanca, French Morocco. Moored to Jeteo Delure, port side to.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ELMOTHA

Thursday
(Day)

4
(Date)

February, 1943
(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -1

REMARKS

0345 - Sounded general quarters. Manned all anti-aircraft guns.
0400 - Secured from general quarters. No planes sighted.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ELECTRA (AK44)

Friday
(Day)

19
(Date)

February
(Month)

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -1

REMARKS

2020 - Sounded general quarters. Manned all anti-aircraft guns.
2024 - Secured from general quarters. No planes sighted.

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UNITED STATES SHIP HECOTRA (AKA)

Tuesday 23
(1943)

February, 1943
(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -1

REMARKS

- 1200 - Made preparations for getting underway.
- 1355 - Underway from Jetee Delure in tow of two French tugs. Pilot Emile Curet, Conning.
- 1435 - Moored port side to S.S. Joshua Seney, at Commercial Mole, Bassin Delande with the following lines out: 1-8" bow line, 1-8" forward spring line doubled, 1-8" after spring line, 2-8" stern lines.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ELECTRA (AKA)

Wednesday 24 February, 1943
(Day) (Year) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -1

REMARKS

- 1231 - Three French Harbor tugs came alongside to breast ship off while S.S. Joshua Seney got underway from alongside dock.
- 1310 - S.S. Joshua Seney got underway.
- 1315 - Moored to dock of Commercial Mole, Bassin Delande with the following lines out: 1-8" bow line, 2-8" forward spring lines, 2-8" after spring lines, 1-8" stern line. All lines doubled.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ELECTRA (AKA)

Thursday 25 February, 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -1

REMARKS

- 0730 - Made preparations for getting underway to shift berths.
 0820 - Underway from Commercial Mole, Bassin Deland in tow of two French tugs. French Harbor Pilot, P. Corty, Conning.
 0912 - Moored port side to Jetee Delure with the following lines out: 1-8" bow line, 1-8" forward bow spring doubled, 1-8" after bow spring doubled, 1-8" after quarter spring doubled, 1-8" quarter breast line doubled, 1-10" stern line doubled.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ELECTRA (AKA4)

Monday

1

March

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -1

REMARKS

- (1) The U.S.S. ELECTRA (AKA4) is not operating but is undergoing salvage and repairs subsequent to having been torpedoed. The ship is commanded by Commander J.J. HUGHES, U.S. Navy and is temporarily assigned to the Moroccan Sea Frontier Forces, which is commanded by Rear Admiral F.J. Lowry, U.S. Navy.
- (2) No operation plan.
- (3) At Casablanca, French Morocco. Moored to Jetee Delure, port side to.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ELECTRA (AKM)

Monday

22

March

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -1

REMARKS

12 to 16

1240 made all preparations for getting underway. 1245 tested main engines. 1406 underway at various speeds to shift berths, French harbor pilot A. Mataguez conning. 1535 moored stern to wharf of 4th Zouaves in Bassin Delande with two 8" and 2-10" lines to wharf and both anchors veered to 60 fathoms in 31 feet of water. 1550 secured main engines and special sea detail.

H.B. Parks
H.B. PARKS,
Lieut (jg) D-V(G), USNR.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ELECTRA (AKA4)

Thursday 1 April 1942
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -1

REMARKS

- (1) The U.S.S. ELECTRA (AKA4) is not operating but is undergoing salvage and repairs subsequent to having been torpedoed. The ship is commanded by Commander J.J. HUGHES, U.S. Navy and is temporarily assigned to the Moroccan Sea Frontier Forces, which is commanded by Rear Admiral F.J. Lowry, U.S. Navy.
- (2) No operation plan.
- (3) At Casablanca, French Morocco. Moored stern to wharf of 4th Zouaves in Bassin Delande with 2-8" and 2-10" lines to wharf and both anchors veered to 60 fathoms in 31 feet of water.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ELECTRA (AEMM)

Thursday 17 APRIL 1914

ZONE DESCRIPTION -1

REMARKS

8 - 12

0830 made all preparations for getting underway. 0900 Pilot A. Mataguez came on board. Two tugs came alongside to assist ship in unmooring. 0919 cast off all lines. 1000 underway according to authorization for post repair trials at various courses and speeds. Pilot A. Mataguez conning. Captain, executive officer and navigator on the bridge. 1019 passed through harbor entrance standing out to sea. 1025 Pilot A. Mataguez left the ship. 1028 set course 295°t, 295°pgc, and speed 10 knots. 1106 c/c 335°t, 335°pgc. 1123 c/s to 15 knots. 1135 c/c to 324°t 324°pgc, and c/s to 5 knots. 1152 commenced zig-zagging according to confidential zig-zag plan #24 on base course 324°t, 324°pgc. 47 average R.P.M.

William Trainovich, Jr.
William Trainovich, Jr.
Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

12 - 16

Underway as before zig-zagging according to confidential zig-zag plan #24 on base course 324°t, 324°pgc, speed 5 knots. 1338 entered swept channel. c/c to 143°t, 143°pgc. Ceased zig-zagging on various courses and speeds returning to harbor entrance. 1446 stationed special sea details. 1520 Pilot E. Fournet came on board. 1530 two tugs came alongside to assist in mooring the ship. Pilot E. Fournet conning. 1542 passed through inner harbor. 42.5 average R.P.M.

D.M. Conwell
D.M. Conwell,
Ensign, D-M., USNR.

16 - 20

Underway as before at various courses and speeds proceeding to berth. 1620 moored stern to wharf of 4th Zouaves in Bassin Delande with 2-8" and 2-10" lines to wharf and both anchors veered to 60 fathoms in 5 1/2 fathoms of water.

N. Zelenko
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U. S. S. ELECTRA (AN-4)Date April 11, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -1REMARKS

8 to 12

0800 Made all preparations for getting underway. 1040 Received Pilot M. Delagarde on board. Two tugs came alongside to assist ship in unmooring. 1120 Anchors aweigh and cast off all lines. Underway in accordance with Sailing Orders Convoy GUS-6, letter No. A4-3(1)/FOS, Serial 0010, dated April 10, 1943. The composition of the unit is about forty-five (45) merchant vessels, USS CHIYAWA and USS ELECTRA. The Task Organization is as follows: Task Group 63.1 Convoy Escorts consisting of USS WAINWRIGHT, USS MAYRANT, USS ROWAN, USS RHIND, USS TRIPPE, USS BROOME, and USS SIMPSON. Task Group 63.2, Tanker - Commander Fultz, USS CHIYAWA. Task Group 63.3 Attack Cargo Vessel - Commander Hughes, USS ELECTRA. Task Group 63.4 USS ELECTRA Escorts - Lt-Comdr. Coale, USS CHICKADEE, USS AUK, and USS MORGAN. Task Group 63.5 French Escorts - Capitaine de Fregate Lepotier, RFN TIGRETTIE, RFN GAZELLE and RFN COMMANDANT BORY. The Senior Officer Ocean Escort is Captain Charles Wellborn, Jr., USN., on the USS WAINWRIGHT. Convoy Commodore is Comdr. John W. W. Cumming, USN., on the USS CHIYAWA. Vice Commodore is Comdr. E. H. Tillman, Jr., USN., on the SS ALAN-A-DALE. Rear Commodore is E. H. Hansen, Master, SS ALCOA VOYAGER. 1145 Standing out of harbor at various courses and speeds. 1153 Cast off tugs. 1157 Passed through harbor entrance.

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Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

12 to 16

Underway as before on various courses and speeds. 1202 Stopped and pilot left the ship. 1210 Ahead full speed, 12 knots, RPM 64, on course 297°t&pgc, 273°psc, 315°pstgc. 1218 c/c to 304°t&pgc, 281°psc, 322°pstgc. 1446 c/c to 320°t&pgc, 306°psc, 338°pstgc. Joined other vessels of Convoy GUS-6, and proceeded on various courses and speeds. 1523 Fire in carburetor of salvage pump, in #3 hold; immediately extinguished, and no damage resulted. 1557 Forming convoy formation HY, convoy speed, 8 knots. 1559c/c to 300°t&pgc, 279°psc, 320°pstgc. Average RPM 56.5.

D.M. Conwell
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Ens. D-M, USNR.

16 to 20

Underway as before on course 300°t&pgc, 279°psc, 320°pstgc, 1641 Assumed position 53 in convoy formation. 1715 Assumed signalled convoy speed of 8 knots, RPM 48. 2000 c/c to 265°t&pgc, 242°psc, 282°pstgc. Average RPM 57.2

C.D. Allen
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Lieut. D-M, USNR.

20 to 24

2000 Position Lat. 34°N, Long. 8°W. Underway as before on course 265°t&pgc, 242°psc, 282°pstgc, convoy speed 8 knots, RPM 48. 2120 c/c to 245°t&pgc, 225°psc, 260°pstgc, 2140 c/c to 225°t&pgc, 210°psc, 236°pstgc, 2150 c/c to RPM 54. 2205 Decreased speed to RPM 50. 2207 c/c to 208°t&pgc, 196°psc, 209°pstgc. 2238 c/c to 185°t&pgc, 182°psc, 190°pstgc. 2340 c/c to 145°t&pgc, 155°psc, 153°pstgc, Average RPM 55.

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U. S. S. HECATE (AMAL)Date April 12, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -1REMARKS

0 to 4

0000 Underway as before in accordance with Sailing Orders Convoy GUS-6, condition III watch set, ship in Material Condition Baker. Convoy course 265°t&pgc, Ship darkened. Ship in position 53. 0002 Main engines stopped due to failure of auxiliary generator, resulting in stopping of gyro compass and loss of steerage. 0008 Main engines started. Unable to use gyro compass and necessary to wait for self adjustment. 0030 c/c to 065°t. 0100 c/c to 085°t. 0130 c/c to 065°t. Convoy speed 9 knots. Average RPM 54.

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Ens. D-M, USNR.

4 to 8

0400 Underway as before on course 065°t&pgc, 103°psc, 073°pstgc. Speed 8 knots, RPM 48. 0600 General quarters. 0640 c/c to 025°t&pgc, 070°psc, 039°pstgc. 0707 Secured from general quarters, set Condition III watch and Material Condition Baker. 0710 Sighted on starboard bow units of convoy GUS-6, from Mediterranean ports approaching rendezvous. 0725 c/c to 295°t&pgc, 274°psc, 312°pstgc. 0759 c/s to 6 knots. Average RPM 56.4

O. D. Allen
O.D. ALLEN,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

8 to 12

0800 Position Lat. 33°N., Long. 8°W. Underway as before on course 295°t&pgc, 274°psc, 312°pstgc. Speed 6 knots, RPM 45. 0804 c/c to 280°t&pgc, 293°psc, 257°pstgc., in compliance with signal to effect junction with Mediterranean units of convoy. 0851 Periscope reported sighted on starboard quarter. Sounded general quarters. 0900 c/c to 290°t&pgc, 271°psc, 308°pstgc. 0903 Stopped main engines retaining position in convoy to allow other ships to take stations in columns ahead. 0910 Started engines making 32 RPM. 0929 c/s to 7 knots. 0933 Secured from general quarters and set Condition III watch and Material Condition Baker. 1003 c/c to 210°t&pgc, 257°psc, 297°pstgc. Joining Mediterranean units of convoy in cruising formation HV. 1006 c/s to 6 knots. 1025 Convoy joined and ship in position 65. 1155 c/s to 9 knots. Average RPM 38.7.

William Trainovich, Jr.
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Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

12 to 16

1200 Position Lat. 34°N. Long. 8°W. Underway as before on course 280°t&pgc, 257°psc, 297°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. Average RPM 58.5.

H. Angelsen
H. ANGELSEN,
Lt. (JG), D-M, USNR.

16 to 18

Underway as before on course 280°t&pgc, 256°psc, 299°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. 1700 Set clocks back 1 hour to Zone 0 Time.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA4)Date April 12, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -1REMARKS

18 to 20

Underway as before on course 280° t 8 gpc, 256° p 5 c, 299° p 5 tgc. 1910
Sunset and darkened ship. Average RPM 60.5.

C.D. Allen
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Lieut. D-M, USNR.

20 to 24

2000 Position Lat. 34° N, Long. 10° W. Underway as before on course
 280° t 8 gpc, 256° p 5 c, 299° p 5 tgc. Standard convoy speed 9 knots.

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Lieut. D-M, U. S. N. Navigator.

ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA)Date April 13, 1942ZONE DESCRIPTION 0

0 to 4

Underway as before in accordance with Sailing Orders Convoy GUS-6, ship darkened and in position 65. Condition III watch set, ship in Material Condition Baker. Convoy course 280° t&pgc, 257° psc, 299° pstgc. Speed 9 knots. Average RPM 59.7.

H. Angelsen
H. ANGELSEN,
Lt(jg) D-M, USNR.

4 to 8

Underway as before on course 280° t&pgc, 257° psc, 299° pstgc. Speed 9 knots. 0527 General quarters. 0623 Secured from general quarters and set Condition III watch and Material Condition Baker. Average RPM 60.4.

C. D. Allen
C. D. ALLEN,
Lieut D-M, USNR.

8 to 12

0800 Position: Lat 34° N., Long. 12° W. Underway as before on course 280° t&pgc, 257° psc, 299° pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. Average RPM 60.

J. M. Cornwell
D. M. CORNWELL,
Ens. D-M, USNR.

12 to 16

1200 Position: Lat. 35° N., Long. 13° W. Underway as before on course 280° t&pgc, 257° psc, 299° pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. 1400 Convoy Commodore began exercising convoy in emergency changes of courses. 1403 c/c 45° to stbd., upon execution of signal from Convoy Commodore. 1407 c/c 45° to stbd., on signal. 1412 c/c 45° to port, on signal. 1417 c/c 45° to port on signal. 1422 Course changing exercises completed and resumed convoy base course 280° t&pgc, 257° psc, 299° pstgc. Average RPM 60.

William Traimovich Jr.
WILLIAM TRAIMOVICH JR.,
Lieut D-V(O) USNR.

16 to 18

Underway as before on convoy base course 280° t&pgc, 257° psc, 299° pstgc. Standard convoy speed 9 knots. Average RPM 61.8.

H. Angelsen
H. ANGELSEN,
Lt.(jg) D-M, USNR.

18 to 20

Underway as before on convoy base course 280° t&pgc, 257° psc, 299° pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. Average RPM 59.6

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20 to 24

2000 Position Lat. 35°N. Long. 15°W. Underway as before on convoy
 base course 280°^{t&pgc}, 257°^{psc}, 299°^{pstgc}. Convoy speed 9 knots.
 Ship rolling moderately in beam wind and sea. Average RPM 60.4

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U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA4)Date April 14, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION 0 REMARKS

0 to 4

Underway as before in accordance with Sailing Orders Convoy GUS-6, ship darkened and in position 65. Condition III watch set, ship in Material Condition Baker. Convoy course 280°t&pgc, 258°psc, 300°pstgc. Speed 9 knots. 0222 c/c to 270°t&pgc, 248°psc, 291°pstgc. Average RPM 57.1.

William Trainovich, Jr.
 WILLIAM TRAINOVICH, Jr.
 Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

4 to 8

Underway as before on course 270°t&pgc, 242°psc, 292°pstgc, Convoy speed 9 knots. 0541 General quarters. 0641 Secured from general quarters. Set Condition III watch and Material Condition Baker. Average RPM 62.1.

C.D. Allen
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 Lieut. D-M, USNR.

8 to 12

0800 Position: Lat. 34°N., Long. 16°W. Underway as before on course 270°t&pgc, 242°psc, 292°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. 0900 c/c to 275°t&pgc, 252°psc, 301°pstgc. 1100 Steering casualty, ship out of control. 1106 Regained control of ship by use of emergency steering aft. 1115 shifted control to wheelhouse steering by gyro in wheelhouse. 1120 Shifted control to hand steering in wheelhouse. Average RPM 60.1.

H. Angelsen
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 Lt(jr), D-M, USNR.

12 to 16

1200 Position: Lat. 34°N., Long. 17°W. Underway as before on course 275°t&pgc, 252°psc, 301°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. 1245 c/c to 310°t&pgc, 302°psc, 339°pstgc. Average RPM 58.5.

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 Ens. D-M, USNR.

16 to 18

Underway as before on course 310°t&pgc, 302°psc, 339°pstgc. Convoy speed 6 knots. Average RPM 59.2.

William Trainovich, Jr.
 WILLIAM TRAINOVICH, Jr.
 Lieut D-V(G), USNR.

18 to 20

Underway as before on course 310°t&pgc, 302°psc, 339°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. 1805 Gyro compass out of order and steering by magnetic compass. Average RPM 60.3.

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U. S. S. ELECTRA (AM-44)Date April 14, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION 0REMARKS

20 to 24

2000 Position: Lat. 35°N., Long. 18°W. Underway as before on course
 310° tpsgc, 339 psc, 304 pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. Steering by
 magnetic compass. 2200 Gyro compass settled and resumed steering by same.
 Average RPM 57.

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CONFIDENTIAL**ADDITIONAL SHEET**U. S. S. ELIZABETH (AM-44)Date April 15, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION 0REMARKS

0 to 4

Underway as before in accordance with Sailing Orders Convoy GUS-6, ship darkened and in position 65. Condition III watch set, ship in Material Condition Baker. Convoy course 310° t&pgc, 339° psc, 304° pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. Average RPM 55.8.

J.M. Conwell
D.M. CONWELL,
Ens. D-M, USNR.

4 to 8

Underway as before on course 310° t&pgc, 339° psc, 304° pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. 0549 General quarters. 0618 c/o to 275° t&pgc, 254° psc, 300° pstgc, upon execution of signal from Convoy Commodore. 0644 Secured from general quarters. Set Condition III watch and Material Condition Baker. Average RPM 57.4.

P.D. Allen
P.D. ALLEN,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

8 to 12

0800 Position: Lat. 36° N., Long. 20° W. Underway as before on course 275° t&pgc, 254° psc, 300° pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. Average RPM 57.9.

William Trainovich, Jr.
WILLIAM TRAINOVICH, Jr.
Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

12 to 16

1200 Position: Lat. 36° N., Long. 20° W. Underway as before on course 275° t&pgc, 254° psc, 300° pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. 1215 c/o to 267° t&pgc, 247° psc, 293° pstgc. 1500 c/o to 275° t&pgc, 254° psc, 300° pstgc. Average RPM 58.5.

H. Angelsen
H. ANGESEN,
Lt. (jg), D-M, USNR.

16 to 18

Underway as before on course 275° t&pgc, 256° psc, 303° pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. 1700 Set clocks back 1 hour to Zone +1 Time. Average RPM 59.

J.M. Conwell
D.M. CONWELL,
Ens. D-M, USNR.

18 to 20

Underway as before on course 275° t&pgc, 256° psc, 303° pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. 1901 Sunset and darkened ship. Average RPM 62.

P.D. Allen
P.D. ALLEN,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

20 to 24

2000 Position: Lat. 36° N. Long. 22° W. Underway as before on course 275° t&pgc, 256° psc, 303° pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. Average RPM 59.2.

William Trainovich, Jr.
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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. NECTRA (AKA4)Date April 16, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION + 1REMARKS

0 to 4

Underway as before in accordance with Sailing Orders Convoy GUS-6, ship darkened and in position 65. Condition III watch set, ship in Material Condition Baker. Convoy course 275°t&pgc, 256°psc, 303°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. Average RPM 59.2.

H. Angelsen
H. ANGEISEN,
Lt.(JG), D-M, USNR.

4 to 8

Underway as before on course 275°t&pgc, 256°psc, 303°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. 0503 General quarters. 0606 Secured from general quarters. Set Condition III watch and Material Condition Baker. Average RPM 58.

D. Allen
D. ALLEN,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

8 to 12

0800 Position: Lat. 36°N., Long. 24°W. Underway as before on course 275°t&pgc, 257°psc, 304°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. Average RPM 58.

D.M. Cornwell
D.M. CORNWELL,
Ens. D-M, USNR.

12 to 16

1200 Position: Lat. 36°N., Long. 25°W. Underway as before on course 275°t&pgc, 257°psc, 305°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. 1344 e/c to 270°t&pgc, 251°psc, 301°pstgc. Average RPM 59.

William Trainovich, Jr.
WILLIAM TRAINOVICH, Jr.,
Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

16 to 18

Underway as before on course 275°t&pgc, 252°psc, 301°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. Average RPM 58.5.

H. Angelsen
H. ANGEISEN,
Lt.(JG), D-M, USNR.

18 to 20

Underway as before on course 275°t&pgc, 252°psc, 301°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. 1919 Sunset and darkened ship. Average RPM 58.

D. Allen
D. ALLEN,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

20 to 24

2000 Position: Lat. 36°N., Long. 26°W. Underway as before on course 270°t&pgc, 252°psc, 301°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. Average RPM 58.9.

D.M. Cornwell
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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AM-4)Date April 17, 1943.

ZONE DESCRIPTION + 1

REMARKS

0 to 4

Underway as before in accordance with Bailing Orders Convoy GUS-6, ship darkened and in position 65. Condition III watch set, ship in Material Condition Baker. Convoy course 270°t&pgc, 252°psc, 299°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. Average RPM 59.8.

William Trainovich, Jr.
WILLIAM TRAINOVICH, Jr.
Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

4 to 8

Underway as before on course 270°t&pgc, 252°psc, 299°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. 0520 General quarters. 0622 Secured from general quarters. Set Condition III watch and Material Condition Baker. 0645 c/c to 278°t&pgc, 261°psc, 310°pstgc. Average RPM 59.7.

W. Allen
W. ALLEN,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

8 to 12

0800 Position: Lat. 36°N., Long. 29°W. Underway as before on course 278°t&pgc, 263°psc, 312°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. Average RPM 58.3.

H. Angelsen
H. ANGESEN,
Lt. (JG), D-M, USNR.

12 to 16

1200 Position: Lat. 36°N., Long. 30°W. Underway as before on course 278°t&pgc, 263°psc, 312°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. Average RPM 60.5.

D.M. Conwell
D.M. CONWELL,
Ens. D-M, USNR.

16 to 18

Underway as before on course 278°t&pgc, 263°psc, 312°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. Average RPM 61.4.

William Trainovich, Jr.
WILLIAM TRAINOVICH, Jr.
Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

18 to 20

Underway as before on course 278°t&pgc, 262°psc, 310°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. Average RPM 59.8

W. Allen
W. ALLEN,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

20 to 24

2000 Position: Lat. 36°N., Long. 31°W. Underway as before on course 278°t&pgc, 262°psc, 310°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. Average RPM 59.5.

H. Angelsen
H. ANGESEN,
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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (ARCA)Date April 18, 19 43.ZONE DESCRIPTION + 1REMARKS

0 to 4

Underway as before in accordance with Sailing Orders Convoy GUS-6, ship darkened and in position 65. Condition III watch set, ship in Material Condition Baker. Convoy course 278°t&pgc, 263°psc, 312°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. Average RPM 59.8.

D.M. Conwell
D.M. CONWELL,
Ens. D-M, USNR.

4 to 8

Underway as before on course 287°t&pgc, 263°psc, 312°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. 0537 General quarters. 0637 Secured from general quarters. Set Condition III watch and Material Condition Baker. 0700 c/o to 280°t&pgc, 264°psc, 313°pstgc. Average RPM 61.3.

C.D. Allen
C.D. ALLEN,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

8 to 12

0800 Position: Lat. 36°N., Long. 34°W. Underway as before on course 280°t&pgc, 264°psc, 312°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. Average RPM 59.4.

William Trainovich, Jr.
WILLIAM TRAINOVICH, JR.,
Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

12 to 16

1200 Position: Lat. 37°N., Long. 35°W. Underway as before on course 280°t&pgc, 264°psc, 312°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. Average RPM 60.1.

H. Angelsen
H. ANGELSEN,
Lt. (jg), D-M, USNR.

16 to 18

Underway as before on course 280°t&pgc, 264°psc, 312°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. Average RPM 60.4.

D.M. Conwell
D.M. CONWELL,
Ens. D-M, USNR.

18 to 20

Underway as before on course 280°t&pgc, 266°psc, 316°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. Average RPM 60.4.

C.D. Allen
C.D. ALLEN,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

20 to 24

2000 Position: Lat. 37°N., Long. 36°W. Underway as before on course 280°t&pgc, 266°psc, 316°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. Average RPM 59.6.

William Trainovich, Jr.
WILLIAM TRAINOVICH, JR.,
Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AG-44)Date April 19, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION +1REMARKS

0 to 4

Underway as before in accordance with Sailing Orders Convoy GUS-6, ship darkened and in position 65. Condition III watch set, ship in Material Condition Baker. Convoy course 280°t&pgc, 266°psc, 318°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. 0300 c/o to 285°t&pgc, 272°psc, 321°pstgc. Average RPM 59.2

H. Angelsen
H. ANGEISEN,
Lt. (jg), D-M, USNR.

4 to 8

Underway as before on course 285°t&pgc, 272°psc, 321°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. 0554 General quarters. 0654 Secured from general quarters. Set Condition III watch and Material Condition Baker, Average RPM 60.2.

C.D. Allen
C.D. ALLEN,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

8 to 12

0800 Position: Lat. 37°N., Long. 39°W. Underway as before on course 285°t&pgc, 272°psc, 321°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. 1000 Convoy exercised at keeping stations on fog buoy. 1130 Secured from fog buoy drill. Average RPM 59.2.

N. Zelenko
N. ZELENSKO,
Lt (jg), D-V(G), USNR.

12 to 16

1200 Position: Lat. 38°N., Long. 39°W. Underway as before on course 285°t&pgc, 273°psc, 322°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. 1520 c/o to 283°t&pgc, 272°psc, 322°pstgc. Average RPM 59.1.

D.M. Conwell
D.M. CONWELL,
Ens. D-M, USNR.

16 to 18

Underway as before on course 283°t&pgc, 272°psc, 322°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. 1700 Set clocks back one (1) hour to Zone +2 Time. Average RPM 60.

William Trainovich, Jr.
WILLIAM TRAINOVICH, JR.,
Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

18 to 20

Underway as before on course 283°t&pgc, 272°psc, 322°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. Average RPM 59.8.

C.D. Allen
C.D. ALLEN,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

20 to 24

2000 Position: Lat. 38°N., Long. 41°W. Underway as before on course 283°t&pgc, 272°psc, 323°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. Average RPM 58.3.

D.M. Conwell
D.M. CONWELL,
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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELIOTRA (AKA4)Date April 20, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION + 2REMARKS

0 to 4

Underway as before in accordance with Sailing Orders Convoy GUS-6, ship darkened and in position 65. Condition III watch set, ship in Material Condition Baker. Convoy course 283°t&pgc, 272°psc, 323°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. Average RPM 61.4.

D.M. Conwell
D.M. CONWELL,
Ens. D-M, USNR.

4 to 8

Underway as before on course 283°t&pgc, 272°psc, 323°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. 0510 General quarters. 0610 Secured from general quarters. Set Condition III watch and Material Condition Baker. Average RPM 59.6.

C.D. Allen
C.D. ALLEN,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

8 to 12

0800 Position: Lat. 38°N., Long. 43°W. Underway as before on course 283°t&pgc, 272°psc, 323°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. 1158 Convoy executed 45° emergency turn to port. Average RPM 59.8.

William Traimovitch, Jr.
WILLIAM TRAIMOVITCH, Jr.
Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

12 to 16

1200 Position: Lat. 38°N., Long. 43°W. Underway as before on course 283°t&pgc, 272°psc, 324°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. 1212 Minesweeper dropped four (4) depth charges off head of starboard wing of column. 1215 Convoy executed 45° emergency turn to port. 1245 Convoy executed 45° emergency turn to starboard. 1249 Convoy executed 45° emergency turn to starboard. 1307 Destroyer in screen fired 5" gun, expended three (3) rounds; three (3) points on port bow, distance five (5) miles. 1312 Convoy executed 45° emergency turn to port. 1322 Convoy executed 45° emergency turn to port. Average RPM 59.8.

N. Zelenko
N. ZELENSKO,
Lt. (jg), D-V(G), USNR.

16 to 18

Underway as before on course 283°t&pgc, 272°psc, 324°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. Average RPM 57.

H. Angelsen
H. ANGELSEN,
Lt. (jg), D-M, USNR.

18 to 20

Underway as before on course 283°t&pgc, 272°psc, 324°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. Average RPM 57.

C.D. Allen
C.D. ALLEN,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

20 to 24

2008 Position: Lat. 39°N., Long. 46°W. Underway as before on course 283°t&pgc, 275°psc, 324°pstgc. Average RPM 57.8.

D.M. Conwell
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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA)Date April 21, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION +2

REMARKS

0 to 4

Underway as before in accordance with Sailing Orders Convoy GUS-6, ship darkened and in position 65. Condition III watch set, ship in Material Condition Baker. Convoy course 283°t&pgc, 273°psc, 324°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. Average RPM 55.6.

William Trainovich Jr.
WILLIAM TRAINOVICH JR.
Lieut D-V(G), USNR.

4 to 8

Underway as before on course 283°t&pgc, 273°psc, 324°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. 0527 General quarters. 0627 Secured from general quarters. Set Condition III watch and Material Condition Baker. 0712 c/c to 275°t&pgc, 262°psc, 315°pstgc. Average RPM 58.6.

C.D. Allen
C.D. ALLEN,
Lieut D-M, USNR.

8 to 12

0800 Position: Lat. 39°N., Long. 48°W. Underway as before on course 275°t&pgc, 262°psc, 315°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. 0807 Convoy speed reduced to 8 knots. Average RPM 52.8.

N. Zelenski
N. ZELENSKI,
Lt(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

12 to 16

1200 Position: Lat. 39°N., Long. 48°W. Underway as before on course 275°t&pgc, 262°psc, 315°pstgc. Convoy speed 8 knots. Increased convoy speed to 8.5 knots. Average RPM 58.1.

H. Angelstein
H. ANGELEIN,
Lt(jg), D-M, USNR.

16 to 18

Underway as before on course 275°t&pgc, 262°psc, 315°pstgc. Convoy speed 8.5 knots. 1635 decreased convoy speed to 8 knots. Average RPM 47.2.

D.M. Conwell
D.M. CONWELL,
Ensign, D-M, USNR.

18 to 20

Underway as before on course 275°t&pgc, 262°psc, 315°pstgc. Convoy speed 8 knots. Average RPM 49.7.

C.D. Allen
C.D. ALLEN,
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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELIOTNA (AKAM)Date April 21, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION + 2REMARKS

20 to 24

2000 Position: Lat. 39°04'N., Long. 49°04'W. Underway as before on course
275° true, 262°psc, 315°pstgc. Convoy speed 8 knots. 2002 Sunset -
Darkened ship. Average RPM 52.2.

William Traubovitch Jr.
WILLIAM TRAUBOVITCH JR.
Lieut D-V(O), USNR.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. NECTRA (AN-4)Date April 22, 1943.ZONE DESCRIPTION + 2RELAYS

0 to 4

Underway as before in accordance with Sailing Orders Convoy GUS-6, ship darkened and in position 65. Condition III watch set, ship in Material Condition Baker. Convoy course 275°t&pgc, 263°psc, 316°pstgc. Convoy speed 8 knots. Average RPM 53.

H. Angelsen
H. ANGEISEN,
Lt. (jg), D-M, USNR.

4 to 8

Underway as before on course 275°t&pgc, 263°psc, 316°pstgc. Convoy speed 8 knots. 0541 General quarters. 0644 Secured from general quarters. Set Condition III watch and Material Condition Baker. Average RPM 54.3.

D. Allen
D. S. ALLEN,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

8 to 12

0800 Position: Lat. 39°N., Long. 50°W. Underway as before on course 275°t&pgc, 263°psc, 316°pstgc. Convoy speed 8 knots. Average RPM 57.7.

D. M. Conwell
D. M. CONWELL,
Ens. D-M, USNR.

12 to 16

1200 Position: Lat. 39°N., Long. 51°W. Underway as before on course 275°t&pgc, 263°psc, 316°pstgc. Convoy speed 8 knots. Average RPM 56.

N. Zelenko
N. ZELENIKO,
Lt. (jg), D-V(O), USNR.

16 to 18

Underway as before on course 275°t&pgc, 263°psc, 316°pstgc. Convoy speed 8 knots. 1635 Increased convoy speed to 8.5 knots. 1700 Set clocks back one (1) hour to Zone+3 Time. Average RPM 56.7.

William Trainovich
WILLIAM TRAINOVICH,
Lieut. D-V(O), USNR.

18 to 20

Underway as before on course 275°t&pgc, 262°psc, 316°pstgc. Convoy speed 8.5 knots. Average RPM 56.2.

D. Allen
D. S. ALLEN,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

20 to 24

2000 Position: Lat. 39°N., Long. 52°W. Underway as before on course 275°t&pgc, 260°psc, 318°pstgc. Convoy speed 8.5 knots. Average RPM 50.2.

H. Angelsen
H. ANGEISEN,
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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AM-4)Date April 23, 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION + 3

REMARKS

0 to 4

Underway as before in accordance with Sailing Orders Convoy GUS-6, ship darkened and in position 65. Condition III watch set, ship in Material Condition Baker. Convoy course 275°t&pgc, 263°psc, 318°pstgc. Convoy speed 8 knots. Ship rolling and pitching deeply in strong wind and sea. Average RPM 47.6.

J.M. Conwell
D.M. CONWELL,
Ens. D-M, USNR.

4 to 8

Underway as before on course 275°t&pgc, 265°psc, 318°pstgc. Convoy speed 8 knots. Steering various courses with various speeds to keep in formation and to avoid collision with ships showing breakdown lights. C451 General quarters. 0551 Secured from general quarters. Set Condition III watch and Material Condition Baker. Steady on course 275°t&pgc. Convoy beginning to gather and resume formation NV. Average RPM 53.4.

A. Allen
A. ALLEN,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

8 to 12

0800 Position: Lat. 39°N., Long. 53°W. Underway as before on course 275°t&pgc, 265°psc, 318°pstgc. Convoy speed 8 knots. Average RPM 54.

N. Zelensko
N. ZELENSKO,
Lt. (jg), D-V(G), USNR.

12 to 16

1200 Position: Lat. 40°N., Long. 54°W. Underway as before on course 275°t&pgc, 265°psc, 318°pstgc. Convoy speed 8 knots. Average RPM 46.7.

William Trainovich, Jr.
WILLIAM TRAINOVICH, JR.
Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

16 to 18

Underway as before on course 275°t&pgc, 265°psc, 318°pstgc. Convoy speed 8 knots. Average RPM 47.5.

H. Angelsen
H. ANGESEN,
Lt. (jg), D-M, USNR.

18 to 20

Underway as before on course 275°t&pgc, 260°psc, 318°pstgc. Convoy speed 8 knots. 1800 c/s to 9 knots. Average RPM 52.8.

A. Allen
A. ALLEN,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

20 to 24

2000 Position: Lat. 40°N., Long. 55°W. Underway as before on course 275°t&pgc, 260°psc, 318°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. Average RPM 57.1.

J.M. Conwell
D.M. CONWELL,
Ens. D-M, USNR.

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A. ALLEN,
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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AEL4)Date April 24, 19 43ZONE DESCRIPTION +3REMARKS

0 to 4

Underway as before in accordance with Sailing Orders Convoy GUS-6, ship darkened and in position 65. Condition III watch set, ship in Material Condition Baker. Convoy course 275°t&pgc, 260°psc, 318°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. Average RPM 58.9.

William Trainovich
WILLIAM TRAINOVICH, JR.
Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

4 to 8

Underway as before on course 275°t&pgc, 260°psc, 318°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. 0500 General quarters. 0600 Secured from general quarters. Set Condition III watch and Material Condition Baker. 0745 c/s to 9.5 knots, upon execution of signal from Convoy Commodore. Average RPM 60.1.

C.D. Allen
C.D. ALLEN,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

8 to 12

0800 Position: Lat. 40°N., Long. 57°W. Underway as before on course 275°t&pgc, 260°psc, 318°pstgc. Convoy speed 9.5 knots. Average RPM 62.1.

H. Angelsen
H. ANGEISEN,
Lt. (jg), D-M, USNR.

12 to 16

1200 Position: Lat. 40°N., Long. 58°W. Underway as before on course 275°t&pgc, 258°psc, 318°pstgc. Convoy speed 9.5 knots. Average RPM 61.4.

N. Zelenko
N. ZELENSKO,
Lt. (jg), D-V(G), USNR.

16 to 18

Underway as before on course 275°t&pgc, 258°psc, 318°pstgc. Convoy speed 9.5 knots. Average RPM 61.8.

D.M. Conwell
D.M. CONWELL,
Ens. D-M, USNR.

18 to 20

Underway as before on course 275°t&pgc, 258°psc, 318°pstgc. Convoy speed 9.5 knots. 1840 Decreased speed to 9 knots. 1912 o/c to 264°t&pgc, 247°psc, 347°pstgc. 1945 Sunset and darkened ship. Average RPM 59.4.

C.D. Allen
C.D. ALLEN,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

20 to 24

2000 Position: Lat. 40°N., Long. 60°W. Underway as before on course 264°t&pgc, 247°psc, 347°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. Average RPM 58.6.

William Trainovich
WILLIAM TRAINOVICH, JR.
Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA)Date April 25, 1943.ZONE DESCRIPTION + 3REMARKS

0 to 4

Underway as before in accordance with Sailing Orders Convoy GUS-6, ship darkened and in position 65. Condition III watch get, ship in Material Condition Baker. Convoy course 264° t&pgc, 248° psc, 304° pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. Average RPM 57.3.

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4 to 8

Underway as before on course 264° t&pgc, 248° psc, 304° pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. 0514 General quarters. 0614 Secured from general quarters. Set Condition III watch and Material Condition Baker. Average RPM 60.1.

C. D. Allen
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Lieut. D-M, USNR.

8 to 12

0800 Position: Lat. 40° N., Long. 62° W. Underway as before on course 264° t&pgc, 248° psc, 303° pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. 0925 Convoy executed 45° emergency turn to port. 1010 Escort vessels made depth charge attack on starboard beam. 1024 Convoy executed 45° emergency turn to starboard and resumed course 264° t&pgc. Average RPM 57.4.

N. Zelenko
N. ZELENIKO,
Lt. (jg), D-V(G), USNR.

12 to 16

1200 Position: Lat. 40° N., Long. 62° W. Underway as before on course 264° t&pgc, 244° psc, 302° pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. Average RPM 57.8.

D. M. Conwell
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Ens. D-M, USNR.

16 to 18

Underway as before on course 264° t&pgc, 244° psc, 302° pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. Average RPM 57.8.

William Trainovich, Jr.
WILLIAM TRAINOVICH, JR.
Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

18 to 20

Underway as before on course 264° t&pgc, 244° psc, 302° pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. Average RPM 57.8.

C. D. Allen
C. D. ALLEN,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

20 to 24

2000 Position: Lat. 40° N., Long. 64° W. Underway as before on course 264° t&pgc, 244° psc, 302° pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. 2011 Sunset and darkened ship. Average RPM 57.7.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA4)Date April 26, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION + 3

REMARKS

0 to 4

Underway as before in accordance with Sailing Orders Convoy GUS-6, ship darkened and in position 65. Condition III watch set, ship in Material Condition Baker. Convoy course 264°t&pgc, 244°psc, 302°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. Average RPM 56.1.

D.M. Conwell

D.M. CONWELL,
Ens. D-M, USNR.

4 to 8

Underway as before on course 264°t&pgc, 243°psc, 297°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. 0532 General quarters. 0635 Secured from general quarters. Set Condition III watch and Material Condition Baker. Average RPM 58.

C.D. Allen

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Lieut. D-M, USNR.

8 to 12

0800 Position: Lat. 40°N., Long. 66°W. Underway as before on course 264°t&pgc, 243°psc, 294°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. 0800 c/s to 8 knots. Average RPM 50.

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Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

12 to 16

1200 Position: Lat. 39°N., Long. 67°W. Underway as before on course 264°t&pgc, 243°psc, 296°pstgc. Convoy speed 8 knots. 1437 Convoy executed 45° emergency turn to port. Course 219°t&pgc, 203°psc, 219°pstgc. 1454 Convoy executed 45° emergency turn to starboard. Course 264°t&pgc. 1508 c/s to 7 knots. 1530 SS COLUMBIA moved out of column to take station in second column. USS ELECTRA moved up to take station as fourth ship in column. Average RPM 53.1.

N. Zelensko

N. ZELENSKO,
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16 to 18

Underway as before on course 264°t&pgc, 242°psc, 296°pstgc. Convoy speed 7 knots. 1730 USS ELECTRA changed position from 65 to 45 in convoy formation. 1700 USS ELECTRA resumed position in convoy as fifth ship in fourth column. 1700 Set clocks back one (1) hour to Zone+4 Time. 1740 USS ELECTRA changed position from 45 to 23 in convoy formation. Average RPM 45.5.

H. Angelsen
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18 to 20

Underway as before on course 264°t&pgc, 242°psc, 296°pstgc. Convoy speed 7 knots. 1830 USS ELECTRA resumed position in convoy as third ship, in the second column. Average RPM 54.8.

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CONFIDENTIAL**ADDITIONAL SHEET**U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA4)Date April 26, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION + 3REMARKS

20 to 24

2000 Position: Lat. 38°N., Long. 68°W. Underway as before on course
 264°t&pgc, 242°psc, 296°pstgc. Convoy speed 7 knots. 2030 c/o to
 245°t&pgc, 224°psc, 266°pstgc., by wheeling. c/s to 9 knots.
 Average RPM 54.6

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA4)Date April 27, 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION + 4

REMARKS

0 to 4

Underway as before in accordance with Sailing Orders Convoy GUS-6, ship darkened and in position 23. Condition III watch set, ship in Material Condition Baker. Convoy course 245°t&pgc, 225°psc, 265°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. Average RPM. 57.8.

William Trainovich, Jr.
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Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

4 to 8

Underway as before on course 245°t&pgc, 225°psc, 265°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. 0448 General quarters. 0548 Secured from general quarters. Set Condition III watch and Material Condition Baker. Average RPM 57.8

C.D. Allen
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Lieut. D-M, USNR.

8 to 12

0800 Position: Lat. 39°N., Long. 71°W. Underway as before on course 245°t&pgc, 223°psc, 263°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. 0930 c/s to 10 knots. 1008 c/s to 9 knots. Average RPM 59.3.

N. Zelenko
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12 to 16

1200 Position: Lat. 38°N., Long. 71°W. Underway as before on course 245°t&pgc, 223°psc, 263°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. 1315 Convoy executed 45° emergency turn to port. 1317 Convoy executed 45° emergency turn to port. 1337 Convoy executed 45° emergency turn to starboard. 1340 Convoy executed 45° emergency turn to starboard. 1345 Resumed base course 245°t&pgc. Average RPM 57.

H. Angelsen
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16 to 18

Underway as before on course 245°t&pgc, 223°psc, 263°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. Average RPM 59.1.

D.M. Conwell
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Ens. D-M, USNR.

18 to 20

Underway as before on course 245°t&pgc, 223°psc, 263°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. 1939 Sunset and darkened ship. Average RPM 56.1.

C.D. Allen
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Lieut. D-M, USNR.

20 to 24

2000 Position: Lat. 38°N., Long. 72°W. Underway as before on course 245°t&pgc, 222°psc, 260°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. Average RPM 57.7.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA4)Date April 28, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION + 4

REMARKS

0 to 4

Underway as before in accordance with Sailing Orders Convoy GUS-6, ship darkened and in position 23. Condition III watch set, ship in Material Condition Baker. Convoy course 245° t&pgc, 220°psc, 260°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. Average RPM 57.

N. Zelenko
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4 to 8

Underway as before on course 245° t&pgc, 220°psc, 257°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. 0509 General quarters. 0609 Secured from general quarters. Set Condition III watch and Material Condition Baker. 0755 Changed position in convoy with first ship in first column. Average RPM 56.7.

C.D. Allen
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Lieut. D-M, USNR.

8 to 12

0800 Position; Lat. 37°N., Long. 74°W. Underway as before on course 245° t&pgc, 222°psc, 257°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. 0830 Resumed base course 245° t&pgc, in column. 0910 c/s to 10 knots. 1030 c/s to 9 knots. 1115 c/c to 270° t&pgc, 243°psc, 291°pstgc. 1125 USS ELECTRA keeps position on port side of USS MAUMEE, while other ships form two columns. Average RPM 59.4.

H. Angelsen
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Lt.(jg), D-M, USNR.

12 to 16

1200 Position; Lat. 37°N., Long. 74°W. Underway as before on course 270° t&pgc, 243°psc, 292°pstgc. Convoy speed 9 knots. 1312 Sighted Buoy XM bearing 293° t&pgc. 1315 c/c to 265° t&pgc, 236°psc, 283°pstgc. Separating from convoy with escort USS AUK and USS CHICKADEE on signal. 1335 Began zig-zagging according to Arma Course Clock cam #1, on base course 221° t&pgc. 1405 Sighted Buoy XI, bearing 343° t&pgc. 1410 Hard left rudder, swinging ship around to Buoy XM. 1440 Buoy XM abeam to port. Right full rudder coming to course 180° t&pgc. 1445 Steady on course 180° t&pgc. Began zig-zagging according to Arma Course Clock cam #1. Made departure from Buoy XM. 1507 Changed speed to standard speed, 14 knots - RPM 75. 1520 Changed base course to 221° t&pgc. Average RPM 62.8.

D.M. Conwell
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Ens. D-M, USNR.

16 to 18

Underway as before on course 221° t&pgc. Zig-zagging according to Arma Course Clock cam #1. Speed 75 RPM. 1633 c/s to 70 RPM. Average RPM 71.6.

William Trainovich, Jr.
WILLIAM TRAINOVICH, Jr.
Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

18 to 20

Underway as before on course 221° t&pgc. Speed 70 RPM - 12.5 knots. Zig-zagging according to Arma Course Clock cam #1. USS CHICKADEE and USS AUK escorts. 1944 Sunset and darkened ship.

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CONFIDENTIAL**ADDITIONAL SHEET**U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA4)Date April 28, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION + LREMARKS

20 to 24

2000 Position: Lat. 36°N., Long. 75°W. Underway as before on course 221°t&pgc, Zig-zagging according to Arma Course Clock cam #1. Standard speed 12.5 knots - 70 RPM. 2010 c/c to 310°t&pgc., ceased zig-zagging. 2018 Resumed base course 221°t&pgc, 201°psc, 218°pstgc. 2020 c/s to 40 RPM. 2210 c/c to 077°t&pgc. c/s to 70 RPM. 2211 Sighted Currituck lighted bell buoy, abeam to starboard, bearing 005°t&pgc., distance about 600 yds. c/c to 090°t&pgc. 2333 c/c to 162°t&pgc, 147°psc, 158°pstgc. Average RPM 50.8.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA4)Date April 29, 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION + 4

REMARKS

0 to 4

Underway as before in accordance with Sailing Orders Convoy GUS-6, ship darkened. Condition III watch set and in Material Condition Baker. Convoy course 162° t&pgc, 147° psc, 158° pstgc. Convoy speed 7 knots. 0110 Sighted Bodie Island Light, 4 points on stbd., bow, bearing 197° t&pgc. c/c to 145° t&pgc, 147° psc. 0134 c/c to 162° t&pgc. 0159 Bodie Island Light, 4 points on stbd., bow. 0306 Passed Bodie Island Light, abeam to stbd., distance 8 miles. 0315 Sighted Platt lighted bell buoy #3, bearing 212° t&pgc. 0325 Sighted Platt Shoals lighted bell buoy #4, bearing 175° t&pgc. 0340 Passed Platt Shoals lighted bell buoy #3 abeam to stbd. Average RPM 41.4

J.M. Corwell
D.M. CORWELL,
Ens. D-M, USNR.

4 to 8

Underway as before on course 152° t&pgc, 138° psc, 152° pstgc. Convoy speed 7 knots. 0514 General quarters. 0522 c/s to 9 knots. 0530 Wimble Shoal light buoy on stbd., beam distance 500 yds. c/c to 182° t&pgc. c/s to 70 RPM. 0533 Commenced zig-zagging on Confidential Plan #40. 0614 Secured from general quarters. Set Condition III watch and Material Condition Baker. 0720 Diamond Shoal Light on stbd., beam. 0725 Ceased zig-zagging. 0729 c/s to 6 knots. 0737 c/c to 130° t&pgc. c/s to 10 knots. 0751 c/c to 210° t&pgc. c/c to 200° t&pgc. Average RPM 533.

William Trainovich, Jr.
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Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

8 to 12

0800 Position: Lat. 35° N., Long. 75° W. Underway as before on course 200° t&pgc, 189° psc, 188° pstgc. Convoy speed 13.5 knots. 0813 Sighted Diamond Shoal Lighted Whistle buoy "12-A", abeam to port, distance 400 yds. c/c to 210° t&pgc, 196° psc, 200° pstgc. 0903 c/c to 220° t&pgc, 203° psc, 213° pstgc. 0909 c/c to 230° t&pgc, 213° psc, 233° pstgc. 0919 c/c to 235° t&pgc, 218° psc, 238° pstgc. 0930 c/c to 240° t&pgc. 0932 Sighted Cape Hatteras danger area lighted whistle buoy #4., 45° t&pgc., on stbd., beam. 0934 Passed Cape Hatteras danger area lighted whistle buoy #4., abeam to stbd., distance 1000 yds. 0938 c/c to 248° t&pgc, 229° psc, 249° pstgc. c/c to 180° t&pgc, 166° psc, 172° pstgc. c/c to 248° t&pgc, 228° psc, 254° pstgc. Average RPM 71.1.

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12 to 16

1200 Position: Lat. 35° N., Long. 76° W. Underway as before on course 248° t&pgc, 225° psc, 254° pstgc. Convoy speed 13.5 knots. 1255 c/c to 260° t&pgc. Sighted buoy 10° t&pgc., on stbd., bow. 1314 c/c to 275° t&pgc. 1315 c/c to 193° t&pgc, 179° psc, 177° pstgc. 1356 c/c to 184° t&pgc. 1415 Passed Cape Lookout obstruction buoy, flashing red bell abeam bearing 229° t&pgc. 1435 Cape Lookout lighted W. buoy #14, 45° t&pgc., on stbd., bow bearing 229° t&pgc. 1446 Commenced zig-zagging, using Arma Course Clock, course 184° t&pgc. 1515 Stopped zig-zagging. 1528 Resumed zig-zagging. 1530 Approaching convoy of 5 ships, 4 points on port bow. 1535 Commenced zig-zagging. 1543 Stopped zig-zagging. 1556 c/c to 235° t, and commenced zig-zagging. Average RPM 71.2.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA4)Date April 29, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION + 4REMARKS

16 to 18

Underway as before on course 235° t&pgc, using Arma Course Clock cam #1. Standard speed 70 RPM. (about 11 knots). Average RPM 71.

D. M. Conwell
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Ens. D-M, USNR.

18 to 20

Underway as before on course 235° t&pgc, using Arma Course Clock cam #1. Standard speed 70 RPM. (about 11 knots). Average RPM 71.

William Trainovich, Jr.
WILLIAM TRAINOVICH, Jr.
Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

20 to 24

2000 Position: Lat. 34° N., Long. 77° W. Underway as before on course 235° t&pgc, using Arma Course Clock cam #1. Standard speed 70 RPM. 2010 Ceased zig-zagging and steadied on base course 235° t&pgc, 213° psc, 235° pstgc. 2200 Sighted Frying Pan Shoals lighted whistle buoy, bearing 253° t&pgc. 2215 c/o to 250° t&pgc. 2245 Passed Frying Pan Shoals lighted whistle buoy abeam to stbd. distance $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. c/o to 302° t&pgc. 2335 c/o to 243° t&pgc, 218° psc, 245° pstgc. Average RPM 72.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA4)Date April 30, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION + 4

REMARKS

0 to 4

Underway as before in accordance with Sailing Orders Convoy GUS-6, ship darkened. Condition III watch set, ship in Material Condition Baker. Course 243° t&pgc, 218° psc, 245° pstgc. Standard speed 13.5 knots 70 RPM. Average RPM 71.5.

H. Angelsen
H. ANGELSEN,
Lt. (jg), D-M, USNR.

4 to 8

Underway as before on course 243° t&pgc, 218° psc, 245° pstgc. Standard speed 13 knots (70 RPM). 0532 General quarters. 0545 o/c to 233° t&pgc, 0548 Sighted wreck marker buoy Hector. 0548 Buoy #4, 2 points on stbd., beam, 6 miles distance. 0557 o/c to 225° t&pgc. 0632 Secured from general quarters. Set Condition III watch and Material Condition Baker. 0710 Passed abeam stbd., Cape Romain lighted whistle buoy #6, distance 3/4 mile. o/c to 242° t&pgc, 218° psc, 242° pstgc. Average RPM 71.7

D.M. Conwell
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Ens. D-M, USNR.

8 to 12

0800 Position: Lat. 33°N., Long. 79°W. Underway as before on course 242° t&pgc, 218° psc, 242° pstgc. Standard speed 13 knots. 0845 Sighted Charleston swept channel buoy. 0849 o/c to 230° t&pgc, 206° psc, 225° pstgc. 0855 o/c to 250° t&pgc. 0859 o/c to 270° t&pgc. 0859 Passed swept channel buoy to stbd. o/c to 299° t&pgc., entered swept channel. 0905 Stationed special sea details. 0913 o/c to 302° t&pgc. 0915 Passed swept channel buoy 2BC abeam to stbd. 0920 o/c to 305° t&pgc. 0925 Stopped main engines. Various courses and speeds, conforming to channel regulations. 0930 Pilot Lt. Comdr., W. Santer, USCGR., received aboard and took over conning. 0933 Released USS AUK and USS CHICKADEE. Passed channel buoy C abeam to stbd. 0951 Passed channel buoys #3 and #4. Passed channel buoys #5 and #6. 0957 Passed channel buoys #7 and #8. 1001 Passed channel buoys #9 and #10. 1012 Passed net entrance. 1020 Passed channel buoy "20" abeam to stbd. o/c to 315° t&pgc. 1035 Ft. Sumter Light abeam to port. 1053 Castle Pinckney abeam to stbd. 1155 Navy tug took lines on stbd., bow to assist in mooring ship. 1159 Navy tug came along stbd., quarter to assist in mooring. Navy yard pilot I. Johnson came aboard to supervise mooring. Average RPM 68.2

William Trainovich
WILLIAM TRAINOVICH, Jr.
Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

12 to 16

1200 Position: Lat. 33°N., Long. 80°W. Moored alongside 011 Dock, pier 319 port side to, in Charleston Navy Yard, South Carolina, with the following lines out: 1-8" bow line, two forward bow springs doubled 1-8" stern line, two forward quarter springs doubled.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

05648

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA4)

Date MAY 1 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION + 4

REMARKS

0 to 4

USS ELECTRA (AKA4), J.J. Hughes, Comdr., U.S. Navy, Commanding is moored port side to oil dock #319, Charleston Navy Yard, Charleston, South Carolina for repairs and is under the supervision of the Commandant of the Navy Yard. Moored with following 8" lines: 1 bow spring; 1 foward bow spring doubled; 1 after bow spring; 1 foward quarter spring; 1 breast line of cable; 1 after quarter spring; 1 stern line.

G.B.A. Meidling, Jr.
G.B.A. MEIDLING, Jr.
Ens. E-V(G), USNR.

4 to 8

Moored as before.

H.B. Parks
H.B. PARKS
Lt.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

8 to 12

0806 USS CATANBA came alongside. 0812 Navy Tug #177 came alongside. 0815 Navy yard pilot C. Swan came on board. 0846 Underway shifting berth. 0900 Moored port side to berth 7F, Charleston Navy Yard, Charleston, S.C., with the following lines out; foward 1-8" bow line doubled; 1-3/4" cable doubled; 1-8" foward spring; aft 3/4" cable used both for stern spring lines doubled several times.

H. Angelsen
H. ANGELSEN
Lt.(jg), D-M, USNR.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

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U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA4)

Date May 7, 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION + 4

REMARKS

Log No	554
U.S. No	05648

1100 - 1300

Made preparations for getting underway to shift berth from 7F., to No. 1 drydock. 1145 Yard pilot Capt. I. Johnson came on board. The following tugs came alongside to assist in unmooring and docking: Robert Lockwood, Black Fox, Waban, W.H. Williams, Catawba. 1207 Yard pilot Capt. I. Johnson took the conn, captain and executive officer on the bridge. 1223 Tug Lockwood cast off. 1227 Tugs Catawba and Waban cast off. 1231 Pilot left the ship but kept conn, on board Tug Black Fox. 1233 Tug Black Fox cast off. 1234 Passed over sill of No. 1 drydock. 1250 Caisson closed. Started pumping water from drydock.

H. Angelsen
 H. ANGELSEN,
 Lt. D-M, USNR.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

09803

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA₄)Date June 1, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION + 4REMARKS

U.S.S. ELECTRA (AKA₄), J.J. Hughes, Comdr., U.S. Navy, Commanding, is in drydock No. 1, Charleston Navy Yard, Charleston, South Carolina, for repairs and is under the supervision of the Commandant of the Navy Yard. Machinery installation disabled while undergoing Yard overhaul, essential services and berthing and messing for crew being provided by the Navy Yard.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

09803

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA4)Date June 5, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION + 4REMARKS

0830 Commenced flooding drydock. 0930 Stopped flooding drydock to test bottom structure of ship and tanks for leakage. Secured starboard gangway. 0935 Ship water borne. 1045 Passed word to man all special sea details. 1055 Secured port gangway. 1100 Tugs Black Fox and Hinton alongside. 1105 Commenced undocking. 1110 Tugs H. Williams and Waban alongside. 1112 Pilot Capt. C. Swan, came aboard and took the conn. 1135 Moored port side to Dock G4, with the following lines: one bow line; two forward and two aft springs; one stern line, wire cable. 1145 Tugs cast off and pilot left the ship. Draft of ship fwd. 13'-9", aft 15'-10", mean 14'-9".

H.B. Parks
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ADDITIONAL SHEETU. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA4)Date June 9, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION +hREMARKS

0830 Passed word to man all special sea details. 0835 Pilot Capt. J. Johnson came aboard and took the conn. The following tugs alongside: Waban, Hinton, Cecelia, Black Fox, H. Williams. 0910 Underway to shift berths. 0920 Moored port side to Pier F-3., with the following wire cables: 1 bow line; two fwd springs; two after springs and one stern line. 0927 Tugs cast off. Pilot left the ship.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

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U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA4)

Date 1 July, 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION ~~++~~REMARKS

U.S.S. ELECTRA (AKA4), C.S. Beightler, Lt-Comdr., U.S. Navy Commanding, is moored port side to Pier F-3., Charleston Navy Yard, Charleston, South Carolina, for repairs and is under the supervision of the Commandant of the Navy Yard.

0725 Making preparations for shifting berths. 0742 Pilot H. Lucas came aboard. 0800 Stationed special sea details. 0810 Navy Tugs Hinton and Catawba alongside. 0820 Underway assisted by tugs. Pilot H. Lucas took conn., captain and executive officer on the bridge. 0852 Tugs cast off. Moored starboard side to Oil Dock J-4, Charleston Navy Yard, Charleston South Carolina. The following lines out: 1 bow cable; 1-8" bow line; 1 forward bow spring; 1 after bow spring; 1 forward quarter spring; 1 stern line; 1 breast line - cables doubled up. 0900 Pilot H. Lucas left the ship.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA)

Date 3 July 1943.

ZONE DESCRIPTION +4

REMARKS

- 4-8 Moored starboard side to Oil Dock J-4, Charleston Navy Yard, Charleston, S.C., with the following lines: 1 bow line; 1 fwd spring; 1 aft spring; 1 fwd quarter spring; 1 aft quarter spring; 1 breast line; 1 stern line. 0740 Stationed special sea details.

W. J. Keogh Jr.
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8-12

0825 Underway for degaussing range Cooper River. Pilot C. Swan took conn., captain and executive officer on the bridge. Various courses and speeds proceeding to range down channel, assisted by Navy tugs Catawba and Black Fox. 0830 Tugs cast off. Proceeding under own power. Standard speed 15 knots. 0852 Passed channel buoy #44 abeam to port. 0905 Passed beneath bridge approaching degaussing range. 0918 First run #2 on 187° pgc. 0934 Second run #3 on 009° pgc. 0956 Third run #4 on 184° pgc. 1014 Fourth run #5 on 009° pgc. 1044 Fifth run #6 on 189° pgc. 1107 Sixth run #7 on 007° pgc. All turns for successive runs assisted by tugs Catawba and Waban. 1118 Proceeding to deperming range and with the tugs' assistance tied up port side to Deperming Dock with the following lines: 1 bow line; 1 fwd breast line doubled; 5/8" cable fwd and aft doubled; 1 aft breast line; 1 stern line. Tugs cast off. Pilot C. Swan left the ship.

H. B. Parks
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Lt(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

16-20

1700 Deperming operations commenced. 1915 Deperming operations completed. 1950 Stationed special sea details. 1955 Pilot C. Swan came aboard. Tugs Catawba and Black Fox alongside to assist ship. 1958 Pilot C. Swan took conn., captain and executive officer on the bridge.

T. J. Maguire
T. J. MAGUIRE,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

20-24

2008 Underway on various courses and speeds for Navy Yard, Charleston, S.C. Pilot conning, captain and executive officer on the bridge. Assisted by navy yard tugs Catawba and Black Fox. 2050 Moored port side to in Berth F-4, Navy Yard Charleston South Carolina, with the following lines to dock: 1 bow doubled; 1 fwd bow spring; 1 aft bow spring; 1 breast; 1 fwd quarter spring; 1 aft quarter spring and 1 stern line. 2055 Navy Yard tugs cast off and Navy Yard pilot left the ship.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA4)

Date 5 July 1943.

ZONE DESCRIPTION ++

REMARKS

4-8

0710 Made preparations for getting underway. Stationed special sea details. 0720 Pilot T.L. Lucas came aboard. Tugs Catawba and Black Fox alongside. 0740 Gangway hoisted and lines being cast off. Pilot T.L. Lucas took conn., captain and executive officer on the bridge.

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8-12

0802 Finished casting off all lines. Underway on various courses and speeds assisted by Charleston Navy Yard tugs Catawba and Black Fox. 0838 On degaussing range steering various courses and speeds. Navy Yard pilot conning, captain and executive officer on the bridge; assisted by tugs Catawba and Black Fox; compensating degaussing coils. 1121 Completed compensating degaussing coils.

H.W. Gustin
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Lt(jg), USN.

12-16

Underway on various courses and speeds calibrating compasses. 1517 Completed calibration of compasses. 1556 Anchored in Berth B-3 Cooper River Charleston S.C., in 7 fathoms of water, 45 fathoms of chain out on port anchor. 17.9 Average RPM.

N. Zelanko
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Lt(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

16-20

1740 Underway from anchorage Berth B-3 Cooper River Charleston S.C., to Charleston Navy Yard. Pilot T.L. Lucas conning, captain and executive officer on the bridge. 1800 Tugs Waban, Catawba and Black Fox alongside to assist in mooring ship. 1905 Moored port side to dock F-3 Charleston Navy Yard, Charleston, S.C., with the following lines: 1 bow line; 2 fwd bow springs; 1 aft bow spring; 1 breast line; 1 fwd quarter spring; 1 aft quarter spring; 1 stern line. All lines doubled. Ship resting on the bottom due to shallow water of low tide. 2000 Pilot T.L. Lucas left the ship. Tugs cast off. Secured special sea details. 23.1 Average RPM.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA4)Date 6 July, 1943.ZONE DESCRIPTION +4REMARKS

20-24

2130 Making preparations for shifting berths. 2145 Pilot I. Johnson came aboard and took conn., captain and executive officer on the bridge. Four Navy Yard tugs along starboard side to assist in shifting berths. 2200 Underway from Berth F-3, in tow of tugs. 2300 Moored port side to Berth F-5, Charleston Navy Yard, Charleston, S.C., with the following lines doubled; 2 head lines; 2 stern lines; 2 forward springs; 2 after springs. Pilot I. Johnson left the ship. Tugs cast off.

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CONFIDENTIAL**ADDITIONAL SHEET**U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA4)Date 7 July 1943.ZONE DESCRIPTION +4REMARKS

16-18

1700 Made all preparations for getting underway for berth down channel in Cooper River. 1740 Pilot C. Swan came aboard and took conn., captain and executive officer on the bridge. Underway assisted by tugs Waban and Black Fox. Standard speed 15 knots. Proceeded down channel at various courses and speeds. 1435 Dropped port anchor at 75 fathoms and hove in to 60 fathoms at anchorage B-4, Charleston Harbor. 1655 Pilot C. Swan left the ship. Tugs cast off.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA4)Date 8 July, 1943.ZONE DESCRIPTION +4

REMARKS

4-8

0445 Making all preparations for getting underway.
 0545 Pilot Lt-Comdr. W. Santos, USCG., came aboard.
 0600 U.S.S. BREKIDAP standing down river as escort. Pilot took conn., captain and executive officer on the bridge. Underway for channel standing out to sea. Various courses and speeds being used. Standard speed 15 knots. 0630 c/s to 1/3 ahead. 0636 Passed through net entrance. 0637 Ahead standard. 0700 Stopped ship to discharge pilot. 0705 Pilot left the ship. 0707 Ahead standard speed. Course 120° pgo. 0730 Commenced zig zagging according to confidential plan #19 on base course 080° pgo, 180° psc, 080° pstgc. 69 Average RPM.

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8-12

0800 Underway as before zig zagging according to confidential plan #19. Base course 080° pgo, 081° psc, 080° pstgc. Standard speed 15 knots (80 r.p.m.). 0930 c/s to 10 knots. Commenced zig zagging according to confidential plan #10. 1023 c/s to 11.3 knots. 1028 c/s to 12 knots. 1105 c/s to 15 knots. 71 Average RPM.

W. Trainovich, Jr.
 W. TRAINOVICH, JR.,
 Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

12-16

1200 Position Lat. 32°N., Long. 78°W. Underway as before zig zagging according to confidential plan #10. On base course 080° pgo, 081° psc, 080° pstgc. Standard speed 15 knots. 1345 Convoy passed by to port on horizon. 80.1 Average RPM.

H.B. Parks
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 Lt(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

16-18

1600 Underway as before zig zagging according to confidential plan #10. Base course 080° pgo, 081° psc, 080° pstgc. Standard speed 15 knots. 1700 c/c 051° pgo, 056° psc, 053° pstgc. Continued zig zagging according to confidential plan #10. 80 Average RPM.

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18-20

1800 Underway as before zig zagging according to confidential plan #10. Base course 051° pgo, 056° psc, 053° pstgc. Standard speed 15 knots. 81 Average RPM.

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20-24

2000 Position Lat. 33°N., Long. 76°W. Underway as before zig zagging according to confidential plan #10. Base course 051° pgo, 056° psc, 053° pstgc. Standard speed 15 knots. 2345 Ceased zig zagging. 81.9 Average RPM.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA4)

Date 9 July, 1943.

ZONE DESCRIPTION +4

REMARKS

0-4

Underway as before with escort U.S.S. BELKNAP, on base course 051°pgc, 056°psc, 053°pstgc. Standard speed 15 knots, 80 r.p.m. Ship darkened and in Condition Baker. 0300 c/c to 007°pgc, 013°psc, 009°pstgc. Average RPM 82.1.

N. Zeleuko
N. ZELENKO,
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4-8

Underway as before on base course 007°pgc, 013°psc, 009°pstgc. Standard speed 15 knots, 80 r.p.m. 0449 General Quarters. Set Material Condition Affirm. Commenced zig zagging according to confidential plan #10. 0549 Secured from general quarters, lighted ship and set Material Condition Baker. 0655 c/s to 16 knots, 87 r.p.m. 0730 c/c to 344°pgc, 342°psc, 348°pstgc. c/s to 16.5 knots. Average RPM 83.5.

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8-12

0800 Position: Lat. 36°N., Long. 74°W. Underway as before on base course 344°pgc, 342°psc, 348°pstgc. Speed 16.5 knots. 0801 c/s to 15.5 knots, 84 r.p.m. 0841 c/c to 324°pgc, 324°psc, 326°pstgc. 1030 Changed to various courses entering channel course 257°pgc, 260°psc, 263°pstgc. 1048 Passed buoy XM close aboard port beam. 1103 Passed buoy XI 500 yds., on port beam. 1116 Passed buoy X2 500 yds., on port beam. 1120 Doubtful submarine contact made by escort U.S.S. BELKNAP which dropped one (1) depth charge. 1131 Buoy X3 500 yds., on port beam. 1145 Buoy X4 500 yds., on port beam. Average RPM 87.2.

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12-16

1200 Position: Lat. 37°N., Long. 75°W. Underway as before on base course 257°pgc, 260°psc, 263°pstgc. Speed 15.5 knots. 1438 Entering mine field. 1457 c/s to 15 knots. 1458 Out of mine field. 1459 Entering Thimble Shoal Channel. 1541 Passed through net. Average RPM 87.

N. Zeleuko
N. ZELENKO,
Lt(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

16-20

Underway as before on base course 257°pgc, 260°psc, 263°pstgc. Speed 15 knots. 1646 Anchored in Berth 3 in 60 ft. of water with 75 fathoms of chain on port anchor in Hampton Roads Harbor.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA)Date 13 July, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION +4

REMARKS

8-12

0805 Making all preparations for getting underway. Stationed special sea details. 0815 Underway for Chesapeake Bay degaussing range. Captain conning, executive officer, and navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 15 knots (80 r.p.m.). Standing out of Hampton Roads on various courses conforming to channel. 0908 Passed through submarine nets. Secured special sea details, and set Material Condition Baker. 0951 c/c 042°t&pgc, 045°psc, 044°pstgc. 0955 c/c to 332°t&pgc, 335°psc, 340°pstgc. 1050 c/c to 000°t&pgc, 001°psc, 009°pstgc. 1057 c/c to 017°t&pgc, 023°psc, 019°pstgc. Passed York Spit channel buoys #1 and #2 abeam to port and starboard. 1115 Changing to various courses and speeds for compensating compasses. Average RPM 76.8.

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12-16

1200 Position: Lat. 37°N., Long. 76°W. Underway as before making runs compensating compasses. 1255 Completed compensating compasses. 1350 Arrived off Wolf Trap degaussing range. Degaussing officer and party came aboard. 1415 Made first run on range. 1440 Made second run on range. 1459 Made third run on range. 1515 Made fourth run on range. 1550 Made fifth run on range. Average RPM 57.

C. G. Renfro
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Lt(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

16-20

Underway as before on various courses and speeds calibrating degaussing. 1612 Completed last run on degaussing range. 1640 Degaussing range officer and party left the ship. 1645 c/o to 208°t&pgc. 1715 Commenced swinging ship on various headings for compensation of magnetic compasses with degaussing equipment cut on. 1740 Completed compensation of compasses. c/o to 180°t&pgc. Underway to anchorage. 1755 Stationed special sea details. 1822 Anchored in berth Live 1, Plantation Flats, Chesapeake Bay., 7½ fathoms of water with 60 fathoms on port chain. Bearing as follows: Plantation Flats 102°t., Water Tower 066½°t. 1827 Secured special sea details. Average RPM 66.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA4)Date 14 July, 1943.ZONE DESCRIPTION ++

REMARKS

8-12

0830 Made preparations for getting underway. Tested main and steering engines, also engine order telegraph. Stationed special sea details. 0857 Underway for radio direction finder calibration. 0906 Secured all special sea details, and set Watch II, Condition III. 0915 Underway at various courses and speeds. 0930 Speed 6 knots. (32 r.p.m.). 0940 Commenced making turning circles for radio direction finder calibration. 1031 Finished one complete circle for radio direction finder calibration. 1032 Commenced second run. 1058 Finished second complete circle. 1100 Commenced third run. Average RPM 34.

H.B. Parks
H.B. PARKS,
Lt(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

12-16

Underway as before on various headings swinging ship for radio direction finder calibration. Standard speed 6 knots, (32 r.p.m.). 1215 Completed third run. Commenced fourth run. 1250 Completed fourth run. 1256 Commenced fifth run. 1330 Finished swinging ship for radio direction finder calibration. 1334 Ahead standard speed, 15 knots. Course 340°t&pgc. 1346 c/s to 1/3 ahead. 1400 Made preparations for streaming paravanes. 1413 Ahead standard speed. 1420 Lowered paravanes over sides. 1425 c/c to 353°t&pgc. 1510 c/c to 000°t&pgc. 1514 c/c to 350°t&pgc. 1516 c/c 000°t&pgc. 1545 c/s to 2/3 ahead. 1548 Streamed paravanes. 1549 Stopped engines. 1551 Backed 2/3. 1553 Stopped engines. 1554 Standard speed. 1557 Stopped engines. Average RPM 45.7

H.B. Parks
H.B. PARKS,
Lt(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

16-20

Underway as before on base course 000°t&pgc. Streaming paravanes. 1618 Ahead 2/3, 10 knots, (53 r.p.m.). 1641 c/c to 011°t&pgc. 1646 Stopped engines. Backed 2/3. 1650 Ahead standard speed 15 knots, (80 r.p.m.). 1651 Stopped engines. 1657 Ahead standard speed. Starboard paravane streamed satisfactory. Port paravane streamed too close in. 1710 Secured paravanes. 1719 c/c to 341°t&pgc. 1719 Passed Smith Point Light House abeam to port, distance 1½ miles. 1825 Passed Point No Point Light House abeam to port, distance 1 1/8 miles. c/c to 342°t&pgc. 1853 Passed Hooper Light House abeam to starboard, distance 3 miles. 1901 Passed Cedar Point Light House abeam to port, distance 1½ miles. 1906 c/c to 350°t&pgc. 1910 Stationed special sea details. 1922 c/s to 2/3 ahead. 1925 Changed to various courses and speeds. 1941 Anchored in berth Cl., off Cove Point, Solomon Islands, Maryland. Average RPM 66.9.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA)Date 17 July, 1943.ZONE DESCRIPTION 44 REMARKS

4-8

0530 Made preparations for getting underway. 0545 Stationed special sea details. 0613 Underway for Baltimore, Maryland. Base course 343°t&pgc. Standard speed 15 knots (80 r.p.m.). 0645 Passed buoy 21B abeam to port. 0702 Channel buoy 18A abeam to stbd. 0707 c/c to 357°t&pgc. 0750 c/c to 010°t&pgc. Passed buoy 20A abeam to stbd. Average RPM 64.3.

E. S. Nickelsberg

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Ens. E-V(RS), USNR.

8-12

Underway as before on base course 010°t&pgc. Standard 15 knots (80 r.p.m.). 0810 Bloody Point Light abeam to stbd. 0825 Thomas Point Light abeam to port. 0837 c/c to 018°t&pgc. 0847 c/c to 345°t&pgc. 0855 Passed Sandy Point Light abeam to port. 0902 c/s to 10 knots (53 r.p.m.). 0903 Entering Baltimore Channel. 0909 Entering Craighill Channel. 0935 Entering Cut Off Channel. c/c to 330°t&pgc. 0940 Seven Foot Knoll Light House abeam to stbd. 0949 c/c to 291°t&pgc. Entering Brewerton Channel. 1013 c/c to 321°t&pgc. 1014 Entering Ft. McHenry Channel. 1019 Ft. Carroll Light abeam to stbd. 1036 Anchored in anchorage #3., Patapsco River, Baltimore, Maryland., in 38 feet of water, with 45 fathoms of chain on port anchor. 1045 Secured special sea details. Average RPM 75.9.

V. J. Maguire

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA)Date 18 July, 1943.ZONE DESCRIPTION +4REMARKS

13-20

1300 Made preparations for getting underway. Stationed special sea details. 1359 Underway on base course 141°t&pgc. Standard speed 15 knots (80 r.p.m.). 1407 c/s to 10 knots (53 r.p.m.). 1421 Ft. Carroll Light House abeam to port. 1424 Entered Brewerton Channel. c/e to 111°t&pgc. 1450 c/e to 150°t&pgc. 1458 Passed Seven Foot Knoll Light House abeam to port. 1509 c/c to 180°t&pgc. 1527 c/c to 165°t&pgc. c/s to 15 knots (80 r.p.m.). 1544 c/c to 197°t&pgc. 1606 Passed Sharp Island Light House abeam to port. 1811 c/c to 164°t&pgc. 1912 Passed Point No Point Light House abeam to stbd. Average RPM 76.4.

T. J. McGuire
T. J. MCGUIRE,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

20-24

Underway as before on base course 163°t&pgc. Standard speed 15 knots (80 r.p.m.). 2014 Passed Smith Point Light House abeam to stbd. c/e to 180°t&pgc. 186°pgc. 192°pgc. 2022 c/c to 182°t&pgc. 2100 Stationed special sea details. 2116 Anchored in Berth J-1., Rappahannock Spit Anchorage in 40 feet of water, and 45 fathoms of chain out to port anchor. 2120 Secured special sea details. Average RPM 82.5.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AGAL)Date 19 July, 1943.ZONE DESCRIPTION 44

REMARKS

4-8

0400 Anchored as before in Berth J-1, Rappahannock Spit Anchorage. 0745 Made preparations for getting underway. 0755 Stationed special sea details.

J. T. Ryan
J. T. RYAN,
Lt(jg), C-V(G), USNR.

8-12

0800 anchored as before. 0825 Underway on base course 143°t&ggs, 147°psc, 148°setge. 0857 Changed to various courses and speeds, entering short range target area. 0910 Target repair party left the ship in LCV #5. 0925 Held general quarters for trial run over firing range. 1008 Swinging ship for practise port run on target. 1011 Steady on 300°t&ggs. 1025 Target bearing 090°t&ggs., distance 1600 yds. 1034 Swinging ship for first firing run on target. 1105 Commenced firing 5" 51 cal., gun. 1111 Ceased firing 5" 51 cal., ammunition expended eight (8) rounds. 1113 Stopped main engines, lying to. 1127 Secured from general quarters. Set Condition III Watch. 1136 Target repair party returned to the ship. Average RPM 61.8.

T. J. Maguire
T. J. MAGUIRE,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

12-16

1200 Lying to as before off Rappahannock Spit Anchorage. 1245 Underway for port run on target range. Target repair party left the ship. 1330 Completed firing 3" 50 cal., gun; expended four (4) rounds of BL&T target ammunition. Officers string. 1420 Completed firing guns #2 and 4 . . . 3" 50 cal., guns, eight (8) rounds of BL&T. 1505 Commenced firing #1. . . 3" 50 cal., gun. 1507 Completed firing #1. . . 3" 50 cal., gun; eight (8) rounds of BL&T. 1509 Completed firing #3. . . 3" 50 cal., gun. 1541 Commenced firing 5" 51 cal., gun; 1545 Completed firing 5" 51 cal., gun, expended eight (8) rounds of ammunition. Average RPM 42.9.

H. A. Wilsen
H. A. WILSEN,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

16-20

1600 Lying to awaiting the return of the target repair party. 1620 Target repair party returned to the ship. 1651 Stopped main engines. 1803 Stationed fire control party and 5" 51 cal., gun crew. 1825 Underway for starboard run on stationary target. 1836 Commenced firing 5" 51 cal., gun. 1842 Completed firing 5" 51 cal., gun, expended six (6) rounds of service ammunition. Average RPM 24.1.

C. G. Kempf
C. G. KEMPF,
Lt(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

20-24

2000 Underway as before using various courses and speeds. 2205 Commenced firing 5" 51 cal., gun, in spotting practice. 2211 Completed firing 5" 51 cal., gun, expended six (6) rounds of service ammunition. 2220 Underway to anchorage using various courses and speeds. 2305 Anchored off Rappahannock Spit in 36 feet of water with 45 fathoms of chain out to port. Average RPM 38.6.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (ANGL)Date 20 July, 1943.ZONE DESCRIPTION +4REMARKS

4-8

Anchored as before off Happaannock Spit, in 36 ft., of water with 45 fathoms of chain out to port anchor. 0730 Made preparations for getting underway. 0745 Stationed special sea details.

H.B. Park
H.B. PARK,
Lt(jg), D-V(O), USNR.

8-12

Anchored as before. 0807 Underway for firing area "C". 0835 Exercised at general quarters. 0947 Commenced anti-aircraft practice "G". 1038 Secured from general quarters. Set Condition III Watch. Average RPM 22.5.

H. Zelenko
H. ZELENIKO,
Lt(jg), D-V(O), USNR.

12-16

Lying to. 1207 Ahead 5 knots. 1233 Commenced firing 3" 50 cal., guns to port. Expended eight (8) rounds per gun. No casualties. Completed A.A. practice "George". 1315 Commenced A.A. practice "How", with 20 1 1/2 guns. Fired first run to stbd. 1323 Fired second run to port. 1329 Fired third run to port. 1337 Fired fourth run to stbd. Completed A.A. practice "How". Expended 1500 rounds. No casualties. 1342 Proceeding to Cove Point Anchorage. 1359 Course 359°t&pgc. Speed 15 knots (80 r.p.m.). 1448 Passed Smith Pt., Light abeam to port. 1452 e/c to 342°t&pgc. 1548 Passed Point No Point Light abeam to port. Average RPM 27.1.

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16-20

Underway for Cove Point Anchorage. Base course 342°t&pgc. Standard speed 15 knots (80 r.p.m.). 1614 Passed Hooper Island Light abeam to port. 1631 e/c to 000°t&pgc. 1658 Anchored in Berth C-1., Cove Point, in 7 1/2 fathoms of water, with 60 fathoms of chain out to port anchor. Average RPM 76.6.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA)

Date 23 July 1942.

ZONE DESCRIPTION #4

REMARKS

4-8

Anchored as before in Berth C-1, Cove Point Anchorage.
0730 Made preparations for getting underway. 0745 Stationed
all special sea details.

T. J. Maguire
T. J. MAGUIRE,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

8-12

Anchored as before. 0811 Underway on base course 162°t&pgc,
171°psc, 173°pstgc. Standard speed 15 knots (80 r.p.m.).
0855 Passed Hooper Island Light abeam to port, distance 3.2
miles. 0920 Passed Point No Point Light abeam to stbd,
distance 5/8 mile. Steering various courses. 1022 Passed
Smith Point Light abeam to stbd., distance 1 1/2 miles. 1107
c/s to 10 knots. c/c to 172°t&pgc. 1114 c/s to 15 knots.
1132 Passed Bell Buoy "W" abeam to stbd., distance 1/2 mile.
Average RPM 73.5.

C. D. Allen
C. D. ALLEN,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

12-16

Underway as before on base course 167°t&pgc. Standard speed
15 knots (80 r.p.m.). 1245 c/c to 185°t&pgc. Approaching
York Spit channel. 1248 York Spit channel buoy #9 abeam to
stbd., buoy #10 abeam to port. 1252 Passed between buoys
#7 and 8. c/s to 2/3 ahead. 1257 Passed between buoys #5
and 6. 1304 Passed between buoys #3 and 5. 1308 Passed
between buoys #1 and 2. c/c to 178°t&pgc. 1315 Passed lighted
whistle buoy #1A, abeam to stbd. 1319 c/c to 160°t&pgc,
162°psc. 1322 c/c to 150°t&pgc, 152°psc. 1429 Approaching
Thimble Shoals Channel. 1430 c/c to 222°t&pgc. 1436 Passed
between Thimble Shoals Channel buoys #1 and 2. 1437 c/c to
288°t&pgc, 286°psc. 1515 Using various courses approaching
net entrance to Hampton Roads. 1520 Passed through net
entrance. c/c to 259°t&pgc, 257°psc. 1521 Ahead 2/3 speed.
Standing up river to Navy Yard on various courses conforming
to the channel. 1548 Ahead 1/3 speed. Average RPM 71.8.

G. B. A. Meidling, Jr.
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Lt(jg), E-V(G), USNR.

16-20

Underway as before on various courses and speeds. 1651 YT 213,
(tug) alongside. Pilot Piercell came aboard and took conn.,
captain and executive officer on the bridge. 1710 YT 187 (tug)
alongside. 1718 Moored starboard side to, Berth LA, Norfolk
Navy Yard, with the following lines: one bow line, one stern
line, and two spring lines.

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U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKAM)

Date 31 July 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION ++

REMARKS

12-16

Moored port side to Berth 1A Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va. Draft: Fwd. 22'. Aft. 20' 6". Mean 21' 3". 1300 Making preparations for getting underway. Stationed special sea details. 1345 Navy yard pilot came aboard. Navy yard tugs OBIE, POCAHONTAS, and YT17 along port side. Singled up all lines. 1405 Let all lines. Underway with navy yard pilot conning, captain and executive officer on the bridge. 1415 Dismissed tug POCAHONTAS. 1455 Navy yard pilot left the ship, and dismissed tugs OBIE and YT17. Captain conning various courses and speeds proceeding to anchorage berth #3 Hampton Roads, Va. Average RPM 34.7.

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16-20

Underway as before proceeding to anchorage. 1615 Anchored in Berth #3 Hampton Roads, Va., in 10 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to starboard anchor. Secured special sea details. Draft: Fwd. 21' 10". Aft. 21' 6". Mean 21' 8". Average RPM 35.2.

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U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA4)Date 1 August, 1943.ZONE DESCRIPTION +4REMARKS

U.S.S. ELECTRA (AKA4), C.S. Beightler, Commander U.S. Navy, Commanding, is anchored in Berth #3 Hampton Roads, Va., and is under the command of Commander Training Activities and Rear Echelon, Amphibious Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA)Date 2 August, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION 44REMARKS

8-12

0800 Anchored in Berth #3 Hampton Roads, Va. Making preparations for getting underway. 0815 Stationed special sea details. 0827 Pilot R.B. McCoy came aboard and took conn., captain and executive officer on the bridge. 0841 Underway for United Nations Pier using various courses and speeds. 0911 Tug WAYAT along port side. 0929 Moored starboard side to United Nations B Dock with the following lines: Two spring lines forward; two spring lines aft; one stern line (8 inch manila). Average RPM 14.8.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA4)Date 6 August 1943.ZONE DESCRIPTION +4REMARKS

12-16

1200 Moored starboard side to United Nations B Dock. 1400 Making preparations for getting underway. 1427 Stationed special sea details. 1430 Pilots R.B. McCoy and E.H. Scott, Lt-Comdr., USCG., came aboard. Tugs PEERLESS, and #147 along port side. Draft: Fwd. 20' 9". Aft. 21' 6". 1452 Underway with pilot R.B. McCoy conning, captain and executive officer on the bridge. Using various courses and speeds. 1510 Pilot R.B. McCoy left the ship. Tugs cast off. Pilot E.H. Scott, Lt-Comdr., USCG., conning. 1545 Secured special sea details. Set Condition III watch. 1550 Entered Thimble Shoal Channel.

C. G. Renfro

C.G. RENFRO,
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16-20

1600 Underway as before using various courses and speeds. 1637 Laying to receiving pilot boat alongside. 1645 Pilot E.H. Scott, Lt-Comdr., USCG., left the ship. 1654 Stopped main engines. 1712 Ahead standard speed 15 knots, following U.S.S. WINDSOR up the bay. Course 334°t&pgc, 326°psc, 333°pstgc. 1730 Middle Ground buoy #1 abeam to port. c/o to 325°t&pgc. 1755 Middle Ground buoy "10" abeam to stbd. 1808 Entered York Spit Channel. Passed buoy "N14" abeam to stbd. 1813 Passed buoy "2" abeam to stbd. c/o to 017°t&pgc, 1820 Passed buoy "6" abeam to stbd. 1826 Passed between York Spit Channel bouys #9 and #10. c/o to 002°t&pgc, 350°psc, 002°pstgc. 1905 Wolf Trap Light abeam to port, distance 3 1/5 miles. 1955 Passed Rappahanock Spit bell buoy abeam to port. Average RPM 59.3.

G. B. A. Meidling, Jr.

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20-24

2000 Underway as before on course 002°t&pgc, 350°psc, 002°pstgc. 2109 c/o to 342°t&pgc, 332°psc, 342°pstgc. 2300 Stationed special sea details. 2332 Anchored off Cove Point in Berth D-4 in 50 ft., of water, veered to 60 fathoms on starboard anchor. 2345 Secured special sea details. Average RPM 78.6.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA4)Date 11 August, 1943.ZONE DESCRIPTION ++REMARKS

16-20

1600 Anchored off Cove Point in Berth D-4 in 50 feet of water, veered to 60 fathoms on starboard anchor. 1625 Stationed special sea details. 1654 Anchor aweigh. Underway shifting berth to "Point T" off Cove Point, Chesapeake Bay. Standard speed 10 knots. Steering various courses. 1709 Anchored at "Point T" in 10 fathoms of water, mud bottom, with 75 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor. 1710 Secured special sea details.

H.C. Woodall Jr.
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16-20

1600 Anchored off Cove Point in berth "Point T". 1835 Made preparations for getting underway. Stationed special sea details. 1858 Underway to shift berths, using various courses and speeds. Captain conning, executive officer, and navigator on the bridge. 1918 Anchored in berth D-4 Cove Point, South Anchorage., with 60 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor. Bearings as follows: Cove Pt. 321°t. Drum Pt. 231°t. Cedar Pt. 189°t. 1925 Secured main engines, and special sea details.

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U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA4)Date 14 August, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION +4REMARKS

20-24

2000 Anchored off Cove Point in berth D-4. 2300
 Making preparations for getting underway. 2340 Stationed
 special sea details. 2358 Anchors aweigh. 2359 Underway
 using various courses and speeds. Captain conning, executive
 officer, and navigator on the bridge.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA)Date 15 August, 1943.ZONE DESCRIPTION +4REMARKS

0-4

0000 Underway as before on various courses and speeds.
 0005 Standard speed 15 knots (80 r.p.m.). Steady on course
 161°t&pgc, 186°psc, 173°pstgc. 0036 Passed Hooper Island Light
 abeam to port, distance 2.9 miles. 0045 c/c to 164°t&pgc,
 193°psc., in overtaking ships ahead. 0105 Passed Point No Point
 Light abeam to starboard, distance 1.2 miles. 0130 c/c to
 161°t&pgc, 188°psc, 172°pstgc, 0209 Passed Smith Point Light
 abeam to starboard, distance 0.9 miles. 0212 c/c to 185°t&pgc,
 217°psc., with Smith Point Light bearing 280°t&pgc. 0235 c/c to
 176°t&pgc, 208°psc, 188°pstgc. 0325 Passed Rappahanock Spit buoy
 abeam to starboard, distance 1000 yards. Average RPM 80.

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4-8

0400 Underway as before on course 176°t&pgc, 208°psc, 188°pstgc.,
 15 knots (80 r.p.m.). 0407 Passed Wolf Trap Light abeam to stbd.,
 distance 2.3 miles. 0439 c/c to 197°t&pgc, 230°pstgc. 0440
 Passed York Spit Channel buoy #9 abeam to stbd. Entered York
 Spit Channel. Steered various courses conforming to channel.
 0600 Entered Thimble Shoal Channel., passed between buoys #1 and
 2. c/c to 288°t&pgc, 297°psc. Steered various courses conforming
 to channel. 0650 Left Thimble Shoal Channel entered Hampton Roads.
 0725 Yard tug came alongside port bow. 0728 Pilot Southward came
 aboard. 0750 Tug WAYOT came alongside to assist in docking ship.
 Average RPM 69.8.

G. B. Arthur Meidling, Jr.
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 Lt(jg) E-V(G), USNR.

8-12

Moored starboard side to United Nations Dock 9B., Lamberts Point
 Norfolk, Va.. The following lines out: 1 bow line; 1 breast line;
 1 forward bow spring; 1 forward quarter spring; 1 after quarter
 spring; 1 stern line, all lines doubled up. 0817 Pilot Southward
 left the ship. 0830 Secured special sea details.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA)Date 17 August 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION ++REMARKS

8-12

0800 Moored starboard side to United Nations Dock 9B., Lamberts Point, Norfolk, Va. 1020 Made preparations for getting underway. 1040 Stationed special sea details. Pilot Edward came aboard. 1053 Singled up all lines. Two yard tugs alongside. 1118 Underway for anchorage with the pilot conning, captain, and executive officer on the bridge. 1126 Pilot Edward left the ship, and tugs cast off. Captain conning, executive officer, and navigator on the bridge. Average RPM 27.2.

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12-16

1200 Underway as before on various courses and speeds conforming to the channel. 1219 Anchored in 12 fathoms of water with 5 shackles on windless in Anchorage 1, Hampton Roads, Va. Bearings: Ft. Wool 090°t., Chamberlain Hotel 047°t., Willoughby Spit 037°t. 1228 Secured special sea details.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA)Date 19 August, 1943.ZONE DESCRIPTION +4REMARKS

8-12

0800 Anchored in Anchorage 1, Hampton Roads, Va. 1050 Made preparations for getting underway. Stationed special sea details. 1118 Anchor aweigh. Underway for United Nations Dock. Captain conning, executive officer, and navigator on the bridge. 1126 Pilot Lieut. Southward came aboard and took conn, captain, and executive officer on the bridge.

J. T. Marshall
J. T. MARSHALL,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

12-16

1200 Underway as before, lying to, waiting for the U.S.S. NEVILLE; U.S.S. MONROVIA to clear the dock. 1215 Yard tugs alongside to assist in docking ship. 1236 Moored starboard side to United Nations Dock, Berth "B", Norfolk, Va. The following lines out: one bow line; bow breast, one forward bow spring, one aft bow spring, one forward quarter spring, one aft quarter spring, one stern line, all lines doubled up. 1238 Secured special sea details. Pilot Lieut. Southward left the ship, and tugs cast off.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA4)Date 23 August, 1943.ZONE DESCRIPTION +4

REMARKS

4-8

0400 Moored starboard side to United Nations Dock, Berth "B", Norfolk, Va.. 0730 Made preparations for getting underway. Stationed special sea details.

J. L. Holmes
J. L. HOLMES,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

8-12

0805 Yard Tug 147 alongside port bow. Pilot Capt. Edwards came aboard. Pilot Lt. Comdr. E.E. Guy, USCG., came aboard. 0806 Singled up all lines. 0818 U.S.S. WINDSOR underway. 0820 Underway for Cove Point, Md. Pilot Capt. Edwards conning, captain, executive officer, and navigator on the bridge. Using various courses and speeds clearing channel. 0836 Pilot Capt. Edwards left the ship. Tug 147 cast off. Pilot Lt. Comdr. E.E. Guy, USCG., conning. 0837 Passed between Old Point Comfort and Ft. Wool. 0944 Entered Thimble Shoal Channel. Passed between bell buoy "14" and spar buoy "13A". Secured special sea details. Set Condition III Watch. 1025 Passed between buoys "1" and "2". Left Thimble Shoal Channel. 1032 Pilot Lt. Comdr. E.E. Guy, USCG., left the ship. Captain conning, executive officer, and navigator on the bridge. 1128 Passed buoy "10" abeam to stbd., distance 200 yds. Course 344°t&pgc. 1136 Passed nun buoy "12" abeam to stbd., distance 300 yds. Passed buoys #1 and 2, entered York Spit Channel. c/o to 017°t&pgc. Average RPM 43.8.

W. J. Keogh Jr.
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Lt(jg) D-V(G), USNR.

12-16

1200 Underway as before on course 002°t&pgc, 353°psc, standard speed 15 knots (80 r.p.m.). 1243 Passed Wolf Trap Light abeam to port, distance 3½ miles. c/o to 355°t&pgc, 341°psc. 1347 c/s to ahead 1/3. 1347 - 1405 Change of speed was made to keep stations on the U.S.S. WINDSOR, while waiting for plane to come over for 20MM gun practice. 1416 Exercised at general quarters for gunnery practice. 1501 Commenced firing stbd., 20MM guns at the target. 1535 Ceased firing at target with the 20MM guns. Secured from general quarters. Set Condition III Watch. 1626 rounds of ammunition expended. No casualties. 1545 Underway for anchorage. Speed 15 knots (80 r.p.m.), course 010°t&pgc. Average RPM 70.1.

G. B. Arthur Meidling
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Lt(jg) E-V(G), USNR.

16-20

1600 Underway as before on course 010°t&pgc., standard speed 15 knots (80 r.p.m.). 1602 Smith Point Light abeam to port distance 1½ miles. c/o to 342°t&pgc, 331°psc, 340°pstgc. 1710 Point No Point abeam to port. 1737 Hooper Island abeam to port. 1800 Stationed special sea details. 1822 Anchored off Cove Point, Md., in anchorage D-1., in 50 ft., of water with 60 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor. Bearings: Cove Pt. 292°t. Drum Pt. 216°t. Buoy 16E 061°t. 1827 Secured special sea details. Average RPM 72.6.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA)Date 27 August, 1943.ZONE DESCRIPTION ++REMARKS

16-20

1600 Anchored off Cove Point, Md., in anchorage D-1. 1845 Stationed special sea details. 1900 Underway for anchorage "Roger" off Cove Point, Md., at various courses and speeds. Captain conning, executive officer, and navigator on the bridge. 1912 c/s to standard speed, 12 knots (64 r.p.m.). 1928 c/s to 2/3 ahead. 2036 Anchored in anchorage "Roger" off Cove Point, Md., in 60 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain out on starboard anchor. Bearings: Cove Point Light 311° t&pgc, Buoy 16C 165° t&pgc. 2040 Secured special sea details.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA4)Date 28 August 1943.ZONE DESCRIPTION +4REMARKS

8-12

0800 Anchored in anchorage "Roger" off Cove Point, Md.
 0955 Stationed special sea details. 1000 Tested main engines,
 steering engine, and engine order telegraph. 1009 Underway
 for anchorage D-1, Cove Point, Md. Captain conning, executive
 officer, and navigator on the bridge. 1038 Anchored in anchorage
 D-1, Cove Point, Md., in 47 feet of water with 60 fathoms of
 chain out to starboard anchor. Bearings: Cove Point 296°t&pgc,
 Drum Point 216°t&pgc, Cedar Point 182°t&pgc. 1040 Secured
 special sea details.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA4)Date 30 August, 1943.ZONE DESCRIPTION ++REMARKS

20-24

2000 Anchored in anchorage D-1, Cove Point, Md. 2015 Stationed special sea details. Tested main engines. 2115 Underway at various courses and speeds to join formation in column with U.S.S. WINDSOR and U.S.S. LUEDSTOWN. Standard speed 12 knots (64 r.p.m.). Captain conning, executive officer, and navigator on the bridge. 2133 In formation on course 163° t&pgc, 195°psc. 2231 Passed Point No Point Light abeam to starboard, distance 1.4 miles. 2339 Passed Smith Point Light abeam to starboard, distance 1.3 miles. c/c to 188° t&pgc, 222°psc. Average RPM 55.9.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKAL)

Date 31 August 1943.

ZONE DESCRIPTION +4

REMARKS

0-4

Underway as before on course 188°t&pgc, 222°psc. Standard speed 12 knots (64 r.p.m.). 0037 Changed standard speed to 11 knots (61 r.p.m.) in compliance with message received. 0045 c/s to 2/3 ahead. 0055 c/s to standard, 11 knots. 0118 Passed Rappahanock Spit bell buoy abeam to starboard, distance 1.25 miles. 0220 Passed Wolf Trap Light abeam to starboard, distance 3 miles. c/s to 10 knots. c/e to 185°t&pgc. 0242 Stopped engines and sheared out to starboard to avoid collision with the U.S.S. LEEDSTOWN which stopped without signalling actions. 0250 Ahead at 10 knots. 0320 Entered York Spit Channel. 0338 Left York Spit Channel. 0340 c/e to 180°t&pgc. 0351 c/e to 150°t&pgc. Average RPM 56.3.

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4-8

Underway as before on course 150°t&pgc. Standard speed 11 knots. 0403 Passed Middle Ground Shoal buoy #10 abeam. 0433 Passed Tail of the Horseshoe buoy #1 abeam to starboard, distance 600 yds. 0452 Stopped main engines. 0530 Ahead standard speed 10 knots (53 r.p.m.) c/e to 280°t&pgc, 290°psc. 0535 Changed standard speed to 12 knots (64 r.p.m.). 0632 Passed Thimble Shoal Light abeam to starboard, distance 0.6 miles. 0643 Passed through submarine net. Using various courses and speeds in harbor. 0650 Passed the U.S.S. NEW YORK outbound, close aboard to port. 0715 Entering Elizabeth River. Fog setting in. Changed standard speed to 15 knots. 0723 Pilot Lt. Southworth came aboard and took conn., captain, executive officer, and navigator on the bridge. Heavy fog setting in visibility 500 yds. 0744 Anchored in 30 feet of water with 30 fathoms of chain out to starboard anchor. Anchored in the vicinity bell buoy #4, Elizabeth River Channel waiting for the fog to clear. Average RPM 47.7.

H. Angelsen
 H. ANGEISEN,
 Lieut D-M, USNR.

8-12

Anchored as before waiting for the fog to clear. 0928 Underway for United Nations Dock. Pilot Lt. Southworth conning, captain, executive officer, and navigator on the bridge. Using various courses and speeds proceeding up the channel. 1006 Moored starboard side to United Nations Dock, Berth "B", with the following lines out: 1 bow line; 1 forward bow spring; 1 after bow spring; 1 forward quarter spring; 1 after quarter spring; 1 stern line, all lines doubled up. 1015 Pilot Lt. Southworth left the ship. Secured special sea details. Average RPM 13.4.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA4)

Date 1 September, 1943.

ZONE DESCRIPTION ++REMARKS

U.S.S. ELECTRA (AKA4), C.S. Beightler, Commander U.S. Navy, Commanding, is moored starboard side to United Nations Dock, Berth "B", Norfolk, Va., and is under the command of Commander Training Activities and Rear Echelon, Amphibious Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

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Lieut. D-M, U. S. N. Navigator.

ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA)Date 4 September, 1943.ZONE DESCRIPTION +4

REMARKS

12-16

1200 Moored starboard side to United Nations Dock, Berth "B"., Norfolk, Va. 1530 Made preparations for getting underway. Pilot Capt. Edwards came aboard. Yard tugs moored along port quarter. 1536 Underway pilot conning, captain, executive officer, and navigator on the bridge. Assisted by yard tugs. 1554 Pilot left the ship and tugs cast off. Captain conning.

H. W. Custin
H. W. CUSTIN,
Lt. (jg), USN.

16-20

1600 Underway as before using various courses and speeds clearing Hampton Roads to join formation with the U.S.S. CUSTER, U.S.S. WINDSOR, and U.S.S. LEEDSTOWN. 1643 Passed Fort Wool abeam to starboard, distance $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. 1701 Passed through net entrance. 1703 Ahead standard speed 15 knots. Steady on course 095° t&pg., clearing channel. 1710 Channel buoy "13A" abeam to starboard. c/s to 1/3 ahead. 1714 Channel buoy "11A" abeam to starboard. 1725 Passed between buoys #9 & #10. 1752 Passed between buoys #1 & #2. Left Thimble Shoal Channel. 1753 c/c to 050° t&pg. 1813 Passed Nun 6 buoy abeam to starboard. Steady on 325° t&pg. Speed 10 knots. 1843 Middle Ground Nun buoy 8 abeam to starboard. 1855 Middle Ground Whistle buoy "10" abeam to port. 1913 Passed between York Spit Channel buoys Nun "14" and lighted whistle buoy "1A". 1918 Passed between York Spit Channel lighted buoys #1 & #2. c/c to 017° t&pg. Passed between lighted buoys #5 & #6. 1936 Darken ship. Average RPM 64.3

W. J. Keogh, Jr.
W. J. KEOGH, Jr.
Lt. (jg), D-V(G), USNR.

20-24

2000 Underway as before on course 358° t&pg. 2015 Passed Wolf Trap Light abeam to port, distance 2 miles. 2110 Unknown ship commenced firing practice off port quarter. 2140 Unknown ship commenced firing practice dead astern. 2200 Passed buoy 12TL on starboard beam. c/c to 002° t&pg. 2230 Passed Smith Point on starboard beam, distance 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles. Steering various courses. 2351 Passed Point No Point Light abeam to port, distance $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Average RPM 76.8.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA)

Date 5 September, 1943.

ZONE DESCRIPTION +4

REMARKS

0-4

0000 Underway as before. 0040 Stationed all special sea details.
 0045 Various courses and speeds proceeding to anchorage "E5".
 0105 Anchored in anchorage "E5" off Cove Point, Maryland., in
 48 feet of water, with 60 fathoms of chain out to port anchor.
 Bearings: Cove Point 317°t&pgc., distance 4950 yards. Drum
 Point 238°t&pgc. 0120 Secured special sea details. Set Condition
 III Watch. Average RPM 60.1.

H. Angelsen

H. ANGEISEN,
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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA4)

Date 8 September, 1943.

ZONE DESCRIPTION 44

REMARKS

8-12

0800 Anchored in anchorage "E5" off Cove Point, Maryland.
 0830 Stationed anchor detail. 0840 Hove short. 0845 Stationed special sea details. 0900 Anchor aweigh. Underway using various courses and speeds. Captain conning, executive officer, and navigator on the bridge. Following order of ships: U.S.S. CUSTER; U.S.S. WINDSOR; U.S.S. LEEDSTOWN; U.S.S. ELECTRA. Standard speed 13 knots (70 r.p.m.). 0924 c/s to standard 13 knots. 0929 c/o to 160°t&pgc. c/s to 2/3 ahead. 0930 c/s to standard. 0931 Secured from special sea details. Set Condition III watch. 0932 c/o to 165°t&pgc. 0943 Passed Cedar Point abeam to starboard, distance 2 miles. . 0959 Passed Hooper Island Light abeam to port, distance 2.6 miles. 1030 Stationed special sea details. 1058 Anchored in Point "D" transport area in 44 feet of water, with 60 fathoms of chain out to port anchor. Bearings: Wreck Marking buoy "16BB" 096°t&pgc; Point No Point 231°t&pgc; U.S.S. CUSTER 358°t&pgc. Average RPM 59.3.

S.B. Parks
 H.B. PARKS,
 Lt(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

16-20

1600 Anchored as before in Point "D" transport area. Made preparations for getting underway. Tested main engines. Stationed special sea details. Hove short. 1636 Underway on various courses at various speeds. Captain conning, executive officer, and navigator on the bridge. In company with U.S.S. CUSTER; U.S.S. WINDSOR; U.S.S. LEEDSTOWN. U.S.S. ELECTRA third ship in column. Standard speed 12 knots. Proceeding to new anchorage off Cove Point, Maryland. 1833 Anchored in transport area off Cove Point, Maryland, with 60 fathoms of chain out to port anchor in 10 fathoms of water on the following bearings: Drum Point 259°t&pgc, Cedar Point 228°t&pgc, Buoy #160 168½°t&pgc. Average RPM 65.3. Secured special sea details. 1935 Stationed special sea details. Shifted berths 250 yards and anchored on the following bearings: Drum Point 352½°t&pgc, Cove Point 314°t&pgc, Cedar Point 225½°t&pgc. Secured special sea details.

H.W. Gustin
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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA)

Date 9 September, 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION +4

REMARKS

8-12

0800 Anchored in transport area off Cove Point, Maryland.
 0843 Stationed special sea details. 0906 Underway for anchorage "D-1", using various courses and speeds. Captain conning, executive officer, and navigator on the bridge.
 0918 Sighted body off starboard bow. Stopped ship. 0930 LCV(P) #1 recovered body. Lat. 38°-21'-00"N, Long. 76°-20'-38"W. Body identified to be AUNSPACH, Arnold Lloyd, 249 82 28., removed to ATB, Solomon Island, Maryland, in LCV(P) #1.
 0946 Anchored in anchorage "D-1" off Cove Point, Maryland., in 50 feet of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to port anchor. Bearings: Cedar Point 182½°t&pgc, Drum Point 217°t&pgc, Cove Point 294½°t&pgc. Secured special sea details.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AK-1)Date 11 September 1943.ZONE DESCRIPTION +4

REMARKS

8-12

0800 Anchored in anchorage "D-1" off Cove Point, Maryland.
1107 Made preparations for getting underway. 1140 Underway
on various courses and various speeds. Captain conning,
executive officer, and navigator on the bridge. 1145 c/s
to full ahead.

J.B. Howell
J.B. HOWELL,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

12-16

1200 Underway as before using various courses and speeds.
1223 Hooper Island Light abeam to port, distance 2 1/4 miles.
1259 Point No Point Light abeam to starboard, distance 1.9
miles. 1354 Smith Point Light abeam to starboard, distance
1 mile. 1406 Exercised at general quarters. Entered area
"Baker" for firing practice. 1417 c/c to 180° t&pgc. 1421
Commenced first firing run with 20MM guns to port. 1434
Commenced second firing run with 20MM guns to port. 1505
Commenced firing 3' 50" cal. guns to port. 1525 Completed
firing. Expended 281 rounds of 20MM AA., and 16 rounds of
3' 50" cal. AA ammunition. No casualties. Stopped ship to
pick up target. 1532 Secured from general quarters. 1538
c/c to 185° t&pgc. Standard speed 14 knots. Average RPM 80.3.

W.J. Keogh
W.J. KEOGH,
Lt(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

16-20

1600 Underway as before proceeding independently to anchorage.
Course 185° t&pgc, 195°psc, 212°pstgc. Speed 14 knots. 1630
Passed Wolf Trap Degaussing Range abeam to port, distance 1.6
miles. 1700 Stationed special sea details. 1715 Anchored in
anchorage "M-1", transport area off Old Plantation, Va., in
7 fathoms of water, with 60 fathoms of chain out to port anchor.
Bearings: Wolf Trap 337° t&pgc, York 283° t&pgc, New Point Comfort
295° t&pgc. 1718 Secured special sea details. Average RPM 69.

R.F. Dewey
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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA4)Date 12 September, 1943.ZONE DESCRIPTION 24

REMARKS

0-4

0000 Anchored in anchorage "M-1", transport area off Old Plantation Flats, Va. 0330 Stationed special sea details. Made preparations for getting underway. 0358 Underway on various courses at various speeds. Captain conning, executive officer, and navigator on the bridge.

J. T. Ryan
J. T. RYAN,
Lt(jg), C-V(S), USNR.

4-8

0400 Underway as before. Standard 15 knots. 0405 Entered York Spit channel. c/c to 197°t&pgc, 205°psc. 0422 Passed York Spit lighted buoy, distance 600 yds. 0426 c/c to 150°t&pgc, 165°psc. 0530 Passed through bouys #1 and #2, of Thimble Shoals channel, course 288°t&pgc, 297°psc. 0600 Passed Thimble Shoal buoy "11" abeam to port side. Left Thimble Shoal channel. 0617 c/c to 248°t&pgc. 0639 Tug PEERLESS alongside port. Pilot Edwards came aboard and took conn. 0710 Moored starboard side to United Nations Dock, berth "B", with the following lines out: 1 bow line; 2 bow springs; 2 quarter springs; 1 stern line. 0717 Pilot Edwards left the ship. Secured special sea details. Secured main engines. Average RPM 66.7.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA)Date 16 September 1943.ZONE DESCRIPTION +4REMARKS

12-16

1200 Moored starboard side to United Nations Dock, Berth "B", Norfolk, Va. 1445 Stationed special sea details. 1447 Tug WAGAT came alongside port bow. 1447 Singled up all lines. 1448 Pilot Lieut. Southworth came aboard. 1510 Yard tugs alongside port bow and quarter. 1528 Underway, pilot conning, captain, executive officer, and navigator on the bridge. Various courses and speeds forming formation with U.S.S. CUSTER and U.S.S. WARREN. Destination Cove Point, Maryland. 1542 Pilot Lieut. Southworth left the ship. Tugs cast off. Captain conning. Various speeds and courses used clearing channel. Average RPM 31.1.

*Ens. T. S. Woodall*T. S. WOODALL,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

16-20

1600 Underway as before. Captain conning, executive officer, and navigator on the bridge. 1607 Passed Fort Wool abeam to starboard, distance $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. 1625 Entered Thimble Shoal Channel. 1626 Passed buoy "11" abeam to starboard, distance 300 yards; 1636 Set standard speed at 13 knots. 1655 Took station astern of the U.S.S. CUSTER, 750 yard interval. 1705 Secured special sea details. Set Condition III watch. 1942 Passed Wolf rap abeam to port, distance 2.75 miles. Average RPM 70.6.

*Ens. D. P. Johnson*D. P. JOHNSON,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

20-24

2000 Underway as before in formation as follows: U.S.S. CUSTER; U.S.S. ELECTRA; U.S.S. WARREN. Standard speed 13 knots, course 000° t&pgc. 2015 c/s to 1/3 ahead. 2020 c/s to standard. 2035 c/s to 1/3 ahead. 2045 Passed Rappahannock Spit buoy abeam to port, distance $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. c/s to 2/3 ahead. 2055 c/s to standard. 2057 c/c to 355° t&pgc. 2115 c/c to 347° t&pgc. 2147 Passed bell buoy #12 abeam to starboard, distance $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. c/c to 012° t&pgc. 2221 Passed Smith Point Light abeam to starboard, distance $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles. c/c to 341° t&pgc. 2343 Passed Point No Point abeam to port, distance $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles. Average RPM 71.9.

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H. ANGELSEN,
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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKAM)Date 17 September, 1943.ZONE DESCRIPTION +4REMARKS

0-4

0000 Underway as before in the following formation: U.S.S. CUSTER;
 U.S.S. ELECTRA; U.S.S. WARREN. 0015 Passed Hooper Island Light
 abeam to starboard, distance 2½ miles. 0100 Anchored off Cove
 Point, Maryland., in the northern section of Anchorage "D-9" in
 15 feet of water, with 60 fathoms of chain out to port anchor.
 Bearings: Cove Point 334°t&pgc. Drum Point 259°t&pgc. Hooper
 Island Light 134°t&pgc.

A. B. Parks
 H. B. PARKS,
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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA)Date 18 September, 1943.ZONE DESCRIPTION ++REMARKS

4-B

0400 Anchored off Cove Point, Maryland in the northern section of Anchorage "D-9". 0440 Stationed special sea details. 0445 Hove short. 0500 Underway captain conning, executive officer, and navigator on the bridge. Underway for exercise berths in the following formation U.S.S. CUSTER; U.S.S. WINDSOR; U.S.S. ELECTRA; U.S.S. WARREN; U.S.S. LEEDSTOWN. Various courses and speeds prescribed. Standard speed 13 knots. 0530 Passed "160" bell buoy abeam to port, distance 9/10 mile. 0600 Secured special sea details. Set Condition IA watch. 0700 Anchored in anchorage "D-4" off Cove Point, Maryland, in 18 feet of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to port anchor. Bearings: Cove Point 323°t&psc. Drum Point 230°t&psc. Cedar Point 187°t&psc. Average RPM 40.2.

J.T. Ryan
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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA4)Date 19 September, 1943.ZONE DESCRIPTION +4REMARKS

0-4

0000 Anchored in Anchorage "D-4" off Cove Point, Maryland. 0015 Stationed special sea details. 0043 Underway captain conning, executive officer, and navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 13 knots. Various courses standing up the bay to make return approach to transport area. 0204 Anchored in transport area, Berth "D-1" off Cove Point, Maryland, in 50 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to port anchor. Bearings: Cove Point Light 295°t&pgc. Drum Point Light 217°t&pgc. Hooper Island Light 144°t&pgc. Secured special sea details. Set condition IA watch. Average RPM 53.8.

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8-12

0900 Anchored in transport area, Berth "D-1" off Cove Point, Maryland. 0928 Underway in the following formation: USS CUSTER, USS WINGBOR, USS ELECTRA, USS WARREN, USS LEEDSTOWN. Captain conning, executive officer, and navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 13 knots. 1122 Various courses and speeds. Anchored in transport area off Bloodsworth Island, in 53 feet of water with 60 fathoms of chain on port anchor. Bearings: Hooper Island Light 356°t&pgc. Buoy 16BB 118°t&pgc. Buoy 1 043°t&pgc. Average RPM 52.1.

E. S. Mickelberg
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U. S. N^{avy} Navigator.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA)

Date 21 September 1943.

ZONE DESCRIPTION # 4

REMARKS

0-4

0000 Anchored in transport area off Bloodworth Island. 0045 Stationed special sea details. 0100 Underway standing up bay to Cove Point transport area. Captain conning, executive officer, and navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 13 knots, various courses. 0212 Anchored in transport area off Cove Point in 65 feet of water 60 fathoms of chain out to port anchor. Secured special sea detail, set condition IA watch. Average RPM 61.3.

C. D. Allen
C. D. ALLEN,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

4-8

0400 Anchored as before in "Tare 4" off Cove Point. 0740 Underway captain conning, executive officer, and navigator on the bridge. Average RPM 14.4.

F. S. Eickelberg
F. S. EICKELBERG,
Ens. E-V(RS), USNR.

8-12

0800 Underway as before. 0802 Anchored in Anchorage "D-3" off Cove Point, Maryland, in 49 feet of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to port anchor. Bearings: Cove Point 317° t&pgc. Cedar Point 184° t&pgc. Drum Point 224° t&pgc. 0807 Secured all special sea detail, set condition IA watch.

H. B. Parks
H. B. PARKS,
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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA4)Date 23 September 43.ZONE DESCRIPTION ++REMARKS

8-12

0800 Anchored in Anchorage "D-3" off Cove Point, Maryland. 0930 Stationed all special sea details. Making preparations for getting underway. 1001 Underway, captain conning, executive officer, and navigator on the bridge. Various courses and speeds. In company with U.S.S. CUSTER, U.S.S. WINDSOR, U.S.S. WARREN, U.S.S. LEEDSTOWN., proceeding to firing area "C". Standard speed 13 knots. 1035 Passed buoy "16 C" abeam to port, distance about 1000 yds. 1048 c/c to 163°t&pgc. U.S.S. CUSTER fell out of formation due to faulty gyro compass, U.S.S. WINDSOR took unit guide. 1051 Passed Hooper Island Light abeam to port, distance 2 3/4 miles. 1055 Secured special sea details, set Condition III watch. 1122 Passed Point No Point abeam to starboard, distance 1 5/9 miles. Average RPM 75.7.

H. Angelsen
H. ANGEISEN,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

12-16

1200 Underway as before on course 163°t&pgc. Standard speed 13 knots. 1227 Passed Smith Point Light abeam to starboard, distance 1 mile. 1235 Stopped engines. 1240 Lowered LCV(P) #12 over the side to take SCHÖNHERR, William Francis, 305 43 15, S2c, USNR., to the U.S.S. WINDSOR for medical treatment. Lieut. C.H. Ancan, MC-V(G), USNR., accompanied the patient. 1255 Hoisted LCV(P) #12 aboard. Lieut. C.H. Ancan, MC-V(G), USNR., remained on board the U.S.S. CUSTER. 1255 Resumed standard speed, course 195°t&pgc. 1355 Passed Windmill Point abeam to starboard, distance 3 miles. 1437 Took position in column astern of the U.S.S. LEEDSTOWN. 1519 Passed Wolf Trap abeam to starboard, distance 2 1/2 miles. 1555 c/c to 170°t&pgc. 1557 Passed York Spit Channel buoy #9 abeam to starboard, c/c to 197°t&pgc. Average RPM 72.7.

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16-20

1600 Underway as before, proceeding down Chesapeake Bay to Hampton Roads, Va. Standard speed 13 knots. Course 197°t&pgc. 1606 Passed between York Spit Channel buoys #5 & 6. 1619 Passed buoys #1A and "N14" leaving York Spit Channel. 1622 c/c to 150°t&pgc. 1637 c/s to 2/3 ahead. 1645 Passed Nun buoy #8 abeam to port, distance 0.7 miles. 1759 Began to proceed independently to berth previously assigned. 1825 Passed through submarine nets. 1910 Anchored in Berth #3 Hampton Roads Anchorage, Norfolk, Va., in 70 feet of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to port anchor. Bearings: Buoy #1 136°t&pgc. Fort Wool 076°t&pgc. Buoy #16A 013°t&pgc. Average RPM 61.5.

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U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA)Date 24 September, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION ++REMARKS

4-8

0600 Made all preparations for getting underway. 0630 underway on various courses and speeds, captain conning, executive officer, and navigator on bridge. 0645 Lieut. Southworth, pilot, came aboard and took over conning from commanding officer. Yard tugs assisting. 0711 Moored starboard side to United Nations Dock, Norfolk Va. with the following lines out; 1 aft breast 8", 1 bow 8", 1 forward spring 8", 1 forward breast 10", 1 aft spring 8", and 1 stern line 8", all lines doubled. Pilot left ship and tugs shoved off. Average RPM 26.9.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AN-61)Date 1 October, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION #4REMARKS

U.S.S. ELECTRA (AN-61), C.S. Beightler, Commander U.S. Navy, Commanding, is moored starboard side to United Nations Dock, Berth "B", Norfolk, Va., and is under the command of Commander Training Activities and Rear Echelon, Amphibious Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELMIRA (AKA)Date 3 October, 1943LOG DESCRIPTION + 4REMARKS

12-16

1200 Secured starboard side to United Nations Dock, Berth "B", Norfolk, Va. 1330 Made all preparations for getting underway. 1335 Pilot J. G. Treaskle reported aboard, and tug from Wood Towing Corp. secured along port bow. 1400 Singled up all lines. 1420 Let go all lines and underway on various courses and speeds, pilot coaming, captain, executive officer, and navigator on the bridge. 1435 Tugs cast off and pilot J. G. Treaskle left the ship. 1529 Passed through submarine net, Hampton Roads. Changed speed to standard speed, 15 knots RPM. 1535 Thimble Shoal's Light abeam to port. Secured special sea details. Set Condition III Watch. 1546 Channel buoys #9 and #10 abeam. Average RPM 43.5.

D. J. Canover
 U. S. S. ELMIRA
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16-20

2000 Underway as before on various courses and speeds. 1613 Passed between buoys "1" and "2", left Thimble Shoal Channel. 1653 In column formation U.S.S. CUSTER guide ship, followed in order by the U.S.S. ELMIRA and the U.S.S. WARRIOR. 1743 Entered York Spit Channel, passed between buoys "1" and "2". 1757 Left York Spit Channel. 1838 Passed Wolf Trap Light House abeam to port, distance about 23/4 miles. U.S.S. CUSTER hoisted the break down pennant. 1843 Passed the U.S.S. CUSTER abeam distance about 2 mile. 1900 Proceeding independently to anchorage on orders from U.S.S. CUSTER on various courses and speeds. Average RPM 75.6.

H. B. Weidling, Jr.
 U.S.S. ELMIRA
 Lt. (jg), USNR.

20-24

2100 Underway as before steering 000°t&pg. 2007 Increased speed to 23 RPM. 2015 Changed course to 010°t&pg. 2025 Passed Chesapeake F. J. Bell #12 abeam to starboard, distance about 500 yds. 2050 Passed Smith Point Light abeam to port, distance about two miles. 2200 Passed Point No Point abeam to port, distance about 1 mile. 2256 Anchored in anchorage 102 off Cove Point, Md., in 45 ft. of water with 60 fathoms out to starboard anchor. Bearings: Cove Point 337°t&pg., Drum Point 265°t&pg., Hooper Island 131°t&pg. 2305 Secured special sea detail. Average RPM 79.7

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. HECTOR (AG-41)

Date 4 October, 1943

LOG DESCRIPTION #4

REMARKS

12-16

anchored as before. 1410 Stationed all special sea details. 1442 Underway shifting berth. Executive officer conning and navigator on the bridge. 1449 Anchored in anchorage "95" off Cove Point, Md. in 45 feet of water with 60 fathoms of chain on starboard anchor. Bearings: Cove Point 134° true., Drum Point 261° true., Cedar Point 239° true., Roper Island 132° true. 1500 Secured special sea details. Average SW 45.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA)Date 9 October 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION + 4

REMARKS

16-24

1800 Stationed all special sea details. Tested main engine, steering engine, engine order telegraph, and steam whistle. 1819 Underway to anchorage "72". 1850 Anchored in berth "72" off Cove Point, MA., in 50 ft. of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to starboard anchor. Bearings: Cove Point 306 $\frac{1}{2}$ °t&pgc., Drum Point 218°t&pgc. 1858 Secured from special sea details. Average RPM 35.0.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AICAL)Date 10 October, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION # 4

REMARKS

8-12

1045 Stationed special sea details. Tested main engines, steering telegraph, whistle, engine order telegraph. 1127 Underway. Captain conning, Executive officer and navigator on bridge. Standard speed 15 knots (84RPM). 1140 Set course 163°&pgg, 186 psc. 1153 Set Condition III Watch. Average RPM 48.7.

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12-16

Underway as before. 1206 o/c to 162°&pgg. 1217 Hooper Island lighthouse abeam to port, distance three (3) miles. 1243 Point no point lighthouse abeam to starboard, distance 2500 yds. 1344 Smith Point lighthouse abeam to stbd, distance 2500 yds. 1345 o/c to 190°&pgg, 119°psc, 201°pstg. 1404 o/c to 176°&pgg, 202°psc, 185°pstg. 1439 Stopped main engines. 1440 ahead standard 15 knots, 84RPM, course 185°&pgg. 1443 o/c to 177°&pgg. 1459 o/c to 171°&pgg, 196°psc. 1535 Wolf Trap lighthouse abeam to stbd, distance 2 1/2 miles. o/c to 179°&pgg, 206°psc, 190°pstg. Average RPM 83.5.

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16-20

Underway as before. Steering course 179°&pgg, speed 15 knots (84RPM). 1609 Entered York Spit channel Y.S. Bell buoy #9 abeam to stbd., distance about 250 yds. o/c to 197°&pgg. 1622 Left York Spit channel, passed buoy #1 abeam to stbd., distance about 200 yds. o/c to 190°&pgg. 1627 Passed buoy "1A" abeam to stbd., distance about 200 yds. Changed course to 180°&pgg. 1635 o/c to 150°&pgg. 1723 o/c to 230°&pgg. o/s to 1/3 ahead. 1729 Thimble Shoal channel buoy abeam to port. o/c to 230°&pgg. Speed standard. 1731 o/c to 231°&pgg. 1742 Passed between Thimble Shoal channel buoys #5 and #6. 1750 Stationed special sea details. 1801 o/c to 282°&pgg. o/s to 2/3 ahead approaching net entrance. 1806 Thimble Shoal lighthouse abeam to stbd. 1810 o/c to 249°&pgg. 1814 Passed through net entrance. 1859 Anchored in berth #26 Hampton Roads, Va. in 45 ft. of water with 60 fathoms of chain on stbd. anchor. Bearing; Pt. Wool Light 063°&pgg., Channel buoy #1 076°&pgg., Channel buoy #4 147°&pgg. 1903 Secured main engines, steering engines and special sea details. Average RPM 68.7.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AGAL)

Date 11 October, 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION +4

REMARKS

4-8

Anchored as before. 0615 Stationed all special sea details. 0647 Underway for berth alongside United Nations Dock. Captain conning, navigator and executive officer on bridge. Various courses and speeds conforming to channel regulations. 0649 Tug PARLESS came along starboard side. Pilot Captain Southworth came aboard to conn ship to berth. 0736 Moored starboard side to United Nations Dock, Norfolk, Va., with the following lines out: one bow, one stern, two fwd. springs, two quarter springs. All lines doubled-3" manila lines. Secured all special sea details. Average RPM 61.6.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA4)Date 15 October, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION T 4

REMARKS

12-16

Moored as before, starboard side to United Nations Dock, Norfolk, Va. 1200 Made all preparations for getting underway. 1230 Stationed all special sea details. 1321 Two Navy yard tugs alongside. Pilot captain, J.E. Treakle came aboard. 1358 Underway Pilot J.E. Treakle conning. Captain, Executive officer and navigator on bridge. Steering on various courses and speeds to conform with channel specifications. 1414 Stopped ship. 1416 Ahead one-third, course 0003°t&pgc. 1418 Pilot captain Treakle left ship. Tugs cast off. 1425 Stopped main engines due to heavy fog. Sounding fog signals. 1446 Underway, passed Hampton Roads channel buoy #1 abeam to stbd. c/c to 048°t&pgc. c/s ahead 2/3. 1503 Ft. Wool abeam to starboard steady on 082°t&pgc. 1525 Took soundings of 54' in vicinity of buoy "B" Hampton Roads. Visibility near zero. 1530 Anchored in Hampton Roads with 9 fathoms of chain out to starboard anchor. Channel buoy "B" bearing 316°t&pgc distance about 350 yds. Average RPM 80.1.

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16-20

Anchored as before waiting for fog to clear. 1619 Underway, various courses and speeds. Clearing Hampton Roads net and various vessels in vicinity. 1717 Passed through net entrance. c/s ahead standard 15 knots, steady on 085°t&pgc. 1720 Secured special sea details. 1723 2/3 ahead. 1730 Channel buoy abeam to starboard entering Thimble Shoal channel. Speed 1/3 ahead. 1825 Stationed all special sea details. 1835 Anchored in Lynnhaven Roads in about 40 ft. of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to starboard anchor. Fog setting. Average RPM 40.2.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA)

Date 16 October, 1943.

ZONE DESCRIPTION 44

REMARKS

8-12

Stationed all special sea details. 0803 Underway, taking departure from Lynnhaven Road to Cove Pt., Md. Ahead standard speed 15 knots, 80 RPM. Captain conning, executive officer and navigator on bridge. Taking various courses and clearing channel. 0818 Passed Tail of the Horseshoe buoy #2T abeam to port distance about 1000 yards, set course 330°t&pgc, 331g, 321psc. 0835 Passed Tail of the Horseshoe buoy #1 abeam to port distance 600 yds. c/c to 334°t&pgc, 335g, 325psc. 0849 Passed buoy #8 abeam to stbd. distance about 1000 yds. 0859 Passed Whistle buoy #10 abeam to stbd. distance about 500 yds. 0905 Passed Spar #12 abeam to stbd. distance about 500 yds. 0910 c/c to 000°t&pgc. 0912 Passed Whistle buoy #1A abeam to port, distance about 400 yards. 0916 Entered York Spit channel, passed channel buoy #1 abeam to port distance about 300 yds. 0932 Passed channel buoy #5 abeam to port distance about 300 yds. c/c to 020°t&pgc. 0934 Passed channel buoy #9 abeam to port distance about 300 yds. Left York Spit channel, c/c to 004°g, 000°t&pgc, 348psc. 1002 Passed Wolf Trap abeam to port distance about 1½ miles. c/c to 352g, 349t&pgc, 338psc. 1020 Commenced sounding fog signal on whistle. 1042 c/c to 000°t&pgc. c/s to 2/3 ahead. 1055 Passed Rappanock Spit buoy abeam to port distance about 300 yards. 1120 Ceased fog signals. 1145 c/c to 008°t&pgc. Average RPM 78.6.

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12-16

Underway as before on 006°t&pgc. Standard speed 15 knots. 1207 Smith Pt. lighthouse abeam to port, distance 2250 yds. 1210 c/c to 344°t&pgc, 331°psc. 1251 Pt. Lookout abeam to port, distance 4½ miles. 1302 c/c to 343°t&pgc. 1310 Point No Point abeam to port, distance 1½ miles. 1343 Stationed all special sea details. 1350 c/s to 2/3 ahead. 1435 Anchored between 98 and 102 off Cove Pt. Md. in 45 ft. of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to stbd. anchor. Bearings: Cove Pt. 338°t&pgc, Drum Pt. 212°t&pgc, Cedar Pt. 205°t&pgc. Average RPM 81.9.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA)Date 19 October, 19 43ZONE DESCRIPTION 74

REMARKS

12-16

1330 Stationed all special sea details and made preparations for getting underway. 1358 Underway. Captain conning, executive officer and navigator on bridge. Various courses and speeds taking position in column astern of U.S.S. WINDSOR. 1415 Steady on course 005°t&pgc, 352°psc, 011°pstgc. Standard speed 12 knots. RPM 65. 1426 Cove Point lighthouse abeam to port. 1427 c/c to 321°t&pgc, 317°psc, 324°pstgc. 1450 Formation Dog - Column open order. 1510 Anchored in berth 28 West, North of Cove Point in 39 ft. of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to starboard anchor. 1512 Secured special sea details. Bearings: Cove Point 151°30"t&pgc, Buoy 18A 008°15"t&pgc, Buoy 16F 092°t&pgc. Average RPM 49.4.

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Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

20-24

Anchored as before. 2230 Stationed all special sea details and made preparations for getting underway. 2300 Underway taking departure for tactical maneuvers previously assigned. Captain conning, executive officer and navigator on bridge. Various courses and speeds. Maneuvering into assigned position in formation. 2314 Ahead standard speed. 2316 Begin making circle to port in vicinity of buoy 18A. 2333 Passed buoy 16F abeam to port, distance 1600 yds., steady on course 151°t&pgc, 151½°g, 162°psc, in column order. Speed 12 knots. RPM 65. 2351 c/c to 162°t&pgc, 171°psc. 2359 Passed buoy 16EE abeam to port, distance 1000 yds. Average RPM 45.5.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA)Date 20 October, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION 74

REMARKS

00-4

Underway on tactical maneuvers as before. Steady on course 169½°t&pgc, 181°psc, standard speed 12 knots. RPM 65. 1230 c/c to 273°t&pgc, 281°psc. 0102 Anchored in berth 98 off Cove Point, Md. in 45 ft. of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to stbd anchor. Bearings: Drum Point 261°t&pgc, Buoy 118½°t&pgc, Hooper Island 132½°t&pgc. 0110 Secured all special sea details. Average RPM 45.5.

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8-12

Anchored as before. 0845 Stationed all special sea details. 0920 Underway for new berth in transport area off Cove Point. 0944 Anchored off Cove Point, Md. in transport area between berths 68 and 70 in 47 feet of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to port anchor. Bearings: Cove Point 311°t&pgc, Drum Point 229°t&pgc, Cedar Point 190°t&pgc. 0951 Secured special sea details. Average RPM 34.3.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA4)Date 22 October, 1947ZONE DESCRIPTION 44

REMARKS

4-8

Anchored as before. 0600 Heads of departments made readiness for getting underway reports. 0626 Stationed all special sea details. 0659 Underway taking departure from Cove Pt., Md. with Captain conning, executive officer and navigator on bridge. Various courses and speeds maneuvering into column with U.S.S. CUSTER as lead ship, U.S.S. WINDSOR ahead of us and U.S.S. LEEDSTOWN astern of us. Standard speed 15 knots. RPM 80. 0715 Secured all special sea details. Set Condition III Watch. 0717 Took position in column astern of U.S.S. WINDSOR on course 161°t&pgc, 187°psc at 15 knots. RPM 80. 0732 Passed lighted Bell buoy "C" abeam to port, distance 850 yds. Average RPM 81.7.

W.C. Shriner
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Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

8-12

0814 Passed Point No Point abeam to stbd. 0851 Passed buoy #14 abeam to port, distance 1000 yards. 0905 Steady on course 164°t&pgc, 190°psc. 0918 Smith Point lighthouse abeam to stbd, distance 2 3/16 miles. 0920 c/c to 195°t&pgc, 225°psc, 206°psgc. 0948 Buoy 12TL abeam to port, distance 333 yds. c/c to 179°t&pgc, 207°psc, 188°psgc. 1000 c/c to 189°. 1004 c/c to 179°t&pgc, 207°psc, 187°psgc. 1020 c/c 45° to port upon execution of signal from 500A. 1024 c/c to stbd. upon signal. 1029 c/c 45° to port. 1033 c/c 45° to port. 1039 Rappahanock Spit buoy abeam to stbd. Steady on 180°t&pgc. 1108 c/c 10° to stbd. 1124 Wolf Trap lighthouse abeam to stbd. 1158 c/c to 197°t&pgc approaching York Split channel. 1159 York Split channel buoy #9 abeam to stbd. Average RPM 78.5.

S.B. Meidling Jr.
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Lt. (jg) E-V(G), USNR.

12-16

Underway as before. 1200 Entered York Split channel, course 197°t&pgc. 1213 c/c to 188°t&pgc. 1223 c/c to 150°t&pgc. 1310 c/c to 210°t&pgc entering Thimble Shoals channel. Stationed all special sea details. 1358 Thimble Shoals lighthouse abeam to stbd. c/c to 257°t&pgc. Stopped main engines. 1401 Ahead 1/3. 1407 Passed through net entrance on various courses and speeds conforming to channel specifications. 1433 Yard tug #107 alongside stbd. bow with pilot Captain Southworth. Stopped main engines. 1434 Ahead 2/3. Pilot Captain Southworth conning. 1445 Tugs alongside stbd. and port bow to assist in mooring. 1510 Moored stbd. side to United Nations Dock, Hampton Roads, Va., with the following lines out to the dock: 1 bow, 1 fwd. bow spring, 1 aft bow spring, 1 breast, 1 fwd. quarter spring, 1 aft quarter spring, and one stern line doubled. 1518 Pilot Captain Southworth left ship, and tugs cast off. 1525 Secured main engines and all special sea details. Average RPM 65.2.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ELECTRA (AKA4) Wednesday 27 October, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description T 4-

Position	0800	1200	2000
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

4-8

Anchored as before. 0630 Stationed all special sea details. 0635 Made all preparations for getting underway, tested main engines, steering engines, and engine order telegraph. 0710 Tugs came along port side to assist in unmooring. 0736 Underway, taking departure from United Nations Dock, Norfolk, Va. Pilot Captain R.B. McCoy conning, Captain, executive officer, and navigator on bridge. Various courses and speeds clearing dock and Elizabeth River channel. Standard speed 15 knots. 0758 Tugs cast off. 0759 Pilot Captain McCoy left ship. Pilot Captain Hope took over conning of ship. Average RPM 22.2.

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W. TRAINOVICH Jr.,
Lt. D-V(G), USNR.

8-12

Underway as before. Taking departure from Hampton Roads, Va. Steady on 001°t&pgc, 277°psc. 0802 Secured special sea details. Set Condition III Watch. 0835 Passed through net entrance. c/s to ahead standard. 0844 Entering Thimble Shoal Channel. Thimble Shoal lighthouse abeam to port. c/o to 107°t&pgc, 105°psc, 153°psc. 0930 c/o to 50°t&pgc, 048°psc taking departure from Thimble Shoal Channel standing up bay to degaussing range. Navigator relieved Pilot Captain Hope. 1120 Various courses and speeds, awaiting permission to enter range. Pilot Captain Hope conning. 1135 Degaussing officer came aboard ship. Average RPM 71.6.

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Lt.(jg) E-V(G), USNR.

12-16

Underway as before. Enroute to degaussing range. Various courses and speeds. 1231 Entered degaussing range and began degaussing ship. 1307 Completed degaussing ship. 1308 Began calibration of compasses. 1315 Degaussing officer left ship. 1550 Completed calibration of compasses. Average RPM 36.4.

W.J. Keogh Jr.
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Lt.(jg) D-V(G), USNR.

16-20

Underway as before. Leaving degaussing area. 1606 Calibration officer left the ship. 1615 Ahead standard speed, 15 knots, 80 RPM, on course 314°t&pgc, 319°psc. 1621 c/o to 326°t&pgc, 323°psc. 1627 c/o to 335°t&pgc. 1637 Engines stopped. 1641 Ahead 2/3. 1643 Ahead standard. 1705 c/o to 354°t&pgc. 1730 c/o to 358°t&pgc. 1756 Chesapeake Bell buoy #12 TL abeam to starboard, distance 400 yds. 1823 Smith Point lighthouse abeam to port, distance 1 1/2 miles. 1826 c/o to 340°t&pgc. 1920 c/o to 335°t&pgc. 1927 c/o to 350°t&pgc. 1933 Point no point abeam to port, distance 1 1/2 miles. c/o to 344°t&pgc. 1938 c/o to 338°t&pgc. Average RPM 68.8.

W. Trainovich Jr.
W. TRAINOVICH Jr.,
Lt. D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Examined:

C.S. Beightler
C.S. BEIGHTLER, Commander, U.S.Navy
Commsing Officer.

C.D. Allen
C.D. ALLEN, Lieut. D-V, USNR.
Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ELECTRA (AKA4) Wednesday 27 October, 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description 2-4

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAH DIARY)

20-24

Underway as before. Approaching transport anchorage area off Cove Point, Maryland. 2003 Stationed all special sea details. Various courses and speeds to anchorage berth. 2043 Anchored in berth 102 East off Cove Point, Md., in forty-one (41) fathoms of water with sixty (60) fathoms of chain out to port anchor. Bearings: Drum Pt. 268 $\frac{1}{2}$ ^ot&pgc., Cove Pt. 338^ot&pgc. Average RPM 40.8.

J. T. Ryan
 J. T. RYAN,
 Lt. C-V(S), USNR.

Approved:

Examined:

C. S. Brightler
C. S. BRIGHTLER, Commander, U.S. Navy
Commanding Officer.

C. D. Allen
C. D. ALLEN, Lieut. D-M, USNR
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ELECTRA (AKA4)

Sunday
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October, 1943
(Month)

Zone description

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Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

12-16

Anchored as before. 1300 Readiness for getting underway reports made by Heads of Departments. 1330 Made all preparations for getting underway. Tested main engines, steering engines, engine order telegraph, and whistle. Station all special sea details. 1400 Underway. Taking departure from Cove Point, transport area. Captain conning, executive officer and navigator on bridge. Various courses and speeds taking position in column. Standard speed 12 knots. 1415 Steady on 005°pge, 011°psc, 011°pstgc. Speed 12 knots. 1423 o/c to 322°T, 320°pge, 323°psc, 323°pstgc. 1435 Stopped main engines. 1439 Anchored in southeastern edge of berth 64 north of Cove Point, Md., in 45 ft. of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to port anchor. Bearings: Buoy 112°t&pge, Cove Point 182°t&pge, Tangest 012°t&pge. 1445 Secured special sea details. Average RPM 45.0.

W.J. Keogh, Jr.
W.J. KEOGH, Jr.,
Lt.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Examined:

C.S. Reichter
C.S. REICHTER, Commander, U.S. Navy
Commanding Officer.

C.D. Allen
C.D. ALLEN, Lieut. D-M, USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ELECTRA (A244) Monday 1 November, 1943

Zone description 74

Position 0800

1200

2000

Lat.

Long.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

8-12

anchored as before, off Cove Point, Maryland. Undergoing amphibious exercises as before. 0855 Stationed all special sea details. Tested main engines, steering engines, engine order telegraph in preparation for getting underway. 0913 Underway. Captain conning, executive officer and navigator on bridge. Various courses and speeds to new anchorage closer to beach. 0941 anchored between berths 76, 78, 80, and 82 off Cove Point, Md., in 47 ft. of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to port anchor. Bearings: Cove Pt. 313°30' true, Drum Pt. 225°30' true, Cedar Pt. 188° true. Secured all special sea details. Average RPM 67.2.

C. D. ALLEN,
Lieut. J-G, USNR.

Approved:

Examined:

C. S. REIGHTLER, Commander, U.S. Navy
Commanding Officer

C. D. ALLEN, Lieut. J-G, USNR
Navigator

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UNITED STATES SHIP ELECTRA (AKA4) Wednesday 3 November 1943

Zone description

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

4-8

Anchored as before off Cove Point, Md. with the following bearings: Cove Point 312^ot&pgc, Drum Point 225^ot&pgc, N^o16A 146^ot&pgc. 0630 Set all special sea details. 0700 Underway taking departure from Cove Point, Md. Captain conning, executive officer and navigator on bridge. Standard speed 14 knots. First course of 161^ot&pgc. Took formation, Guster leading, followed by ELECTRA, WINDSOR, and LEEDSTOWN. 0735 Secured special sea details. Set Condition III Watch. 0746 Hooper lighthouse abeam to port. Average RPM 68.9.

ROBERT F. DEWEY,
Ensign, O-V(O), USNR.

8-12

Underway as before taking departure from Cove Point, Md., steady on 161^ot&pgc, 172^opsc. 0814 Point No Point lighthouse abeam to starboard, distance 4.8 miles. 0941 o/c to 179^ot&pgc. 1026 Windmill Point lighthouse abeam to starboard. 1049 o/c to 162^ot&pgc. 1053 o/c to 150^ot&pgc. 1152 Entered York Spit channel, passed buoy #9 abeam to starboard. 1153 Passed buoy #10 abeam to port. 1156 Passed buoys 7 and 8 abeam. 1200 Passed buoys 5 and 6 abeam. Average RPM 82.6.

G. B. A. WEIDLING Jr.,
Lt.(Jr) E-V(O), USNR.

12-16

Underway as before on various courses and speeds. 1303 Stationed all special sea details. 1440 Anchored in vicinity of Elizabeth River buoy #4, waiting for pilot to come aboard. Ship anchored clear of channel. 1452 Captain Edwards, pilot, came aboard. 1510 Captain Edwards, pilot, left ship. 1518 Anchored in Berth 23, Hampton Roads in 70 feet of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to port anchor. Bearings: East Tower 039^o15' t&pgc, Pt. Wool 072^ot&pgc, Buoy #1 174^ot&pgc. 1525 Secured special sea details, main engines, steering engines, and engine order telegraph. Average RPM 62.6.

H. S. PARKS,
Lt.(Jr) D-V(O), USNR.

Approved:

C. S. BRIGHTLER, Commander, U.S. Navy
Commanding Officer

Examined:

C. D. ALLEN, Lieut. D-M, USNR.
Aviator

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UNITED STATES SHIP ELECTRA (AKA) Thursday 4 November, 1943
(Ship) (Date) (Day)

Zone description +7

Position	0800	1200	2000
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

4-2

Anchored as before. 0615 stationed all special sea details.
 0650 Underway from Elizabeth River making various courses and
 speeds entering harbor for United Nations Dock, Norfolk Virginia.
 0708 Pilot Southward came aboard from tug. 0741 Moored starboard
 side to United Nations Dock. Pilot Southward left ship.
 Average RPM 27.5.

G.B.A. MCDONALD Jr.,
 Lt. (jg) E-7(C), USNR.

Approved: C.S. ASCHTLES, Commander, U.S. Navy
Commanding Officer

Examined: G.W. ALLEN, Lieut. D-M, USNR.
Navigator

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UNITED STATES SHIP ELECTRA (ATA4) Monday 8 November, 1943

Zone description	+4		
Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

12-16

Moored as before. 1200 Made readiness for getting underway reports. 1230 Stationed all special sea details. 1235 Tested main engines, steering engines, engine order telegraph, and steam whistle in preparation for getting underway. 1420 Cast off all lines. Underway for Cove Point, Md., Pilot Southward coming, Captain, executive officer and navigator on bridge. 1425 Captain coming, executive officer and navigator on bridge. Pilot Southward left the ship. 1521 Passed through submarine nets on course of 082° true, speed 2/3 ahead. 1535 c/s to 090° true, c/s to 1/3 ahead. 1540 Thimble Shoal lighthouse abeam to port. c/s to 110° true, c/s to standard. 1543 Secured all special sea details. Set Condition III Watch. 1800 Passed Thimble Shoal buoy #7 abeam to stbd. Average RPM 43.6.

G.S.A. WEIDLING Jr.,
Lt.(jg) E-5(1), USNR.

16-20

Underway as before. 1630 Passed #1 and #2 buoys of Thimble Shoal channel. 1725 c/s to 000° true. 1825 Passed Wolf Trap to port, distance about 2 1/2 miles. c/s to 340° true. 1902 c/s to 003° true. 1928 Passed Rappahannock Spit Buoy abeam to port, distance about 500 yards. c/s to 000° true. 1954 Passed light buoy #12TL abeam to stbd, distance about 500 yards. 1956 c/s to 012° true. Average RPM 78.0.

H. ANKELSEN,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

20-26

Underway as before on various courses and speeds. Proceeding independently to anchorage off Cove Point, Md. 2018 Passed Smith Point lighthouse abeam to port, distance 1.5 miles. 2103 Passed Point Lookout abeam to port, distance 1.6 miles. 2120 Passed Point No Point Lookout abeam to port, distance 1.5 miles. 2130 Stationed all special sea details. 2207 Anchored in anchorage #98 in 45 feet of water with 75 fathoms of chain out to port anchor. Bearings: Drum Point 259° true, Cove Point 334° true. 2230 Secured all special sea details. Average RPM 34.6.

V. FRANKOVICH Jr.,
Lieut. E-5(1), USNR.

Approved:

Examined:

C.S. BRIDGEMAN, Commander, U.S. Navy
Commanding Officer

G.D. ALLEN, Lieut. D-M, USNR
Navigator

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALBATROSS (AS-4) Friday 12 November, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description 74

Position	0500	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

11-9

anchored as before. 0530 Set all special sea details. 0558 Underway for firing range at C (east) course 161°45'psc. Speed 15 knots. 0611 Passed Independence Bell buoy 1/2 abeam to port, distance about one mile. 0629 Passed Hooper Island lighthouse abeam to port, distance 2.5 miles. 0656 Passed Point on Point abeam to starboard, distance one mile. 0715 Passed Point Lookout abeam to starboard, distance 1.7 miles. 0737 Passed buoy 114 abeam to port, distance one mile. Average RPM 79.5.

[Signature]
 W. W. JAMESON, Jr.,
 Ensign, U.S. Navy, USNR.

11-12

Underway as before on course 162°03'psc, speed 15 knots, RPM 70. 0801 Smith Point light buoy abeam to starboard, distance 1 1/2 miles. c/o to 191°05'psc. 0840 c/o to 150°05'psc. 0845 Fell into column astern of U.S.S. CUSTER course 196°05'psc. 0900 Changed standard speed to 17 knots, various courses and speeds, standing clear to westward of CUSTER on firing range. 1104 Steady on 180°05'psc on firing run. 1113 Steady on course 005°05'psc. 1137 Steady on 185°05'psc. 1152 Steady on course 008°05'psc. Average RPM 17.7.

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 E. JOHNSON,
 Lieut. U.S. Navy, USNR.

12-16

Underway as before holding George and How anti-aircraft battle practice. On various courses and speeds to conduct firing exercise. 1247 Ahead standard speed (15 knots) on course 015°05'psc. 021°05'psc. 1255 c/o to 012°05'psc. 0300psc. 1304 Smith Point lighthouse abeam to port. c/o to 342°05'psc. 347°05'psc. 1440 Stationed all special sea details. 1508 Anchored in berth 102 " in 41 ft. of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to port anchor with following bearings: Cove Point 33°05'psc. Drum Point 247°05'psc. Cedar Point 213°45'. Average RPM 69.5.

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 C. S. A. KRIBLING, Jr.,
 Lt. (jg) U.S. Navy, USNR.

Approved:

Examined:

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 C. S. A. KRIBLING, Jr., Commander, U.S. Navy
Commanding Officer

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 C. S. A. KRIBLING, Jr., U.S. Navy
Navigator

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UNITED STATES SHIP ELECTRA (AS44) Tuesday 9 November, 1943
(Ship) (Date) (Month)

Zone description 1-4

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0-12

Anchored as before. 0930 Stationed all special sea details. Made all preparations for getting underway. 0955 Underway to shift berths on various courses and speeds. Executive officer conning, navigator on bridge. Anchored in berth 102E off Cove Point, Md., in 41 feet of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to port anchor. Bearing: Cove Point 337°45'tkpsc, Drum Point 268°30'tkpsc, Cedar Point 216°30'tkpsc. 1032 Secured all special sea details. Average RPM 12.9.

H. V. Gustin
H. V. GUSTIN,
Lt. (jg), USNR.

Approved:

Examined:

C. E. Brendler
C. E. BRENDLER, Commander, U.S. Navy
Commanding Officer

H. V. Gustin
H. V. GUSTIN, Lieut. Jg., USNR
Navigator

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UNITED STATES SHIP ELECTRA (AM-14) Saturday 13 November, 1943
(Ship) (Date) (Station)

Zone designation 1-7

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

#-12

Anchored as before. 1052 Stationed all special sea details. 1105 Underway. Captain conning, executive officer and asst. navigator on bridge. Various courses and speeds to new anchorage between berths #25 and #65. 1132 Anchored in 45 feet of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to port anchor. Bearings: Drum Point 237°15'tapeo, Buoy 021 255°18'tapeo, Cedar Point 196°30'tapeo.

E. S. Nicklberg
 E. S. NICKLBERG,
 Lt. (jg), USNR.

Approved:

Examined:

C. E. Slichter
 C. E. SLICHTER, Commander, U.S. Navy
Commanding Officer

C. D. Allen
 C. D. ALLEN, Lieut., J.G., USNR
Navigator

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALBATROSS (YAG-43) Date 15 Nov 1943

Zone description	+ 4		
Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

2-6

Anchored as before. 0825 Stationed all special sea details. 0700 Underway for United Nations Dock, Norfolk, Va. Captain coming executive officer and navigator on the bridge. Various courses and speeds while preparing to fall in column astern of U.S.S. CUSHAK. 0715 in position astern of U.S.S. CUSHAK. Course 161° true, 10.5 kts. Speed 14 knots. 0725 Secured special sea details and set regular sea watch. 0725 Passed Cedar Point Light starboard and buoy 10C ahead to port, distance about 1600 yds. 0735 Accepted form radio sea order. Average 11.50.

C. J. Hartman
C. J. Hartman,
Lieut. Comdr., USN.

10-10

Underway as before in formation astern of U.S.S. CUSHAK, on course 161° true, 10.5 kts. Standard speed 14 knots (7.5 r.p.m.). 0815 a/c to 161° true. Passed Point to Point Light ahead to stbd., distance 2 miles. 0830 Passed back of Point Light ahead to stbd., distance 4.0 miles. 0843 Passed Bulth Point Light ahead to stbd., distance 1.0 miles. 0855 a/c to 160° true. 0905 a/c to 160° true. 0917 Passed Great Neckers River Light ahead to stbd., distance 4.5 miles. 1000 Commenced holding division tactic drills. 1005 Passed Windmill Point Light ahead to stbd., distance 4 miles. 1050 Completed holding division tactic drills. 1108 a/c to 160° true. 1130 a/c to 170° true. 1137 Passed Wolf Trap Light ahead to stbd., distance 3 miles. 1145 a/c to 160° true. Average RPM 78.0.

A. B. Arthur
A. B. Arthur, Jr.,
Lieut. Comdr., USN.

10-16

Underway as before in formation astern of U.S.S. CUSHAK. Course 160° true. Speed 80.3 r.p.m. Assumed various courses and speeds in route to United Nations Dock, Norfolk, Va. 1235 Passed through submarine nets at Hampton Roads. 1238 Stationed all special sea details. 1505 Received tug alongside port side. 1507 Pilot Lt. Southworth came aboard. Received second tug alongside port side. 1530 Hoored starboard side to United Nations Dock, Norfolk, Va. Pilot Lt. Southworth left the ship. Tugs cast off. Average 88.3

H. H. Hildner
H. H. Hildner,
Lieut. Comdr., USN.

Approved:

Examined:

C. J. Hartman, Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding Officer.

A. B. Arthur, Jr., Lieut. Comdr., USN.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP HELENA (AG-34) Tuesday 23 November, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description F.

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
* (WAR DIARY)

12-16

Underscored as before. 1230 Tested main engines. 1245 Stationed all special sea details. 1330 Underway from United Nations Dock on various courses and speeds. Pilot P. S. McCoy, Captain, executive officer, and navigator on bridge. 1347 Captain took over conning. 1430 Passed nets leaving harbor. Set course of 200° true. Speed 2/3 ahead. 1431 Secured all special sea details. Set Condition III watch. 1442 Entered Thimble Shoal channel. Set course 2° 13' true. Standard speed 15 knots. 1514 Left Thimble Shoal channel. S/c to 331° true. Average SW 63.3.

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G. W. Arthur Seidling, Jr.,
Lieut. (jg), USN.

14-20

Underway as before. Course 331° true. SW 73.3. 1607 Passed 7110 buoy abeam to starboard. 1616 Passed 17 buoy abeam to starboard. 1627 S/c to 315° true on entering York Spit channel. 1758 S/c to 122° true. 1800 S/c to 136° true. Anchored in berth 01 in 24 feet of water with 60 fathoms of anchor in out to port anchor. Secured all special sea details. Bearings: Plantation Point 104.0°, 103.0° true. New Point Comfort 291.0°, 293.0° true. Wolf Trap 137.0°, 136.0° true. Average SW 73.3.

[Signature]
J. I. Marshall,
Lieut. (jg), USN.

Approved:

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Commander, U.S. Navy
Commanding Officer

Examined:

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Lieut. U.S. Navy
Surgeon

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UNITED STATES SHIP USSCAG 12741 Tuesday 24 November 19 43
(Type) (Date) (Month) (Year)

Zone description T. 7

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0-12

0801 Tested main engines. 0815 Stationed with special sea details. 0830 Underway, Captain commanding, executive officer and navigator on bridge. Various courses and speeds. 1000 Underway for area bases on course 330°true, speed 14.5 knots. Average RPM 12.3.

J. W. ...
Lieut. J-V(1), USN.

12-13

Underway as before. Standard speed 15 knots. Course 350°g, 340°true. 1247 Passed buoy 127L ahead to starboard, distance 750 yards. 1253 s/c to 010°true, 015°true. 1315 Stopped main engines. 1321 Various speeds on course 012°t, 015°true, for firing practice. 1337 Ahead 2/3, s/c to 200°true. 1357 Ahead 2/3, s/c to 015°true. 1400 Ahead 1/3. 1408 s/c to 200°true, ahead 1/3. 1432 Ahead 1/3, steady on 000°true, 003°true. 1507 Ahead full. 1511 s/c to 180°true, 180°true. 1515 Stopped main engines. 1555 ahead 2/3. 1555 Stopped main engine. Average RPM 17.8.

J. W. ...
Lieut. J-V(1), USN.

16-23

Underway as before 1610 to 17 miles eastward of Smith Point Light House conducting gunnery practice. 1617 Course 120°true, 120°true. Speed 2/3 ahead. 1635 s/c to standard speed, course 202°true, 210°true. 1650 Passed buoy 127L ahead to port, distance about 1 mile. 1700 s/c to 180°true, 185°true. 1726 Stationed special sea details. 1747 Anchored in berth K1 Kapehanoek Spit anchorage in 43 feet of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to starboard. Bearings: Windmill Pt. Lt. 255°g, 254°true, Kapehanoek Spit 187°g, 186°true, Stingray Pt. 237°g, 235°true. 1755 Secured all special sea details. Average RPM 17.2.

H. ...
Lieut. J-V(1), USN.

Approved:

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Commander, U.S. Navy
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

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Lieut. J-V(1), USN.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP USSC-12 Friday 28 November, 1947
(1947) (1947) (1947)

Zone description +7

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

11-17

Anchored as before. 11-0 Tested main engines, steering engine, and engine order telegraph in making preparation for getting underway. 1120 Stationed all special sea details. 1130 Underway for safety area, north part of lower area. Captain conned, executive officer and navigator on bridge. Various courses and times as shown on A.T.S.

R. H. SCHMIDT,
Lieut. Junior Grade, U.S. Navy
R. H. Schmidt

12-17

Underway as before on course 150°T, 1200, 2000, standard speed. Captain and executive conned. 1215 Passed buoy 2120L ahead to starboard, distance about 1/4 mile. 1227 a/s to 2/3 ahead, 1230, 2200rpm. 1231 a/s to 2/3 ahead, 1232 a/s to 1/3 ahead, 1233 Stopped engines. 1237 Passed Point Light ahead to port, 1238 a/s to 2/3 ahead, steady on 2140T, 2150, 2200rpm. 1237 Stopped engines. 1238 a/s to 1/3 ahead, 1239 a/s to 1/3 ahead, 1240 Stopped engines. 1240 a/s to 2/3 ahead, 1241 a/s to 1/3 ahead, 1242 Stopped engines. 1243 a/s to 1/3 ahead, 1244 Stopped engines. 1245 a/s to 2/3 ahead, 1246 a/s to 2/3 ahead, 1247 Stopped engines. 1248 Steady on course 143°E. 1249 Stopped ship. 1250 a/s to 2/3 ahead, 1251 a/s to standard ahead. Average SW

Wm. R. Neuge,
Lieut. Junior Grade, U.S. Navy
Wm. R. Neuge

16-20

Underway as before. 1600 a/s to 2/3 ahead, 1601 a/s to standard ahead. Course 150°E, 1620, 1630, 1640, 1650 a/s to 2/3 ahead, 1655 Stopped engines. 1614 a/s to 2/3 ahead, 1615 a/s to 1/3 ahead, 1620 a/s to standard ahead, 1711 Passed Point Light ahead to port, 1745 Stationed all special sea details. 1752 a/s to 2/3 ahead, 1800 anchored in southern part of berth 102 off Solomon, ed., in 40 feet of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to stud, anchor. Average SW 65.6, Bearings: Dove Point 145°E, 145°E; Drum Point 260°E, 260°E; Cedar Point 210°E, 212°E. 1815 Secured all special sea details.

W. R. Neuge,
Lieut. Junior Grade, U.S. Navy
Wm. R. Neuge

20-24

Anchored as before. 2015 Stationed all sea details. 2045 Underway. Captain conned, executive officer and navigator on bridge. 2050 a/s to 1/3 ahead, 2051, 1600rpm. a/s to standard, 2056 1650 buoy ahead to port, distance about 1/2 mile. 2110 Passed Hooper Island light ahead to port, distance 3 miles. 2138 Passed Point Light ahead to stud, distance 1.4 miles. 2152 a/s to 1/3 ahead, 1610, 1650rpm. 2157 Passed Point Light ahead to stud, distance about 1.7 miles.

Approved:

Examined:

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Commander, U.S. Navy
Consulting Officer

[Signature]
Lieut. Junior Grade, U.S. Navy
Navigator

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UNITED STATES SHIP

Friday

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Zone description

+7

Position

0800

1200

2000

Lat.

Long.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAVE DATA)

Clouds with wind light speed to 2000. Distance 2 miles. 2000
 and/or direction of wind light 10 to 15 feet of water with
 45 patches of white cap to 2000. Under way covered all special sea
 details. Bearings: 0100 0100 1000 2000. Under way
 over light 2000, 2000 01 02000000 0000 1000 1000, 1000,
 200000 000 0200.

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Approved:

Examined:

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 Commander, U.S. Navy
 Commanding Officer

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 Lieut., U.S. Navy
 Navigator

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UNITED STATES SHIP ELECTRA (AG-44) Monday 29 November, 1943
(Ship) (Date) (Month)

Zone description +4

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

11-9

Anchored as before. 0700 All heads of departments were ready for getting underway reports. Tested steering gear, engine order telegraph, whistle, and main engines. 0730 Stationed all special sea details. 0752 Underway from Smith Point area. Standard speed 15 knots. Followed various courses to conform to ship's lane. Average SDC 34.1.

P. W. Anderson
S. S. Anderson, Jr.,
Com. U.S.S., USN.

11-12

Underway as before. 0801 Steamed on course 301°T and spd. 15 knots. speed 3 knots. 1020 Steamed on course 177°T and spd. 17 knots. enroute to anchorage of Laysan Island, speed 15 knots. 1050 Various speeds approaching anchorage. 1100 Started all engines, anchored in 40 feet of water with 50 fathoms of cable out to starboard. Swirls of windmill point light 30°T. Steered point light 317°T. Anchored at 1100. Average SDC 30.2.

P. W. Anderson
S. S. Anderson, Jr.,
Com. U.S.S., USN.

Approved: *[Signature]*
Commander, U.S. Navy
Conducting Officer

Examined: *[Signature]*
Lieut. U.S. Navy
Navigator

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UNITED STATES SHIP ELECTRA (AXA4) Tuesday 30 November, 1943

Zone description 14

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

8-12

Anchored as before. 0945 stationed all special sea details and made preparations for getting underway. 1006 underway. Proceeding at various courses and speeds getting on proper course for N.O.S., Hampton Roads. Captain conning, navigator and executive officer on bridge. 1010 standed on course 170°Tog, 173°psc. Speed 5 knots. Average RPM 35.4.

A. B. A. Weidling, Jr.
Lt. (jg), 2-V(1), USNR.

12-16

Underway as before. 1210 c/o to 180°Tog, 183°psc, speed 5 knots. 1230 wolf Trap Lighthouse beam to stbd. 1431 c/o to 130°Tog, 131°psc, speed 2/3 ahead. 1409 c/o to 226°Tog, 239°psc, speed 2/3 ahead. 1431 entered York Spit channel. c/o to 197°Tog. 1456 entering Thimble Shoals channel. 1559 c/o to 290°Tog, 297°psc. Average RPM 52.1.

W. J. Keogh, Jr.
Lt. (jg), 2-V(1), USNR.

16-20

Underway as before. c/o to 290°Tog, 297°psc. 1711 N.O.S. 1609 c/o to 2/3 ahead. 1610 c/o to 1/3 ahead. 1611 c/o to 2/3 ahead. 1612 c/o to 2/3 ahead. 1613 c/o to 2/3 ahead. 1614 c/o to 2/3 ahead. 1615 c/o to 2/3 ahead. 1616 c/o to standard. 1617 c/o to 1/3 ahead. 1619 c/o to 2/3 ahead. 1620 c/o to standard. 1624 Thimble Shoal light to stbd. 1625 set all special sea details. 1717 stopped all engines. 1742 anchored in North A., Hampton Roads, Virginia, in 18 feet of water with 60 fathoms of shaft out to starboard. Bearings: Beacon 2-1, 244°Tog, Beacon 15-1, 310°Tog, Day 1, 125°Tog. 1747 secured all special sea details. Secured main engines. Average RPM 37.5.

A. B. A. Weidling, Jr.
Lt. (jg), 2-V(1), USNR.

Approved:

A. B. A. Weidling, Jr.
Commander, U.S. Navy
Consulting Officer

Examined:

R. H. Bennett
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U.S.S. ELECTRA

(AKA4)

WAR DIARY

DECEMBER, 1943

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December 1, 1943.

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- (1) The U.S.S. ELECTRA (AKA4) is operating in Task Group 20.1, which consists of transports CUSTER, WINDSOR, LEEDSTOWN, ELECTRA, and TATTNALL, Captain C.G. Richardson in CUSTER. Task Group 20.1 is operating directly under Commander Amphibious Training Command, Atlantic Fleet. This Task Group was constituted by Commander Task Force 20 mailgram 291200 of November, 1943.
- (2) Task Group 20.1 is operating under Commander Task Force TWENTY Operation Plan No. 4-43.
- (3) The ELECTRA is moored to berth Middle Upper Baker, United Nations Dock, Norfolk, Virginia.

December 2, 1943.

Same as 1 December 1943.

December 3, 1943.

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(3) At 1550 QUEEN, the ELECTRA got underway for the Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Virginia. At 1725 QUEEN, the ELECTRA moored starboard side to Pier 4, Berth 29 at the Navy Yard.

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December 4, 1943.

Same as 3 December 1943.

December 5, 1943.

Same as 4 December 1943.

December 6, 1943.

Same as 5 December 1943.

December 7, 1943.

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- (3) At 0830 Queen, ELECTRA got underway for anchorage, Hampton Roads, and at 0920 anchored in Berth 4, at Hampton Roads. At 1340 Queen, ELECTRA got underway to shift to center of the anchorage, and at 1455 QUEEN anchored in center of Anchorage.

December 8, 1943.

3. (a) (3) At 0825 QUEEN, the ELECTRA got underway for Pier 4, Berth 42 at the Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Virginia, and at 0852 QUEEN, moored port side to Pier 4, Berth 42 at the Naval Operating Base.

December 9, 1943

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Moored as before at Pier 4, Berth 42 at Naval
Operating Base, Norfolk, Virginia

December 10, 1943

Same as December 9th, 1943

December 11, 1943

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- (1) The U.S.S. ELECTRA (AKA4) is operating with Task Group 29.18, Captain R.E. Hanson in the U.S.S. CUSTER. This Task Group consists of the following ships: U.S.S. CUSTER, U.S.S. WINDSOR, U.S.S. LEEDSTOWN, U.S.S. ELECTRA, U.S.S. CAMBRIA, U.S.S. CENTAURUS, U.S.S. ORIZABA, U.S.S. MONADNOCK, S.S. BALD EAGLE, S.S. ALCOA PATRIOT, S.S. SANTA CRUZ. Also operating with this Task Group is the Escort Unit:(Task Unit 29.18.1), Captain W.K. Mendenhall, U.S. Navy. The following ships are in this Escort Unit: U.S.S. FRANKFORD, U.S.S. WHIPPLE, U.S.S. ATHERTON, U.S.S. RICH, U.S.S. MCANN, U.S.S. BARBER, U.S.S. LOESER, and the U.S.S. MANNING.
 - (2) Task Group 29.18 is operating under Operation Order, Number 1-43.
 - (3) Position at 2000 was as follows:

Lat. 36 - 39 - 00 N
Long. 74 - 00 - 00 W
 - (4) Task Group 29.18 underway singly to rendezvous Chesapeake Bay - Entrance Buoy 2CB. Convoy formed under escort by Task Unit 29.18.1, with the exception of the U.S.S. MANNING.

December 12, 1943

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(a)

(3) Positions were as follows:

0800-	Lat.	34-25-00 N	Long.	73-24-00 W
1200-	"	33-36-30 N	"	43-28-30 W
2000-	"	32-02-00 N	"	73-45-00 W

(4) At approximately 1500 Queen, the S.S. ALCOA PATRIOT and S.S. SANTA CRUZ left the convoy, accompanied by one escorting vessel for an unnamed destination.

At 1725 Queen, convoy proceeding under zig zag plan, according to Operation Order Number 1-43, the U.S.S. CUSTER was in collision with the U.S.S. ORIZABA, and these ships left the formation and proceeded to port, accompanied by two of the escorting vessels. The remaining ships moved up to fill convoy formation. The U.S.S. CAMBRIA assumed O.T.C.

December 13, 1943

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(a)

(3) Positions were as follows:

0800-	Lat.	29-30-00 N	Long.	73-57-00 W
1200-	"	28-35-00 N	"	74-04-00 W
2000-	"	26-51-00 N	"	74-22-00 W

(4) According to Operation Order 1-43, the U.S.S. MANNING joined escort unit.

December 14, 1943

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(a)

(3) Positions were as follows:

0800-	Lat.	24-11-00	N	Long.	74-04-00	W
1200-	"	23-20-00	N	"	74-23-00	W
2000-	"	21-40-00	N	"	74-44-05	W

December 15, 1943

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(3) Positions were as follows:

0800-	Lat.	19-17-00	N	Long.	74--40-00	W
1200-	"	18-30-00	N	"	75-03-00	W
2000-	"	17-02-00	N	"	75-57-00	W

December 16, 1943

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(3) Positions were as follows:

0800-	Lat.	14-32-00	N	Long.	77-22-00	W
1200-	"	13-45-00	N	"	77-48-00	W
2000-	"	12-13-00	N	"	78-46-00	W

December 17, 1943

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(a)

(3) Positions were as follows:

0800- Lat. 09-44-00 N Long. 80-08-00 W

(4) At 0840 Queen, started to form single column to enter swept channel. At 1315 Queen, U.S.S. ELECTRA entered Gatun Lock #1, and proceeded through the Canal Zone. At 1944 Queen, moored port side to on south side of Pier 18, Balboa Harbor.

December 18, 1943

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- (1) The U.S.S. ELECTRA is operating alone, directly under Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Fleet.
- (2) Operating under orders received by the Commander Panama Sea Frontier (C & ROC HAWAIIAN ISLAND, Rev. 11-20-43).
- (3) At 0800 QUEEN, ELECTRA still moored port side to on south side of Pier 18, Balboa Harbor. At 0927 QUEEN, underway for Pier 2, Balboa Harbor. At 0956 QUEEN, moored port side to on west side of Pier 2, Balboa Harbor. At 1915 QUEEN, ELECTRA underway from Pier 2, Balboa Harbor, to carry out orders received.

December 19, 1943

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(a)

(3) Positions were as follows:

0800-	Lat.	07-02-40 N	Long.	80-27-40 W
1200-	"	07-03-00 N	"	81-29-00 W
2000-	"	06-55-00 N	"	83-24-00 W

December 20, 1943.

3. (a)

(3) Positions were as follows:

0800-	Lat.	07-20-00	N	Long.	86-30-00	W
1200-		07-40-00	N		87-27-00	W
2000-		08-16-00	N		89-12-00	W

December 21, 1943

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(a)

(3) Positions were as follows:

0800-	Lat.	09-22-00	N	Long	92-26-00	W
1200-	"	09-43-00	N	"	93-27-00	W
2000-	"	10-22-00	N	"	95-28-00	W

December 22, 1943.

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(a)

(3) Positions were as follows:

0800-	Lat. 11-37-00 N	Long. 98-41-00 W
1200-	11-52-00 N	99-24-00 W
2000-	12-25-00 N	101-36-00 W

December 23, 1943.

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(a)

(3) Positions were as follows:

0800-	Lat. 13-05-00 N	Long. 104-41-00 W
1200-	13-17-00 N	105-37-00 W
2000-	13-47-00 N	107-27-00 W

(5) Expended five (5) rounds of com. service ammunition, for 5-inch 51 caliber gun. Training only.

December 24, 1943.

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(3) Positions were as follows:

0800-	Lat. 14-30-00 N	Long. 110-51-00 W
1200-	14-40-00 N	111-52-00 W
2000-	14-58-00 N	113-57-00 W

(5) Expended six (6) rounds of common service ammunition for 5-inch 51 caliber gun, also expended forty-one magazines for the port side 20 mm. guns. Training only.

December 25, 1943.

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(3) Positions were as follows:

0800-	Lat.	15-38-00 N	Long.	117-07-00 W
1200-		15-45-00 N		118-09-00 W
2000-		16-02-00 N		120-20-00 W

December 26, 1943.

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(a)

(3) Positions were as follows:

0800-	Lat.	16-26-00 N	Long.	123-25-00 W
1200-		16-31-00 N		124-30-00 W
2000-		16-50-00 N		126-34-00-W

(5) Expended twenty eight hundred eighty (2880) rounds of ammunition for 20 mm. guns, two (2) star shells for the 3-inch 50-caliber guns, and six (6) rounds for the 5-inch 51-caliber guns. For training purposes only.

December 27, 1943.

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(a)

(3) Positions were as follows:

0800- Lat. 17-18-00 N	Long. 129-50-00 W
17-21-00 N	130-56-00 W
17-28-00 N	132-59-00 W

(5) Expended twenty four (24) rounds 3-inch 50-caliber ammunition and 2100 rounds of 20 mm. gun ammunition. For training purposes only.

December 28, 1943.

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(3) Positions were as follows:

0800-	Lat.	17-41-00 N	Long.	136-16-00 W
1200-		17-46-00 N		137-27-00 W
2000-		17-57-00 N		139-24-00 W

December 29, 1943.

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(3) Positions were as follows:

0800-	Lat. 18-04-00 N	Long. 142-41-00 W.
1200-	18-05-00 N	143-49-00 W
2000-	18-07-00 N	145-30-00 W

December 30, 1943.

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(3) Positions were as follows:

0800-	Lat.	18-15-00 N	Long.	148-34-00 W
1200-		18-13-00 N		149-29-00 W
2000-		18-12-00 N		151-30-00 W

December 31, 1943.

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(a)

(3) Positions were as follows:

0800-	Lat.	18-11-00 N	Long.	154-45-30 W
1200-		18-10-00 N		155-46-30 W
2000-		18-50-00 N		156-37-00 W

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U.S.S. ELECTRA
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WAR DIARY

JANUARY, 1944

Submitted,

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COMDR., USN,
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1 January, 1944 (Zone Plus 9½)

At 0800, U.S.S. ELECTRA (AKA4), a part of Transport Division Twenty which consists of the following ships: U.S.S. LEONARD WOOD (F), U.S.S. HEYWOOD, U.S.S. ARTHUR MIDDLETON, U.S.S. PRES. MONROE, and U.S.S. ELECTRA, became a part of Attack Force Reserve Group (TG 51.1) of Joint Expeditionary Force established by ComTaskForce 51, CenPacFor, U.S. Pacific Fleet Operation Plan No. A6-43 of 3 January, 1944.

Position at 0800 was Lat. 21-15-00 North, Long. 157-55-00 West, approaching Pearl Harbor.

1200/. Moored starboard side to Berth M3 at Merry Point, Pearl Harbor, T.H.

2000. Underway to Honolulu Harbor, and moored starboard side to Sand Island, Honolulu Harbor, T.H.

2,3,4,5, and 6 January, 1944 (Zone Plus 9½)

Moored starboard side to Sand Island, Honolulu Harbor, T.H.

7 January, 1944 (Zone Plus 9½)

1608. Got underway for Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor, T.H., for emergency repairs to bent 40-ton boom pin. 2000 moored port side to LSD 6, Berth 21, Pearl Harbor, T.H.

8 January, 1944 (Zone Plus 9½)

1737. Repairs completed, underway for Kahului Harbor, Maui, T.H. to load for operations directed in ComTaskForce 51 Operation Plan No. A6-43.

2000. Position was Lat. 21-15-00 North, Long. 157-00-00 West, approaching Kahului Harbor, Maui, T.H.

9 January, 1944 (Zone Plus 9½)

0927. Moored starboard side to Pier No. 2, Kahului Harbor, Maui, T.H.

1600. Commenced loading cargo in all holds of ship.

10 January, 1944 (Zone Plus 9½)

Moored starboard side to Pier No. 2, Kahului Harbor, Maui, T.H., continuing loading operations.

2330. Completed loading cargo in all holds of the ship. There were 1845 short tons of cargo taken aboard.

11 January, 1944 (Zone Plus 9½)

Moored starboard side to Pier No. 2, Kahului Harbor, Maui, T.H.

During the forenoon, 600 rounds of 50-caliber ammunition was expended for each of eight (8) LCM(3)'s, a total of 4800 rounds, for training only, as directed by Comtransdiv Twenty.

At 1932, 147 enlisted men and ⁴5 officers of the 22nd Marines (Reinforced), Fifth Amphibious Corps, came aboard, Major F.A. Seimears, USMC, in charge.

12 January, 1944 (Zone Plus 9½)

Moored starboard side to Pier No. 2, Kahului Harbor, Maui, T.H.

During the forenoon, 200 rounds of 30-caliber ammunition was expended for each of twelve (12) LCV(P)'s, a total of 2400 rounds for training purposes only as directed by Comtransdiv Twenty.

1738. Underway for Pier No. 1, Kahului Harbor, Maui, T.H. 1755. Moored port side to Pier No. 1.

13 January, 1944 (Zone Plus 9½)

Moored port side to Pier No. 1, Kahului Harbor, Maui, T.H.

14 January, 1944 (Zone Plus 9½)

Moored port side to Pier No. 1, Kahului Harbor, Maui, T.H.

1341. Underway from Pier No. 1 to rendezvous with the other vessels of Transport Division Twenty in accordance with ComCenPacFor Rehearsal Movement Order No. A4-44 of 6 January, 1944.

Position at 2000 was Lat. 21-50-00 North, Long. 156-00-00 West.

15 January, 1944 (Zone Plus 9½)

Underway in accordance ComCenPacFor Rehearsal Movement Order No. A4-44 of 6 January, 1944.

0757. Anchored in Anchorage Eight of Transport Area, Maalaea Bay. Commenced carrying out rehearsal movement as prescribed in Comtransdiv Twenty Landing Attack Training Order No. 1-44 of 6 January, 1944.

16 January, 1944 (Zone Plus 9½)

Anchored in Anchorage Eight of Transport Area, Maalaea Bay, carrying out Comtransdiv Twenty Landing Attack Training Order No. 1-44 of 6 January, 1944.

2205. Completed exercise, underway for Pearl Harbor, T.H.

17 January, 1944 (Zone Plus 9½)

Underway for Pearl Harbor, T.H.

Positions were as follows:

0800 - Lat. 20-52-00 North, Long. 158-02-00 West
1200 - Lat. 21-15-05 North, Long. 157-56-00 West

1448. Moored port side to U.S.S. HEYWOOD in Berth X10, Pearl Harbor, T.H.

En route to Pearl Harbor, at 0952, expended 118 rounds of 3-inch 50-caliber anti-aircraft ammunition at towed sleeve as directed by Comtransdiv Twenty. Also, in the same manner, expended 2160 rounds of 20 mm. ammunition by the same authority. This was for training only.

18 January, 1944 (Zone Plus 9½)

Moored port side to U.S.S. HEYWOOD in Berth X10, Pearl Harbor, T.H.

19, 20, 21, and 22 January (Zone Plus 9½)

Moored port side to U.S.S. HEYWOOD in Berth X10, Pearl Harbor, T.H.

23 January, 1944 (Zone Plus 9½)

Moored port side to U.S.S. HEYWOOD in Berth X1Ø, Pearl Harbor, T.H.

11ØØ. Underway with Task Groups 51.2 and 51.1, in accordance with ComTaskGroup 51.2 Movement Order No. A1Ø3-44 of 15 January, 1944, and formed Cruising Formation No. 31, as directed in this Order.

2ØØØ. Position was Lat. 20-08-00 North, and Long. 159-08-00 West.

At 18ØØ, Zone Time was changed to Plus 1Ø½ Zone.

24 January, 1944 (Zone Plus 1Ø½)

Ø924. Expended 216Ø rounds of 20 mm. ammunition at towed sleeve as directed by CTG 51.2. This was for training only.

Positions were as follows:

Ø8ØØ - Lat. 25-00-00 North, Long. 162-00-00 West
12ØØ - Lat. 18-59-00 North, Long. 162-34-00 West
2ØØØ - Lat. 18-27-00 North, Long. 164-30-00 West

At 18ØØ, zone time was changed to Plus 11 zone.

25 January, 1944 (Zone Plus 11)

Positions were as follows:

Ø8ØØ - Lat. 17-46-00 North, Long. 166-52-00 West
12ØØ - Lat. 17-41-00 North, Long. 167-53-00 West
2ØØØ - Lat. 17-29-00 North, Long. 169-29-00 West

26 January, 1944 (Zone Plus 11)

Ø9Ø3. Expended 3428 rounds of 20 mm. ammunition at towed sleeve, as directed by CTG 51.2.

Positions were as follows:

Ø8ØØ - Lat. 17-1Ø-00 North, Long. 172-01-00 West
12ØØ - Lat. 16-52-00 North, Long. 172-53-00 West
2ØØØ - Lat. 16-14-00 North, Long. 174-32-00 West

At 18ØØ, zone time was changed to Plus 12 zone.

27 January, 1944 (Zone Plus 12)

During morning and forenoon, screening destroyers refueled in accordance CTG 51.2 Movement Order No. A103-44, of 15 January, 1944, Fueling Plan No. 2.

Positions were as follows:

0800 - Lat. 15-37-00 North, Long. 176-35-00 West
1200 - Lat. 16-08-30 North, Long. 176-42-00 West
2000 - Lat. 16-40-00 North, Long. 176-43-00 West

1520/ Expended 39 rounds of 3-inch 50-caliber ammunition at shell bursts, as directed by CTG 51.2.

28 January, 1944 (Zone Plus 12)

0912. Expended 1320 rounds of 20 mm. ammunition at towed sleeve, as directed by CTG 51.2.

Positions were as follows:

0800 - Lat. 14-41-00 North, Long. 178-07-00 West
1200 - Lat. 14-28-00 North, Long. 178-57-00 West
2000 - Lat. 13-57-00 North, Long. 179-17-00 East

29 January, 1944 (Zone Plus 12)

Positions were as follows:

0800 - Lat. 13-07-00 North, Long. 176-48-00 East
1200 - Lat. 12-46-00 North, Long. 176-20-00 East
2000 - Lat. 12-27-00 North, Long. 174-54-00 East

30 January, 1944 (Zone Plus 12)

At 0300, TaskGroup 51.2 left cruising formation. This group consisted of the CAMBRIA (F), PORTLAND, SAGE, ORACLE, BLACK, CHAUNCEY, KIDD, KANE, NASSAU, and NATOMA BAY. TaskGroup 51.1 assumed Cruising Formation No. 41, as directed in CTG 51.1 Cruising Order No. 1-44 of 20 January 1944.

Positions were as follows:

0800 - Lat. 11-38-00 North, Long. 172-27-00 East
1200 - Lat. 11-25-00 North, Long. 171-35-00 East
2000 - Lat. 10-59-00 North, Long. 170-40-00 East

31 January, 1944 (Zone Plus 12)

This date was "D" Day for the Operations as outlined in ComTaskForce 51, CenPacFor, U.S. Pacific Fleet Operation Plan No. A6-43, of 3 January, 1944. Landings were made in several minor islands of the Marshall Island group successfully. TaskGroup 51.1, of which the U.S.S. ELECTRA is a part, cruised on east to west courses in the area to the eastward of KWAJALEIN Atoll. TG 51.1 did not participate in any landing or action of any kind.

Positions were as follows:

0800 - Lat. 10-05-00 North, Long. 168-28-00 East
1200 - Lat. 09-31-00 North, Long. 168-01-00 East
2000 - Lat. 09-35-00 North, Long. 168-01-00 East

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U.S.S. ELECTRA

(AKA4)

FEBRUARY, 1944

Submitted,

C.S. Beightler

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COMDR., USN,
Commanding.

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1 February 1944 (Zone Plus 12)

The U.S.S. ELECTRA (AKA4), a part of Transport Division Twenty which consists of the following ships: U.S.S. LEONARD WOOD (F), U.S.S. HEYWOOD, U.S.S. ARTHUR MIDDLETON, U.S.S. PRESIDENT MONROE, and U.S.S. ELECTRA, is a part of Attack Force Reserve Group (TG 51.1) of Joint Expeditionary Force established by ComTaskForce 51, CenPacFor, U.S. Pacific Fleet Operation Plan No. A6-43 of 3 January, 1944.

The ELECTRA is in a condition of readiness cruising on East and West courses in an area to the Eastward of KWAJALEIN ATOLL, MARSHALL ISLANDS.

Positions were as follows:

0800 - 09-00-00 N 167-52-00 E
1200 - 09-19-00 N 167-57-00 E
2000 - 09-14-00 N 168-19-00 E

2 February, 1944 (Zone Plus 12)

The ELECTRA is still underway, in a condition of readiness, cruising on East and West courses in an area to the Eastward of KWAJALEIN ATOLL.

Positions were as follows:

0800 - 08-39-00 N 167-27-00 E
1200 - 08-49-00 N 167-37-00 E

At 1304 anchored in the western end of Anchorage C-13, KWAJALEIN LAGOON.

3 February, 1944 (Zone Plus 12)

Anchored as before in Anchorage C-13, KWAJALEIN LAGOON.

4 February, 1944 (Zone Plus 12)

Anchored as before in Anchorage C-13, KWAJALEIN LAGOON.

5 February, 1944 (Zone Plus 12)

Anchored as before. At 1730, underway for new anchorage. At 1842, anchored in northern part of Anchorage P-12, KWAJALEIN LAGOON.

6 February, 1944 (Zone Plus 12)

Anchored as before in Anchorage P-12 of KWAJALEIN LAGOON.

The offensive mission of TaskForce 51 ended with completion of the capture of all islands in our sector of KWAJALEIN ATOLL. This announcement was made in ComTaskForce 51's despatch 061138 of 6 February, 1944.

7 February, 1944 (Zone Plus 12)

At 0000, the ELECTRA became a part of the ENIWETOK Expeditionary Group (TG 51.11), headed by Rear Admiral H.W. Hill, U.S. Navy. Transport Division Twenty became a part of the ENIWETOK ATTACK FORCE, under Rear Admiral Hill, established by ComTaskGroup 51, CenPacFor, U.S. Pacific Fleet Operation Plan No. A9-44 of 7 February, 1944.

The ELECTRA is anchored as before in Anchorage P-12 of KWAJALEIN LAGOON.

8, 9 February, 1944 (Zone Plus 12)

Anchored as before in Anchorage P-12 of KWAJALEIN LAGOON.

10 February, 1944 (Zone Plus 12)

At 0000, the ELECTRA became a part of TaskGroup 51.14, promulgated by ComTaskGroup 51.14's Transport Group Landing Attack Order No. 2-44 of 10 February, 1944. This Order is Annex "H" to ComTaskGroup 51.11's Attack Order No. A106-44 of 9 February, 1944. ELECTRA is in TaskUnit 51.14.2.

Anchored as before in Anchorage P-12 of KWAJALEIN LAGOON.

11 February, 1944 (Zone Plus 12)

Anchored as before in Anchorage P-12 of KWAJALEIN LAGOON.

12 February, 1944 (Zone Plus 12)

Anchored as before in Anchorage P-12 of KWAJALEIN LAGOON.

At 0908 began discharging cargo from numbers 1,2,4, and 5 holds on LST's 272 and 273. At 1047, discharged 20 drums of lubricating oil and 50 cans of grease. At 1149, 34 sling loads of cargo discharged from No. 2 hold. At 1647, LST 272 shoved off after receiving 183 tons of rations. At 1817, LST 273 shoved off with 457 drums of diesel fuel, 143 drums of water, 371 drums of gasoline, 20 drums of lubricating oil, and 50 5-gallon cans of grease.

13 February, 1944 (Zone Plus 12)

Anchored as before in Anchorage P-12 of KWAJALEIN LAGOON.

At 0955 began transferring ammunition to the U.S.S. ASHLAND and at 1200 completed transferring ammunition - a total of 612 rounds of 75 mm. A.P., and 378 rounds of 75 mm. H.E. At 1350, began taking on provisions from the U.S.S. BRIDGE, now anchored in KWAJALEIN LAGOON.

14 February, 1944 (Zone Plus 12)

Anchored as before in Anchorage P-12 of KWAJALEIN LAGOON.

15 February, 1944 (Zone Plus 12)

Anchored as before in Anchorage P-12 of KWAJALEIN LAGOON.

At 1412, underway in accordance with CTG 51.11 Operation Order No. A105-44 of 8 February 1944, also in accordance with CTG 51.11 mailgram 132111 of February, 1944, which was Annex "A", the sortie plan. At 1538, commenced zigzagging according to plan (#14 - PAC-10).

Position at 2000 was 08-34-00 N 168-08-00 E

16 February, 1944 (Zone Plus 12)

Underway as before.

Positions were as follows:

0800 -	09-34-00 N	166-45-00 E
1200 -	09-34-00 N	165-56-00 E
2000 -	10-20-00 N	164-37-00 E

17 February, 1944 (Zone Plus 12)

Underway as before.

Position at 0800 was 11-15-00 N 162-32-00 E

At 1003 entered swept channel to ENIWETOK ATOLL. At 1344, anchored in northwest part of Transport Area ABLE. At 1621 underway to shift anchorages on various courses and speeds. At 1725, anchored in Transport Area TWO, Berth 4.

18 February, 1944 (Zone Plus 12)

Anchored in Transport Area TWO, Berth 4, ENIWETOK LAGOON.

At 0530, began launching all boats, and completed this at 0807. At 1015, underway to shift anchorages. At 1109, anchored in Transport Area THREE, Berth 4.

At 1623, commenced discharging cargo into small boats.

19 February, 1944 (Zone Plus 12)

Anchored in Transport Area THREE, Berth 4, ENIWETOK LAGOON.

At 0855, anchored one mile off the ~~south~~ south west side of ENGEBI ISLAND. At 1833, completed discharging all cargo from #4 and all Eniwetok cargo from #5 hold.

20 February, 1944 (Zone Plus 12)

Anchored as before one mile off the south south west side of ENGEBI ISLAND in ENIWETOK LAGOON, discharging cargo.

At 0605, stopped discharging from #2 and #3 holds. LST 246 shoved off from starboard side where it had been since 0152. At 0825, commenced loading cargo into #2 hatch, and ceased loading into this hatch at 1105. At 1136, received on board nine (9) Japanese prisoners of war from ENGEBI ISLAND. One of these prisoners, wounded, was admitted to the sick bay, with gunshot wounds in both legs. At 1210, commenced discharging cargo from #3 hatch. At 1225, received one (1) Japanese prisoner of war, who was admitted to sick bay, suffering from shrapnel wounds. At 1347 commenced discharging cargo from #2 hatch. At 1355 stopped discharging cargo from #2 and #3 hatches. At 1550, in accordance with Commander Transport Division Twenty mailgram 130855 of February, 1944, one SK2C was transferred to the Engebi Boat Pool, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands. Also, in accordance with CTG 51.14 serial 0012 FB720/S82-3, 31 men were transferred to the Engebi Boat Pool, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands; these men were crews for landing boats, of which four LCMs and four LCVPs were transferred to the Pool by authority of Annex "C" of ComTaskFor 51 OpPlan A9-44. Also, in accordance with CTG 51.14's serial FB720/P16-4/00, Lt. George F. Russell, D-V(G), USNR was detached and transferred to the Engebi Boat Pool, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands. In accordance with Appendix 1 to Annex (C) of ComTaskFor 51 Operation Plan A9-44, Lt.(jg) William C. Shriner, D-V(S), USNR, was detached to assume duties of Boat Division Commander of the Engebi Boat Pool. Lt. Russell assumed duties of Boat Pool Commander.

At 1550, two soldiers suffering from phosphorus burns were admitted to sick bay, both being from the 47th Engineers, U.S. Army. At 1700, received five (5) Japanese prisoners of war. One Japanese prisoner who was wounded died, and his body was taken ashore for burial. At 1715, three members of CTG 51.14's staff came aboard to assume flag duties on the ELECTRA. The ELECTRA became flagship for CTG 51.14. At 1930, (Commodore) Captain D.W. Loomis, USN, came aboard. At 1733, the U.S.S. CHICKASAW (AT83) came along starboard side to unload one DUKW and one field artillery piece, and shoved off at 1835.

21 February, 1944 (Zone Plus 12)

Anchored as before one mile off the south south west side of ENGEBI ISLAND in ENIWETOK LAGOON.

At 0845, received one (1) Japanese prisoner of war with gunshot wounds in both shoulders. At 1231, received aboard another Japanese prisoner of war. 1442. Commodore Loomis and staff left the ship for the Southern Anchorage Area of the atoll, leaving the ELECTRA as SOPA of the Northern Anchorage Area. At 1615, completed unloading small arms ammunition from #2 hold.

22 February, 1944 (Zone Plus 12)

Anchored as before one mile off the south south west side of ENGEBI ISLAND in ENIWETOK LAGOON.

At 1223, received three (3) Japanese prisoners of war from ENGEBI ISLAND. At 1235, while hoisting an LCVP from skids, port side #1 hatch, port #1 boom carried away at gooseneck due to span guy slipping off of gypsy head, fatally injuring one member of the crew and causing injuries to another. At 1603, body of the dead crew member was sent ashore for burial on ENGEBI ISLAND. Transferred one LCVP and two boat crew men to take place of boat and killed and injured men from Boat Pool.

23 February, 1944 (Zone Plus 12)

Anchored as before one mile off the south south west side of ENGEBI ISLAND in ENIWETOK LAGOON.

0800. Capture of ENIWETOK ATOLL was completed. This was confirmed by a congratulatory despatch sent for all hands who participated in the attack. (ComCenPacFor despatch 232153 of February, 1944.) At 1106, underway for Southern Anchorage Area, in accordance with instructions received from CTG 51.14. At 1311, anchored one mile off PARRY ISLAND. At 1600, began loading miscellaneous military cargo. At 1717, pursuant to CTG 51.14 despatch 230300, two men and one LCVP were transferred to Engebi Boat Pool, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands.

In pursuance with ComTransDiv Twenty Dispatch 231925, four men were transferred to the S.S. W.S. ALLEN for temporary duty as winchmen. Two soldiers were transferred to the U.S.S. SOLACE for further medical treatment in accordance with directions received from ComTransDiv Twenty. At 2300, completed loading military cargo - total 12 howitzers and 3400 rounds of 75 mm. ammunition.

24 February, 1944 (Zone Plus 12)

Anchored as before one mile off PARRY ISLAND.

Discharged dunnage into small boats.

25 February, 1944 (Zone Plus 12)

Anchored as before, one mile off PARRY ISLAND.

0951. In accordance with radio message received at 0920 25 February, 1944, from CTG 51.14, four men and one LCM were transferred to Eniwetok Boat Pool, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands for duty. As directed by CTG 51.11 dispatch 250231 of February 1944, TaskUnit 55.2.3 formed with Captain Johnson in INDIANAPOLIS. This TaskUnit consisted of THE U.S.S. INDIANAPOLIS, U.S.S. LEONARD WOOD, U.S.S. HEYWOOD, U.S.S. ARTHUR MIDDLETON, U.S.S. PRESIDENT MONROE, U.S.S. ELECTRA, U.S.S. CUSTER, U.S.S. NEVILLE, U.S.S. WHARTON, U.S.S. MERCURY, U.S.S. ASHLAND, S.S. CAPE STEVENS, S.S. MORMACPORT, U.S.S. KANE, U.S.S. SIBLEY, U.S.S. PHELPS, U.S.S. DEWEY, U.S.S. HULL, U.S.S. MCDONOUGH, U.S.S. FARRAGUT, U.S.S. DALE, U.S.S. ZANE. Underway for KWAJALEIN ATOLL.

Positions were as follows:

1200 - 11-25-00 N 162-37-00 E
2000 - 11-27-00 N 164-10-00 E

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26 February, 1944 (Zone Plus 12)

Underway as before.

Positions were as follows:

0800 - 10-37-00 N 166-15-00 E
1200 - 10-04-00 N 166-49-00 E

1710. Entered pass to KWAJALEIN LAGOON. 1736. Anchored in Berth 72 in KWAJALEIN LAGOON. TaskUnit 55.2.3 dissolved upon entering lagoon.

27 February, 1944 (Zone Plus 12)

Anchored as before in Berth 72, KWAJALEIN LAGOON.

0730. Commenced **launching** all boats, this completed at 0803;
0815. Commenced discharging cargo. 0927. Ceased discharging
cargo and made preparations to get underway. At 1012
anchored between Berths 37 and 38, KWAJALEIN LAGOON. 1024.
Began discharging cargo. At 1244, transferred four wounded
Japanese prisoners of war and two soldiers, U.S. Army, to
U.S.S. RELIEF. At 1503, all cargo was discharged from #5
hatch, and at 1731 all cargo was discharged from #3 hatch.
At 1939 all cargo was discharged from #1 hatch. At 2240,
three officers and 95 enlisted men of the RCT/22nd Marines
Reinforced disembarked. At 2330, six officers and 134
enlisted men of Battery "B" First Battalion 14th Marines
embarked.

28 February, 1944 (Zone Plus 12)

Anchored as before between Berths 37 and 38, KWAJALEIN
LAGOON.

29 February, 1944 (Zone Plus 12)

Anchored as before between Berths 37 and 38, KWAJALEIN
LAGOON.

0851. Underway in accordance with ComTaskUnit 55.2.9
mailgram 282216 of February, 1944. TaskUnit 55.2.9
formed by this mailgram includes U.S.S. LEONARD WOOD,
U.S.S. HEYWOOD, U.S.S. ELECTRA, U.S.S. NEVILLE, U.S.S.
MERCURY, U.S.S. ASHLAND, U.S.S. HALLIGAN, U.S.S. HARADEN,
U.S.S. BAILEY, and U.S.S. COUGHLAN, plus the U.S.S.
ARTHUR MIDDLETON, S.S. CAPE STEVENS, U.S.S. HALL, and
U.S.S. RIDDLE, the last three of which the U.S.S. ARTHUR
MIDDLETON, U.S.S. HALL, and S.S. CAPE STEVENS were to
join the convoy at 1830.

1710. The U.S.S. ARTHUR MIDDLETON, S.S. CAPE STEVENS,
and U.S.S. HALL JOINED the convoy formation.

Positions were as follows:

0800 - Anchored in KWAJALEIN LAGOON.
1200 - 08-30-00 N 164-35-00 E
2000 - 08-28-00 N 168-43-00 E

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U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA-4)

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U. S. S. ELECTRA

1 March 1944 (Zone plus 12)

The U.S.S. Electra (AKA-4) is a part of Transport Division 20 of Task Unit 55.2.9 which is under way in accordance with Comtaskunit 55.2.9 mailgram 282216. Task Unit 55.2.9 formed by this mailgram includes U.S.S. Leonard Wood (F), U.S.S. Heywood, U.S.S. Arthur Middleton, and U.S.S. Electra of Transport Division 20 and the U.S.S. Neville, U.S.S. Mercury, U.S.S. Ashland, the S.S. Cape Stevens and the escorting vessels U.S.S. Halligan, U.S.S. Haraden, U.S.S. Bailey, U.S.S. Hall, and U.S.S. Coughlan. Captain D. W. Loomis USN, Commander of Task Unit 55.2.9 in U.S.S. Leonard Wood.

The Electra as a part of Task Unit 55.2.9 is in a condition of readiness cruising on an easterly course to the eastward of Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands. Destination of Task Unit is Pearl Harbor, T. H., using various courses, speeds and zig-zag plans as ordered by the Task Group Commander.

Positions were as follows:

0800 - 07-47 - 00 N	171 - 03 - 00 E
1200 - 07-54 - 00 N	171 - 52 - 00 E
2000 - 08-32 - 00 N	173 - 25 - 00 E

2 March 1944 (Zone plus 12)

0800 - 09-31 - 00 N	175 - 29 - 00 E
1200 - 09-46 - 00 N	176 - 14 - 00 E
2000 - 10-15 - 00 N	177 - 40 - 00 E

3 March 1944 (Zone plus 12)

0100 set clocks ahead one hour to zone plus 11.

Positions were as follows:

0800 - 11-17 - 00 N	179 - 37 - 00 E
1200 - 11-37 - 00 N	179 - 25 - 00 W
2000 - 12-16 - 00 N	178 - 02 - 00 W

4 March 1944 (Zone plus 11)

Positions were as follows:

0800 - 13-12 - 00 N	175 - 35 - 00 W
1200 - 13-30 - 00 N	174 - 47 - 00 W
2000 - 14-07 - 00 N	173 - 09 - 00 W

5 March 1944 (Zone plus 11)

Positions were as follows:

0800 - 15-03 - 00 N	170 - 41 - 00 W
1200 - 15-20 - 00 N	169 - 52 - 00 W
2000 - 15-57 - 00 N	168 - 14 - 00 W

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6 March 1944 (Zone plus 11)

0100 set clocks ahead one hour to zone plus 10.

Positions were as follows:

0800 - 16-45 - 00 N 165 - 57 - 00 W
1200 - 17-07 - 00 N 165 - 06 - 00 W
2000 - 17-49 - 00 N 163 - 33 - 00 W

7 March 1944 (Zone plus 10)

Positions were as follows:

0800 by D.R. 18-48-00 N 161 - 10 - 00 W
1200 by OBS. 19-05-30 N 160 - 10 - 00 W

At 1900 zone time was changed to plus 9½

2000 - 19-42 - 00 N 158 - 46 - 00 W

8 March 1944 (Zone plus 9½)

0600 The U.S.S. Leonard Wood, U.S.S. Heywood and one escort DD left convoy and headed west on course 270, destination Maui Island to disembark units of 25th Marines. Lights on Oahu Island were clearly visible at this time. Our last observed position before entering Pearl Harbor was as follows:

0800 - 21-15 - 00 N 157 - 56 - 00 W

0902 Passed through nets into channel and proceeded to berth K7 with assistance of pilot and harbor tugs. Transport Division 20 being dissolved, the Electra passed to the command of the Administrative Command, Fifth Amphibious Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

1100 A detachment of Marines, Major D. P. Closser U.S.M.C. in command, came aboard to supervise disembarking of prisoners of war.

1122 Captured enemy material was unloaded in custody of Lt. George S. Leonard, U.S.N.R. for trans-shipment to Chief of Naval Operations.

1319 Fifteen (15) prisoners of war were disembarked under Marine guard.

1842 Six officers and 134 enlisted men of the 25th Marines, with equipment were disembarked for transfer to U.S.S. Middleton.

9 March 1944 (Zone plus 9½)

Moored at berth K7 Pearl Harbor, T. H.

0942 Our mooring was shifted to berth X8 Pearl Harbor, T. H.

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10 March 1944 (Zone plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$)

Moored at berth X8 Pearl Harbor, T. H.

1115 Our mooring was changed to berth K10 Pearl Harbor, T. H. to facilitate fumigation of ship which was begun at 1330 and completed at 1730.

11 March 1944 (Zone plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$)

Moored at berth K10 Pearl Harbor, T. H.

12 March 1944 (Zone plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$)

Moored at berth K10 Pearl Harbor, T. H.

1215 Our mooring was changed to berth X8 Pearl Harbor, T. H., undergoing upkeep by ship's force.

13-14 March 1944 (Zone plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$)

Moored at berth X8 Pearl Harbor, T. H. undergoing upkeep by ship's force.

15 March 1944 (Zone plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$)

1000 Shifted to berth B21 in repair basin, Pearl Harbor, T. H., to undergo Navy Yard installations and repairs under availability granted by ComServPac's mailgram 122046.

15 March to 31 March 1944 (Zone plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$)

At berth B21 repair basin, Pearl Harbor, T. H., undergoing yard overhaul.

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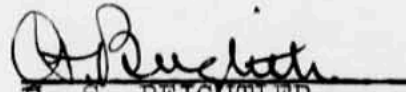
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USS ELECTRA (AKA4)

APRIL 1944

Submitted



C. S. BEIGHTLER,
Commander, U. S. Navy
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U. S. S. ELECTRA

1 April to 14 April 1944 (Zone plus 9½)

The U.S.S. ELECTRA (AKA4) under command of the Administrative Command, Fifth Amphibious Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, is at berth B-21 repair basin, Pearl Harbor, T. H., undergoing yard overhaul.

15 April 1944 (Zone plus 9½)

By order of the Commander Amphibious Forces, Pacific Fleet, Speedletter C5A/A3, Serial 00414 of 3 April 1944, as modified by Commander Fifth Amphibious Force, Pacific Fleet, Speedletter C5A/L1, Serial 00470 of 15 April 1944, the ELECTRA became a unit of Transport Division 28, Captain H. C. Flanagan, U.S.N., commanding.

The units of TransDiv 28 include: U.S.S. BOLIVAR (F), U.S.S. DOYEN, U.S.S. SHERIDAN, U.S.S. COMET, U.S.S. ELECTRA, U.S.S. OAK HILL.

16 April to 25 April 1944 (Zone plus 9½)

At berth B-21 repair basin, Pearl Harbor, T. H., undergoing yard overhaul.

26 April 1944 (Zone plus 9½)

Navy Yard availability ended this date.

- 0800 Underway for post repair trial to test main engine backing gear, outside swept channel into Pearl Harbor using various courses and speeds.
- 1300 Returned to Pearl Harbor and with assistance of pilot and tugs moored at DP-3 degaussing range for calibration of ship's degaussing installation.
- 1600 On completion of degaussing calibration, shifted to berth W-4, Powder Point, West Loch in accordance with instructions in ComPhibForPac's Speedletter C5A/L1, Serial 00449 of 10 April 1944.

27 April 1944 (Zone plus 9½)

- 0800 Shifted berth to X-19, Pearl Harbor, T. H., alongside U.S.S. ALMAACK (AKA10) and U.S.S. ALHENA (AKA9). Undergoing upkeep by ship's company.

28 April to 29 April 1944 (Zone plus 9½)

Moored at berth X-19, Pearl Harbor, T. H., alongside U.S.S. ALMAACK (AKA10) and U.S.S. ALHENA (AKA9), undergoing upkeep by ship's company.

30 April 1944 (Zone plus 9½)

Moored at berth X-19, Pearl Harbor, T. H. as before.

- 1300 Underway in company with the U.S.S. ALCYONE (AKA7) and U.S.S. ALHENA (AKA9) in accordance with instructions contained in Administrative Commander Fifth Amphibious Force, Speedletter C5A/L1, Serial 00117 of 14 April 1944. Commander H. F. Knickerbocker, U.S.N., in the U.S.S. ALCYONE is Officer in Tactical Command. Destination is Hilo Harbor, Hawaii. We are on a southerly

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30 April 1944 (Zone plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$) (cont.)

course, using various courses and speeds and zig zag plans as directed by the O.T.C. We are being escorted by U.S.S. P. C. 581. Our position at 2000 is as follows:

20° - 43' N

157° - 15' W

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MAY, 1944.



C. S. BEIGHNER,
Commander, U.S.N.,
Commanding.

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U. S. S. ELECTRA

1 May to 3 May 1944 (Zone plus 9½)

The U.S.S. ELECTRA (AKA-4) is moored port side to outer Pier 1, Hilo Harbor, Hawaii, carrying out instructions contained in Administrative Commander, FIFTH Amphibious Force Speedletter C5A/L1, Serial 00117 of 14 April 1944. The U.S.S. ALCYONE (AKA-7) and the U.S.S. ALHENA (AKA-9) are also present in Hilo Harbor, carrying out instructions in accordance with aforementioned speedletter. Commander H. P. Knickerbocker, U.S.N., in the Alcyone is Officer in Tactical Command of the three ships. The Electra is a unit of Transport Division 28, FIFTH Amphibious Force, Pacific Fleet, as ordered by the Commander Amphibious Forces, Pacific Fleet Speedletter C5A/A3, Serial 00414 of 3 April 1944, and modified by Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force Speedletter C5A/L1, Serial 00470 of 15 April 1944. The units of Transport Division 28 include: U.S.S. BOLIVAR (F), U.S.S. SHERIDAN, U.S.S. COMETT, U.S.S. DOYEN, U.S.S. ELECTRA, and the U.S.S. OAK HILL. Captain H. C. Flanagan, U.S.N., in the Bolivar is Commander Transport Division 28.

4 May 1944 (Zone plus 9½)

Moored as before.

1851 Underway for Honolulu, T. H. in company with U.S.S. ALCYONE (AKA-7) using various courses, speeds, and zigzag plans as ordered by the O.T.C. The Alcyone is leading. Commander H. P. Knickerbocker, U.S.N. in the Alcyone is Officer in Tactical Command. Our position at 2000 is at the entrance to the swept channel into Hilo Harbor, Hawaii.

5 May 1944 (Zone plus 9½)

Our position at 0800 is as follows:

28°- 13'- 00"N. 157°- 12'- 00"W.

1035 - The Alcyone left the formation and in accordance with aforementioned instructions proceeded independently to Pearl Harbor, T. H. The Electra entered Honolulu, Harbor and moored starboard side to dolphins at Sand Island, Honolulu, Harbor, T. H.

6 May to 8 May 1944 (Zone plus 9½)

Moored as before.

9 May 1944 (Zone plus 9½)

0934 - Shifted to berth 27, Honolulu Harbor, T. H.

10 May 1944 (Zone plus 9½)

0749 - Shifted to berth at Sand Island, Honolulu Harbor, T. H.

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11 May to 13 May 1944 (Zone plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$)

Moored as before.

14 May 1944 (Zone plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$)

0753 - Underway for training exercises to be conducted in the vicinity of Maalaea Bay and Kahoolawe area, T. H. The Electra is a unit of Transport Division 28. Transport Division 28 is assigned to Transport Group Able, (TG 52.3). Captain H. B. Knowles, U.S.N., in the U.S.S. MONROVIA is Commander of Transport Group Able. Transport Group Able is proceeding on an easterly course, in accordance with instructions contained in Commander of Task Force 52 Training Order No. A12-44, C5A/P11, Serial 00543 of 8 May 1944. Commander of Task Force 52 (Northern Attack Force) is Vice Admiral R. K. Turner, U.S.N., in the U.S.S. ROCKY MOUNT. Various components of Task Force 52 are proceeding independently to the training area. Our position at 1200 is as follows:

21° - 06' - 30" N. 157° - 31' - 00" W.

1616 - Anchored in berth Fox-13, Lahaina Roads, T. H. with other units of Transport Group Able.

15 May to 18 May 1944 (Zone plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$)

The U.S.S. ELECTRA in company with other units of Task Force 52 is undergoing training exercises as directed in Commander Task Force 52, Training Order No. A12-44, and Commander Task Force 52 Training Movement Order No. A13-44, C5A/A16-3(2), Serial 00540 of 7 May 1944. Vice Admiral R. K. Turner in the U.S.S. ROCKY MOUNT is Officer in Tactical Command. In accordance with the Task Organization as set forth in C.T.F. 52 Training Movement Order No. A13-44, Transport Division 28, of which the Electra is a unit, as of 15 May, becomes part of Attack Group Two, (T.G. 52.16). Rear Admiral H. W. Hill, U.S.N., in the U.S.S. CAMBRIA is Commander Task Group 52.16.

19 May 1944 (Zone plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$)

1620 - The Electra in company with other units of Task Group 52.16 is underway for Pearl Harbor, T. H. after conducting the scheduled training exercises, using various courses, speeds, and zigzag plans as directed by the O.T.C. Our position at 2000 is as follows:

20° - 05' - 00" N. 156° - 57' - 00" W.

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20 May 1944 (Zone plus 9½)

Our position at 1200 is as follows:

21° - 07' - 45" N. 157° - 55' - 00" W.

1800 - Entered Pearl Harbor, T. H. and moored starboard side to the U.S.S. ALCYONE (AKA-7) in berth X-13.

21 May to 29 May 1944 (Zone plus 9½)

Moored as before.

30 May 1944 (Zone plus 9½)

1341 - In accordance with instructions contained in C.T.G. 52.16 Mailgram 261855 of 26 May, and Commander Attack Group Two Movement Order No. A106-44, A16-3, Serial 0002 of 26 May, the Electra is underway from Pearl Harbor, T. H. Our destination is Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands. We are cruising in disposition 3AL on a southwesterly course, in a condition of readiness. We are undergoing various tactical exercises, on various speeds and courses as directed by the O.T.C. Rear Admiral H. W. Hill, U.S.N., in the U.S.S. CAMBRIA is C.T.G. 52.16 and is Officer in Tactical Command. Our position at 2000 is as follows:

20° - 15' - 00" N. 157° - 56' - 00" W.

31 May 1944 (Zone plus 9½)

Our positions are as follows:

0800 - 19° - 06' - 00" N.	159° - 44' - 00" W.
1200 - 18° - 44' - 00" N.	160° - 33' - 00" W.
2000 - 18° - 04' - 00" N.	162° - 32' - 00" W.

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U.S.S. ELECTRA (AKA-4)

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JUNE, 1944.

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C. S. BEIGHTLER,
Commander, U.S.N.,
Commanding.

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1 June 1944 (Zone plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$)

Underway in accordance with instructions contained in C.T.G. 52.16 mailgram 261855 of 26 May 1944. Our immediate destination is Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands; ultimate destination is Saipan, Marianas Islands. We are in cruising disposition 3AB on a southwesterly course, in a condition of readiness, undergoing various tactical and gunnery exercises as directed by the O.T.C. Rear Admiral H. W. Hill, U.S.N., in U.S.S. CAMBRIA, APA 36, is C.T.G. 52.16. The ELECTRA is a part of Transport Division 28 of Attack Group Able of Task Group 52.16. Division 28 is commanded by Captain H. C. Flanagan, U.S.N., and consists of U.S.S. BOLIVAR (F), U.S.S. SHERIDAN, U.S.S. COMET, U.S.S. DOYEN, U.S.S. ELECTRA and U.S.S. OAK HILL. In accordance with C.T.G. 52.2 message 221427 of June 1944, routine account of this operation up to 1300 K, 14 June will be covered in the report of Commander Western Landing Group, C.T.G. 52.2. Changed to time Zone plus 10 at 1900. Our positions were as follows:

0800	16-56-00 N.	165-06-00 W.
1200	16-33-30 N.	165-44-00 W.
2000	16-04-00 N.	166-56-00 W.

2 June 1944 (Zone plus 10)

Underway. Fired A.A. practice with 20MM to port at 1328, 480 rounds expended; 3" 50 Cal. at 1500, 20 rounds expended. Positions were as follows:

0800	14-58-00 N.	169-21-00 W.
1200	14-38-00 N.	170-07-00 W.
2000	13-58-00 N.	171-38-00 W.

3 June 1944 (Zone plus 10)

Underway. Fired A.A. practice with 20MM to port at 1327, 3244 rounds expended. Changed to Zone plus 11 at 1900. Positions as follows:

0800	13-13-00 N.	174-02-00 W.
1200	12-54-00 N.	174-51-00 W.
2000	11-44-00 N.	176-25-00 W.

4 June 1944 (Zone plus 11)

Underway. Fired A.A. practice with 20MM to port at 1325, 540 rounds expended. Crossed 180th Meridian at Latitude 10-30-00 N. at 1330. Changed to Zone minus 12 at 1500. Positions were as follows:

0800	10-52-00 N.	178-59-00 W.
1200	10-41-00 N.	179-43-00 W.
2000	09-53-00 N.	178-33-00 E. (5 June)

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6 June 1944 (Zone minus 12)

Underway. Positions were as follows:

0800	08-55-00 N.	176-10-00 E.
1200	08-35-00 N.	175-28-00 E.
2000	07-52-00 N.	173-46-00 E.

7 June 1944 (Zone minus 12)

Underway. Positions were as follows:

0800	07-42-00 N.	171-26-00 E.
1200	07-52-00 N.	170-40-00 E.
2000	08-13-00 N.	169-09-00 E.

8 June 1944 (Zone minus 12)

Underway. Changed to Zone minus 11 at 1900. Positions were as follows:

0800	09-05-00 N.	166-49-00 E.
1200	09-27-00 N.	166-11-00 E.
2000	10-22-00 N.	164-24-00 E.

9 June 1944 (Zone minus 11)

Underway. Entered Southern Anchorage, Eniwetok Atoll and anchored in Berth 219. Ordered to fuel from U.S.S. CAMEL (IX-113) in Berth X-23. 1250 finished fueling from U.S.S. CAMEL and went alongside port side of U.S.S. OCKLAWAHA (AO-84) in Berth 28 for water. After taking water reanchored in Berth 219. "Flash Red" was received over TBS at 1148, but planes were subsequently reported friendly.

10 June 1944 (Zone minus 11)

At anchor, Eniwetok Atoll, engaged in provisioning and making final preparations for the forthcoming operations.

11 June 1944 (Zone minus 11)

At anchor Eniwetok Atoll. 0852 in accordance with instructions in C.T.G. 52.16 mailgram 090751 of 9 June 1944 commenced sortie from Eniwetok with T.G. 52.16 as before with Saipan Island as our destination. Positions were as follows:

1200	11-23-00 N.	162-22-00 E.
2000	11-36-00 N.	160-41-00 E.

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12 June 1944 (Zone minus 11)

Underway. Positions were as follows:

0800	12-19-00 N.	158-12-00 E.
1200	12-42-00 N.	157-32-00 E.
2000	13-22-00 N.	156-07-00 E.

13 June 1944 (Zone minus 11)

Underway. Changed to time Zone minus 10 at 1930. Positions were as follows:

0800	14-03-00 N.	153-37-00 E.
1200	14-16-00 N.	152-51-00 E.
2000	14-11-00 N.	151-23-00 E.

14 June 1944 (Zone minus 10)

Underway with Task Group 52.16. 1305 K on signal, executed Approach Plan No. 18-44, rendezvousing with Transport Group Baker. Transport Divisions 10 and 30 with their screen withdrew to form the Demonstration Group. 1418 to 1435 (local time) stopped, lay to, while intership control personnel transfers were made. ELECTRA as part of Transport Group Able became a unit of the Advance Group, T.G. 52.15, of the Northern Attack Force, T.F. 52, Vice Admiral R. K. Turner in the U.S.S. ROCKY MOUNT (AGC-3) in command. Our positions were as follows:

0800	14-37-00 N.	148-59-00 E.
1200	14-48-00 N.	147-59-00 E.
2000	15-23-30 N.	146-35-00 E.

15 June 1944 (Zone minus 10)

Underway in accordance with Approach Plan. 0500 set Watches I and II, Condition IA. 0530 arrived in Transport Area and attack Order All-44 became effective. Stopped, lay to and launched and despatched boats and LVT's and boated 5 light tanks. 0815 completed above and set Watch I, Condition IA. 0900 moved in at steerageway toward berth A-11, following other ships. 1130 arrived at point halfway between berth A-11 and Transport Area 1 and lay to. 1212 LCT #358 came alongside to receive medium tanks. 1258 LCT #358 departed, having received 3 medium tanks. 1832 went to general quarters on orders from O.T.C. and at 1845 on orders from O.T.C. ships in Transport Area opened fire on four (4) enemy planes sighted through the clouds at elevation of about 8000 ft. Planes appeared to be Hamps. Ships in Transport Area maneuvered by emergency turns. ELECTRA did not fire as planes were beyond range. All ships retired by Transport Groups, this ship with Transport Group Able, on orders of Transport Group Commanders, this group on a westerly course at 1850. 1954 air attack over, set Condition Watch.

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16 June 1944 (Zone minus 10)

Returning toward Transport Area from retirement on an easterly course. 0520 went to general quarters on orders of O.T.C. and at 0522 opened fire with port 3" 50 and 20 MM batteries at unidentified plane bearing 315° t. 0523 opened fire with starboard 3" 50 and 20 MM batteries at unidentified plane bearing 170° t. Either or both targets may have been friendly planes. It was difficult to determine under the prevailing visibility conditions of morning twilight. Rounds fired, 13 - 3" 50, 780 - 20 MM. 0540 set Condition IA watch. Began unloading priority cargo on call into LCT's which came alongside. 0814 anchored in Transport Area #3. Fueled, watered and provisioned some small diesel-craft during the day.

17 June 1944 (Zone minus 10)

Anchored in Berth B-27 Transport Area #3, discharging cargo on call. 1653 got underway with Transport Group Able and retired to northward. 1755 enemy planes appeared over Transport Area and were taken under heavy fire by small craft. Went to general quarters at 1755, secured at 1940 and set condition watch. Transport Group Able was not attacked. Continued retirement to north-eastward.

18 June 1944 (Zone minus 10)

Retiring with Transport Group Able to the northeastward, changing to an easterly course at 0040. Designated transports began fueling from oilers at 0654. Fueling course easterly in forenoon, westerly in afternoon. Speed during fueling was 8 knots. 1944 speed was changed to 13.5 knots and formation course was changed successively to the left during the night to an eastward course. Positions were as follows:

0800	16-03-00 N.	148-13-00 E.
1200	16-01-00 N.	148-36-00 E.
2000	16-19-00 N.	148-02-00 E.

19 June 1944 (Zone minus 10)

Underway during entire day in area northeast of Saipan with Transport Group Able. 1100 one cylinder of port main engine became defective reducing our speed to 10 knots while going ahead on starboard engine. 1305 C.T.G. 51.1 in FREMONT with Transport Division 32 joined as starboard column of this group and assumed tactical command. At 1459 on orders from C.T.G. 51.1 proceeded on course 250° t. with U.S.S. DIONNE (DE261) independently toward Transport Area off Saipan at 10 knots. Repairs being made to defective cylinder. Positions were as follows:

0800	16-01-00 N.	147-15-00 E.
1200	16-06-00 N.	147-47-00 E.
2000	15-54-00 N.	147-04-00 E.

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20 June 1944 (Zone minus 10)

Proceeding toward Saipan Transport Area escorted by U.S.S. DIONNE (DE261). 0233 completed repairs to #3 cylinder, port main engine. At first thought to have a leaky cylinder liner and a cracked piston, derangement consisted of broken piston rings and a cracked piston. The liner was all right. Derangement believed to have been caused by excessive number of times engines had to pass through vibration range (11 to 12 knots) to keep station astern of U.S.S. DOYEN in column. This is believed to be due to the difference in type of the DOYEN. 0334 cut in port engine and proceeded at 12.5 knots. Arrived at Transport Area at 0600 and was directed by C.T.G. 52.2 to anchor in Berth B-48 at 0730 but not to unload but to send our boats to Commander Control Group to unload other ships. This was done. Provisioned small craft and overhauled LCVP's for vessels unloading. 0954 shot down tired Japanese carrier pigeon from our triatic stay. Leg bands turned over to C.T.G. 52.2 Intelligence Officer. There was no message.

21 June 1944 (Zone minus 10)

Anchored in Berth B-48, Saipan anchorage. 0035 backed clear at steerage-way of a developing melee involving a U.S. Destroyer and LCI's to northward of us and an unidentified small surface craft which appeared to be approaching us between the destroyer and the LCI's. Returned to Berth B-48 at 0605. Continued repairing other vessels LCVP's and unloaded several items on call. 1700 Transport Group Able returned to Transport Area and began unloading.

22 June 1944 (Zone minus 10)

Anchored in Berth B-48, Saipan anchorage. 0150 unobserved enemy planes dropped stick of 4-100 lb. bombs straddling U.S.S. CLAY in Berth 46 last bomb of stick landing about 350 yards on our port quarter. 1035 transferred 2 LCI's and personnel and boat pool equipment to Saipan Boat Pool. Fueled LST's and smaller diesel craft. 1725 began unloading vehicles into an LCT. 1830 Transport Group Able (less Transport Division 10) got underway and departed. Began general unloading.

23 June 1944 (Zone minus 10)

Anchored in Berth B-48 in Saipan anchorage, unloading into LCT's, pontoon barges, ship's boats and an LST. LST did not prove very suitable inasmuch as cargo had to be distributed and stacked and in the case of ammunition would have had to be struck below and stacked there. Ammunition was discharged into ship's boats. 1818 retired with ships of Transport Group Baker to westward, C.T.G. 52 in ROCKY MOUNT, O.T.C.

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24 June 1944 (Zone minus 10)

Returning to Transport Area, Saipan after night retirement. 0754 anchored in berth B-65. Resumed unloading. 1355 - 1645 transferred cruiser ammunition to LST 130. 1835 Transport Group Baker having left, shifted to Berth B-64 and continued unloading. 1918 enemy planes reported in vicinity. Went to general quarters. Made smoke according to plan - moderately effective. 1945 secured from general quarters. 2040 went to general quarters again because of enemy aircraft. Made smoke according to plan at 2050. Very effective, apparently, but firing of A.A. M.G.'s by LST's, LCI's and other smaller craft adjacent to Transports nearly nullified the effectiveness. String of about six flares were dropped on a northerly course, straddling this ship, one landing in water about 25 feet to starboard. No planes were sighted. 2220 resumed Condition IA and unloaded.

25 June 1944 (Zone minus 10)

In Berth B-65, Saipan anchorage, unloading. 1700 retired with various units of Task Group 51.1, C.T.G. 51.1 in FREMONT, O.T.C., on a westerly course.

26 June 1944 (Zone minus 10)

Returning to Transport Area from retirement on an easterly course. 0615 anchored in Berth B-64 and continued unloading. 1039 took aboard U.S.S. WINGED ARROW LCVP No. 7 for delivery to U.S.S. WINGED ARROW on next contact. 1245 completed unloading all cargo. During the period in the Transport Area since arrival on 15 June, fueled, provisioned and watered numerous diesel craft. After transferring excess ammunition as directed, and transferring casualties, got underway at 1830 as part of T.G. 51.18 to proceed to Eniwetok. C.T.G. 51.18 is Rear Admiral W. P. Blandy, U.S.N., in U.S.S. FREMONT. Ships comprising T.G. 51.18 are: Left column: U.S.S. CAVALIER, U.S.S. BELL, U.S.S. JOHN LAND, U.S.S. CENTAURUS; Center column: U.S.S. FREMONT, U.S.S. JUPITER, U.S.S. HERALD OF THE MORNING, U.S.S. HARRY LEE; Right column: U.S.S. CUSTER, U.S.S. HERCULES, U.S.S. ELECTRA, U.S.S. VIRGO. Proceeded in formation No. 3AL on course 013° t. at 13.5 knots until 2032 then changed to 058° t. and at 2103 took course 103° t. ZigZagged, Plan 6, during good visibility.

27 June 1944 (Zone minus 10)

Enroute on an easterly course to Eniwetok, Marshall Islands, with Task Group 51.18. 1307 increased speed to 14 knots. Positions were as follows:

1200	14-51-00 N.	148-54-00 E.
2000	14-26-30 N.	155-30-00 E.

28 June 1944 (Zone minus 10)

Enroute to Eniwetok as before. Positions were as follows:

0800	13-53-00 N.	153-10-00 E.
1200	13-45-00 N.	153-55-00 E.
2000	13-26-00 N.	155-31-00 E.

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29 June 1944 (Zone minus 10; Zone minus 11)

Changed to Zone minus 11 time at 0200. Positions were as follows:

0800	13-02-00 N.	157-74-00 E.
1200	12-51-00 N.	158-47-00 E.
2000	12-27-00 N.	160-17-30 E.

30 June 1944 (Zone minus 10)

Underway for Eniwetok Atoll. Our position at 0800 was as follows:

0800	11-33-00 N.	162-32-00 E.
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1229 anchored in Berth 214, Eniwetok Atoll. On orders from C.T.G. 51.18 on arrival Eniwetok, reported to Commander Forward Area, Vice Admiral J. H. Hoover, U.S.N. in the U.S.S. CURITISS (AV-4) and Shipping Control Officer, Forward Area for further orders.

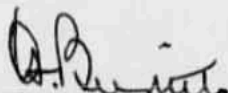
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C. S. BEIGHTLER,
Commander, U.S. N.,
Commanding.

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1 July 1944 (Zone minus 11)

The ELECTRA is at anchor in Eniwetok Atoll awaiting orders from C.T.F. 57, Vice Admiral J. H. Hoover in the U.S.S. CURTISS (AV-4). We have no cargo or prisoners of war aboard. We have ten casualties from the Saipan area destined for Pearl. 1858 In accordance with instructions from Shipping Control Officer Forward Areas of the staff of Admiral Hoover, the ELECTRA is underway from Eniwetok to Kwajalein Atoll. We are accompanied by U.S.S. HERCULES (AK-41), and U.S.S. JUPITER (AK-43), and are escorted by P.C. boats #548 and #586. We are proceeding on a southeasterly course. Commander C. S. Beightler, U.S.N. in the ELECTRA is Officer in Tactical Command.

2 July 1944 (Zone minus 11)

Underway for Kwajalein Atoll. In accordance with instructions from C.T.F. 57, the ELECTRA and JUPITER are to proceed to Kwajalein Island, and the HERCULES to Roi Island, Kwajalein Atoll, to take on cargo and passengers for Pearl. Positions as follows:

0800 - 10 36 00 N	164 19 00 E
1200 - 10 21 00 N	164 53 00 E
2000 - 09 57 00 N	165 55 00 E

3 July 1944 (Zone minus 11)

Underway as before. 0547 Entered Kwajalein via northern entrance. U.S.S. HERCULES was detached and proceeded independently to Roi anchorage. The ELECTRA and JUPITER sailed southward and anchored off Kwajalein Island awaiting orders from Port Director, Kwajalein. Our position at 0800 was abeam of buoy #13 in swept channel, Kwajalein Atoll.

4 July 1944 (Zone minus 11)

Anchored as before. 1000 moved in to pier at Kwajalein Island and commenced taking on cargo.

5 July 1944 (Zone minus 11)

1300 Completed loading cargo. Fifty-two passengers for Pearl came aboard. 1650 In accordance with Port Director Kwajalein's Sortie and Cruising Order (Kwajalein-to-Pearl #1), the ELECTRA is underway for Pearl in company with the following ships: U.S.S. NEVILLE (APA-9) Flag, U.S.S. BELLATRIX (AKA-3), U.S.S. JUPITER (AK-43), and the S.S. YARMOUTH. We are escorted by U.S.S. GRIENER DE #37 and U.S.S. SHELTON DE #407. Captain B. Bartlett, U.S.N. in the NEVILLE is O.T.C. Our position at 2000: 08 38 00 N 167 51 00 E.

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6 July 1944 (Zone minus 11)

Underway for Pearl Harbor. Positions as follows:

0800 07 39 00 N 170 05 00 E
1200 07 28 00 N 171 07 00 E
2000 07 44 00 N 172 30 00 E

7 July 1944 (Zone minus 11)

Underway. 0100 Changed to zone minus 12. Positions as follows:

0800 08 55 00 N 174 47 00 E
1200 09 18 00 N 175 35 00 E
2000 09 58 00 N 177 05 00 E

8 July 1944 (Zone minus 12)

Underway. Positions were as follows:

0800 11 01 00 N 179 26 00 E (East Long.)

1100 Changed to zone plus 12, crossing 180th meridian, 7 July 1944.
Positions were as follows:

1200 11 23 00 N 179 49 00 W (West Long.)
2000 12 02 30 N 178 22 00 W

8 July 1944 (Zone plus 12)

Underway as before. 0100 Changed to zone plus 11½. Positions were as follows:

0800 13 02 00 N 175 55 00 W (West Long.)
1200 13 19 30 N 175 06 00 W
2000 13 57 00 N 173 25 00 W

9 July 1944 (Zone plus 12)

0100 Changed to time zone plus 11. Positions were as follows:

0800 14 56 00 N 171 00 30 W
1200 15 12 00 N 170 12 00 W
2000 15 55 30 N 168 36 00 W

10 July (Zone plus 11)

0100 Changed to zone plus 10½. 0258 While steaming at approximately 14.5 knots the ELECTRA developed a cracked liner in #1 cylinder of the starboard engine. Convey speed was reduced to allow the ELECTRA to proceed in company on the port engine. Positions were as follows:

0800 16 45 00 N 166 35 00 W
1200 16 55 30 N 166 03 30 W
2000 17 15 00 N 165 05 00 W

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11 July 1944 (Zone plus 10 $\frac{1}{2}$)

0100 Changed to time zone plus 10. Positions were as follows:

0800 17 31 00 N 164 04 00 W
1200 17 40 20 N 163 39 30 W
2000 18 06 00 N 162 31 00 W

12 July 1944 (Zone plus 10)

0100 Changed to time zone plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$. 0750 In accordance with instructions from the U.S.S. NEVILLE (F), the ELECTRA left the formation and escorted by U.S.S. P.C. 1078 proceeded independently. Emergency repairs have been completed on the main engines, but we are steaming at reduced speed (approximately 10 knots) to avoid unnecessary strain on the newly installed liner in #1 cylinder of the starboard engine. The escorting ship had been requested for the purpose by Captain Bartlett in the NEVILLE and came out from Pearl to meet the convoy, on orders from Commander Hawaiian Sea Frontier. Our positions were as follows:

0800 18 47 30 N 160 34 00 W
1200 19 05 00 N 159 59 00 W
2000 19 44 00 N 158 43 30 W

13 July 1944 (Zone plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$)

0825 Entered Pearl and moored starboard side to S.S. LUCKENBACK in Berth B 17. Marine and Navy casualties were removed to 128th Base Hospital; Army casualties were removed to the 147th General Hospital.

14 July 1944 (Zone plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$)

Moored as before.

15 July 1944 (Zone plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$)

0930 Shifted from B 17 to Drydock #1 Pearl, for limited availability. Work on engines, installation of a new propeller of reduced diameter and hull begun by Navy Yard personnel assisted by ship's force.

16 July to 18 July 1944 (Zone plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$)

In drydock as before.

19 July 1944 (Zone plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$)

0900 Shifted to berth B-1 Pearl and moored port side to S.S. HALEAKALA.

20 July to 25 July 1944 (Zone plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$)

Moored as before, continuing work on main engines.

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26 July 1944 (Zone plus 9½)

Work completed on engines. 0600 Shifted to berth M-1, Pearl and discharged cargo loaded at Kwajalein. 1855 Underway for trial run in area southeast of Oahu, escorted by U.S.S. P.C. #602, to test main engines. Our position at 2000 was at entrance of swept channel into Pearl Harbor.

27 July 1944 (Zone plus 9½)

Underway as before. 1800 Test runs completed, we entered Honolulu Harbor and moored port side to Pier 25 to load cargo in accordance with instructions contained in Training Order, No. A265-44, ComGrpOne, PhibsPac., Serial 0040 of 22 July 1944.

28 July to 29 July 1944 (Zone plus 9½)

Moored as before, loading cargo.

30 July 1944 (Zone plus 9½)

Moored as before loading completed. 1604 Underway for training exercises to be held in the Maalaea Bay, T. H., Area in accordance with C.T.G. 32.16 Rehearsal Training Order No. 2-44, Serial 0044 of 27 July 1944. Captain D. W. Loomis, U.S.N., in the U.S.S. LEONARD WOOD is officer in Tactical Command. The ELECTRA is a unit of TransDiv 20 (T.U. 32.16.1) and passed to this command as of 1200 28 July 1944 on promulgation of the above training order. The remaining ships of Transport Division 20 are U.S.S. LEONARD WOOD (APA-12) (F), U.S.S. PIERCE (APA-50), U.S.S. JAMES O'HARE (APA-90), and U.S.S. LA SALLE (AP-102). Captain Loomis is ComTransDiv 20 as well as O.T.C. of T.G. 32.16. The Task Group formed up after sortieing from Honolulu Harbor and is steaming in cruising disposition 6 Victor on a southeasterly course using various courses, speeds and zigzag plans as directed by the O.T.C. Our position at 2000 was as follows:

20 47 30 N 157 59 12 W

31 July 1944 (Zone plus 9½)

Underway as before. 0800 Anchored in Berth D-19 Lahania Roads, T. H., awaiting orders to commence training exercises.

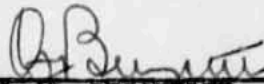
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C. S. REICHTLER,
Commander, U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

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1 August 1944 (Zone plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$)

The U.S.S. ELECTRA (AKA-4) is anchored in Berth D-19 Lahaina Roads, T. H. The ELECTRA is a unit of Transport Division 20 (T.U. 32.16.1). The other ships of Transport Division 20 are: U.S.S. LEONARD WOOD (APA12) Flag, U.S.S. PIERCE (APA50), U.S.S. JAMES O'HARA (APA90), U.S.S. LA SALLE (AP102), the the U.S.S. OAK HILL (LSD7). Captain D.W. Loomis, U.S.N. in the LEONARD WOOD, is Commander Transport Division 20, and is also Officer in Tactical Command of T.G. 32.16. We are operating in accordance with C.T.G. 32.16 Rehearsal Training Order No. 2-44, Serial 0044 of 27 July 1944. 0530 Underway for rehearsal exercises to be conducted in the vicinity of Maalaea Bay, T. H. At 0800 and 1200 we are lying to in Transport Area No. 1 in Latitude 20° 43 35 N, Longitude 156° 30 00 W. Our position at 2000 is at anchor in 20 52 35 N, 156 40 00 W.

2 August to 3 August 1944 (Zone plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$)

Undergoing training exercises as before in vicinity of Maalaea, T. H.

4 August 1944 (Zone plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$)

Training exercises completed this date. 2000 Underway for Honolulu, T.H., in company with T.G. 32.16. The Task Group is cruising in disposition 6 Victor on various courses, speeds and zigzag plans as directed by C.T.G. 32.16.

5 August to 10 August 1944 (Zone plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$)

Moored port side to Pier 25, Honolulu, T. H., loading cargo as directed by Training Order No. A265-44, ComGrpOne, PhibsPac., Serial 0040 of 22 July 1944.

11 August 1944 (Zone plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$)

0655 The ELECTRA, as directed by ComGrpOne, PhibsPac., left Honolulu Harbor, T. H. and conducted test runs for approximately four hours in the area east of Oahu Island. The object of the test was to check the newly adjusted cam settings on the main engines. On conclusion of the test runs we returned to Pier 25, Honolulu Harbor, and moored port side to at 1040.

12 August 1944 (Zone plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$)

0745 The ELECTRA sortied from Honolulu Harbor with other units of Transport Division 20 and Transport Division 26. We were joined by other units sortieing from Pearl Harbor and the convoy formed in accordance with cruising instructions contained in Annex Charlie to ComTaskGroup 32.2, Op Plan A262-44, Serial 00025, of 3 August 1944. The ELECTRA is a unit of Transport Division 20, but for cruising purposes is assigned to a temporary Transport Division Yoke, comprised of units of Transport Divisions 20, 26, and 32. In the Task Organization as set forth in ComGrpOne, PhibsPac Operation Plan A262-44, Transport Division 20

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12 August 1944 (Zone plus 9½) (Cont.)

becomes T.U. 32.4.2. Captain D.W. Loomis in the LEONARD WOOD is Commander Transport Division 20. The three Transport Divisions (20, 26, and 32) are under ComTransGroup 32.4.1, Captain M.O. Carlson, U.S.N. in the U.S.S. HARRIS (APA2), and the Task Group (T.G. 32.2) is under command of Rear Admiral W. P. Blandy, U.S.N. in the U.S.S. FREMONT (APA-44), (Flag). Admiral Blandy is Officer in Tactical Command. The Task Force is proceeding in a Southwesterly course employing various cruising dispositions, speeds and tactical maneuvers as ordered by the O.T.C. Our immediate destination is Guadalcanal. Positions were as follows:

1200	20 56 00 N	158 00 00 W
2000	19 54 00 N	158 26 00 W

13 August 1944 (Zone plus 9½)

Underway for Guadalcanal. 1700 changed to time zone plus 10. Positions as follows:

0800	18 29 30 N	160 41 00 W
1200	18 09 00 N	161 20 30 W
2000	17 16 00 N	162 36 00 W

14 August 1944 (Zone plus 10)

Underway. Positions as follows:

0800	15 52 00 N	164 55 00 W
1200	15 34 00 N	165 37 00 W
2000	14 42 00 N	167 02 00 W

15 August 1944 (Zone plus 10)

Underway. 1700 Changed to time zone plus 10½. Positions as follows:

0800	13 07 00 N	169 17 00 W
1200	12 38 00 N	169 54 00 W
2000	11 40 00 N	171 18 00 W

16 August 1944 (Zone plus 10½)

Underway. 1700 Changed to time zone plus 11. Positions as follows:

0800	10 11 00 N	173 32 00 W
1200	9 50 00 N	174 11 00 W
2000	8 54 00 N	175 31 00 W

17 August 1944 (Zone plus 11)

Underway. 1700 Changed to time zone plus 11½. Positions as follows:

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17 August 1944 (Zone plus 11) (Cont.)

0800	7 32 00 N	177 40 00 W
1200	7 09 00 N	178 16 00 W
2000	6 09 00 N	179 24 00 W

Crossed international date line at 05 58 00 N.

19 August 1944 (Zone plus 11½)

Underway. 0000 Changed to time zone minus 12½. Positions as follows:

0800	05 39 00 N	178 17 00 E
1200	05 30 00 N	177 32 00 E
2000	05 00 00 N	175 56 00 E

At 1700 changed time zone again to minus 12.

20 August 1944 (Zone minus 12)

Underway. Positions as follows:

0800	04 25 00 N	173 42 00 E
1200	04 10 00 N	173 11 00 E
2000	03 34 00 N	172 09 00 E

21 August 1944 (Zone minus 12)

Underway. 1700 Changed to time zone minus 11½. Positions as follows:

0800	02 49 00 N	169 40 00 E
1200	02 34 00 N	168 57 00 E
2000	02 02 00 N	167 20 00 E

22 August 1944 (Zone minus 11½)

Underway. Positions as follows:

0800	00 49 00 N	164 56 00 E
1200	00 05 00 N	164 34 00 E
1224	Crossed equator at Longitude 164 24 00 East.	
2000	01 30 00 S	163 43 00 E

23 August 1944 (Zone minus 11½)

Underway. 1700 Changed to time zone minus 11. Positions as follows:

0800	03 55 00 S	162 44 00 E
1200	04 29 00 S	162 22 00 E
2000	05 59 00 S	161 54 00 E

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24 August 1944 (Zone minus 11)

Underway approaching Guadalcanal Island. Positions as follows:

0800 07 55 00 S 160 28 30 E
1200 08 36 45 S 160 05 10 E

1659 Anchored in Berth 46, Guadalcanal Northern Anchorage Area in Latitude 09 25 00 South and Longitude 160 07 00 East.

25 to 28 August 1944 (Zone minus 11)

At anchor as before in Guadalcanal Northern Anchorage Area.

29 August 1944 (Zone minus 11)

Anchored as before. 1458 Underway for rehearsal exercises as set forth in ComTaskGroup 32.2 Rehearsal Attack Order A263-44, and C.T.G. 32.8 Rehearsal Landing Plan No. 2-44, Serial 00053 of 24 August 1944. The training area will be in the vicinity of Cape Esperance and Doma Cove, Guadalcanal. Position at 2000 - 09 25 00 S 160 06 15 E.

30 August 1944 (Zone minus 11)

Underway for rehearsal exercises off Cape Esperance in Latitude 09 10 30 South, Longitude 155 45 00 East. 1730 First day's rehearsal completed we are underway for our anchorage at Guadalcanal. 2000 Anchored in Berth 46.

31 August 1944 (Zone minus 11)

At anchor in Berth 46, Guadalcanal Northern Anchorage Area. 1500 Underway for second phase of rehearsal in same area and in accordance with plan as set forth under 29 August 1944. Our position at 2000 was as follows: 08 51 00 S 159 39 30 E.

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1 September 1944 (Zone minus 11)

The U.S.S. ELECTRA (AKA4) is lying to in the area between Cape Esperance and Dona Cove, Guadalcanal, in Latitude 09-25-00 S, Longitude 160-06-15 E. We are engaged in the final phase of the rehearsal to Stalemate II as outlined in ComTaskGroup 32.2 Rehearsal Attack Order A263-44 and C.T.G. 32.8 Rehearsal Landing Plan No. 2-44, Serial 00053 of 24 August 1944. The ELECTRA is a unit of TransDiv 20, which includes the U.S.S. LEONARD WOOD (APA12) Flag, U.S.S. PIERCE (APA50), U.S.S. JAMES O'HARA (APA90), U.S.S. LASALLE (AP102), and the U.S.S. OAK HILL (LSD7). Captain D.W. Loomis, USN, in the WOOD is ComTransDiv 20, which is a unit of TaskGroup 32.2. TaskGroup 32.2 includes also TransDiv 32 and TransDiv 26. Captain M. O. Carlson, USN, in the U.S.S. HARRIS (APA2) is ComTransDiv 32 and ComTransGroup 32.4.1. Captain E. W. Hanson, USN, in the U.S.S. CALLOWAY (APA35) is ComTransDiv 26. Rear Admiral W. P. Blandy, USN, in the U.S.S. FREMONT (APA44) is ComTaskGroup 32.2, ComGroupOnePhibsPac, and is officer in Tactical Command. 1645 Underway for Northern Anchorage Area off Guadalcanal, rehearsal completed. 1900 Anchored in Berth 46 in Latitude 09-25-00 S, and Longitude 160-07-00 E.

2 September 1944 (Zone minus 11)

0530 Underway in accordance with instructions from C.T.G. 32.8 for Tulagi, to fuel, water, and provision. 1200 Anchored in Tulagi Harbor in Latitude 07-05-00 S, 160-10-45 E, taking on fuel and stores.

3 September 1944 (Zone minus 11)

0610 Got underway and proceeded with other units of TransDiv 20 to our berth (46) in Northern Anchorage Area, Guadalcanal.

4 September to 7 September 1944 (Zone minus 11)

The ELECTRA is at anchor off Guadalcanal Island making final preparations for the forth-coming operation. Our position is 09-25-00 S, 160-07-00 E.

8 September 1944 (Zone minus 11)

0800 In accordance with C.T.G. 32.2 Operation Plan A263-44, Serial 00023 of 3 August, 1944 the ELECTRA got underway from Guadalcanal. The Task Organization is the same as set forth in diary of 1 September 1944. The TaskGroup is cruising in line of four Evolution Units in column. Temporary TransDiv Yoke is comprised of units from TransDiv's 32, 26, and 20. The TaskGroup is proceeding on a northeasterly course using various speeds, zig-zag plans and tactical dispositions as ordered by the C.T.C., Rear Admiral Blandy in the FREMONT. Our destination is Anguar Island, in the Palau Group. 1700 Changed to time zone minus 10½. Positions as follows:

1200 - 06-10-00 S	159-56-30 E
2000 - 07-35-30 S	158-59-00 E

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9 September 1944 (Zone minus 10 $\frac{1}{2}$)

1700 Changed to time zone minus 10. Position as follows:

0800 - 06-10-00 S	157-58-30 E
1200 - 05-43-30 S	157-22-00 E
2000 - 04-31-00 S	156-10-00 E

10 September 1944 (Zone minus 10)

1700 Changed to time zone minus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$. Positions as follows:

0800 - 02-52-30 S	154-31-00 E
1200 - 02-31-30 S	153-46-00 E
2000 - 01-38-00 S	152-05-00 E

11 September 1944 (Zone minus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$)

1700 Changed to time zone minus 9 (Operation time). 1919 Crossed equator northbound at Longitude 147-09-00 E. Positions as follows:

0800 - 00-47-00 S	149-35-00 E
1200 - 00-32-30 S	148-44-00 E
2000 - 00-04-00 N	147-00-00 E

12 September 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Positions as follows:

0800 - 00-42-30 N	144-26-00 E
1200 - 00-57-00 N	143-34-00 E
2000 - 01-21-30 N	141-59-00 E

13 September 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Positions as follows:

0800 - 01-58-00 N	139-22-00 E
1200 - 02-07-00 N	138 - 48-00E
2000 - 02-29-30 N	137-24-00 E

14 September 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Positions as follows:

0800 - 03-55-00 N	136-01-30 E
1200 - 04-32-00 N	135-40-00 E
2000 - 05-36-00 N	134-57-00 E

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15 September 1944 (Zone minus 9)

This date is Dog day for T.G. 32.1 (Pelelieu Assault Group). The ELECTRA with other units of TransDiv's 20 and 26 or a part of T.G. 32.8 (Anguar Assault Group) under command of C.T.G. 32.8, Captain Loomis in the LEONARD WOOD, is maneuvering in the Palau Area using various courses, speeds, and dispositions as ordered by the O.T.C. Positions as follows:

0800 - 07-00-00 N	134-52-30 E
1200 - 07-14-20 N	135-01-45 E
2000 - 07-56-20 N	135-05-30 E

16 September 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Underway as before in the vicinity of Anguar Island, Palau Group awaiting orders. We are operating in accordance C.T.G. 32.2 Attack Order A262-44, Serial 00024 of 6 August 1944. Positions as follows:

0800 - 06-16-30 N	134-50-00 E
1200 - 06-44-00 N	134-34-30 E
2000 - 06-36-00 N	134-29-00 E

17 September 1944 (Zone minus 9)

As directed by radio dispatch from C.T.G. 32.2 this date is designated as Fox day. The ELECTRA is now operating in accordance Anguar Assault Group Landing Plan (Preferred) No. 2-44, Serial 00059 of 3 September 1944. TaskGroup 32.8 of which the ELECTRA is a unit is commanded by Captain D. W. Loomis, USN, in the LEONARD WOOD. 0500 Lying to in Transport Area #6, Eastward of Anguar Island in a condition of readiness for unloading. 0555 All boats launched. 0910 Shifted to Transport Area #4 and commenced unloading cargo as requested by Red Beach Control Officer, and C.T.G. 32.8. The ELECTRA continued to unload throughout the day until ordered to get underway in accordance with retirement plan, with other units of T.G. 32.4 which are not engaged in unloading that night. 1823 Got underway and cruised during the night using various courses and speeds as directed by C.T.D. 20.

18 September 1944 (Zone minus 9)

0630 Arrived back in Transport Area #4 North East of Anguar Island, Palau Islands, after cruising during the night according to C.T.F. 32 Retirement Plan. The ELECTRA launched all boats aboard and commenced unloading cargo as requested from the beach. Special lookouts (with officers in charge) keep a constant watch abeam and astern for any signs of enemy planes or submarines. We were not included in the retirement plan for the night of the 18th but continued to unload as fast as boats could be brought alongside. 0730 A Flash Red came through from C.T.F. 32 by voice radio and Condition I was set. LCT #862 which was tied up port side, cast off and we prepared to maneuver on order. Single enemy plane contacts were reported at distances varying from eleven to thirty-five miles. One contact moved in close and at 0735 we observed the exhaust flare of a plane on our port quarter and some vessels in our vicinity opened fire. We did not fire. The plane apparently got out of there and radar traced him out to a distance of forty miles. 2000 Flash White from C.T.F. 32, secured from General Quarters, recalled LCT #862 and continued unloading. 2046 Flash Red from C.T.F. 32 enemy planes reported but none seen. Flash White at 2050.

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19 September 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Lying to as before keeping station in Transport Area #4 with main engines and rudder, unloading cargo for Red Beach, Anguar Island. Our position is 06-56-30 N, 134-11-00 E. During this day (Tox day plus two) we delivered 6000 gallons of Diesel Fuel Oil, 1329 gallons of fresh water and fresh and dry provisions to P.C. #1178. At 0940 we got underway and moved out from the Island on order from C.T.G. 32.8 as enemy shells were falling close by. The shells were landing 500 to 1000 yards abeam of us and appeared to be coming from the western side of Anguar Island. In addition to unloading cargo, various small ships were fueled watered and provisioned by us throughout the day. 1855 - Flash Red from C.T.F. 32 went to General Quarters. 1909 A.A. fire observed on our port side. We did not sight the target. 1922 Flash White.

20 September 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Lying to as before, unloading. Position: 06-57-22 N, 134-10-40 E. 1400 Pursuant BuPers Dispatch 231239 of May 1944 the Commanding Officer of this vessel is detached. C.T.G. 32.2 secret, instructs Commander C. S. Beightler, USN, 20341 to carry out basic orders in above. Command is assumed by Lt-Commander D. S. Holler, D-M, USNR, 61832 in accordance BuPers Dispatch 232033 of May 1944. Pursuant to BuPers Dispatch 23084 of May 1944 Lieut. William Trainovich Jr., D-V(G), USNR, 101277 was detached from U.S.S. ELECTRA and assumed duties as Executive Officer of this vessel. Commander Beightler left the ship and reported to C.T.D. 6 for transportation. 1840 - Flash Red. 1845 A.A. Fire observed astern and on our starboard quarter. 1933 Flash White. Continued to unload.

21 September 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Lying to as before in Transport Area #4. Position: 06-56-00 N, 134-10-00 E. 1642 Completed unloading and disembarked all Army personnel. 1736 Got underway for night retirement with units of TransDiv 20, 26, and 8. Captain Adams, USN, in the U.S.S. PIERCE (APA50) is Officer in Tactical Command.

22 September 1944 (Zone minus 9)

0614 Arrived in Transport Area #4. We are lying to, fueling small ships and repairing pontoon barges as ordered by C.T.G. 32.8. 1720 Underway for night retirement. The O.T.C. is Captain Adams, USN, in the PIERCE.

23 September 1944 (Zone minus 9)

0705 Arrived back in Transport Area #4, Position: 06-57-00 N, 134-10-00 E. 1620 In accordance with instructions contained in C.T.F. 32 secret dispatch NR-4449 of 22 September 1944 this vessel became a unit of TaskUnit 32.19.8 and got underway for Manus in the Admiralty Islands. The Task Unit is comprised of nine transports and six escorts. The ELECTRA is in position 2-3 astern of the U.S.S. CALLOWAY (APA35) and the U.S.S. STORM KING (AP171). We are steaming on a southeasterly course employing various speeds and dispositions as ordered by the O.T.C., Captain E.W. Hanson, USN, CTU 32.19.8 in the U.S.S. CALLOWAY. Our position at 2000 is as follows: 06-21-30 N, 134-03-30 E.

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24 September 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Underway for Manus. Positions as follows:

0800 - 04-07-00 N	135-19-30 E
1200 - 03-31-00 N	135-47-00 E
2000 - 02-13-00 N	136-47-00 E

25 September 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Underway as before. Positions as follows:

0800 - 01-29-00 N	139-19-30 E
1200 - 01-17-30 N	140-01-30 E
2000 - 00-46-00 N	141-37-00 E

26 September 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Underway. Crossed equator this date southbound at 0747 in Longitude 143-56-00 East. Positions as follows:

0800 - 00 -01-00 S	143-58-30 E
1200 - 00 -21-30 S	144-47-00 E
2000 - 00 -51-00 S	145-22-30 E

27 September 1944 (Zone minus 9)

0551 Entered Seeadler Harbor, Manus Island and proceeded to Papitalai dock to refuel on order from C.T.D. 26. 1059 Completed fueling and moved to Berth 116, Seeadler Harbor where this vessel anchored, awaiting orders. C.T.U. 32.19.8 was dissolved on arrival Manus, and our immediate superior is Captain Adams, U.S.S. PIERCE (APA50).

28 September to 30 September 1944 (Zone minus 9)

At anchor in Berth 116, Seeadler Harbor, Manus Island, awaiting orders, and affecting repairs.

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1 October 1944 (Zone minus 9)

The U.S.S. ELECTRA (AKA-4) is anchored in berth 252 Papilalai Harbor, Los Negros Islands, in Latitude 01-58-05 South, Longitude 147-14-00 East. We have just re-joined our division (Transdiv 20) Captain D. W. Loomis, USN, in the U.S.S. LEONARD WOOD commanding. The remaining ships of the division are U.S.S. PIERCE (APA-50), U.S.S. JAMES O'HARA (APA-90), U.S.S. LASALLE (AP102) and the U.S.S. OAK HILL (LSD-7).

2 October 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Anchored as before making preparations for loading ship as directed in Annex "A" to Commander Task Force 78 Operation Plan No. 101-44, serial 0002 of 7 October 1944.

3 October 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Anchored as before. At 1835 a loading detail from Los Negros Island came aboard.

4 October 1944 (Zone minus 9)

At 0240 started loading ship from ships boats, the ammunition vehicles and stores assigned to us from the First Cavalry Division, U.S.A. This division is commanded by Major General V. D. Mudge, U.S. Army. On this date we became a member of Task Group 78.2 known as San Ricardo Attack Group, Rear Admiral W. M. Fechteler, USN Commanding. The organization as set forth in Operational Plan No. 101-44 consists of Transport Divisions 20 and 32, and LST's and LSM's, control support and salvage craft and accompanying destroyer units. Captain M. O. Carlson, USN, in the U.S.S. HARRIS (APA-2) is Transport Group Commander and also TransDiv 32 Commander. Capt. D. W. Loomis, USN, in the LEONARD WOOD is ComTransDiv 20. Rear Admiral W. M. Fechteler is in the group flagship U.S.S. FREMONT (APA44) which is assigned to TransDiv 32.

5 October 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Anchored as before loading ship with ships boats. 1100 Moved into pier at Los Negros Island to load remainder of vehicles and cargo.

6 October 1944 (Zone minus 9)

0955 Completed loading ship. 1000 Returned to our berth #252. The personnel of the First Cavalry Division, who are to accompany us on this mission, came aboard.

7 October and 8 October 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Anchored in berth #252 as before making final preparations for the forthcoming operation.

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9 October 1944 (Zone minus 9)

In accordance with instructions contained in Commander Task Force Seventy-seven Operation Plan 13-44 (Musketeer King II) serial 00022 A of 26 September 1944 and in C.T.G. 78.2 Training Order 2-44 of 3 October 1944 the ELECTRA is underway at 0500 this date for Rambutyo Island for training and rehearsal operations. 1000 Arrived at training transport area and conducted exercises in accordance with above named plans. Position as follows: 1200 - 02-14-00 S, 147-40-00 E. 1530 Completed exercises and as it was too late to get back into Papilalea Harbor before darkness, we maneuvered in the area to Northward of Manus for the rest of the evening. The U.S.S. HARRIS assumed O.T.C. duties with Captain Carlson in charge. The U.S.S. ARDEB and the U.S.S. LEONARD WOOD were the other ships in the formation. Our position at 2000 was: 10-42-00 S, 147-47-00 E.

10 October 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Underway as before approaching entrance to harbor and passed through channel entrance at 0600. At 0733 we anchored in berth #251 which was assigned us on our return to port by C.T.G. 78.2.

11 October 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Anchored as before.

12 October 1944 (Zone minus 9)

We are underway this date at 1346 to carry out our assignment as directed in the above mentioned Operation plans. Our destination is Leyte Island in the Philippines. We are a unit of Transport Division 20 and the Task Group (78.2) is in cruising disposition C-1B from Annex "B" of Operational Plan No. 101-44. Our immediate superior in command is Captain Loomis, USN, in the LEONARD WOOD and the Officer in Tactical Command is Rear Admiral Fechteler in the U.S.S. FREMONT. We are cruising on a northwesterly course in a condition of readiness for action using various courses and speeds and zigzag plans as directed by the O.T.C. Positions at 2000 as follows: 01-32-30 S, 146-49-00 E.

13 October 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Underway for the Philippine Islands. 0855 We crossed the equator northbound at Longitude 145-09-00 East. Positions were as follows:

0800	00-06-30 S	145-15-00 E
1200	00-09-00 N	144-44-00 E
2000	00-36-00 N	145-25-00 E

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14 October 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Conducted Anti-Aircraft Gunnery Practice accompanied by Tactical maneuvers as ordered by O.T.C. Position as follows:

0800	01-12-00 N	141-22-00 E
1200	01-27-30 N	140-46-00 E
2000	01-50-30 N	139-30-00 E

15 October 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Underway as before. As outlined in Operational Plan 101-44 of C.T.F. 78 this is the date of our rendezvous with the remainder of the Northern Attack Force. We had sighted this body at dawn and C.T.G. 78.2 maneuvered our group to join with this main force. Rear Admiral Barbey, USN, in the U.S.S. BLUE RIDGE is C.T.F. 78. At 1210 the junction of the two groups was affected, the U.S.S. FREMONT taking station as column leader of TransDiv 32 and the U.S.S. BLUE RIDGE assuming Task Force Guide position with Admiral Barbey as O.T.C. The formation was cruising disposition C-2 as diagrammed in Appendix 3 to Annex "B" to C.T.F. 78 Operation Plan 101-44. Positions as follows:

0800	02-18-00 N	137-38-00 E
1200	02-13-00 N	136-55-00 E
2000	03-12-00 N	136-23-00 E

16 October 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Underway as before. Positions as follows:

0800	04-32-00 N	135-23-00 E
1200	04-58-00 N	134-56-00 E
2000	05-41-00 N	134-06-00 E

17 October 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Underway as before. Positions as follows:

0800	06-38-00 N	133-03-00 E
1200	06-50-00 N	132-44-00 E
2000	07-14-00 N	131-50-00 E

18 October 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Underway as before. Positions as follows:

0800	07-55-00 N	130-33-00 E
1200	08-02-00 N	130-04-00 E
2000	08-47-00 N	129-11-00 E

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19 October 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Underway as before. Positions as follows:

0800	09-33-30 N	127-50-00 E
1200	09-44-30 N	127-20-30 E
2000	10-10-00 N	126-26-30 E

20 October 1944 (Zone minus 9)

This date is designated as "A" Day. Task Group 78.2 entered Leyte Gulf as directed in Annex "C" to ComTaskForce 77 Operation Plan 13-44. Transports of the White Beach Force (TransDivs 32 and 20) proceeded in two columns to Northern part of transport area as directed by ComTaskGroup 78.2. Our course led to eastward of Marikuitdaquit Island. The formation was attacked by two enemy planes as we proceeded to our designated anchorages in San Pedro Bay. The description of the attack is submitted separately in contact report form. Mines were very numerous and our paravanes had been streamed in accordance with instructions from the O.T.C. At one time while entering San Pedro Bay the U.S.S. HARRIS and the Australian Cruiser, AUSTRALIA were forced out of position due to entangled mines in their paravane gear. At 0840 we anchored in Northern section of Berth E-6 and launched all boats. We are operating now in accordance with Central Philippines Attack Force, Attack Order 1-44, serial 0001 of 7 October 1944, Admiral Barbey, USN, C.T.G. 78.1 commanding. The first day's work for us consisted of assisting unloading of AP's and APA's which were ordered to unload and depart the area before nightfall of "A" Day. At 1223 we shifted anchorage to Berth C-4. By nightfall those ships designated were unloaded and underway. We commenced unloading our own cargo at 1800, using LSM's supplied by the beach control officer and our own boats controlled at White Beach by our own beach detail. At 1843 a Flash Red was sounded and many vessels fired at an unidentified plane or planes. We made smoke but did not fire, as we did not wish to indicate our position. Position at anchor as follows: 11-10-00 N, 125-06-00 E.

21 October 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Anchored in berth C-4, San Pedro Bay, Leyte Island, Philippines, unloading ship. 1730 Got underway for anchorage nearer beach. Anchored in berth B-3 at 1817. 1900 Flash Red, went to General Quarters. Enemy plane tracked in by our radar passed over ship but we did not fire. Combatant ships in the area fired upon this plane and others. We did not fire. Continued to unload ship. Our position in berth B-3 was as follows: 11-10-45 N, 125-04-00 E.

22 October 1944 (Zone minus 9)

The morning of this date was devoted to watering, fueling and provisioning patrol craft at the direction of the O.T.C. We continued to unload cargo into LSM's and into our own boats. Completed unloading ship at 1222. Our LCM's were now being used to unload transports of TransDiv 26, which had moved into the Northern area this morning. At 1720 in accordance with orders received visually from C.T.F. 78 the ELECTRA got underway with units of TransDivs 26, 8, 24 and 32. Captain Talbot, USN, in the U.S.S. CRESCENT CITY was designated O.T.C. of this Unit by C.T.F. 78. Our destination is Kossol Passage, Palau Islands, where we are to rejoin the remainder of TransDiv 20 which had departed on "A" Day. Our position at 2000 was: 10-56-45 N, 125-17-15 E.

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23 October 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Underway as before. Positions as follows:

0800	09-34-30 N	127-21-00 E
1200	09-08-00 N	128-00-30 E
2000	08-20-30 N	129-30-00 E

24 October 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Underway as before. At 1200 in accordance with instructions in Operation Plan 13-44 the formation split up, units of TransDivs 8 and 24 proceeding under Captain Talbot in the U.S.S. CRESCENT CITY to Hollandia, and TransDiv 26 with the U.S.S. ARNEB and U.S.S. ELECTRA to Kossol Passage, Palau. Captain Hansen, USN, in the U.S.S. CALLOWAY is O.T.C. of this group. Positions as follows:

0800	07-06-00 N	132-01-00 E
1200	07-04-00 N	132-49-00 E
2000	07-35-00 N	133-22-00 E

25 October 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Underway for Kossol Passage. Positions nearing Kossol Passage as follows: 0800 08-08-00 N, 134-28-15 E; 1200 07-52-15 N, 134-34-15 E. Anchored in Berth 13, Kossol Passage at 1709, reported to C.T.D. 20 and await orders.

26 October and 27 October 1944 (Zone minus 9)

At anchor in Berth 13, Kossol Passage.

28 October 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Anchored as before. 1623 As directed by Captain Carlson in the U.S.S. HARRIS, TransDivs 26, 32 and 20 plus the U.S.S. ELMORE got underway, destination Guam in the Marianas Islands to load the 77th Army Division. The Task Group 78.13 was formed by order of C.T.F. 78. Captain Carlson is O.T.C. and the group consists of fifteen transports and five escorting destroyers. Our position at 2000 was: 08-22-00 N, 134-56-00 E.

29 October 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Underway for Guam. Positions as follows:

0800	10-11-30 N	136-01-00 E
1200	10-30-00 N	136-47-00 E
2000	11-02-00 N	138-14-00 E

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30 October 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Underway for Guam. Position as follows:

0800	11-46-30 N	140-24-00 E
1200	12-04-00 N	141-08-30 E
2000	12-37-30 N	142-30-00 E

31 October 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Underway for Guam. 0800 Entering Apra Harbor, Guam, Marianas Islands. 0940 Moored to Pier Able, Apra Harbor awaiting instructions.

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Commanding.

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1 November 1944 (Zone minus 9)

The U.S.S. ELECTRA (AKA-4) is moored portside to pier able, Apra Harbor, Guam, loading elements of the 77th Division U.S.A. for transportation to New Caledonia. The ELECTRA is a unit of TransDiv 20 which with TransDivs 32 and 26 make up TransGroup 78.13 commanded by Commodore Loomis, USN, in the U.S.S. LEONARD WOOD (APA-12), Commodore M. O. Carlson, USN, in the U.S.S. HARRIS (APA-2) is ComTransDiv 32.

2 November 1944 (Zone minus 9)

1145 Completed loading ship. All Army passengers are aboard and we are ready to get underway.

3 November 1944 (Zone minus 9)

0740 Task Group 78.13 of which the U.S.S. ELECTRA is a unit got underway from Apra Harbor, Guam in accordance with instructions in CTG 78.13 Movement Order #1-44. Commodore Loomis in the U.S.S. LEONARD WOOD is O.T.C., and TransGroup 78.13 is steering various courses and using speeds and dispositions as ordered. 1500 Changed to time zone minus - 10. Positions as follows:

1200	13-08-05 N	144-45-00 E
2000	13-01-00 N	145-58-00 E

4 November 1944 (Zone minus 10)

Underway for New Caledonia. Positions as follows:

0800	12-55-00 N	148-07-00 E
1200	12-48-00 N	148-54-00 E
2000	12-38-00 N	150-21-00 E

5 November 1944 (Zone minus 10)

Underway as before. 0100 Changed to time zone minus 10½. Positions as follows:

0800	12-20-00 N	152-30-00 E
1200	12-15-00 N	153-11-00 E
2000	12-03-00 N	154-29-30 E

1800 Changed to time zone minus 11.

6 November 1944 (Zone minus 11)

Underway. Positions as follows:

0800	11-48-00 N	156-38-30 E
1200	11-41-30 N	157-20-00 E
2000	11-30-00 N	158-45-00 E

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7 November 1944 (Zone minus 11)

Underway. 1400 Held AA firing practice this date. 3000 rounds
20 mm ammunition expended. Positions as follows:

0800	11-14-00 N	160-59-00 E
1200	11-07-00 N	161-45-00 E
2000	9-52-00 N	161-57-00 E

8 November 1944 (Zone minus 11)

Underway. Positions as follows:

0800	07-40-00 N	162-00-00 E
1200	06-56-00 N	161-58-30 E
2000	05-23-00 N	162-01-00 E

9 November 1944 (Zone minus 11)

Underway. Positions as follows:

0800	03-07-00 N	162-15-00 E
1200	02-25-00 N	162-23-00 E
2000	01-00-00 N	162-40-00 E

10 November 1944 (Zone minus 11)

0100 Crossed equator southbound at Longitude 162-46-00 East.
Positions as follows:

0800	01-21-30 S	162-54-00 E
1200	02-08-00 S	162-59-00 E
2000	03-52-00 S	163-13-00 E

11 November 1944 (Zone minus 11)

Underway as before. 1530 In accordance with orders contained in radio
despatch Bells #239 102000 from CincPac. This Task Group (78.13)
was ordered to change course immediately to the westward and proceed
to Manus in the Admiralty Islands and await further orders. TG 78.13
changed course to 270° true and proceeded to carry out these orders.
Positions as follows:

0800	06-11-00 S	163-32-00 E
1200	06-53-00 S	163-38-00 E
2000	07-41-00 S	162-44-30 E

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12 November 1944 (Zone minus 11)

Underway for Manus. Positions as follows:

0800	07-35-00 S	160-09-00 E
1200	07-22-00 S	159-41-00 E
2000	06-26-00 S	158-22-00 E

13 November 1944 (Zone minus 11)

1700 Changed to time zone minus 10. Positions as follows:

0800	05-05-00 S	156-28-00 E
1200	04-32-00 S	155-59-00 E
2000	03-11-00 S	154-49-00 E

14 November 1944 (Zone minus 10)

Underway for Manus. Positions as follows:

0800	02-08-00 S	152-41-00 E
1200	01-43-00 S	152-05-00 E
2000	01-23-00 S	150-32-00 E

15 November 1944 (Zone minus 10)

Underway approaching Manus. 1100 Changed to time zone minus 9 while entering Seeadler Harbor. Positions as follows:

0800	01-25-00 S	148-18-00 E
1200	01-50-00 S	147-24-00 E

1446 Dropped anchor in Berth 502 Seeadler Harbor, and proceeded to get the ship in readiness for further assignment. Our position: 02-00-00 S 147-15-00 E.

16 November 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Anchored as before awaiting orders; taking on stores.

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17 November 1944 (Zone minus 9)

1500 In accordance with CTG 78.13 Movement Order 1-44 and modified by CTG 78.13 Movement Order 2-44 of 17 November 1944 this task group got underway for Leyte in the Philippine Islands to disembark the 77th division. Commodore Loomis is still CTG 78.13 and the cruising dispositions, plans, speeds and courses are by his orders. Our screen consists of four DD's under ComDesDiv 42. Our position at 2000 is as follows: 01-20-00 South, 146-40-00 East.

18 November 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Underway for Leyte. 0345 At longitude 145-46-00 N the Task Group crossed the equator northbound. Positions as follows:

0800	02-39-00 N	145-04-00 E
1200	00-41-00 N	144-29-00 E
2000	01-35-00 N	143-08-00 E

19 November 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Underway as before. Positions as follows:

0800	02-39-00 N	140-51-00 E
1200	02-57-00 N	140-04-00 E
2000	03-50-20 N	139-03-30 E

By order of CTF 78 three destroyers from the Leyte area joined the convoy and were in position at 0600 on the morning of this date. Our screen now consists of seven escorts, six forward and abeam and one ranging approximately 1000 yards astern.

20 November 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Underway as before. At 1205 the screening destroyer bearing 335° Relative (approximately) reported an underwater contact. CTG 78.13 ordered an immediate 40 degree emergency turn to starboard by voice radio and flaghoist. We had been steering on a 20 degree left leg of the zigzag plan on base course 299°T. The convoy was maneuvered by successive emergency turns to the right until we had turned 160 degrees away from the original course of 279° True. We continued on 079° True until 1213 when the screen commander reported that in his opinion the contact had not been a sub. One of the destroyers had dropped approximately three depth charges almost immediately after the contact was reported. Positions were as follows:

0800	04-47-00 N	137-06-00 E
1200	05-10-00 N	136-27-00 E
2000	05-54-00 N	135-04-00 E

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21 November 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Underway for Leyte. Positions were as follows:

0800	07-13-00 N	133-00-00 E
1200	07-30-00 N	132-20-00 E
2000	08-12-00 N	130-53-00 E

22 November 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Underway as before. During the entire day radar reports from guarding ships reported unidentified aircraft at distances from forty to one hundred miles in the direction of Mindanao. None of these planes was sighted. Radar also indicated friendly planes patrolling in direction of Leyte Island and a few army patrols were visible at noon. They did not approach the convoy but several ships reported them as showing friendly identification signals. General quarters was ordered by CTG 78.13 at 1301 and secured at 1341. No enemy planes sighted but many unidentified planes reported on our port hand at distances ranging from 25 to 80 miles. General quarters ordered again at 1645 and secured at 1708. Many air contacts reported but none sighted. General quarters at 1859. 1900 Observed AA fire by destroyers on our port beam distance 3000 yards. Destroyers moved in to 1500 yards on order of CTG 78.13. 1902 Started executing emergency turns to starboard, signals by primary T.B.S. circuit voice radio supplemented by identical commands over S.C.R. 808 secondary circuit. From 1902 to 1959 the convoy executed sixteen emergency turns in practically continual succession. AA fire from screen and transports observed at 1906 at which time several lookouts reported exhaust flare of aircraft directly over the ship. At approximately 1907 the destroyer U.S.S. ABBOTT reported that enemy aircraft were launching aerial torpedoes and that one of them had just gone astern of her. CTG 78.13 ordered all ships to fire only when they could actually see planes. This ship did not fire. 2027 Secured from general quarters. At this time the group commander called all ships attention to a despatch which we had already deciphered which reported two enemy submarines operating in the vicinity of the entrance to Leyte Gulf. The screen was ordered back to anti-submarine disposition and the convoy proceeded without further change for the remainder of November 22. Positions were as follows:

0800	09-25-00 N	128-33-00 E
1200	09-42-00 N	127-58-00 E
2000	10-14-00 N	126-30-00 E

23 November 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Shortly after midnight the convoy was turned to starboard to clear a group of friendly ships on an approximately reciprocal course. Various courses and speeds were being used as ordered by the O.T.C. approaching the entrance to Leyte Gulf.

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23 November 1944 (Zone minus 9) (Cont'd.)

At 0130 the convoy was ordered to form the entrance disposition of two columns of ships instead of four and proceeded thus until the O.T.C. gave orders at 0605 to proceed independently to preassigned anchorage stations. We anchored in Berth #66 in the Dulog Area Easy at 0710, lowered all boats and started discharging cargo immediately using our own boats. 0758 A working party of one hundred army personnel arrived from U.S.S. LEONARD WOOD to assist in unloading ship. 0943 LCT reported to ship and for the remainder of our unloading period LCT's reported to us as assigned by CTG 78.13. Condition "Red" alerts were sounded at various times throughout the evening of the 23rd but we continued to unload with skeleton crews manning the cargo holds and the remainder of the ship's force at battle stations. Our own beach party managed the shore unloading with radio communication between the the ship, the beach party and our control boat lying off the beach using army signal corps "610" sets which were also in communication with CTG 78.13. No enemy planes were sighted over the transport area on this date.

24 November 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Anchored as before discharging cargo (mostly tanks and vehicles) of the 77th U.S. Army Division. LCT's were reporting to us at regular intervals and unloading conditions were good. The ship was completely unloaded at 0900. This was about two hours later than it should have been due to an engine failure of one of our assigned LCT's which forced us to unload into our own small boats when the LCT reported he could not come alongside. On completion of unloading we started hoisting boats and making preparations to get underway. 1101 Went to general quarters when "Red" alert was sounded. 1102 Observed two enemy aircraft of Hamp type approaching transport area from direction of Ormoc, one of which dropped bomb nine hundred yards forward of this ship and close to U.S.S. LEON which was anchored dead ahead. (The bearings and a more detailed account of this and ensuing action is enclosed as an action report). 1110 Observed an airfight on our port bow distance one mile. Enemy plane crossed ahead from port to starboard pursued by attacking P-38 planes (five or six). Enemy plane was streaming flames from under fuselage and losing altitude. Elevation when bearing 000° Relative to this ship was approximately 1500 feet. Burning plane attempted to dive on the U.S.S. JAMES O'HARA nine hundred yards on our starboard beam, but succeeded only in grazing starboard side of the O'HARA, damaging life rafts and hull and crashing into sea with flames from burning fuel only evidence of crash visible to us afterward. The O'HARA got underway and moved forward two or three hundred yards clear of the burning fuel. 1419 Went to general quarters as air alert was sounded. 1420 We observed enemy aircraft approaching transport area and bomb dropped near Destroyer U.S.S. MORRIS. No damage reported.

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24 November 1944 (Zone minus 9) (Cont'd.)

This plane, and another enemy craft circled the transport area at a distance of four miles and under intense AA fire from screening destroyers and some transports. P-38's were seen to dive from very high altitude on this plane and shot it into the sea in a few seconds. A condition of red alert was maintained constantly from this time until 1909. 1702 Underway leaving Leyte in accordance with CTG 78.13 Movement Order 2-44 supplemented by sortie and cruising instructions picked up at U.S.S. LEONARD WOOD before leaving Leyte Gulf. The convoy was augmented by two ships the U.S.S. THUBAN (KA-19) and the U.S.S. CHARA (KA56) who are to accompany us to Hollandia, our destination. Our screen consists of the same seven escorts who escorted us into Leyte. At 1909 "Red" alert secured, set Condition Blue. 1925 Executed emergency turn 30° to starboard on order of O.T.C. went to general quarters. Many radar contacts were reported mostly astern and AA fire observed in area we had just left. The convoy was maneuvered by emergency turns until 2047 when the "Red" Alert was secured. There was radar evidence of enemy activity over the transport area astern.

25 November 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Underway as before employing cruising plan C-4 from CTG 78.13 cruising order, with four transport columns in line of evolution units, guide midway between positions 2-1 and 3-1. Positions as follows:

0800	09-28-00 N	127-36-00 E
1200	09-06-00 N	128-16-00 E
2000	08-29-00 N	129-34-00 E

26 November 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Underway for Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea 0820 Three of our screening destroyers, acting on orders received before leaving Leyte Gulf from CTF 78, left the formation and headed back toward that area. The four remaining escorts reformed, two sweeping ahead and one each on the flanks bearing 335° and 035° Relative respectively. Positions as follows:

0800	07-24-00 N	131-46-00 E
1200	07-08-30 N	132-27-00 E
2000	06-12-00 N	133-29-00 E

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27 November 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Underway for Hollandia. The destroyers MONSEN and MCGOWAN joined the formation as directed by CTF 78. 0920 In accordance with Bells NR 526, 230420 No; the U.S.S. HARRIS (APA-2) left the formation accompanied by the U.S.S. NORMAN SCOTT and proceeded as directed to Torakina. TG 78.13 continued as before with five escorts, the USS THUBAN (KA-19) moving into position 1-2 to make the transport disposition four columns of four units each. The U.S.S. ARNEB (KA-56) assumed the HARRIS' former column guide position of 1-1. Positions as follows:

0800	04-28-00 N	135-00-00 E
1200	03-57-00 N	135-32-00 E
2000	02-45-00 N	136-35-00 E

28 November 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Underway for Hollandia. Positions as follows: 1235 Crossed equator southbound at Longitude 138-30-00 East.

0800	00-39-00 N	137-51-00 E
1200	00-05-00 N	138-20-00 E
2000	00-42-00 S	139-07-00 E

29 November 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Underway approaching Hollandia. 1020 Entered Humboldt Bay Hollandia and anchored in Berth N-66 on visual orders from CTG 78.13 as received from Port Director Hollandia. 1136 Started lowering boats and obtaining supplies to ready ship for sea. Position: p2-31-00 South, 140-46-00 East.

30 November 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Anchored in N-66, Humboldt Bay awaiting further instructions from CTG 78.13.

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ACTION REPORT

No direct action was encountered by the U.S.S. ELECTRA while carrying out the orders of C.T.G. 78.13 Operation Order No. 2-44. Battle stations were manned each morning, underway, during the customary time from dawn until sunrise and at times as directed by C.T.G. 78.13.

During approach to Leyte Gulf entrance on the evening of 22 November, the Task Group was almost constantly at general quarters with Radar from transports and screen reporting numerous single unidentified planes and at times groups in the direction of Mindanao. These planes were apparently aware of our position at all times. The convoy was maneuvered by emergency turns practically continually during the hours from 1900 to 2100 (Item). At one time the screen opened fire at planes which were registered on our Radar screen for a period of about six minutes. One DD, the U.S.S. ABBOT, reported an aerial torpedo launched astern of her at about 1950 (Item). The exhaust flare of a plane was seen through the clouds off our stern. We had been warned by radio of two enemy subs operating near the entrance to Leyte Gulf and in between air alerts the Commodore ordered the screen from air attack repelling disposition to anti-submarine formation.

On two occasions enemy action was imminent, the following narratives are submitted for information:

While at anchor in the transport area, at approximately 1115 (Item), Friday, 24 November, all ships in TransGroup 78.13 were ordered to General Quarters when enemy aircraft were discovered in the vicinity. A lone enemy fighter, of the "Hamp" type, came out of the low hanging clouds from the direction of Leyte Island. The plane passed low over the transport area and dropped a bomb 50 yards from the U.S.S. LEON, which was anchored at 250° T, 900 yards away. The plane continued on its way, returning toward Leyte Island. P38's were in the air from the strip on Leyte Island approximately 5 minutes after the alert was sounded. Four P38's circled the transport area in a counter-clockwise direction, first appearing at 310° T and disappearing behind a cloud at 170° T. Shortly after disappearing behind this cloud, machine gun bursts were heard directly above our bow, and an enemy plane of the "Hamp" type emerged from the cloud in a shallow dive with fire apparent on the under fuselage. The 4 P38's made team attacks on the enemy plane, firing bursts in turn. As the enemy plane neared the U.S.S. O'HARA, which was anchored broad on our starboard beam, 1000 yards away, it went into a vertical dive and into the water just touching the starboard side of the U.S.S. O'HARA at the beam, taking off 2 life rafts from that ship. It is undetermined whether the destroyed plane was the same one which dropped the bomb, it is assumed to be a second, as 2 were reported in the area. No casualties were reported on board the U.S.S. O'HARA.

Another near-action occurred at 1420 (Item), Friday, 24 November. All ships of T.G. 78.13 were ordered to general quarters by the Commodore when enemy aircraft were again sighted in the vicinity. One plane, an enemy fighter, crossed the transport area at an elevation of approximately 1000 feet, apparently from the Ormoc area on the west coast of Leyte Island.

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The plane passed near the U.S.S. ELECTRA forward from port to starboard. A bomb was dropped near the U.S.S. MORRIS, not far off the beach of Leyte Island and the plane continued to circle the transport area in a clockwise direction, drawing anti-aircraft fire from transports and DD's. P38's from Leyte Island overhauled the enemy plane off the southern tip of Samar Island, bearing about 140° T from this ship at a distance of about 5 miles. The enemy plane was shot down on the first attack by one P38.

The U.S.S. ELECTRA did not fire during the whole of C.T.G. 78.13 Operation Order No. 2-44.

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D. S. HOLLER,
Lt-Commander, (IM), USNR.,
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1 December 1944 (Zone minus 9)

The U.S.S. ELECTRA (AKA-4) is at anchor in Humboldt Harbor, Hollandia Bay, New Guinea. TransDiv-20 of which the ELECTRA is a unit, consists of the following ships: U.S.S. LEONARD WOOD (Flag) (APA-12), Commodore D.W. Loomis, USN, commanding; U.S.S. PIERCE (APA-50), U.S.S. JAMES O'HARA (APA-90), U.S.S. LASALLE (AP-102) and the ELECTRA. TransDiv-20, TransDiv-32 and TransDiv-26 under Commodore Loomis, USN, are part of Amphibious Group Eight which is at present a part of the Seventh Fleet, making up the Transport Group of Task Group 73.5 under Vice Admiral W. M. Fechteler, USN. Admiral Fechteler's flagship is the U.S.S. FREMON, which is temporarily assigned to TransDiv-26. We are at anchor in Latitude 02°-34' South, 140°-46' East. The ship is being put in readiness for sea by ship's force.

2 December to 11 December 1944 (Zone minus 9)

At anchor in Hollandia Bay awaiting orders, taking on supplies and readying ship for sea. Position same as 1 December.

12 December 1944 (Zone minus 9)

0800 - In accordance with instructions issued by C.T.G. 73.5.1, Commodore Loomis in the LEONARD WOOD, T.G. 73.5.1 is underway for Sansapor Area, New Guinea to take on cargo and passengers for forthcoming operation. Positions as follows:

1200	02-10-00 S	140-01-30 E
2000	01-23-30 S	138-34-00 E

13 December 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Underway for Sansapor. Positions as follows:

0800	01-30-00 S	136-39-00 E
1200	01-22-00 S	135-53-00 E
2000	00-31-00 S	134-45-00 E

14 December 1944 (Zone minus 9)

1238 - Arrived Sansapor Anchorage Area and dropped anchor in Berth-15. Position at 0800 as follows:

00-13-00 S	132-32-00 E
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15 December 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Anchored as before making preparations to load ship.

16 December 1944 (Zone minus 9)

0600 - Army loading party came aboard and cargo began to arrive from beach. Loading is by LCM's and LCT's. The surf is too rough to land LCVP's on the beach.

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17 December 1944 (Zone minus 9)

1900 - First phase of loading completed. Due to arrangements concerning army personnel we will complete loading at a later date.

18 December to 22 December 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Anchored in Sansapor Area awaiting further orders.

23 December 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Rehearsal exercises held this date in accordance with C.T.G. 78.5 Rehearsal Training Memorandum of 24 December 1944. We did not leave our anchorage, but sent our boats to exercises according to instructions.

24 December and 25 December 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Anchored in Sansapor Area waiting for orders to complete loading.

26 December 1944 (Zone minus 9)

0000 - Set loading watch on order from C.T.G. 78.5.1 and commenced loading remainder of our cargo. 0746 - Passengers came aboard for transportation. 1123 - Completed loading ship.

27 December 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Anchored as before.

28 December 1944 (Zone minus 9)

2145 - Went to General Quarters on flash red from C.T.G. 78.5. 2152 - Observed enemy aircraft in beam of searchlights from beach. Shore based batteries opened fire and plane escaped inland. Night fighters went up but results not known to us.

29 December 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Anchored as before.

30 December 1944 (Zone minus 9)

0030 - Red alert, went to General Quarters. Shorebased searchlights had enemy aircraft identified as "Betty" in beams directly over transport area. 0036 - Enemy aircraft exploded and burst into flames from concentrated fire from shore and ships. Plane crashed into sea and continued to burn on surface for approximately fifteen minutes. Plane crashed two miles to seaward of transport area. 1621 - Underway with other units of T.G. 78.5, including LST's and LSM's in accordance with Appendix one to Annex Able to C.T.G. 78.5 Movement Order 2-44 of 11 December 1944. We are operating in accordance with CTF 78 Operation Plan #103-44 of 3 December 1944.

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We are in cruising disposition Charlie -IA using various courses and speeds as directed by the O.T.C. O.T.G. 78.5, Rear Admiral W. M. Fichteler in the U.S.S. FREMONT (APA-44). Our immediate destination is in the vicinity of Leyte Gulf to rendezvous with other units of the Seventh Amphibious Force. Position at 2000 as follows: Crossing Equator northbound at Longitude 132°-08-00 East.

31 December 1944 (Zone minus 9)

Underway for Leyte Area with all assigned army personnel and cargo aboard for forthcoming operation. Our positions were as follows:

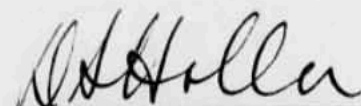
0800	01-30-00 N	132-19-00 E
1200	01-57-00 N	132-30-00 E
2000	02-44-00 N	132-35-00 E

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1 January 1945 (Zone minus 9)

U.S.S. ELECTRA (AKA-4) is underway for Leyte, Philippine Islands in accordance with Commander Task Force 78, Operation Plan 103-44, Serial 00015 of 3 December 1944. We are on a northwesterly course using various speeds, dispositions and tactical maneuvers as ordered by the O.T.C. The ELECTRA is a unit of TransDiv-20, Commodore D. W. Loomis, U.S.N., commanding in the U.S.S. LEONARD WOOD (APA-12). TransDivs 20, 26, and 32, together with LST Flotilla 8 and LSM Flotilla 5, control and support craft and screened by T.G. 78.7, are commanded by Rear Admiral Fechteler, U.S.N. in the U.S.S. FREMONT (APA-44). The Task Group is 78.5. Commodore Loomis, U.S.N., is in command of the Transport Group with the designation, C.T.U. 78.5.1. Positions this date were as follows:

0800	03-54-00 N	132-58-00 E
1200	04-11-00 N	133-23-00 E
2000	04-54-00 N	133-10-00 E

2 January 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Underway as before. 0900 Conducted A.A. firing practice. 2000 Emergency tactical maneuvers, while making smoke, were conducted under direction of O.T.C. Positions as follows:

0800	06-11-00 N	132-41-00 E
1200	06-26-00 N	132-11-00 E
2000	07-05-00 N	131-05-00 E

3 January 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Underway as before. While passing through Leyte Gulf, rendezvous was effected with attack forces under C.T.F. 78, Vice Admiral Barbey in the U.S.S. BLUE RIDGE, and Supply Groups under operation control of Captain Abbott, U.S.N., C.T.G. 77.9 in the U.S.S. OLMSTEAD, and escort carrier units under C.T.G. 77.4, Captain Cole, U.S.N. T.G. 78.1 under Admiral Barbey leading, T.G. 78.5 under Admiral Fechteler is next and within visual distance of T.G. 78.1 and T.G. 77.9 is astern and within visual distance of T.G. 78.5. Each T.G. is under its own O.T.C. under general command of Admiral Barbey. After rendezvous, the entire force known as San Fabian Attack Force is underway for Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, Philippine Islands to land forces of the I Corps, U.S. Army in accordance with Commander Luzon Attack Force Operation Plan No. 17-44.

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3 January 1945 (Zone minus 9)-Continued.

Positions as follows:

0800	08-06-00 N	129-24-00 E
1200	08-18-00 N	128-55-00 E
2000	08-54-00 N	128-06-00 E

4 January 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Underway for Luzon. 1000 Sighted Surigao Island on port bow forty miles. Numerous underwater contacts reported by screen and depth charges dropped at various times. No torpedo or submarine evidence noted on surface, however, in this Task Group. There was evidence that T.G. 78.1 was under torpedo attack during the afternoon. Positions as follows:

0800	09-49-00 N	126-54-00 E
1200	09-54-00 N	126-25-00 E
2000	10-35-00 N	125-38-00 E

5 January 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Underway. 0145 Entered Surigao Strait. 0600 Suffered casualty to #3 generator and started emergency repairs after notifying C.T.G. 78.5. 0800 Passed abeam of Bohol Island to starboard, distance fifteen miles. Radar reported constant contacts with enemy aircraft and a condition Red alert was maintained almost constantly until mid-morning. No enemy planes were observed. 1935 A floating mine was seen on our starboard side, twenty yards from the ship's side. Notified C.T.G. 78.5, who passed word to ships and screening vessels astern. Positions as follows:

0800	09-23-30 N	124-35-30 E
1200	09-11-00 N	124-05-00 E
2000	08-52-00 N	123-01-00 E

6 January 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Underway as before. Starting at 0045 enemy aircraft were in the vicinity and A.A. fire from screening vessels ahead and astern was observed intermittently until after daylight. Red alert condition was observed. At 0420 an unidentified plane flew over the ship. We did not open fire in accordance with orders to transports to keep position undisclosed. 1155 Passed Apo Island abeam to port eleven miles. 1322 Submarine contact reported and O.T.C. maneuvered convoy by emergency turns. 2240 Jap destroyer engaged and reported sunk by screening destroyer of T.G. 78.1 ahead. Firing and violent explosion seen at distance of about twenty miles. A second enemy destroyer was reported to have

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6 January 1945 (Zone minus 9) Continued

withdrawn to the northward. Positions as follows:

0800	09-47-00 N	122-06-30 E
1200	10-04-00 N	121-46-00 E
2000	11-01-00 N	121-27-00 E

7 January 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Underway as before. 0224 Flash Red. 0253 Secured. 0555 Flash Red, A.A. fire but no enemy planes observed. Positions as follows:

0800	12-25-00 N	120-50-00 E
1200	12-51-00 N	120-31-00 E
2000	13-33-00 N	119-35-00 E

8 January 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Underway as before. 0215 Flash Red. 0300 A.A. fire observed and ships started making smoke. 0345 Enemy plane sighted astern. Plane dived on stern of LST identified later as #912. Fire quickly extinguished. A second plane crossed from starboard to port close aboard, plane was not visible due to smoke. 0450 A.A. firing by screening vessels observed ahead, abeam and astern. 0705 Sighted Luzon Island on starboard bow. 0750 A.A. firing astern at enemy plane flying low over water. 0752 Plane continued to approach through thick A.A. fire and dropped bombs (two at least) astern of U.S.S. CALLOWAY in 1 - 1 position of transport group. Plane banked to starboard into sun, turned and dived on starboard side of CALLOWAY's bridge, starting large fire. Casualties not known. CALLOWAY maintained approximate position while extinguishing fire. As we were in the 3 - 4 position we could not ascertain extent of CALLOWAY's damage. CALLOWAY resumed column guide at about 0830, fire apparently out. During attack on CALLOWAY, a second plane made a dive bombing attack on LST formation, dropping two bombs, near misses on one LST. Damage and casualties to LST unknown. At 0807 an enemy plane was knocked down by A.A. fire on our port beam, distance about six miles. The firing was by a cruiser and destroyers. 0915 Rigged paravanes, port and starboard. 1355 Burial services on LST #912. 1540 Burial services on board U.S.S. CALLOWAY observed. 1821 Streamed paravanes, port and starboard. 2000 Air alert. 2021 Secured from Flash Red. Positions as follows:

0800	14-46-00 N	119-31-00 E
1200	15-52-00 N	119-09-00 E
2000	16-47-00 N	119-30-00 E

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9 January 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Underway entering Lingayen Gulf, Luzon Island. This date is designated as S day. 0325 Cut mine with port paravane. Notified O.T.C. who warned ships astern. 0537 A.A. firing ahead. 0630 Retrieved paravane gear. 0705 Anchored as directed by C.T.U. 78.5.1 and lowered all boats. 0723 Enemy aircraft driven back over Luzon Island by concentrated A.A. fire, from transports and combatant ships. 0750 Single enemy plane pursued and shot down by two carrier based planes over Blue Beach. 1345 Moved in closer to Blue Beach to facilitate unloading. 1845 Enemy bomber crossing transport area at approximately 10,000 feet dropped several bombs in vicinity of shipping off Blue Beach and apparently escaped. No casualties observed. 1905 Enemy plane of BETTY type approached ship at medium altitude on starboard side, banked up over #5 hatch and escaped astern through intense A.A. fire from this and other ships. For the next two hours approximately, A.A. firing was almost continuous on all sides. Due to darkness and smoke, impossible to identify targets. At approximately 2000 six men aboard this vessel received superficial wounds from shrapnel falling on board. Five were army men and one was from Navy C.B. unit. Our position this date is in berth A-6, Lingayen Gulf. By order of C.T.G. 78.5 this vessel is assigned to TransDiv 32; Captain Allen, U.S.N. in the U.S.S. BARNSTABLE becomes our immediate superior in tactical command. Our unloading for this first day of assault was slight since our LCM's were assigned to unload ships of higher unloading priority. Unloading was suspended for the night of S day and early morning of S + 1 day by order of ComTransDiv 32.

10 January 1945 (Zone minus 9)

At anchor in berth A-6, Lingayen Gulf. 0645 Commenced making smoke on order from C.T.F. 79. 0715 Enemy plane dropped bombs, two, 100 yards on port bow, and two more, fifty yards on starboard quarter. No personnel casualties, but shrapnel sheared hole in hull plating at number two hold. Bombs were apparently 100 lb. type. Although the plane was momentarily sighted through smoke, this ship did not open fire as we had been ordered to hold fire due to presence of friendly planes in area. Unloading started at daylight but was slow due to inability to obtain LCT's or LSM's. 1234 Steward's mate of ship's company was killed instantly by falling hatch cover while on unloading detail at number one hatch. 1620 Body of man killed, sent ashore to be buried by Army Registered Burial Service.

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10 January 1945 (Zone minus 9) Continued

Enemy planes were in vicinity again during evening and ships made smoke and friendly planes patrolled area. Although A.A. firing occurred frequently and one plane at least shot down in flames, it was impossible to obtain accurate information due to smoke. Unloading continued during darkness. Landing craft now available to expedite unloading.

11 January 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Anchored as before unloading cargo. 0455 Completed unloading all cargo. A.A. fire observed during dawn alert but no planes sighted through smoke. 0800 All troops disembarked and ship ready to get underway. Various small ships came alongside during forenoon for such supplies and water as we could spare. 1738 Got underway in accordance orders from C.T.G. 78.5. Ships of several transport divisions make up the convoy under C.T.G. 78.5 in the U.S.S. FREMONT. We are in position 2-2 leaving Lingayen Gulf. A.A. firing intense astern and explosions observed to the northward of Lingayen Gulf Area. No planes observed over convoy. Our destination is Leyte Gulf to replenish logistics and carry out changes in task force organization set forth in Commander Task Force 78 Operation Plan 1-45.

12 January 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Underway as before proceeding southward leaving Lingayen Area. 0800 U.S.S. SCHYLKILL and U.S.S. TALLULAH left formation and proceeded to starboard to join a carrier task force for fueling operations. The rest of the task unit now designated as T.U. 79.14.4 reorganized putting this vessel in the 2-3 position astern of the U.S.S. MERCURY. Flash Reds were signalled several times during the day, but no enemy planes approached our convoy. 1030 Sighted slow north bound convoy on our port bow, fifteen miles. 1258 Jap plane crashed into ship of convoy ahead, starting intense fire. We did not ascertain identity of ship. #3 generator was put out of commission to effect emergency repairs, replacing gaskets and filling cracks with litharge. Our positions were as follows:

0800	15-34-00 N	119-00-00 E
1200	14-38-00 N	119-10-00 E
2000	13-10-00 N	119-41-00 E

13 January 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Underway as before. 0840 Sighted Panay Island on port bow distance about 35 miles. 1100 Passed south bound convoy abeam to port. From radio conversation ascertained that this was T.U. 79.14.3.

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13 January 1945 (Zone minus 9) Continued

1505 Sighted Negros Island. Positions as follows:

0800	11-32-00 N	121-11-00 E
1200	10-39-00 N	121-41-00 E
2000	09-04-00 N	122-29-00 E

14 January 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Underway as before. Emergency repairs completed to #3 generator. 0820 Sighted Camiguin Island on starboard bow, 35 miles. 0855 Sighted Bohol Island on port bow, forty miles. Our screen assumed A.A. disposition passing through narrow straits near Surigao. 1520 Approached Leyte Gulf proceeding independently as C.T.G. 78.5 left group to proceed to anchorage on far side of Leyte Gulf. 1626 Dropped anchor in berth 24, Leyte Gulf and reported to C.T.D. 12 for duty in accordance with previously mentioned instructions. Positions as follows:

0800	11-32-00 N	121-11-00 E
1200	10-39-00 N	121-41-00 E
2000	09-04-00 N	122-29-00 E

15 January to 17 January 1945
(Zone minus 9)

At various anchorages in Leyte Area taking on fuel and provisions and transferring boats as ordered by C.T.D. 12, Captain Harvey Allen, U.S.N., in the U.S.S. HEYWOOD (APA-6). The ELECTRA is now a unit of Temporary Transport Division 12 which includes: U.S.S. CALVERT, STARLIGHT, AUDRAIN, STORM KING, THUBAN and HEYWOOD (Flag). TransDiv12 with TransDiv11 make up Trans-Ron 11, commanded by Captain Royal Abbott, U.S.N., in the U.S.S. LEONARD WOOD. This group is designated T.G. 78.6. Immediately on reporting to our new TransDiv, the Commanding Officer requested that a board of investigation come aboard to determine the cause of generator casualties and readiness of this vessel for sea.

18 January 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Anchored as before completing logistic replacements. 1726 Underway as directed in C.T.F. 78 Operation Plan 1-45. Task Groups 78.6 Captain Abbot and 78.5 Commodore Graf commanding, stood out of Leyte Gulf together but separated into two convoys after nightfall. T.G. 78.5 proceeded ahead, 78.6 following and in voice radio contact. Our destination is Biak to take on troops and equipment in accordance aforementioned operation plan. Our positions as follows:

2000	10-42-00 N	125-16-00 E
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19 January 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Underway as before. Positions as follows:

0800	09-46-00 N	127-06-00 E
1200	09-24-00 N	127-40-00 E
2000	08-18-00 N	128-38-00 E

20 January 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Underway as before. 0720 Joined T.G. 78.5 Commodore Graf, U.S.N., C.T.G. 78.5 in U.S.S. LATIMER became O.T.C. 1900 T.G. 78.5 with screening vessels, separated from T.G. 78.6. Captain Abbott, U.S.N., in U.S.S. LEONARD WOOD is now O.T.C. Positions were as follows:

0800	07-10-00 N	130-52-00 E
1200	06-47-00 N	131-27-00 E
2000	05-57-00 N	132-45-00 E

21 January 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Underway for Biak. 0802 C.T.G. 78.6 conducted exercises in emergency turns while making smoke. 0835 Resumed normal cruising disposition. Positions as follows:

0800	03-42-00 N	133-54-00 E
1200	02-50-00 N	134-29-00 E
2000	01-19-00 N	135-16-00 E

22 January 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Underway as before approaching Biak. 0230 Crossed equator south-bound in Longitude 135-55-00 East. 1245 Anchored in Berth 17 off Sovido Lagoon, Biak. Position at 0800 was 00-56-00 S 136-30-00 E. Anchorage position 01-12-00 S 136-06-00 E.

23 January 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Anchored as before. 1000 Moved into loading dock and started loading ship in accordance with C.T.F. 78 Operation Plan 1-45.

24 January 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Loading ship at dock.

25 January 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Loading ship as before. 0335 Completed loading ship. 0520 While getting ready to move back to anchorage, engine room reported Lube Oil failure in #2 generator. 0630 Casualty reported to #3 generator,

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25 January 1945 (Zone minus 9) Continued

necessitating anchoring until #1 generator cut in and power regained. 0800 Anchored in Berth 18 off Sovido Lagoon awaiting further orders from C.T.G. 78.6. Repairs are being made on #2 generator. #3 generator (150 KW) is inoperative and reported to C.T.D. 12 beyond capacity of ship's force to repair.

26 January 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Anchored as before. 1245 A board of investigation convened by C.T.D. 12 came aboard to investigate casualty to #3 generator. Commander John T. Warris, U.S.N., Commanding Officer of U.S.S. CALVERT (APA-32) is senior member.

27 January 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Anchored as before.

28 January 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Anchored as before. 1100 Started loading additional cargo assigned to this vessel by C.T.G. 78.6. 1200 Forty passengers embarked. 1600 Completed loading. 1632 #2 generator failure reported. #1 generator cut in while repairs effected.

29 January 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Anchored as before. 0655 Failure of #2 generator reported, #1 generator cut in. The frequent casualties to #2 generator due to drive chain on lube oil and water pumps. Despatches sent to Hollandia and Manus in effort to obtain new drive chain for this generator.

30 January 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Anchored as before. 0110 Broken chain on #2 generator resulted in power failure. 0115 #1 generator put on line and power regained. 0446 #2 generator put back in commission. 0955 #2 Generator secured due to water pump overheating. 1500 #2 generator put back in commission.

31 January 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Anchored as before awaiting orders. C.T.D. 12 this date assigned Lieutenant G. F. Little, U.S.N. (59060) to come aboard this vessel to supervise repairs and effect maintenance of generators and power plant until conclusion of this mission. He brought six enlisted personnel to aid him on this temporary assignment.

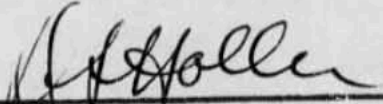
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1 February 1945 (Zone minus 9)

U.S.S. ELECTRA (AKA-4) is at anchor off Iaredo Lagoon, Biak in company with other ships of Task Group 78.6. The ship is loaded in accordance with instructions in C.T.F. 78 Op-Plan 1-45 of 19 December 1944, and is in a condition of readiness to sail. The ELECTRA'S Immediate Superior in Command is Captain H. L. Allen, U.S.N., in the U.S.S. HEYWOOD (APA-6) and the Task Group Commander is Captain Royal Abbot, U.S.N., in the U.S.S. LEONARD WOOD (APA-12). Emergency repairs have been effected to our generators to prepare the ship for the coming mission.

2 February 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Anchored as before awaiting orders. 2200 On order from C.T.G. 78.6 the task group began sortie from Biak. This ship suffered a casualty to #2 generator which necessitated remaining behind for emergency repairs. 2350 Emergency repairs completed and the ELECTRA proceeded in company with one escort designated by C.T.G. 78.6 with intention of joining the main body at daybreak.

3 February 1945 (Zone minus 9)

0705 The ELECTRA joined the main body of T.G. 78.6 and took position in cruising disposition 4T as outlined in C.T.G. 78.5 Movement Order A10-45. 0710 Crossed the equator northbound at Longitude 136° 02' East. The Task Group is enroute to Mindoro Island, Philippines to disembark the Forty-First Infantry Division, U.S. Army. 0730 As directed by Op-Plan 1-45 of ComTaskFor 78, T.G. 78.6 rendezvoused with T.G. 78.5 and proceeded with Commodore H. W. Graf, U.S.N. in the U.S.S. ZEILIN (APA-3) as Officer in Tactical Command. Positions as follows:

0800	00-17-00 N	135-59-00 E
1200	00-53-00 N	135-30-00 E
2000	02-24-00 N	134-42-00 E

4 February 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Underway as before conducting various drills as ordered by C.T.G. 78.5. Task Groups 78.5 and 78.6 retain their respective Task Group Designations under command of Commodore Graf, C.T.G. 78.5. Positions as follows:

0800	04-37-00 N	133-46-00 E
1200	05-24-00 N	133-39-00 E
2000	06-33-00 N	132-26-00 E

5 February 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Underway as before. Positions as follows:

0800	07-56-00 N	130-23-00 E
1200	18-38-00 N	129-55-00 E
2000	09-47-00 N	128-49-00 E

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6 February 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Underway as before. 1500 Entered Leyte Gulf and anchored off Dulag Village awaiting orders to proceed to Mindoro. Positions as follows:

0800	10-26-00 N	126-16-00 E
1200	10-41-00 N	125-28-00 E

7 February 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Anchored as before. 1013 Underway as directed by C.T.G. 78.5. C.T.G. 78.5 Commodore Graf is O.T.C. and his flagship the U.S.S. ZEILIN (APA-3) is formation guide. The destinations of T.G. 78.6 is Mindoro and T.G. 78.6 is Lingayen and the two groups are proceeding under command of C.T.G. 78.5. No enemy contacts have been identified thus far and only one instance of radar jamming in Surigao Straits was reported. The jamming was not perceived aboard this vessel. Positions as follows:

1200	Leaving Leyte Gulf.	
2000	09-37-00 N	124-51-00 E.

8 February 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Underway as before in cruising formation 2-5. 1900 As directed by C.T.G. 78.5, T.G. 78.6 was detached from the formation and maneuvered to allow T.G. 78.5 under Commodore Graf to proceed. Captain Royal Abbot, U.S.N. in the U.S.S. LEONARD WOOD (APA-12) is now O.T.C. Task Group 78.5 proceeded to Lingayen Gulf. Captain Abbot maneuvered T.G. 78.6 on various courses using various speeds to bring the group into Mindoro at daybreak. 0730 In accordance with instructions from C.T.G. 78.6, the ELECTRA proceeded to anchorage in Mangarin Bay, Mindoro Island and proceeded to unload cargo under supervision of Captain Allen, U.S.N., in the U.S.S. HEYWOOD (APA-6), our temporary Transport Division Commander. Unloading conditions were excellent, no enemy contacts were reported, and in general our facilities for discharging cargo were ideal. Details of cargo, unloading, and beach facilities are fully outlined in the Action Report submitted on conclusion of this mission. The ELECTRA had a casualty to #2 generator which curtailed operations just prior to midnight when we were approximately 90% unloaded. Emergency repairs were completed in about an hour and all hatches started unloading normally.

9 February 1945 (Zone minus 9)

0150 Cargo completely unloaded and all army personnel disembarked. C.T.G. 78.6 is desirous of getting underway as soon as all ships are unloaded. 1240 Underway as directed by C.T.G. 78.6. Our destination is Leyte Gulf where this Task Group will be dissolved and ships assigned to TransRons as outlined in C.T.F. 78 Op-Plan 1-45. Positions were as follows:

2000	12-24-30 N	120-59-00 E.
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10 February 1945 (Zone Minus 9)

Underway for Leyte. Positions as follows:

1200	12-03-30 N	120-59-00 E
2000	11-23-00 N	121-21-00 E

11 February 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Underway as before. Positions as follows:

0800	09-14-00 N.	122-19-00 E
1200	08-51-00 N	122-55-00 E
2000	09-09-00 N	124-10-00 E

12 February 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Underway entering Leyte Gulf. 0843 Suffered casualty to #2 generator and emergency repairs started. 1038 Anchored in San Pedro Bay. 1045 Repairs to roller drive chain on #2 generator completed. On orders from C.T.G. 78.6 this vessel fueled to 85% capacity and delivered our excess provisions and stores to ships in this area.

13 February 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Anchored in San Pedro Bay awaiting orders.

15 February 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Anchored as before. 1135 Underway in accordance C.T.F. 75, Speed Letter of 14 February 1945, containing Movement Order A4-3. The ships of this convoy make up T.U. 78.5.3 and are commanded by Commodore Graf in the U.S.S. ZEILIN (APA-3). Our destination is Ulithi Harbor to receive further instructions from the Port Director at Ulithi. Positions were as follows:

1200	Leaving San Pedro Bay, Leyte Island.	
2000	10-30-00 N	126-24-00 E

16 February 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Underway for Ulithi. Positions were as follows:

0800	10-24-00 N	128-56-00 E
1200	10-14-00 N	129-39-00 E
2000	10-15-00 N	131-07-00 E

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17 February 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Underway as before. As directed by C.T.U. 78.5.3 visual despatch 162320, the Task Unit was divided into two formations. The group under Commodore Graf proceeded at increased speed while the group commanded by Captain Abbot in the U.S.S. LEONARD WOOD proceeded at reduced speed. The ELECTRA remained with the second group under Captain Abbot. Positions as follows:

0800	10-09-00 N	133-28-00 E
1200	10-10-00 N	134-12-00 E
2000	10-17-00 N	135-22-00 E

18 February 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Underway for Ulithi. Positions as follows:

0800	10-19-00 N	137-16-00 E
1200	10-19-00 N	137-46-00 E
2000	10-16-00 N	138-16-00 E

19 February 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Underway as before approaching Ulithi Harbor. 0900 Anchored in berth 146 Ulithi Harbor and reported to C.T.U. 78.5.3. Task Unit 78.5.3 was dissolved by despatch from CincPac, N.R 424,161207 of February, and Task Unit 12.6.1 with Commodore Graf in the ZEILIN was formed. The ELECTRA was assigned to temporary TransDiv BAKER with Captain Royal Abbot, U.S.N. in the U.S.S. LEONARD WOOD (APA-12) as TransDiv Commander. Logistics requirements are being replenished and the ship is under going emergency repairs to generators and engines to make her ready for the next mission. We have orders from C.T.U. 12.6.1 to make use of all facilities at Ulithi to accomplish this result. Zone time was changed to minus 10 on arrival Ulithi.

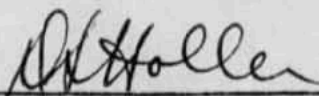
20 February to 28 February 1945 (Zone minus 10)

At anchor Ulithi Harbor carrying out orders of C.T.U. 12.6.1 as outlined above.

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1 March 1945 (Zone minus 10)

The U.S.S. ELECTRA (AKA-4) is anchored in berth 146, Ulithi Harbor, in company with other ships of Task Unit 12.6.1, Commodore H. W. Graf, U.S.N., in the U.S.S. ZEILIN (APA-3), commanding. Logistics requirements have been filled and emergency repairs to generators and engines have been completed to prepare ship for coming mission. 0800 Shifted to berth 234, southern anchorage, Ulithi Harbor.

2 March to 4 March 1945 (Zone minus 10)

Anchored as before awaiting orders.

5 March 1945 (Zone minus 10)

Anchored as before. 1300 In accordance with CTU 12.6.1 Movement Order #A3-45, TU 12.6.1 got underway for Iwo Jima. ELECTRA is in position 2-3, in cruising formation I-Tare as directed in Movement Order. Positions as follows:

2000	11-01-00 N	139-59-00 E
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6 March 1945 (Zone minus 10)

Underway for Iwo Jima. Exercises and tactical maneuvers conducted as ordered by O.T.C. Positions as follows:

0800	13-11 N	140-17 E
1200	13-51 N	140-24 E
2000	15-02 N	140-31 E

7 March 1945 (Zone minus 10)

Underway as before. Positions as follows:

0800	17-15 N	140-50 E
1200	17-55 N	140-58 E
2000	19-00 N	140-55 E

8 March 1945 (Zone minus 10)

Underway as before. Positions as follows:

0800	21-14 N	141-03 E
1200	21-47 N	141-05 E
2000	22-47 N	141-12 E

9 March to 16 March 1945 (Zone minus 10)

Operating in area designated by ComPhibPac; Serial 030450, awaiting orders to proceed to Iwo Jima. Executing various courses and speeds following movements of O.T.C. in ZEILIN (APA-3).

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17 March 1945 (Zone minus 10)

Proceeded to Iwo Jima in accordance with CTG 51.21 despatch order 162250 March. Positions as follows:

0800	22-47	N	142-42	E
1200	21-54	N	142-32	E
2000	22-58	N	141-36	E

18 March 1945 (Zone minus 10)

Approaching Iwo Jima. 0800 Anchored in Berth Dog, awaiting orders to commence loading. The ELECTRAS boats on board now consist of two (2) LCVP's, one (1) LCPL and one (1) LCC. Our remaining boats were left at various boat pools in the Philippine area.

19 March to 22 March 1945 (Zone minus 10)

The ELECTRA is anchored off White Beach, Iwo Jima, in a condition of readiness to sail on thirty minutes notice. We are assigned by CTU 12.6.1 to even days guard on SC Radar. A constant aircraft and surface watch is being maintained. Some of the vessels of TU 12.6.1 have been ordered to the eastern side of the island to begin loading elements of the Fifth Marine Division. No air raid alarms have been sounded during this period. The sea is moderately rough with strong winds from the Northerly sectors and heavy Northwest swells. Due to conditions ashore our loading time is postponed awaiting orders from C.T.G. 51.21, Admiral Hill, U.S.N., in the U.S.S. AUBURN (AGC-10).

23 March 1945 (Zone minus 10)

As directed by C.T.U. 12.6.1, the ELECTRA commenced the intermittent loading of motor transport elements of the Fifth Marine Division. Loading conditions are fair with moderate Northwest swells and generally fair weather. The loading is not continuous due to conditions ashore and lack of sufficient LSM's for number of ships loading.

24 March and 25 March 1945 (Zone minus 10)

Intermittent loading continued as before. During the evening of the 25th it was necessary to discontinue loading on the port side due to heavy Northwest swells which caused the LSM along port side forward to pitch and roll violently. The LSM's being loaded were tied up alongside by our lines with from six to eight, eight and ten inch lines necessary and numerous fenders. Our beach party ashore under supervision of the TransDiv Beachmaster, kept the ship informed of LSM's assigned to this vessel, type of cargo and hold destination as directed by the ship's and Fifth Marine Division Transport Quartermasters on Iwo Jima Island.

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26 March 1945 (Zone minus 10)

Intermittent Loading as before. In accordance with C.T.G. 51.21 NRJ 4782; Serial 241245 of March, Task Unit 12.6.1 is dissolved except for administrative loading purposes, and the ships of TU 12.6.1, less the U.S.S. THUBAN (AKA-19) and plus other units to be assigned is designated TU 51.29.6 with Commodore Graf as C.T.U. 51.29.6 in the U.S.S. ZEILIN. Movement Order A4-45; serial 260345 is promulgated this date for T.U. 51.29.6 and is effective upon receipt.

27 March 1945 (Zone minus 10)

Intermittent loading as before off Iwo Jima, White Beach. 1440 Loading completed, all cargo secured for sea and preparations made for getting underway. Two marine stretcher casualties were admitted to Sick Bay aboard this vessel by order of C.T.U. 51.29.6. 1800 T.U. 51.29.6 got underway. The convoy consists of thirteen transport types with seven escorts (5 DE's and 2 DD's). U.S.S. ZEILIN is designaged guide, Commodore Graf is O.T.C., we are on a Southeasterly course and our immediate destination is Eniwetok Atoll to replenish logistics.

28 March 1945 (Zone minus 10)

Underway for Eniwetok. 1300 O.T.C. held tactical exercises for one hour using emergency turns by flaghoist and voice radio control. The sea is rough and prevailing wind is from the Southeast. The Task Unit is proceeding on various courses, speeds and using zig zag plans as ordered by the O.T.C. Positions this date as follows:

0800	23-32-00	N	143-20-00	E
1200	23-06-00	N	143-56-00	E
2000	22-18-00	N	145-14-00	E

29 March 1945 (Zone minus 10)

Underway as before. Positions as follows:

0800	21-16-00	N	146-40-00	E
1200	20-15-00	N	147-34-00	E
2000	20-06-00	N	148-36-00	E

30 March 1945 (Zone minus 10)

Underway as before. Positions as follows:

0800	18-53-00	N	150-09-00	E
1200	18-31-00	N	150-47-00	E
2000	17-44-00	N	152-03-00	E

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31 March 1945 (Zone minus 10)

Underway as before. 1000 Time was changed to Zone minus ten and a half (-10½). 1400 Time was changed to Zone minus eleven (-11).

Positions as follows:

0800	16-43-00	N	153-55-00	E
1200	16-17-00	N	154-25-00	E
2000	15-39-00	N	155-46-00	E

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April 1945

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D. S. HOLLER,
Lt-Commander, (DM), USNR.
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1 April 1945 (Zone minus 11)

The U.S.S. ELECTRA (AKA-4) is underway for Eniwetok in accordance with CTU 51.29.6 Movement Order A4-45, serial 260345. Commodore H. W. Graf, USN, is OTC in the U.S.S. ZEILIN. The convoy consists of thirteen transport types with seven escorts (5 DE's and 2 DD's). The Electra is in TransDiv Baker with the U.S.S. ZEILIN as guide, the U.S.S. WINGED ARROW, and the U.S.S. HERALD OF THE MORNING. We are carrying motor transport elements of the Fifth Marine Division. Positions as follows:

0800	14-29-00 N	157-41-00 E
1200	14-08-00 N	158-22-00 E
2000	13-14-00 N	159-42-00 E

2 April 1945 (Zone minus 11)

Underway as before for Eniwetok. 1230 approaching Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands. 1245 the ELECTRA anchored in berth I-6. At 1300 the time was changed to zone minus 12 (-12). Positions as follows:

0800	12-07-00 N	161-38-00 E
1200	11-43-00 N	162-25-00 E

3 April 1945 (Zone minus 12)

Anchored as before in Eniwetok awaiting orders. Logistics were replenished this date.

4 April 1945 (Zone minus 12)

Anchored as before. At 0600, in accordance with CTU 51.29.6 Movement Order A4-45, the ELECTRA got underway for Hilo, Hawaii. We are in cruising formation 1-Tare, cruising disposition 2-3. AA Gunnery exercises were held this date. Positions as follows:

0800	11-24-00 N	162-24-00 E
1200	11-28-00 N	163-01-00 E
2000	11-44-00 N	164-32-00 E

5 April 1945 (Zone minus 12)

Underway as before for Hilo, Hawaii. Positions as follows:

0800	12-25-00 N	166-43-00 E
1200	12-42-00 N	167-29-00 E
2000	13-01-00 N	168-50-00 E

6 April 1945 (Zone minus 12)

Underway as before. Positions as follows:

0800	13-35-00 N	171-04-00 E
1200	13-50-00 N	171-54-00 E
2000	14-04-00 N	173-18-00 E

7 April 1945 (Zone minus 12)

Underway as before. Positions as follows:

0800	14-35-00 N	175-40-00 E
1200	14-42-00 N	176-26-00 E
2000	15-08-00 N	177-45-00 E

8 April 1945 (Zone minus 12)

Underway as before. At 0808 we crossed the 180th meridian in latitude 15°43' N. Positions as follows:

0800	15-43-00 N	179-58-00 E
1200	15-58-00 N	179-08-00 W
2000	16-17-00 N	177-54-00 W

8 April 1945 (Zone plus 12)

Underway as before. At zero hours (0000) this date all clocks were advanced to zone plus twelve (plus 12). At 1000 time was changed to zone plus eleven and one half (plus 11½) at 1500 time was changed to zone plus eleven (plus 11). Positions as follows:

0800	16-55-00 N	175-22-00 W
1200	17-06-00 N	174-42-00 W
2000	17-22-00 N	173-09-00 W

9 April 1945 (Zone plus 11)

Underway as before. Positions as follows:

0800	17-42-00 N	170-46-00 W
1200	17-52-00 N	170-04-00 W
2000	18-06-00 N	168-31-00 W

10 April 1945 (Zone plus 11)

Underway as before. At 1000 time was changed to zone plus ten and one half (plus 10½). At 1500 it was changed to zone plus ten (plus 10) Position reports as follows:

0800	18-36-00 N	165-50-00 W
1200	18-45-00 N	165-10-00 W
2000	19-08-00 N	163-45-00 W

11 April 1945 (Zone plus 10)

Underway as before. 0700 in accordance with AdComPhibsPac order Nr J 1720, serial 092042, the ELECTRA, with the ZEILIN as O.T.C. and guide, the WINGED ARROW, the HERALD OF THE MORNING, and the PRESIDENT MONROE separated from the convoy and proceeded to Hilo with two escorts. At 2035 PRESIDENT MONROE left convoy as directed. Positions as follows:

0800	19-29-00 N	161-06-00 W
1200	19-38-00 N	160-05-00 W
2000	20-01-00 N	158-07-00 W

12 April 1945 (Zone plus 10)

Underway as before. At 1000 time was changed to zone plus nine and one half (plus 9½). At 1450 we were approaching Hilo, Hawaii and at 1712 were moored to Pier 3 in Hilo harbor. At 1740 we commenced unloading from all holds moter transports elements of the Fifth Marine Division. Unloading proceeded without interruptions. Positions as follows:

0800	20-22-00 N	155-49-00 W
1200	20-09-00 N	155-21-00 W

13 April 1945, (Zone plus 9½)

Moored as before to Pier 3, Hilo, Island of Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii, unloading on dock. At 1315 unloading was completed.

14 April 1945 (Zone plus 9½)

Moored as before. At 0623, in accordance with CTU 51.29.6 Movement Order A4-45 the ELECTRA got underway for Pearl Harbor. The ELECTRA is in cruising formation 2-Tare, cruising disposition 1-4, in the company of the ZEILIN, the WINGED ARROW, and the HERALD OF THE MORNING. O.T.C. is Commodore Graf in the ZEILIN. Positions as follows:

0800	19-55-30 N	155-02-00 W
1200	20-14-00 N	153-03-00 W
2000	21-06-00 N	156-01-00 W

15 April 1945 (Zone plus 9½)

Underway as before for Pearl Harbor. At 0815 we were approaching Pearl Harbor and at 0945 we moored starboard side alongside the USS GRIMES (APA 172) in Berth Xray 8. Logistics were replenished. Positions as follows:

0800	21-15-00 N	157-56-00 W
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16 April 1945 (Zone plus 9½)

Moored as before in Berth Xray 8, Pearl Harbor, Island of Oahu, Territory of Hawaii. At 1634, in compliance with AdComPhibsPac mailgram order, serial 092042, the ELECTRA got underway for San Francisco, California, USA. We are proceeding independently, without escort. Positions as follows:

2000	21-25-00 N	157-24-00 W
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17 April 1945 (Zone plus 9½)

Underway as before for San Francisco, California, USA. Positions as follows:

0800	23-10-00 N	155-34-00 W
1200	23-38-00 N	154-40-00 W
2000	24-29-00 N	153-13-00 W

18 April 1945 (Zone plus 9½)

Underway as before. Positions as follows:

0800	25-52-00 N	150-50-00 W
1200	26-20-00 N	149-54-00 W
2000	27-31-00 N	148-15-00 W

19 April 1945 (Zone plus 9½)

Underway as before. At 1400 time was changed to zone plus nine (plus 9). At 2115 we suffered a casualty to #2 generator and main engines and all auxiliaries were secured. At 2120 the #1 generator was started. At 2126 the main engines were started and the ELECTRA was underway as before. Positions as follows:

0800	29-01-00 N	145-29-00 W
1200	29-31-30 N	144-29-30 W
2000	30-28-00 N	142-43-00 W

20 April 1945 (Zone plus 9)

Underway as before. Positions as follows:

0800	31-42-00 N	139-54-00 W
1200	32-13-00 N	138-51-00 W
2000	33-08-00 N	136-53-00 W

21 April 1945 (Zone plus 9)

Underway as before. At 1004 we suffered a casualty to #2 generator and main engines came to an emergency stop. At 1007 #1 generator was started and at 1010 the ELECTRA was underway as before. Positions as follows:

0800	34-28-30 N	133-52-00 W
1200	34-53-00 N	132-57-00 W
2000	35-33-30 N	130-58-00 W

22 April 1945 (Zone plus 9)

Underway as before. At 0000 time was changed to zone plus eight (plus 8) and at 2000 time was changed to zone plus seven (plus 7). Positions as follows:

0800	36-22-00 N	128-31-00 W
1200	36-27-00 N	127-49-00 W
2000	36-55-00 N	126-00-00 W

23 April 1945 (Zone plus 7)

Underway as before, approaching San Francisco Bay. At 1219, in accordance with Com 12 Naval District Order Nr F 2503, serial 212342, we anchored in Berth 12, San Francisco Bay, for agricultural inspection and to transfer oil and ammunition. Positions as follows:

0800	37-35-00 N	123-30-00 W
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24 April 1945 (Zone plus 7)

Anchored as before in anchorage 12, San Francisco Bay. At 0645 the ELECTRA, in compliance with Com 12 Naval District Order Nr F 2503, serial 212342, got underway for Pier 36, San Francisco, for overhaul and installation of new generators. At 0718 we were moored to Pier 36, northside.

25 - 30 April 1945 (Zone plus 7)

Moored as before to Pier 36, northside, San Francisco, California, USA, undergoing overhaul.

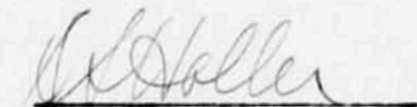
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May 1945



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Lt-Commander, (DM), USNR.
Commanding.

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1 - 29 May 1945 (Zone plus 7)

Moored port side to Pier #36 North, San Francisco, California, undergoing overhaul, under the supervision of the Assistant Industrial Manager at San Francisco, California. The ELECTRA is temporarily assigned to ComPhibTrainPac.

30 May 1945 (Zone plus 7)

Moored as before. 0834 Underway for Hunter's Point Drydock, Hunter's Point, California, with the aid of tugs, all power on the ship being secured due to overhaul of main engines, generators, etc. 1055 Dry-docked in Drydock Number 2, Hunter's Point, for routine inspection of bottoms, strainers, screw and painting of underwater hull.

31 May 1945 (Zone plus 7)

Drydocked as before in Drydock Number 2, undergoing routine inspection, and painting of underwater hull.

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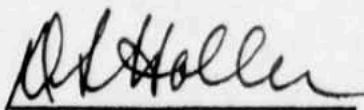
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June 1945



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1 June 1945 (Zone plus 7)

The U.S.S. ELECTRA (AKA-4) is drydocked in Drydock No. 2, U. S. Naval Drydocks, Hunter's Point, California, undergoing routine inspection and painting of underwater hull. The Electra is assigned to ComPhibTrainPac, for temporary duty undergoing overhaul.

2 June 1945 (Zone plus 7)

Drydocked as before in drydock No. 2, U. S. Naval Drydocks, Hunter's Point California. 1100 - Routine inspection and painting of underwater hull completed. Underway for Pier #36, San Francisco, California. 1205 - Moored Pier #36, north side, San Francisco, California, for completion of overhaul authorized by Commander 12th Naval District, Order No. F 2503, serial 212342, April.

3 - 16 June 1945 (Zone plus 7)

Moored as before to Pier #36, north side, San Francisco, California, undergoing overhaul.

17 June 1945 (Zone plus 7)

Moored as before. 1440 - During dock trial runs of both main engines with no load at 180 RPM, starboard main engine was secured due to casualty in # 7 cylinder. Examination showed that wrist pin had seized. No. 7 cylinder dismantled and being reassembled with new wrist pin.

18 June 1945 (Zone plus 7)

Moored as before.

19 June 1945 (Zone plus 7)

Moored as before. 0708 - In accordance with orders of Office of Assistant Industrial Manager, U. S. Navy Yard, Mare Island, California, the Electra is underway to commence RFS schedule. 0812 - Begin degaussing test in San Rafael Degaussing Range. The degaussing test completed satisfactorily at 0930. 1055 - Anchored in Anchorage #12, Northwest corner, San Francisco Bay.

20 June 1945 (Zone plus 7)

Anchored as before in Anchorage #12, Northwest corner, San Francisco Bay. 0645 - The Electra is underway for structural test firing and full power run in accordance with RFS schedule. 1225 - During full power run with both main engines operating at 217 RPM, port main engine secured due to casualty suffered in port main engine #5 cylinder.

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20 June 1945 (Zone plus 7)(cont'd)

No. 5 cylinder of port main engine dismantled and examination disclosed that wrist pin had seized. 1245 - Commenced structural firing test. 1400 - Proceeded to Anchorage #12, San Francisco Bay, on starboard main engine. 1940 - Anchored in Anchorage #12, Northwest corner, San Francisco Bay. Position as follows:

0800	37-48-00 N.	122-28-00 W.
1200	37-55-00 N.	123-25-00 W.

21 June 1945 (Zone plus 7)

Anchored as before in Anchorage #12, Northwest corner, San Francisco Bay. 0801 - Underway for compass calibration runs in South Bay in accordance with RFS schedule. 1215 - Moored starboard side to Dock #1, Hunter's Point, California, for radar calibration. 1510 - Underway for Anchorage #12, San Francisco Bay. 1602 - Anchored in Anchorage #12, San Francisco Bay.

22 - 30 June 1945 (Zone plus 7)

Anchored as before in Anchorage #12, San Francisco Bay, California. The Electra is undergoing further overhaul in accordance with ComServPac dispatch serial 242337, extending availability and RFS to 6 July 1945, due to wrist pin casualties in main engines.

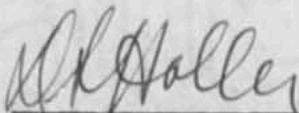
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JULY 1945



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Lieutenant Commander, (DM), USNR.,
Commanding.

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U. S. S. ELECTRA

1 - 8 July 1945 (Zone plus 7)

The U.S.S. Electra (AKA-4) is anchored in anchorage 12, northwest corner, San Francisco, California, undergoing further overhaul in accordance with ComServPac dispatch serial 242337, extending availability and RFS, due to wrist pin casualties in main engines.

9 July 1945 (Zone plus 7)

Anchored as before. 0656 - Underway for sea trial of main engines in accordance with order 267-A-4, Western Sea Frontier, dated 7 July 1945. Operated main engines at various speeds making routine inspections. Made full power run, and conducted crash stops. All tests proved satisfactory. 1532 - Anchored in anchorage 12, northwest corner, San Francisco Harbor, California. Position as follows:

0800	-	37° 45' N.	122° 38' W.
1200	-	37° 45' N.	123° 15' W.

10 July 1945 (Zone plus 7)

Anchored as before. 0100 - Underway from San Francisco, California, en-route to San Diego, California, operating singly, without escort, in accordance with movement order number 269-45, Western Sea Frontier, dated 9 July 1945. Position as follows:

0800	-	36° 46' N.	123° 19' W.
1200	-	35° 51' N.	122° 55' W.
2000	-	34° 13' N.	121° 44' W.

11 July 1945 (Zone plus 7)

Underway as before. 1330 - Approaching entrance to San Diego, Harbor. 1535 - Moored to mooring buoys #38 and #39, San Diego Harbor, California. Position as follows:

0800	-	32° 36.5' N.	118° 56.5' W.
1200	-	32° 38' N.	117° 52' W.

12 July 1945 (Zone plus 7)

Moored as before. In accordance with Training Order, Ship Train Group A-10-45, issued by Headquarters Training Command, Amphibious Forces, San Diego, California, Task Group 14.1 was formed, including the following ships: U.S.S. ELECTRA (AKA-4), U.S.S. ALPINE (APA-92), U.S.S. RIXEY (APH-3), and U.S.S. MONROVIA (APA-31).

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12 July 1945 (Zone plus 7)(cont'd)

The acting O.T.C. is aboard the U.S.S. MONROVIA (APA-31). This Task Group is operating under the command of Headquarters Training Command, Amphibious Forces, Pacific Fleet, Captain A. M. Hurst, U.S.N. 0725 - Underway in accordance with above training order for anchorage X-10, San Diego Bay, California. 0834 - Anchored in Anchorage X-10, San Diego Bay, and in company with the U.S.S. MONROVIA (APA-31), U.S.S. ALPINE (APA-92), and U.S.S. RIXEY (APH-3). 0835 - Commenced launching all boats and carrying out landing boat exercises in accordance with Training Operation Plan, Ship Train Group Number A3-45 Serial 4512, Headquarters Training Command, Amphibious Forces, Pacific Fleet. Position as follows:

0800 - 32° 42' N. 117° 13' W.

13 July 1945 (Zone plus 7)

Anchored as before. 0800 - Launched all boats and continued landing boat exercise. 0945 - Conducted smoke boat drills. 1950 - Commenced making smoke on forward and after ship's generators in accordance with verbal orders from O.T.C.

14 July 1945 (Zone plus 7)

Anchored as before. Continued landing boat exercises. 1720 - Underway for San Diego Harbor. 1853 - Moored to mooring buoys #38 and #39, San Diego Harbor, California.

15 July 1945 (Zone plus 7)

Moored as before. 0725 - Underway for rendezvous area to continue training exercises. 0810 - Pursuant to verbal order of the Commander Training Group an observing party came aboard named as follows: Lt. D. T. Chipman, Lt(jg) W. O. Boyle, ChGunner W. S. Pulver, CSM Johnson, CRM Monacek, and CFC Pechec. 0817 - Commenced schedule exercises under command Ship Training Group. Conducted damage control drill, communication casualty drill, gunnery and radio antenna drill, and medical drill. 1100 - Formed column astern the U.S.S. ALPINE (APA-92) for gunnery exercise; U.S.S. MONROVIA (APA-31) column guide. Conducted gunnery exercises 113F and 181F. The target was towed by a YMS. Ammunition expended during the day for practice was as follows: 16 rounds 5"/38, 60 rounds 3"/50, and 540 rounds 20mm. Position as follows:

0800 - 32° 42' N. 117° 13' W.
1200 - 32° 24' N. 117° 48' W.
2000 0 32° 16' N. 117° 58' W.

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16 July 1945 (Zone plus 7)

Underway as before. Continued training exercises. 1330 - Conducted gunnery exercise 136F. 2030 - Conducted gunnery exercises 188F and 126F. Ammunition expended during the day for practice was as follows: 20 rounds 5"/38, 87 rounds 3"/50, and 1000 rounds 20mm. Target was towed by a YMS. Position as follows:

0800 - 32° 19' N.	118° 39' W.
1200 - 32° 05' N.	118° 39' W.
2000 - 32° 09' N.	117° 55' W.

17 July 1945 (Zone plus 7)

Underway as before. Continued training exercises. 0930 - conducted gunnery exercise 171F. Expended the following ammunition for practice: 1800 rounds 20mm. The target was a low flying drone. 1720 - The U.S.S. ELECTRA (AKA-4) is proceeding independently for San Diego Harbor. 1838 - Anchored in Anchorage #204 San Diego Harbor. In accordance with CTF 14.1 dispatch 171830 the Refresher Training Course is completed and Task Group 14.1 is dissolved. Position as follows:

0800 - 32° 47' N.	116° 14' W.
1200 - 33° 12' N.	117° 56' W.

18 July 1945 (Zone plus 7)

Anchored as before. 1150 - Underway from San Diego, California, enroute to San Pedro, California, operating singly, without escort, in accordance with ComWesSeaFron dispatch 112246 and Com 11 routing instructions ND-11/A4-3 serial 0-4182, dated 18 July 1945. 1916 - Anchored in Anchorage B-6, San Pedro Harbor, California.

19 July 1945 (Zone plus 7)

Anchored as before.

20 July 1945 (Zone plus 7)

Anchored as before. 0715 - Underway for pier #1, berth #50, Long Beach, California in accordance with dispatch from N.O.B. At 0729 due to a heavy fog in the harbor it was necessary to anchor temporarily in Anchorage B-9. 1038 - Underway for pier #1, berth #50. 1155 - Moored starboard side to Berth #50, Long Beach, California.

21 July 1945 (Zone plus 7)

Moored as before. 0700 - Commenced loading all holds with drums of asphalt.

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22 July 1945 (Zone plus 7)

Moored as before. Continued taking aboard cargo.

23 July 1945 (Zone plus 7)

Moored as before. 2320 - Completed loading cargo, taking aboard 4444.6 tons of asphalt, consisting of 16,901 drums.

24 July 1945 (Zone plus 7)

Moored as before. 0800 - Underway in accordance with Confidential Order AL-4/AGB/JXW/CN-B-RO-SP. 24308, dated 13 July 1945, operating singly without escort, from Long Beach, California, enroute to San Francisco, California. 1530 - Passed Santa Cruz Island, abeam to port, distance 8000 yards. Position as follows:

1200 -	33° 53' N.	118° 50' W.
2000 -	34° 30' N.	121° 09' W.

25 July 1945 (Zone plus 7)

Underway as before. 1245 - Passed abeam S.E. Farralon Island to port, distance 5 miles. 1350 - Passed abeam examination vessel to starboard, distance 100 yards, and approaching entrance to San Francisco Bay. 1527 - Anchored in Anchorage #12, northwest corner, San Francisco, Bay, California. 1739 - Underway for pier 50-B. 1805 - Moored starboard side to pier 50-B, San Francisco, California. Position as follows:

0800 -	36° 42' N.	122° 36' W.
1200 -	37° 33' N.	123° 02' W.

26 July 1945 (Zone plus 7)

Moored as before. 0700 - Commenced taking aboard cargo. 1200 - Oil barge, USN, TOL #2 came along port side. Took aboard 74,864 gallons of diesel fuel.

27 July 1945 (Zone plus 7)

Moored as before. 1900 - Completed taking aboard 437 tons of general cargo.

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28 July 1945 (Zone plus 7)

Moored as before. 1225 - Took aboard passengers consisting of 121 navy enlisted men and 10 naval officers. 1637 - Underway from San Francisco, California, enroute to Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H., operating singly, without escort, in accordance with movement order #573-C&R Headquarters Western Sea Frontier, San Francisco, California, dated 27 July 1945. Position as follows:

2000 - 37° 39' N. 123° 01' W.

29 July 1945 (Zone plus 7)

Underway as before. 1600 - Set clocks ahead one hour to zone plus 8. 2120 - Exchanged recognition signals with U.S.S. ARGUS (PY-14). Position as follows:

0800 - 36° 16' N. 126° 09' W.
1200 - 35° 50' N. 127° 05' W.
2000 - 35° 09' N. 129° 26' W.

30 July 1945 (Zone plus 8)

Underway as before. 1930 - Set clocks ahead one half hour to zone plus 8½. Position as follows:

0800 - 34° 10' N. 132° 29' W.
1200 - 33° 31' N. 133° 48' W.
2000 - 32° 41' N. 136° 04' W.

31 July 1945 (Zone plus 8½)

Underway as before. 1730 - Set clocks ahead one half hour to zone plus 9. Position as follows:

0800 - 31° 25' N. 136° 07' W.
1200 - 30° 54' N. 140° 07' W.
2000 - 29° 51' N. 142° 06' W.

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AUGUST 1945

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D. S. HOLLER,
Lieutenant Commander, (DM), USNR.,
Commanding.

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1 August 1945 (Zone plus 9)

Underway as before from San Francisco, California, enroute to Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H., operating singly without escort, in accordance with movement order #573-C and R Headquarters Western Sea Frontier, San Francisco, California, dated 27 July 1945. 1930 - Changed time zone to plus 9½. Position as follows:

0800	-	28° 35' N.	145° 03' W.
1200	-	28° 07' N.	146° 04' W.
2000	-	27° 06' N.	145° 07' W.

2 August 1945 (Zone plus 9½)

Underway as before. Position as follows:

0800	-	25° 37' N.	151° 00' W.
1200	-	24° 57' N.	151° 55' W.
2000	-	23° 53' N.	153° 25' W.

3 August 1945 (Zone plus 9½)

Underway as before. 1240 - Commenced gunnery exercise. 1359 - Ceased gunnery exercise, having fired the following rounds: 31 rounds 5"38 AA; 135 3"50 AA; 6,180 rounds 20mm AA. Standing into Honolulu Harbor, T.H. 1941 - Moored port side to Pier #31, Honolulu Harbor. 2050 - Commenced unloading cargo. Position as follows:

0800	-	32° 20' N.	156° 12' W.
1200	-	21° 57' N.	157° 10' W.

4 August 1945 (Zone plus 9½)

Moored as before, Pier 31, Honolulu Harbor, T.H. Continued unloading cargo.

5 August 1945 (Zone plus 9½)

Moored as before. 1630 - Ceased unloading cargo. 1655 - Underway, steering various courses and speeds, proceeding to Pier #25, Honolulu Harbor, T.H. in accordance with Port Director's visual dispatch orders. 1720 - Moored port side to Pier #25, Honolulu Harbor, T.H. 1900 - Commenced unloading remainder of cargo.

6 August 1945 (Zone plus 9½)

Moored as before. Continued unloading cargo.

7 August 1945 (Zone plus 9½)

Moored as before. Continued unloading cargo. 1530 - Completed unloading cargo.

8 August 1945 (Zone plus 9½)

Moored as before. 0719 - Underway in accordance with Port Director's orders from Honolulu, T.H. to Pearl Harbor, T.H. 1030 - Moored in Berth Xray 18, Pearl Harbor, T.H. Position as follows:

0800 - 21° 15' N. 157° 55' W.

9 - 20 August 1945 (Zone plus 9½)

Moored as before.

21 August 1945 (Zone plus 9½)

Moored as before. The Electra was assigned this date to Temporary Transport Squadron 18, Transport Division 52, Commodore Moyer.

22 August 1945 (Zone plus 9½)

Moored as before. Reported by dispatch to ComPhibsPac for duty.

23 August 1945 (Zone plus 9½)

Moored as before. Reported by dispatch to Commander Fifth Amphibious Force and Commander Amphibious Group Four in accordance with orders from Commander Amphibious Forces Pacific.

24 August 1945 (Zone plus 9½)

Moored as before. Reported to ComTransRon 18, Commodore Moyer for temporary duty.

25 August 1945 (Zone plus 9½)

Moored as before. 1604 - Underway in accordance with Port Directors orders to Honolulu Harbor. 1904 - Moored port side to Pier #39 A.

26 August 1945 (Zone plus 9½)

Moored as before. 0805 - Commenced loading cargo and combat equipment 98th Infantry Division.

27 August 1945 (Zone plus 9½)

Moored as before. Continued loading cargo and combat equipment of 98th Infantry Division.

28 August 1945 (Zone plus 9½)

Moored as before. 1200 Completed loading cargo and combat equipment of 98th Infantry Division.

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29 August 1945 (Zone plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$)

Moored as before. 0827 - Underway in accordance with Port Director's orders from Honolulu, T.H. to Pearl Harbor, T.H. 1144 - Moored in berth Xray 13, Pearl Harbor, T.H.

30 - 31 August 1945 (Zone plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$)

Moored as before.

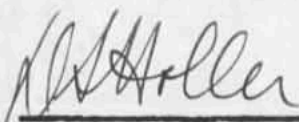
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1 - 4 September 1945 (Zone Plus 9½)

Moored as before in berth Kray 13, East Loch, Pearl Harbor, T. H.

5 September 1945 (Zone Plus 9½)

Moored as before. 1345 - Underway for berth William 8, Pearl Harbor, T. H., in accordance with visual dispatch orders from Port Director. 1436 - Moored port side to berth William 6, Iroquois Point, Pearl Harbor, T. H. 2015 - Commenced embarkation of elements of the 98th Infantry Division. 2035 - Completed embarkation of troops.

6 September 1945 (Zone Plus 9½)

Moored as before. 0840 - Underway for berth Able 13 in accordance with Port Director's visual dispatch orders. 1009 - Moored port side to APA-235, U.S.S. BOTTINEAU, at berth Able 13.

7 September 1945 (Zone Plus 9½)

Moored as before. 1153 - Underway for Saipan in accordance with ComTransRon 18 (temporary) CTG 54.26, Movement Order A4-45. 1300 - Rendezvoused with TransRon 18 (temporary) TG 54.26, of which Commodore Moyer, U.S.N., U.S.S. BURLEIGH, APA-95, is OTC. 1325 - Formed cruising formation Charlie One, this vessel taking position 2-4, in Division 52, astern of the U.S.S. BOTTINEAU, APA-235. Other ships of TransDiv 52 are U.S.S. BURLEIGH, APA-95, (Formation Flag and OTC), U.S.S. ALLENDALE, APA-127, U.S.S. TROILUS, AKA-46, U.S.S. JOHN LAND, AP-167. Other divisions of TG 54.26 (TransRon 18) are Division 57, consisting of: U.S.S. LATIMER, APA-152, (F), Captain Galpin, U.S.N., U.S.S. BUCKINGHAM, APA-141, U.S.S. WINSTON, AKA-94, U.S.S. CAPE JOHNSON, AP-172, and Division 45, consisting of: U.S.S. LOGAN, APA-196, (F), Captain Salalot, U.S.N., U.S.S. COTTLE, APA-147, U.S.S. DREW, APA-162, U.S.S. LAUREIS, APA-153, U.S.S. LENIOR, AKA-74. This Task Group is operating under the general command of Commander Amphibious Group Four, Rear Admiral L. F. Reifsnider, U.S.N., and Commander Amphibious Group Eight, Rear Admiral A. G. Noble, U.S.N., in accordance with CTF 54 and Commander Fifth Amphibious Force Operation Plan No. A1501-45, Vice Admiral Hill, U.S.N., (Rear Admiral Reifsnider, U.S.N., Second in Command). This Task Group is escorted by four destroyers assigned by Commander Amphibious Group Four. Namely: U.S.S. LUDLOW, DD-438, U.S.S. LIVERMORE, DD-429, U.S.S. FLUIKETT, DD-431, and U.S.S. KARNNEY, DD-432, of Destroyer Division 26. This Task Group is cruising with dimmed navigational lights on and with all unnecessary lights dimmed or out.

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1350 - Commenced gunnery practice on orders of OTG 54.26, forming single column. 1636 - Secured from gunnery practice, having fired the following rounds: 3"50 cal., 35 rounds; 5"38 cal., 14 rounds; 20mm, 2200 rounds. Formed cruising formation Charlie One. 2400 - Changed time zone to Plus 10.

2000 20-07-00 N. 155-26-00 W.

8 September 1945 (Zone Plus 10)

Underway as before. 1400 - Changed time zone to Plus 11.

0800 20-07-00 N. 161-27-00 W.
1200 20-04-00 N. 162-20-00 W.
2000 20-05-00 N. 164-26-00 W.

9 September 1945 (Zone Plus 11)

Underway as before. 1051 - Changed cruising formation to Formation Dog, three columns. 2215 - Cries for help were heard in the tracks of the U.S.S. LATIMER, APA-152, by U.S.S. KEARNEY, DD-432, who made through search without success.

0800 19-52-00 N. 167-27-00 W.
1200 19-51-00 N. 168-17-00 W.
2000 19-44-00 N. 170-13-00 W.

10 September 1945 (Zone Plus 11)

Underway as before. 1400 - Changed time zone to Plus 12.

0800 19-36-00 N. 173-11-00 W.
1200 19-32-00 N. 174-08-00 W.
2000 19-24-00 N. 176-23-00 W.

11 September 1945 (Zone Plus 12)

Underway as before. 1100 - Crossed the 180th Meridian, Latitude 190-12-00 North. 2400 - Changed time zone to Minus 12.

0800 19-15-00 N. 179-19-00 W.
1200 19-13-00 N. 179-43-00 W.
2000 19-09-00 N. 177-50-00 W.

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13 September 1945 (Zone Minus 12)

Underway as before. 1200 - The U.S.S. LUDLOW, U.S.S. LIVERMORE, U.S.S. PLUKETT, and U.S.S. KEARNEY fueled from U.S.S. TROILUS, AKA-46, U.S.S. LENOIR, AKA-74, U.S.S. JOHN LAND, AP-167, U.S.S. WINSTON, AKA-94, respectively.

0800	19-01-00 N.	175-04-00 E.
1200	18-51-00 N.	174-11-00 E.
2000	18-30-00 N.	172-23-00 E.

14 September 1945 (Zone Minus 12)

Underway as before. 1400 - Changed time zone to Minus 11.

0800	18-06-00 N.	169-44-00 E.
1200	17-58-00 N.	168-52-00 E.
2000	17-43-00 N.	167-25-00 E.

15 September 1945 (Zone Minus 11)

Underway as before.

0800	16-54-00 N.	164-28-00 E.
1200	16-37-00 N.	163-38-00 E.
2000	16-00-00 N.	161-49-00 E.

16 September 1945 (Zone Minus 11)

Underway as before. 1400 - Changed zone time to Minus 10.

0800	15-11-00 N.	159-12-00 E.
1200	15-08-00 N.	158-22-00 E.
2000	15-06-00 N.	156-25-00 E.

17 September 1945 (Zone Minus 10)

Underway as before.

0800	15-06-00 N.	153-48-00 E.
1200	15-04-00 N.	153-08-00 E.
2000	15-04-00 N.	151-38-00 E.

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18 September 1945 (Zone Minus 10)

Underway as before.

0800	15-04-00 N.	149-29-00 E.
1200	15-02-00 N.	148-47-00 E.
2000	15-02-00 N.	147-12-00 E.

19 September 1945 (Zone Minus 10)

Underway as before. 0521 - Formed cruising disposition One, three columns.
0620 - Steering various courses and speeds, proceeding to anchorage in Saipan Harbor. 0719 - Anchored in berth Love 54, Saipan Harbor.

20 - 21 September 1945 (Zone Minus 10)

Anchored as before in berth Love 54, Saipan Harbor. Replenishing logistics.

22 September 1945 (Zone Minus 10)

Anchored as before in berth Love 54, Saipan Harbor. 0454 - Underway in accordance with ComTransRon 18 (CTG 54.26) Sortie and Movement Order No. A6-45, for Wakayama, Japan. 0525 - Departed Saipan. This Task Group is cruising in Formation #1, three columns. 0645 - Formed column open order.

0800	15-24-00 N.	145-15-00 E.
1200	16-01-00 N.	144-33-00 E.
2000	17-07-00 N.	143-02-00 E.

23 September 1945 (Zone Minus 10)

Underway as before. 1400 - Changed time zone to Minus 9.

0800	19-26-00 N.	141-46-00 E.
1200	20-08-00 N.	141-22-00 E.
2000	21-43-00 N.	140-28-00 E.

24 September 1945 (Zone Minus 9)

Underway as before. 1600 - Sighted an unidentified object on port side which one of the escorts, a destroyer investigated and sank.

0800	23-40-00 N.	139-18-00 E.
1200	24-18-00 N.	138-54-00 E.
2000	25-46-00 N.	138-13-00 E.

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25 September 1945 (Zone Minus 9)

Underway as before. 0830 - Formed cruising formation Charlie Two, two columns, with the Electra in position 2-4, astern of the U.S.S. BOTTINEAU.

0800	27-32-00 N.	137-04-00 E.
1200	28-13-00 N.	136-45-00 E.
2000	29-17-00 N.	135-51-00 E.

26 September 1945 (Zone Minus 9)

Underway as before. 1644 - Commenced streaming paravanes in accordance with orders from CTG 54.26. 2210 - Ichye Zaki was sighted bearing 038°t, distance 28 miles. 2316 - Passed Ichye Zaki light abeam to starboard, distance 23 miles.

0800	30-48-00 N.	134-36-00 E.
1200	31-33-00 N.	134-44-00 E.
2000	32-55-00 N.	134-55-00 E.

27 September 1945 (Zone Minus 9)

Underway as before. 0125 - Sighted island of Shikoku, bearing 310°t, distance 10 miles. 0255 - Passed island I Shima abeam to port, distance 2 miles. 0330 - Entering channel to Wakayama, passed buoys "I" and "J". 0445 - Retrieved paravanes. 0450 - Passed Tomoga Shima light, bearing 032°t, distance 15 miles. Commenced steaming at various speeds, approaching transport area Charlie. 0519 - Resumed formation One, 3 columns, with Electra in position 2-4. 0545 - Proceeded independently to assigned anchorage in transport area Charlie. 0625 - Commenced launching all boats. 0638 - Anchored in berth #3, transport area Charlie, Wakayama, Japan. 0955 - Commenced unloading cargo from all holds.

0800	34-14-00 N.	135-04-00 E.
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28 September 1945 (Zone Minus 9)

Anchored as before. Continued discharging cargo. 1415 - By authority of ComTransRon 18 (CTG 54.26) Landing Order A5-45, six LCM's were transferred to the Commanding Officer, 544 Band SR., 98th Division, 1st Corps; hull Nos. C-48758, C-48760, C-46334, C-47916, C-48748, C-51781.

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29 September 1945 (Zone Minus 9)

Anchored as before. Continued unloading cargo. 1500 - Issued fresh provisions, fuel, and water to LCT 825. 1850 - All cargo completely unloaded. 2030 - Disembarked all troops.

30 September 1945 (Zone Minus 9)

Anchored as before. Awaiting orders.

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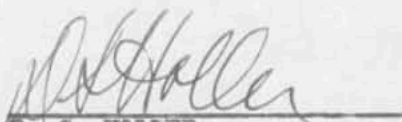
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1 October 1945 (Zone Minus 9)

Anchored as before in Transport Area Charlie, berth #3, Wakayama Ko, Honshu, Japan. 0830 - Prepared to get underway at 0900, for Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, Philippines, in accordance with visual dispatch from U.S.S. ALLENDALE (APA-127). 1247 - Underway from Wakanoura Wan Harbor in accordance with Dispatch orders from Commander Amphibious Group Eight, forming Task Unit 54.18.23, consisting of the following: U.S.S. ALLENDALE (APA-127), Captain J. J. Twoomey, USN, formation guide and OTC, U.S.S. ELECTRA (AKA-4), U.S.S. TROIUS (AKA-46), U.S.S. LENOIR (AKA-74), U.S.S. WINSTON (AKA-94), escort U.S.S. KEARNEY (DD-432) and U.S.S. PLUNKETT (DD-431). 1327 - Formed cruising formation of a single column, with the Electra in position 1-2, astern of the U.S.S. ALLENDALE. 1635 - Passed abeam of channel buoy Able. 1648 - Formed cruising disposition Charlie Two, 2 columns, with the Electra in position 1-2 astern of the U.S.S. ALLENDALE. Position as follows:

0800	34-14-00-N.	135-04-00-E.
1200	34-14-00-N.	135-04-00-E.
2000	33-14-00-N.	134-58-00-E.

2 October 1945 (Zone Minus 9)

Underway as before. 1300 - U.S.S. ALLENDALE (APA-127) left convoy to proceed to Leyte, with one escort, the U.S.S. PLUNKETT (DD-431). The U.S.S. CATSKILL (LSV-1) Captain R. W. Chambers, USNR, became OTC and formation guide. Reformed as two divisions, division one, U.S.S. LENOIR, (AKA-74) and U.S.S. WINSTON (AKA-94), formed column 1400 relative to guide. The U.S.S. ELECTRA (AKA-4) with the U.S.S. TROIUS (AKA-46) astern, formed column 2200 relative on guide. Position as follows:

0800	30-58-00-N.	134-41-00-E.
1200	30-20-00-N.	139-27-00-E.
2000	29-27-00-N.	133-40-00-E.

3 October 1945 (Zone Minus 9)

Underway as before. 0913 - Commander Amphibious Group 14 dispatch was received directing the ships of this Task Unit to proceed in company with the U.S.S. CATSKILL to Manila for logistics and further orders. Position as follows:

0800	28-21-00-N.	131-53-00-E.
1200	27-57-00-N.	131-20-00-E.
2000	27-03-00-N.	130-21-00-E.

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4 October 1945 (Zone Minus 9)

Underway as before in cruising formation 3 Victor. 0440 - The U.S.S. WINSTON (AKA-94), and U.S.S. KEARNEY (DD-432), rejoined the formation, with the Winston astern of the Lenoir. 0710 - Commenced cruising formation Modified Charlie one, with the Electra in position 1-1. Position as follows:

0800	25-41-00-N.	128-37-00-E.
1200	25-00-00-N.	128-03-00-E.
2000	23-54-00-N.	126-41-00-E.

5 October 1945 (Zone Minus 9)

Underway as before. 1043 - U.S.S. LENOIR (AKA-74) replaced U.S.S. CATSKILL (LSV-1), as formation guide. U.S.S. CATSKILL dropped from the formation due to engine casualty. 1205 - U.S.S. CATSKILL rejoined formation and resumed formation guide. 1610 - Changed cruising formation to Charlie two, single column, the Electra in position 1-4. 1629 - Formed cruising formation Dog. 1945 - Passed Batan Island to starboard at 12.2 miles. Position as follows:

0800	22-22-00-N.	124-33-00-E.
1200	21-31-00-N.	123-31-00-E.
2000	20-15-00-N.	122-10-00-E.

6 October 1945 (Zone Minus 9)

Underway as before. 0210 - Formed column 180°, with the Electra in position 1-4. 0230 - Resumed column open order. Position as follows:

0800	18-43-00-N.	119-52-00-E.
1200	17-58-00-N.	119-43-00-E.
2000	16-08-00-N.	119-33-00-E.

7 October 1945 (Zone Minus 9)

Underway as before. 0643 - Formed column 180°, steering various courses entering Manila Bay. 0745 - Passed San Nicolas Shoal abeam. 0755 - Proceeding independently, steering various courses and speeds, approaching Manila Bay anchorage. 0841 - Anchored in Berth #590, Manila Bay, Manila, Philippine Islands. Position as follows:

0800	140-29-30-N.	120-46-00-E.
1200	140-34-00-N.	120-52-00-E.

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8 October 1945 (Zone Minus 9)

Anchored as before. 1535 - Commenced logistics, loading fresh provisions.
1705 - Completed loading fresh and dry provisions.

9 October 1945 (Zone Minus 9)

Anchored as before. 0945 - Underway in accordance with Commander Amphibious Group Fourteen orders of 8 October 1945, for Subic Bay, Philippine Islands, to replace LCM's left at Wakayama, Japan. 1336 - Steering various courses and speeds into Subic Bay, Philippine Islands. 1403 - Anchored in Berth #153, Subic Bay, Philippine Islands. 1745 - Received 6 LCM's from PhibsPac Replacement Boat Pool, Subic Bay. Position as follows:

1200 14-30-00-N. 120-20-05-E.

10 October 1945 (Zone Minus 9)

Anchored as before. 0608 - Underway in accordance with Commander Amphibious Group Fourteen orders, for Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, Philippine Islands. 0637 - Passed through submarine nets, and took departure from Subic Bay. The Electra is proceeding independently. 1806 - Commenced steering various courses and speeds, approaching San Fernando, Philippine Islands. 1913 - Anchored in Berth #6, Area A, off San Fernando, Lingayen Gulf, Philippine Islands. Positions as follows:

0800 14-41-00-N. 119-57-00-E.
1200 15-33-12-N. 119-39-30-E.

11 October 1945 (Zone Minus 9)

Anchored as before. 0602 - Underway to shift anchorage to Area Baker, Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, Philippine Islands, in accordance with Port Director Lingayen orders. 0707 - Arrived off Aringay Point, Lingayen Gulf, Philippine Islands; standing by to load elements of the 10th Corps.

12 October 1945 (Zone Minus 9)

Anchored as before. 1835 - Commenced loading troops and equipment.

13 October 1945 (Zone Minus 9)

Anchored as before. Continued loading of vehicles, bulk cargo, and other equipment of the 10th Corps.

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14 October 1945 (Zone Minus 9)

Anchored as before. Continued loading elements of the 10th Corps. 2010 - Completed loading troops and equipment of the 10th Corps. The U.S.S. ELECTRA reported ready for sea to Commander Amphibious Group Fourteen and Commander Transport Division 62, Aringay, Lingayen Gulf, Philippine Islands.

15 October 1945 (Zone Minus 9)

Anchored as before; awaiting orders.

16 October 1945 (Zone Minus 9)

Anchored as before; awaiting orders. This day, the U.S.S. ELECTRA was assigned to Task Unit 54.15.5, Captain H. E. Paddock, USN, Commander Transport Division 62, in the U.S.S. BARNWELL (APA-132) OTC (F). Task Unit 54.15.5 was formed by Captain Paddock (Commander Transport Division 62) in accordance with Commander Amphibious Group Fourteen dispatch 11062 and 1012/45, both of October 1945.

17 October 1945 (Zone Minus 9)

Anchored as before. 0605 - Underway in accordance with Annex Charlie Commander Transport Division 62 operation order 2-45. Formed cruising disposition 2-2. Positions as follows:

0800	16-46-00-N.	120-13-00-E.
1200	17-37-30-N.	120-12-30-E.
2000	19-22-00-N.	120-46-00-E.

18 October 1945 (Zone Minus 9)

Underway as before. 0745 - The U.S.S. SIBLEY (APA-206) joined the formation taking position astern of the guide, 1-2. 1127 - A mine was reported in the track of this section; section 2. 1131 - The formation made emergency turns to avoid the reported mine. Positions as follows:

0800	20-43-00-N.	122-40-00-E.
1200	21-20-00-N.	123-25-00-E.
2000	22-31-00-N.	124-55-00-E.

19 October 1945 (Zone Minus 9)

Underway as before. Positions as follows:

0800	23-55-00-N.	127-06-00-E.
1200	24-28-00-N.	127-41-00-E.
2000	25-52-00-N.	128-43-00-E.

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20 October 1945 (Zone Minus 9)

Underway as before. 0650 - Sighted Kihai Shima Island abeam to port, distance 20 miles. 1700 - Formed cruising disposition Baker, on column, with the Electra in position 1-6. Positions as follows:

0800	28-21-00-N.	130-26-00-E.
1200	29-04-00-N.	131-03-00-E.
2000	30-47-00-N.	131-41-00-E.

21 October 1945 (Zone Minus 9)

Underway as before. 0545 - Sighted Transport Squadron Fourteen, distance $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles; this Task Unit proceeded to the position astern of TransRon 14, preparatory to entering Bungo Suido. 0700 - The Electra following movement of the guide in column formation, steering various courses and speeds through swept channel. 1705 - Passed abeam of Yure Shima Island. 1710 - Proceeding independently to anchorage. 1727 - Anchored off Gogo Shima Island, Inland Sea, Japan. The Task Unit anchored in this area overnight. Positions as follows:

0800	32-59-00-N.	132-21-00-E.
1200	33-23-00-N.	132-04-00-E.
2000	33-51-00-N.	132-36-00-E.

22 October 1945 (Zone Minus 9)

Anchored as before. 0625 - Underway. 0645 - Took position astern of the U.S.S. TELFEIR (APA-210), position 1-6, in formation Baker. 0646 - Steering various courses and speeds following the guide proceeding through Kudako Suido Channel. 0735 - Passed Otatebo Island abeam to port. 0943 - Anchored in Berth 15, Hiro Wan, Japan. 1330 - Commenced unloading cargo and equipment of the 10th Corps, U.S.A. Positions as follows:

0800	37-04-00-N.	132-34-30-E.
1200	33-11-00-N.	132-37-30-E.

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23 October 1945 (Zone Minus 9)

Anchored as before. 0420 - Completed unloading all cargo and equipment of 10th Corps. 0710 - Completed debarkation of all troops of 10th Corps. 1145 - In accordance with Commander Transport Division 62 orders, two LCVP's were transferred to the U.S.S. VULCAN (AR-5). 1300 - Underway in accordance with Port Director's orders shifting anchorage to Berth 32. 1336 - Anchored in Berth 32, Hiro Wan, Japan. 1550 - Sent dispatch to CincPac and the Chief of Naval Operations requesting further orders in compliance with CTF 54 dispatch orders. 1505 - Issued ship's canteen stores to the YMS-418. 1630 - Two LCVP's, hull numbers C-44018 and C-43544 were received from CSD Repl., Hiro Wan, in exchange for the ship's LCVP's sent to the U.S.S. VULCAN (AR-5).

24 October 1945 (Zone Minus 9)

Anchored as before awaiting orders. 1300 - Received dispatch from CincPac directing the U.S.S. ELECTRA to report to the Port Director Kure, for capacity lift of personnel and for routing to the United States, to further report to the Commander Western Sea Frontier for disposition as directed by the Chief of Naval Operations. 1400 - Reported to Port Director in accordance above orders. 2000 - Commenced taking aboard passengers for transportation to the United States for demobilization and for further assignment.

25 October 1945 (Zone Minus 9)

Anchored as before. Continued taking on personnel for transportation to the United States. 1200 - Commenced transferring stores to the U.S.S. PURDY (DD-734), U.S.S. COMPTON (DD-705), U.S.S. MONTPELIER (CL-57), and U.S.S. HARRY T. BOWER (DM-26). Accordance with AdComPhibsPac 282039, October 1945, invoice #AKA4/197-46, the Electra transferred to the Port Director, Kure, Japan, one landing boat, LCP(L). 1715 - 65 naval enlisted high point men were transferred aboard for duty. 1830 - Completed transferring stores for: U.S.S. PURDY (DD-734), U.S.S. COMPTON (DD-705), U.S.S. MONTPELIER (CL-57), and U.S.S. HARY T. BOWER (DM-26). 2200 - In accordance with ComSerDiv 103 Representative at Kure (U.S.S. VULCAN) 88 enlisted low point men of ship's company were transferred to the Port Director at Kure in exchange for "high point" personnel transferred aboard for duty. 2400 - Completed taking aboard passengers for transportation to the United States.

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26 October 1945 (Zone Minus 9)

Anchored as before. 0558 - Underway from Hiro Wan, Japan, for San Francisco, California, in accordance with CincPac dispatch orders and Port Director Kure, serial. 0600 - Steering various courses and speeds leaving anchorage. 0640 - Steering various courses and speeds through Kudako Suido Strait. 0759 - Anchored Berth #22, Matsuyama, Japan. Anchored in accordance with CTF 54.11 and Commander Amphibious Group 11 dispatches, to embark passengers for the United States. 0805 - Commenced taking aboard passengers. 1020 - Completed taking aboard passengers. 1043 - Underway for San Francisco, California, United States in accordance with CincPac dispatch orders, Port Director Kure Serial, and CTF 54.11 dispatch orders; steering various courses and speeds from anchorage. The following passenger officers and men were embarked at Kure and Matsuyama: 22 naval officers, 1 marine officer, and 3 army officers, total 26 officers; 59 naval enlisted men, 15 army enlisted men, and 1 marine enlisted man; total 76 enlisted men. 1415 - Passed abeam Sada Misaka light house to port distance 2 miles. 1706 - Passed Oketa Shima light house abeam to port, distance 7 miles. Position as follows:

0800	33-51-00-N.	132-39-00-E.
1200	33-41-30-N.	132-22-00-E.
2000	32-26-00-N.	132-53-00-E.

27 October 1945 (Zone Minus 9)

Underway as before. 2000 - Passed Ko Shima abeam to port, distance $8\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Proceeding on Great Circle Track to San Francisco. Position as follows:

0800	32-36-00-N.	136-18-00-E.
1200	32-41-00-N.	137-25-00-E.
2000	33-32-00-N.	139-25-00-E.

28 October 1945 (Zone Minus 9)

Underway as before. 0400 - Changed time to zone minus $9\frac{1}{2}$. Position as follows:

0800	34-52-00-N.	141-41-00-E.
1200	35-33-00-N.	142-34-00-E.
2000	36-10-00-N.	143-54-00-E.

29 October 1945 (Zone Minus $9\frac{1}{2}$)

Underway as before. 2400 - Changed time to zone minus 10. Position as follows:

0800	37-32-00-N.	146-22-00-E.
1200	38-01-00-N.	147-26-00-E.
2000	39-04-30-N.	149-34-00-E.

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30 October 1945 (Zone Minus 10)

Underway as before. 2400 - Changed time to zone $-10\frac{1}{2}$. Position as follows:

0800	40-26-54-N.	153-00-54-E.
1200	40-51-00-N.	154-09-00-E.
2000	41-43-00-N.	156-38-00-E.

31 October 1945 (Zone Minus $10\frac{1}{2}$)

Underway as before. 2400 - Changed time to zone -11. Position as follows:

0800	42-49-30-N.	160-03-00-E.
1200	43-07-00-N.	161-15-00-E.
2000	43-51-00-N.	163-38-00-E.

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1 November 1945 (Zone Minus 11)

Underway as before enroute, via the Great Circle Track, for San Francisco, California, U.S.A., with Navy, Marine, and Army officer and enlisted passenger personnel, who are reporting to the United States for discharge and/or reassignment. The Electra is to further report to Commander Western Sea Frontier for disposition as directed by the Chief of Naval Operations. Set clock ahead to zone $-11\frac{1}{2}$. Positions as follows:

0800	44° 43' 00 N	167° 38' 00 E.
1200	45° 04' 00 N	168° 46' 00 E.
2000	45° 43' 00 N	171° 15' 00 E.

2 November 1945 (Zone Minus 11 $\frac{1}{2}$)

Underway as before. 0000 - Changed time to zone -12. Positions as follows:

0800	46° 07' 00 N	174° 53' 00 E.
1200	46° 18' 30 N	176° 07' 00 E.
.2000	46° 42' 00 N	178° 38' 00 E.

2 November 1945 (Zone Minus 12).

Underway as before. 0000 Set clocks back one day to 0000, 2 November 1945. 0015 - Crossed the 180th meridian, east bound, at latitude 46° 50' N. 0400 - Changed time to zone plus $11\frac{1}{2}$. Positions as follows:

0800	47° 04' 00 N	177° 04' 00 W.
1200	47° 14' 00 N	176° 45' 00 W.
2000	47° 16' 00 N	174° 25' 00 W.

3 November 1945 (Zone Plus 11 $\frac{1}{2}$)

Underway as before. 0000 - Changed time to zone $+11$. Positions as follows:

0800	47° 29' 00 N.	171° 00' 00 W.
1200	47° 24' 00 N.	169° 44' 00 W.
2000	47° 27' 00 N.	167° 07' 00 W.

4 November 1945 (Zone Plus 11)

Underway as before. 0000 - Changed time to zone plus $10\frac{1}{2}$. Positions as follows:

0800	47° 27' 00 N.	163° 26' 00 W.
1200	47° 20' 00 N.	162° 05' 00 W.
2000	47° 05' 00 N.	159° 42' 00 W.

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5 November 1945 (Zone Plus 10 $\frac{1}{2}$)

Underway as before. 0000 - Changed time to zone \neq 10. Position as follows:

0300	46° 51' 00 N.	156° 03' 00 W.
1200	46° 47' 00 N.	154° 46' 00 W.
2000	46° 20' 00 N.	152° 11' 00 W.

6 November 1945 (Zone Plus 10)

Underway as before. 0000 - Changed time to zone \neq 9 $\frac{1}{2}$. Position as follows:

0800	45° 40' 00 N.	148° 23' 00 W.
1200	45° 30' 00 N.	146° 56' 00 W.
2000	44° 57' 00 N.	144° 22' 00 W.

7 November 1945 (Zone Plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$)

Underway as before. 0000 - Changed time to zone \neq 9. Position as follows:

0800	44° 05' 00 N.	140° 49' 00 W.
1200	43° 40' 00 N.	139° 21' 00 W.
2000	42° 58' 00 N.	136° 50' 00 W.

8 November 1945 (Zone Plus 9)

Underway as before. 0000 - Changed time to zone \neq 8 $\frac{1}{2}$. 1030 - In accordance with Commandant Twelfth Naval District dispatch 072353 of 7 November 1945, the following ammunition was jettisoned in approximately 2200 fathoms of water: 349 rounds of 3"/50; 15,600 rounds of 20 MM; and 150 smokepots. Position as follows:

0800	41° 50' 00 N.	133° 21' 00 W.
1200	41° 19' 00 N.	132° 34' 00 W.
2000	40° 42' 00 N.	130° 35' 00 W.

9 November 1945 (Zone Plus 8 $\frac{1}{2}$)

Underway as before. 0400 - Changed time to zone \neq 8 time. 1043 - Visibility decreased to 1000 yards. Commenced sounding fog signals. Secured at 1128. Position as Follows:

0800	39° 42' 00 N.	127° 49' 00 W.
1200	39° 19' 00 N.	126° 56' 00 W.
2000	38° 34' 00 N.	125° 19' 00 W.

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10 November 1945 (Zone Plus 8)

Underway as before. 0235 - Sighted S. E. Farrallon Light dead ahead, distance 30 miles. 0903 - Steering various courses and speeds into San Francisco Harbor, with pilot conning, Captain, Executive Officer, and Navigator on the bridge. 0916 - Passed San Francisco Light abeam to port. 1005 - Passed under the Golden Gate bridge. 1008 - Steering various courses and speeds to Pier #7. 1013 - Agricultural Inspector came aboard. 1057 - Moored port side to, Pier #7, San Francisco Harbor. 1100 - Commenced disembarking all passengers, officers and men, completed at 1130.

11 November 1945 (Zone Plus 8)

Moored as before.

12 November 1945 (Zone Plus 8)

Moored as before. 0746 - Underway in accordance with dispatch orders to shift to berth 73, anchorage 9, San Francisco Harbor. 0829 - Anchored in berth 73, anchorage 9, awaiting further orders.

13 November 1945 (Zone Plus 8)

Anchored as before. 1400 - In accordance with AdComPhibsPac dispatch orders, seven LCM's and five LCVF's were transferred to the Albany Boat Pool, Albany, California. The Commandant Twelfth Naval District this date requested disposal instructions for the Electra from the Chief of Naval Operations.

14 November 1945 (Zone Plus 8)

Anchored as before. 1420 - A material inspection board from the Navy Yard, Mare Island, inspected this vessel in accordance with Commandant Twelfth Naval District dispatch orders.

15 - 18 November 1945 (Zone Plus 8)

Anchored as before.

19 November 1945 (Zone Plus 8)

Anchored as before. 0945 - Transferred all remaining ammunition FFT Ammunition Depot, San Francisco, California. In accordance with dispatch orders from Commandant Twelfth Naval District the commanding officer this date reported to the Assistant Naval Industrial Manager, San Francisco, for decommissioning this date, in accordance with dispatch orders from the Commandant Twelfth Naval District, the Commandant, Navy Yard, Mare Island, California, was ordered to decommission the Electra. 1340 - In accordance with Commandant Twelfth Naval District orders, Lt. Clyde H. AUSTIN, USN, relieved Lt-Comdr. D. S. HOLLER, USNR, as commanding officer of the Electra.

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20 November 1945 (Zone Plus 8)

Anchored as before. Lt. D. C. FRANKLIN, Jr. relieved Lt. G. H. AUSTIN
As Executive Officer.

21 November 1945 (Zone Plus 8)

Anchored as before. 0800 - The flag of Commodore J. G. MOYER, ComTransRon
13, was hoisted, designating this vessel as his auxiliary flagship.

22 - 27 November 1945 (Zone Plus 8)

Anchored as before.

28 November 1945 (Zone Plus 8)

Anchored as before. 1053 - Shifted anchorage to berth 195, anchorage 9, in
accordance with Port Director's orders.

29 November 1945 (Zone Plus 8)

Anchored as before. 0805 - Shifted anchorage to center of berth 195, anchorage 9.

30 November 1945 (Zone Plus 8)

Anchored as before, awaiting further orders concerning decommissioning.

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1 - 25 December 1945 (Zone Plus 8)

Anchored as before in Anchorage #9, Berth #195, San Francisco Bay, California.

25 December 1945 (Zone Plus 8)

0800 - Command Flag shifted to U.S.S. CALIMAN (APA-78).

25 - 31 December 1945 (Zone Plus 8)

Anchored as before.

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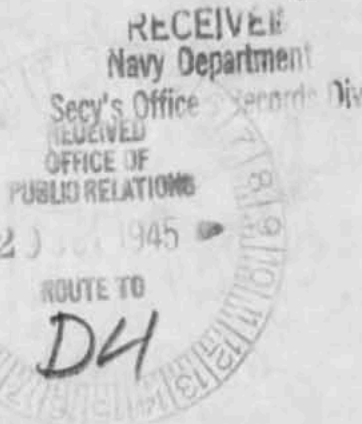
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HISTORY OF THE U.S.S. ELECTRA (AKA-4)

I

In the early spring of 1942, the M.S. Meteor was taken over by the U.S. Navy and was commissioned U.S.S. Electra (AK-21) at 1606 on 17 March 1942. Commander J. J. Hughes, U.S.N., commanding officer.

From the date of commissioning to 24 March 1942, U.S.S. Electra was engaged in engine trials, compensation and calibration of compasses and radio direction finders. She sailed on 24 March for Charleston, S. C., for further outfitting, arriving there the 27th and going into the Navy Yard the same day.

During the period 27 March to 9 April 1942, U.S.S. Electra was undergoing further outfitting and engaged in various trials. On 9 April 1942, she was underway for Norfolk, Va., arriving there 10 April and anchored in Hampton Roads, Va.

The period from 11 April to 25 April was utilized for further calibration of instruments, loading of stores and shakedown training of ship's personnel.

II

On 25 April 1942, she proceeded to Army Base, Norfolk, Va., and loaded elements of the 1st Marine Division and equipment. U.S.S. Electra got underway 10 May for San Juan, Puerto Rico en route to New Zealand, and anchored in San Juan the morning of 14 May; sailing the morning of 15 May for Panama Canal. Arrived Panama Canal the morning of 18 May and made transit of canal same day, mooring to dock in Balboa, C. Z., that evening.

She sailed from Balboa, C. Z., morning of 20 May for New Zealand. At 0820, 22 May, crossed equator in longitude 83° - 57' West. During the period 3 to 7 June heavy southerly gales were experienced by the ship but no damage resulted. 10 June she crossed International Date Line and 11 June 1942, arrived in Wellington, N. Z. The next morning went alongside pier and disembarked troops and cargo.

On 22 June U.S.S. Electra got underway for Norfolk, Va. The voyage was uneventful. Crossed equator north bound 9 July in longitude 82° - 35' West. 11 July arrived Balboa, C. Z., and transited canal same day mooring in NOB, Coco Solo, during the night. 12 July she was underway for Norfolk, Va., and arrived Norfolk 18 July 1942.

III

The period from 19 July to 11 August 1942, U.S.S. Electra undergoing amphibious training in Chesapeake Bay off Cove Point and Lynnhaven Roads. On 11 August she arrived Portsmouth Navy Yard for overhaul period and outfitting. Remained in Navy Yard until 12 September 1942.

She left Navy Yard on 12 September and conducted trial runs and drills in Hampton Roads. From this date to 30 September, various drills, AA and short range battle practice were conducted.

During the period 1 to 3 October night tactical exercises were held in company with Transport Division 5. 3 October U.S.S. Electra moored to Army Base Dock, Norfolk, Va., and commenced loading elements of 2nd Armored Division and their equipment. 16 October she was underway for Chesapeake Bay. Conducted debarkation exercises during the period 17 - 21 October 1942. 23 October U.S.S. Electra joined Task Group 34.4 at Plantation Flats and thence proceeded to sea passing Cape Henry Light at 1032, 23 October 1942.

IV

From 23 October to 7 November 1942, U.S.S. Electra underway crossing Atlantic Ocean enroute to invasion of North Africa in company with Task Group 34.4, a part of the West African Task Force Convoy.

At 0055 on 8 November, arrived in transport area off Mohdja, French Morocco, Africa. Launching of boats and transfer of troops conducted according to plan. Several French merchant ships passed Electra at 0505. At 0700 intensive fire from beach area observed, several shells falling about 2000 yards short of ship. U.S.S. Electra moved away from assault line to get out of range. Several "red" alerts were signalled and one plane was observed to be shot down during early morning hours. During the landing several U.S.S. Electra landing boats were damaged and lost on the beach. During the period of 8 - 14 November unloading continued as boats were available. Army wounded were brought aboard for treatment during this period.

At 1105 on the 14th the S.S. Export went alongside Electra to receive cargo. A prize crew with Lt(jg) Angelson in charge was put aboard. At 1402 the S.S. Export cast off and proceeded into Port Lyautey and at 1708 proceeded up the Wadi Solew river to unload cargo and the Electra prize crew returned to Electra. U.S.S. Electra got underway at 0300 for Fedala, French Morocco. At 0640 in position latitude 33° - 59' North, longitude 07° - 28' West a torpedo struck number 3 hold starboard side, the explosion tearing a hole 40 feet long and 12 feet high. Number 3 hold began filling rapidly, also number 2 hold from number 3. 0703 engines were stopped due to flooding of engine room. At 0715 the word was passed to abandon ship. U.S.S. Cole came alongside and took off all the crew except ship's rescue party. U.S.S. Cherokee came alongside to render assistance. 1015 U.S.S. Cherokee took Electra in tow. At 1140 the towing job was shifted to DD Sandsburg and the tug Cherokee came alongside to pump out engine room. Cherokee was aided in pumping by U.S.S. Raven which came alongside at 1215. The tow cable parted at 1640 and Cherokee again took U.S.S. Electra in tow, the U.S.S. Auk taking U.S.S. Cherokee's place at pumping. On approaching Casablanca Harbor the U.S.S. Raven and U.S.S. Auk cast off. With the aid of two French tugs the Electra was grounded in Casablanca Harbor at 0400, 16 November 1942.

From 16 November to 28, remaining cargo in ship was discharged. The morning of the 28th ship was towed into inner harbor and moored alongside Goandee Jettie for repairs. During the period 28 November 1942 to 8 April 1943, the Ship's Company of the U.S.S. Electra, aided by salvage facilities present, patched the torpedo hole in number 3 hold, completely overhauled engine room and other battle damage. During December 1942 the ship's classification and number was changed to AKA-4.

On 7 April 1943, after trials, it was determined that the U.S.S. Electra was able to proceed under her own power. Early morning the 11th of April U.S.S. Electra was underway for Charleston, S.C., under her own power in a mixed convoy. Arrived in Charleston, S.C., 30 April 1943, and went into Navy Yard Dry Dock, 7 May 1943. During the period 8 May to 8 June 1943, U.S.S. Electra was in dry dock undergoing major repairs and overhaul. 9 June U.S.S. Electra came out of dock and was moored in Navy Yard, Charleston, S.C., until 1 July 1943 undergoing further overhaul and repairs.

On 23 June Lieutenant-Commander Charles S. Beightler, U.S.N., relieved Commander J.J. Hughes as commanding officer.

During the period 1 July to 8 July 1943, U.S.S. Electra was conducting trials and calibrations in the Charleston area. The morning of 8 July 1943, U.S.S. Electra got underway for Norfolk, Va., arriving there 9 July 1943.

V

From 9 July 1943 to 3 December 1943, U.S.S. Electra was engaged in amphibious training exercises in the Chesapeake Bay area off Cove Point. Various units of the U.S. Army were trained in amphibious landings during this training period. On the afternoon of 3 December U.S.S. Electra entered Portsmouth Navy Yard for 4 day overhaul. Leaving the Navy Yard on the morning of the 8th she proceeded to N.O.B., Norfolk to load stores.

At 1028 on 11 December 1943, U.S.S. Electra was underway, bound for Pearl Harbor, T.H., in company with Task Group 23.18 of which the U.S.S. Custer was flagship. The voyage to the Panama Canal was via the Windward Passage. Arrived at the eastern entrance Panama Canal on 17 December 1943, and transited the Panama Canal the same day, mooring in Balboa, C.Z.

At 1915, 18 December, U.S.S. Electra got underway for Pearl Harbor, proceeding alone without escort. The voyage from Balboa to Pearl Harbor was uneventful with fine weather. She arrived Pearl Harbor at 1012 on 1 January 1944, disembarked passengers and unloaded the few pieces of cargo carried from Norfolk, Va. After disembarkation of passengers and cargo, U.S.S. Electra proceeded to Honolulu Harbor and moored to Sand Island.

On 7 January she left Sand Island and proceeded to Pearl Harbor, mooring alongside LSD-6. At 1737, 8 January, she was underway from Pearl Harbor bound for Kahului, Maui, T.H., arriving there at 0900 on 9 January. Began embarking elements of the 22nd Marine RCT and their combat equipment. Completed loading 22nd Marines on 13 January and at 1300 U.S.S. Electra was underway and rendezvoused with Transport Division 20 at 1500. The U.S.S. Leonard Wood was flagship of Transport Division 20 with Commodore Loomis in command.

In company with Transport Division 20 U.S.S. Electra proceeded to Maalae Bay, Maui, T.H., for debarkation exercises. During the period 16 - 17 January conducted practice landings in Maalae Bay. At 2200 got underway with Transport Division 20 bound for Pearl Harbor, arriving there at 1445 on 17 July mooring alongside U.S.S. Heywood.

U.S.S. Electra remained in Pearl Harbor from 17 July to 23 July replenishing logistics. At 1100 on the 23rd the ship got underway and joined Transport Division 20 which was part of Task Group 51.2 bound for the initial invasion of the Marshall Islands.

On 1 February U.S.S. Electra with task group 51.2 stood off east of Kwajalein Atoll awaiting orders to enter. At 1200 U.S.S. Electra entered Cecil Pass on western side of Kwajalein and proceeded to southern anchorage off Kwajalein Island.

During the period 2 February to 15 February, U.S.S. Electra furnished boats for the occupation of several islands north of Kwajalein Island; refueled several AM's and smaller diesel craft; discharged part of cargo as required by forces ashore; reorganized stowage for further operations and replenished stores.

At 1412, 15 July 1944, U.S.S. Electra got under way and joined Transport Division 20, a part of Task Group 51.11 bound for initial assault on Eniwetok Atoll. The voyage to Eniwetok was uneventful, the task group arriving off Eniwetok on 17 February. The task group entered the narrow entrance on east side of lagoon in single column, Transport Division 20 being last division to enter and the Electra the last ship of Transport Division 20. No enemy firing was experienced until after Electra was well inside lagoon, then a Japanese battery fired on one of our cruisers entering lagoon astern of Electra. The cruiser quickly silenced the fire.

U.S.S. Electra in column astern of Transport Division 20 proceeded thru the swept channel to transport area Able off the small islands to southeast of Engebi Island. Boats from Electra were used to help land artillery on these islands.

At 1621 ship got underway, and proceeded to transport area two; berth 4 off Engebi Island. The morning of 18 February 1944, the assault on Engebi Island began, all boats from Electra taking part; medium tanks from Electra were in assault waves. At 1000 Electra shifted berth to inner transport area to shorten boat trips. General cargo unloading began at 1600. The evening of the 19th a working party under Lieutenant Angelsen was sent ashore to help unload boats. This party was under sniper fire during the night.

The afternoon of the 19th, all ships except Electra left for southern end of lagoon for assault on Eniwetok and Parry Islands. LCM's from Electra were despatched with these ships to take part in assault waves on those islands.

During the morning of the 20th U.S.S. Electra received eight Japanese and one Korean prisoners of war from beach, two of them were wounded. In the afternoon 5 more prisoners were brought aboard, one of whom was wounded.

At 1715 Commodore Loomis and staff came aboard and U.S.S. Electra became temporary flag off Engebi Island. The afternoon of the 21st at 1442 Commodore Loomis and staff left the ship for the southern anchorage leaving Commander Beightler of the Electra as SOPA off Engebi Island. The Electra with SOPA aboard continued directing unloading operation of LST's and S.S. Cape Stevens until the 23rd of February. Several Electra Boats were transferred to Engebi Boat Pool during this period.

At 1106 on 23 February Electra got underway for southern anchorage and anchored off Eniwetok Island at 1400. Until the 25th fuel and provisions were provided to smaller ships. Here also two LCM's were transferred to Eniwetok Boat Pool.

On the morning of the 25th U.S.S. Electra got underway in company with Transport Division 20 bound for Kwajalein Atoll. Arrived off the northern entrance and proceeded to northern anchorage off Roi Island. The cargo brought back from Eniwetok was discharged the 27th and on the 29th U.S.S. Electra was once more underway in company with Transport Division 20 bound for Pearl Harbor, where she arrived without incident on 8 March 1944.

During the period 8 - 15 March 1944 logistics were replenished and routine upkeep carried on. On 15 March the U.S.S. Electra was shifted to berth Baker 21, Pearl Harbor Navy Yard for overhaul. The ship remained in the Navy Yard until 25 April undergoing major engine room overhaul. Conducted trials the 26th. Logistics from the 27th to the 30th.

At 1330 on 30 April U.S.S. Electra in company with U.S.S. Almaack, U.S.S. Alcione, U.S.S. Alhena, got underway and proceeded to Hilo, Hawaii, T. H., arriving there 1 May, Electra mooring to Pier #1. From 1 May to 4 May elements of the 2nd Marine Division were embarked and their combat equipment loaded aboard. The ship left Hilo at 1830 on 4 May and proceeded in company with Transport Division 20 to Honolulu Harbor, T. H., mooring at Sand Island, Honolulu Harbor at 1200, 5 May 1944. During the period 5 - 14 May stores were replenished and drills conducted.

On the 14th U.S.S. Electra left Honolulu Harbor in company with Task Group 52.2 for Lahaina Roads. Debarkation exercises and amphibious exercises were conducted in the Maui Area until 19th of May. On the 20th Task Group 52.2 returned to Pearl Harbor, T. H., where Electra moored alongside U.S.S. Alcione. From 20 to 30 May logistics were completed and final preparations made for the coming operation.

U.S.S. Electra sailed from Pearl Harbor in company with Transport Group Able at 1400 on the 30th of May 1944. Her position was 5th ship in left column, of which the U.S.S. Bolivar was flag. On 9 June Electra with Transport Group Able entered Eniwetok Lagoon for a logistic period. On the 11th Electra was once more underway with Transport Group Able en route for the assault on Saipan, Marianas Islands.

At 0530 on 15 June 1944, U.S.S. Electra arrived in her assigned berth in the transport area off Saipan Island. All boats from Electra participated in the assault waves and landing of supplies and equipment on Red Beach. One of Electra boat crews was killed by mortar fire during this period. Ship closed beach to shorten boat trips late in the morning. The first two nights Electra retired to westward with Transport Group Able and returned in the morning to resume unloading. Air attacks were frequent during this period. On the third night Electra remained at anchor and late in the evening during an air attack had near miss by four bombs off the stern.

On the 18th U.S.S. Electra retired to northward with Task Group Able to refuel. This same morning burial services were held for a marine who had died of wounds received ashore.

After refueling the Task Group proceeded eastward due to reports of a Japanese Task Force en route to Marianas. At 1700 Electra developed engine trouble and received permission to return to Saipan with one escort. Electra arrived at her anchorage off Saipan in Berth B-48 at 0730 on 20 June 1944.

At mid-night the 20th U.S.S. Electra was under fire from Japanese assault boats attempting to land behind Marine lines. The ship got underway and shifted out of range until morning of 21st when she returned to anchorage. From this time on Electra remained at anchorage until unloaded. Unloading was completed on the 25th of June. During this latter period frequent air raids were experienced in one of which an LCT was hit close off the port side. Many wounded from the beach were treated on board Electra during her stay off Saipan.

Late afternoon of the 26th U.S.S. Electra got underway with other ships of Task Force and proceeded for Eniwetok Atoll. The voyage to Eniwetok was without incident and U.S.S. Electra arrived there on the 30th of June. The ship remained at Eniwetok over night and at 1800, 1 July 1944, got underway for Kwajalein Atoll in company with U.S.S. Hercules, and U.S.S. Jupiter, the Electra acting as guide and with OTC aboard. Arrived Kwajalein Atoll northern entrance on 3 July. Entered and proceeded down lagoon to southern anchorage off Kwajalein Island. The morning of the 4th she went alongside stone pier on Kwajalein to load empty gas drums. Completed loading drums the afternoon of the 5th and proceeded to sea via Cecil Pass. Outside joined convoy returning Hawaiian area.

On 10 July U.S.S. Electra developed engine trouble and convoy was slowed to Electra's speed of 9 knots. On the 12th the convoy left Electra to proceed independently with one escort. The ship then proceeded at 8 knots to Pearl Harbor arriving there on 13 July 1944 and proceeded to Navy Yard.

VII

U.S.S. Electra remained in the Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor, from 15 July to 26 July undergoing repairs. During this period, ship was dry-docked, the propeller changed to smaller revised type and the bottom painted. On the 27th trail runs were conducted off Oahu, T.H., the ship returning to Pier 25, Honolulu Harbor. The morning of the 28th she commenced embarking elements of the 82nd Army Division and their combat equipment. Completed loading the 82nd Division on 30 July and the ship was underway at 1600, joining Transport Division 20 in Task Group 32.16, enroute to Lahaina Roads. Arrived Lahaina Roads 31 July 1944. Conducted debarkation and amphibious training until 4 August. The afternoon of 4 August, U.S.S. Electra was underway for Honolulu Harbor, in company with Task Group 32.11, arriving there the morning of the 5th. Remained in Honolulu obtaining logistics until 11 August, when Electra was once more underway with Task Group 32.11 bound for Guadalcanal as a staging area for the Palau Operation. U.S.S. Electra was a unit of Transport Division 20 of which the U.S.S. Leonard Wood was flag, Commodore Loomis in command.

The voyage to Guadalcanal Island was uneventful the task group arriving there on 24 August 1944. From 24 August to 7 September practice amphibious landings were conducted on north shore of Guadalcanal and logistics completed at Tulagi, Florida Island.

At 0800 on 8 September U.S.S. Electra got underway with Transport Division 20 and joined task group 32.4 enroute to the assault on the Palau Islands. The approach to Palau was uneventful the task group arriving off there on 15 September.

The task group, of which U.S.S. Electra was a unit, conducted a feint on northern end of Babelthuap Island while assault was made on southern islands of this group. Early morning of the 17th U.S.S. Electra hove to in her assigned position off Anguar Island in company with other ships of the Anguar Assault Group. All Electra boats engaged in the initial assault on Anguar Island, the LCC from Electra acting as control boat off Red Beach. On the 18th U.S.S. Electra with Transport Division 20 shifted to transport area 4 close in to northern shore of Anguar and proceeded to unload equipment.

On 20 September 1944, Commander Charles S. Beightler, U.S.N., was detached as commanding officer U.S.S. Electra and the executive officer, Lieutenant-Commander Dennis S. Holler, U.S.N.R., became commanding officer in accordance with a Bureau Of Personnel Despatch.

Several "Red" alerts were experienced during the unloading phase and Electra was forced to shift berth once due to mortar fire from the beach.

At 1620 on 23 September the Electra got underway and joined with Task Unit 32.19.8 with Captain Hansen in command, proceeding to Manus Island. Arrived without incident at Manus Island on 27 September 1944. On October 3rd shifted to berth off Los Negros Island.

VIII

The morning of 4 October 1944, U.S.S. Electra began loading elements of the 1st Cavalry Division (dismounted) and their combat equipment. Completed loading 1st Cavalry Division on 7 October. The morning of the 8th the ship got underway in company with Task Group 78.2 and proceeded to outside islands where rehearsal landing was conducted. Task Group 78.2 proceeded back to Manus anchorage the same afternoon but remained outside due to arriving too late to enter. Entered Manus Harbor next morning 10 October and remained there until 12 October 1944.

Late afternoon of the 12th U.S.S. Electra got underway in company with Transport Division 20, which was a part of Task Group 78.2 en route to the initial assault on the Philippine Islands at Leyte.

The morning of 20 October 1944, paravanes were streamed by all ships including U.S.S. Electra. On recovery of paravanes, nine cables were found in Electra paravanes. One air raid was experienced while approaching the transport area off Tacloban, Leyte.

All U.S.S. Electra boats engaged in the initial assault waves on the Tacloban beaches. Later in the day Electra closed the beach and anchored. On the 22nd cargo unloading was expedited to enable Electra to join convoy leaving that evening. It was reported that a Japanese Task Force was approaching Surigao Straits. At 1700 the 22nd Electra was underway and joined the convoy leaving Leyte Gulf bound for Kossol Passage, Palau Islands, to rejoin the Transport Division 20 APA's which has sailed previously.

U.S.S. Electra arrived at Kossol Passage on 25 October 1944 and rejoined Transport Division 20. On the 28th the ship was once more underway with Transport Division 20, Task Group 78.13, for Guam to lift the 77th Infantry Division.

Task Group 78.13 arrived at Guam on 31 October and U.S.S. Electra moored to Pier Able, Apra Harbor. The morning of the 1st of November she began loading elements of the 77th Infantry Division and their combat equipment. Completed loading 77th Division on the 3rd and Electra got underway with Transport Division 20, Task Unit 78.13, bound for Noumea, New Caledonia. En route to Noumea, the orders were changed and Task Group 78.13 proceeded to Secador Harbor, Manus Island, arriving there on 15 November 1944.

U.S.S. Electra left Manus on 17 November with Task Group 78.13 bound for Leyte. En route to Leyte on the night of 22 November the Task Group was attacked by Japanese torpedo planes. No ships were damaged. Arrived off Leyte in area Easy on the 23rd and began landing the 77th Division. Completed landing the 77th Division on the 24th. U.S.S. Electra with Task Group 78.13 was under air attack several times during unloading period, on ship being slightly damaged by a Japanese plane which fell in flames.

Task Group 78.13 got underway at 1700 on 24 November bound for Hollandia, New Guinea. U.S.S. Electra arrived at Hollandia on 29 November in company with Task Group 78.13.

The period from 29 November to 11 December 1944 was designated repair and upkeep period. On 12 December Task Group 78.13 got underway with Electra as a unit of Transport Division 20 and proceeded to Sansapor, New Guinea, arriving there 14 December, U.S.S. Electra anchoring in berth 15.

The morning of the 16th U.S.S. Electra began embarking elements of the 6th Infantry Division, U.S. Army, and their combat equipment. Completed loading 6th Infantry Division on 18 December. The period from 18 December to 30 December was utilized for upkeep and logistics. During the period two air raids were experienced in one of which a Japanese bomber was shot down.

On 30 December U.S.S. Electra got underway in company with Transport Division 20, a unit of Task Group 78.5, bound for the assault landing at Lingayen Gulf, Luzon Island, Philippine Islands. En route to Lingayen off the coast of Luzon, Task Group 78.5 was attacked by a Japanese destroyer which was quickly sunk by our screen. The next morning, 8 January 1945, the Task Group was attacked by enemy planes on several occasions. Two of this group were damaged by suicide planes, but U.S.S. Electra was untouched.

Early morning while entering Lingayen Gulf, U.S.S. Electra cut a mine with her port paravane. It was lost in the dark and not exploded. The ship proceeded to her position in transport area without further incident. All Electra boats were despatched and took part in the initial landing off Blue Beach. U.S.S. Electra remained at anchor in the transport area unloading intermittently between air raids. The ship was attacked several times during this period by enemy planes and once was straddled by a stick of bombs but was undamaged except for small shrapnel holes and six men wounded, all army personnel.

At 1700 on the 11th U.S.S. Electra was completely unloaded and got underway joining a returning convoy en route to Leyte Island. She arrived in area Easy off Leyte Island and anchored on 14 January. The period from 14 January to 18 January was utilized for repair and logistics. At this time U.S.S. Electra had developed trouble with her main generators and was having difficulty maintaining sufficient auxiliary power.

On the 18th U.S.S. Electra got underway with Reinforcement Group Baker 78.6, Captain Abbot in command, bound for Biak Island, New Guinea. Arrived Biak Island on 22 January 1945. Early next morning began loading elements of the 41st Infantry Division U.S.A., and their combat equipment. Completed loading the 41st Division on the 25th. Some difficulty was experienced by Electra in loading due to generator casualties. With aid from other ships U.S.S. Electra was able to make temporary repairs to her generators and so was made ready for sea.

U.S.S. Electra got underway at 0000 on 3 February to join with Task Group 78.6 which had sailed earlier. Joined with Task Group 78.6 later in the morning, bound for Mindoro Island, Philippine Islands. Arrived at Mindoro, Philippine Islands, on 9 February without incident and began landing the 41st Infantry Division, U. S. A., and their equipment. Completed unloading the 41st Division at mid-night of the same day. At 1200 U.S.S. Electra was underway with Task Unit 78.6 for Leyte. Arrived Leyte on 12th February and anchored in San Pedro Harbor.

On 15th February 1945, U.S.S. Electra was again underway in company with convoy proceeding to Ulithi Atoll. Arrived Ulithi Atoll on 19 February and anchored in Ulithi Lagoon. U.S.S. Electra remained at anchor until 5 March 1945, undergoing repairs to generators and general upkeep.

On 5 March U.S.S. Electra joined with Task Unit 12.6.1, Commodore Graf in command, and proceeded to sea bound for Iwo Jima, to lift the 5th Marine Division. From 12 March until 18 March this Task Unit cruised in Area south of Iwo Jima, proceeding to anchorage off Iwo Jima on the 18th. U.S.S. Electra began embarking elements of the 5th Marine Division on the 22nd. Completed loading 5th Marine Division on the 26th of March.

On the 27th U.S.S. Electra proceeded to sea with Task Unit 51.29.6, Commodore Graf in command, bound for Eniwetok Atoll. This unit arrived Eniwetok on 2 April 1945, and sailed from there on 4 April 1945, bound for Hilo, Hawaii, T. H. The voyage to Hilo was uneventful and U.S.S. Electra was moored to Pier 3 Hilo on 12 April 1945. Unloading of 5th Marine Division began immediately. Completed unloading 5th Marine Division on 14 April and sailed for Pearl Harbor, T. H., same day, arriving there on 15 April.

U.S.S. Electra received orders in Pearl Harbor to proceed to San Francisco for 60 days overhaul. The ship left on 16 April in compliance with these orders and arrived in San Francisco on 23 April 1945, going immediately into Pier 36 Watson Steam Ship Company dock for 60 days overhaul period.

IX

From April 23, 1945 to 24 June U.S.S. Electra was tied up at Pier 36 undergoing overhaul. During this period all new generators were installed. During trial runs after overhaul, wrist pins in main engines froze. This casualty decided AIM that all new wrist pins should be installed and U.S.S. Electra was granted an extension of overhaul period to 10 July. On the 9th successful sea trials were conducted and at 0100 on the 10th Electra was underway for San Diego for seven days refresher training arriving there the afternoon of the 11th.

During the period from 12 July to 17 July, refresher training was conducted on U.S.S. Electra off San Diego. At noon the 18th the ship was underway to Long Beach, California, to load cargo for Honolulu, T. H. Arrived at Long Beach the evening of the 18th and anchored in outer harbor.

U.S.S. Electra shifted to Pier 51 Long Beach on the morning of the 19th and began loading drums of asphalt. Completed loading on the 24th and sailed for San Francisco at 0800. Arrived San Francisco on the 25th and began loading general cargo from Pier 50. Completed loading from Pier 50 on 28 July and sailed for Honolulu, T. H., the same day.

X

U.S.S. Electra proceeded alone to Honolulu, T. H., arriving there on the 3rd of August 1945. She moored to Pier 31 and began unloading cargo. Completed unloading cargo on 6 August. On 8 August the ship sailed to Pearl Harbor and moored to berth X-18. U.S.S. Electra remained at berth X-18 until 25 August, being there when the Japanese accepted our surrender terms.

On the 25th U.S.S. Electra proceeded to Honolulu Harbor, and began loading elements of the 98th Infantry Division, U. S. A., and their combat equipment. Completed loading the 98th Infantry Division on 28 August and the ship returned to Pearl Harbor on the 29th where she remained until the 6th of September 1945. On that day U.S.S. Electra got underway and joined up with Wakayama Task Group Baker, Commodore Meyer in command. The Electra was a unit of Transport Division 52. This group was bound for Saipan and arrived there on the 19th, Electra anchoring in her assigned berth off Garapan. Logistics completed during the period 20 and 21 September.

On the morning of the 22nd this group got underway for Wakayama, Japan. The voyage there was without incident and all ships arrived in the transport area off Blue Beach, Wakayama, Japan, on the 27th of September 1945, U.S.S. Electra anchoring in berth 3. The 98th Division occupation troops were landed on schedule and Electra began unloading embarked equipment. Completed unloading on 29 September and remained at anchor awaiting orders.

On 1 October 1945, U.S.S. Electra got underway with three other AKA's and one APA, plus 1 LSV for Lingayon Gulf, Philippine Islands, ordered to report there for further orders.

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To : The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
Via : (1) Commander Transport Division 28 (OTU 52.3.3
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(2) Commander Transport Group Able (OTG 52.3, CTD
18 in USS MONROVIA).
(3) Commander Western Landing Group (OTG 52.2 in
USS GAMBRIA).
(4) Commander Northern Attack Force (OTF 52 in
USS ROCKY MOUNT).
(5) Commander in Chief Pacific Ocean Areas.
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Enclosure:

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1. For a routine account of this operation from time of leaving port until 1300 K, 14 June 1944, see report of OTG 52.2, Commander Western Landing Group.

2. PART I - GENERAL NARRATIVE.

(a) The action, the major object of which was the capture, occupation and defense of Saipan by Task Force 52, consisted for the ELECTRA AVA-4, in landing on 15 June 1944, five (5) light tanks and three (3) medium tanks, and the launching and dispatching of four LVT's and five (5) LVP's to the floating supply dump, one (1) LCC and other ship's boats for employment during the assault, and the provision of miscellaneous material on call during that day; thereafter until departure on 26 June 1944, discharging the remainder of 110 vehicles and 2858 tons of other combat and reserve cargo on call and in addition 1080 rounds of 6" cruiser ammunition.

3. The ELECTRA was in the Transport Area during daylight from 15 to 17 June, and from 20 to 26 June, and during darkness on 16 June, 20 to 22 June, and 24 June; at other times was absent from the Transport Area in retirement as directed. During this period general unloading by this ship was permitted beginning at 1725 on 22 June, theretofore unloading being on call, all ship's boats being engaged from 20 to 22 June in unloading other ships. Night unloading was hampered by frequent alerts. Unloading was

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completed at 1230 K, 26 June and the ELECTRA departed with TG 51.18 at 1730 for Eniwetok.

Enroute from Pearl Harbor to Eniwetok a knock was occasionally heard in #8 cylinder of the port engine which disappeared with regulation of the fuel pump. Sufficient time was not available at Eniwetok to disassemble the cylinder to determine whether the knock was caused by something other than fuel regulation. Between Eniwetok and the objective the knock recurred but it was then thought no derangement of a serious nature would occur, at least until after the assault phase and so it turned out. The cylinder did fail while the ship was in retirement on 19 June and the ELECTRA was directed to return to the Transport Area at Saipan while repairs were made because it was thought two (2) days would be required to make the repairs. Actually the damage was less than expected and repairs were completed before arrival at the Transport Area the next morning.

(b) See report of CTG 52.2.

(c) See report of CTG 52.2.

(d) No enemy surface ships or craft were sighted at anytime. Enemy air attacks at about 1845, 15 June, at about 0150, 22 June, and 2040, 24 June 1944 are discussed below. The only enemy aircraft sighted were four planes believed to be HAMPs, which appeared over the Transport Area at 1832 on 15 June 1944 at an elevation of about 8000 feet, fairly closely grouped but in no particular formation.

(e) Wind, sea and visibility conditions were generally excellent.

3. PART II - CHRONOLOGY. (All times Zone - 10.)

Marginal asterisks indicate that enemy contacts or actions against an enemy are mentioned in the text opposite.

14 June 1944.

1300 - Underway with Task Group 52.16. 1305 K Appasack Plan No. 18-44 became effective and Transport Groups Able and Baker joined. Transport Divisions 10 and 30 with their screen withdrew to form the Demonstration Group. ELECTRA, as a part of Transport Group Able, became a unit of the Advance Group, T.G. 52.15 of the Northern Attack Force, T.F. 52, Vice Admiral R. K. Turner, U.S.N., in USS ROCKY MOUNT (AGC-3) in command.

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15 June 1944.

Approaching Saipan in accordance with the Approach Plan. 0500 set Condition IA. 0530 arrived in Transport Area and Attack Order All-44 became effective. Stopped, lay to and launched and dispatched boats and LVT's and bated five (5) light tanks. 0815 completed above. 0900 on signal, moved in at storage-way toward berth A-11, following other ships in the Division. 1130 arrived at point halfway between berth A-11 and Transport Area 1 and lay to following motions of Division Flagship. 1212 LCT #358 came alongside to receive medium tanks. 1258 LCT #358 departed with three (3) medium tanks. * 1832 while lying to in the Transport Area, went to General Quarters on orders from O.T.C. and at 1845 on orders from O.T.C. ships in Transport Area opened fire on four (4) enemy planes sighted through the clouds at about 8000 feet. No hits were observed. Planes appeared to be HANPS. Ships in Transport Area were maneuvered by emergency turns. All ships retired on orders by Transport Groups, this ship with Transport Group Able on a westerly course at 1850. 1954 air attack over, set Condition Watch.

16 June 1944.

Returning toward Transport Area on an easterly course from retirement. * 0500 went to General Quarters on orders of O.T.C. and at 0522 opened fire with port 3"50 and 20 M.M. batteries at unidentified plane bearing 315° true. It is now believed this plane was a BETTY. Position angle 20°, range 6000 yards. 0523 opened fire with starboard 3"50 and 20 M.M. at unidentified plane bearing 170° t., position angle 10°, range 5000 yards on course about 110°. This plane appeared to be a BETTY, and shortly after it was taken under fire veered away to the right and disappeared in the clouds in the direction of Finian. It was displaying running lights. Either or both of the planes fired on at this time may have been friendly. In fact firing was ceased on order of Commander Transport Group Able who directed that ships cease fire on "friendly planes". Neither plane is believed to have been hit. 0528 ceased firing. 0540 set Condition IA Watch, lay to and began unloading priority cargo into LCT's which came alongside. Moved into Transport Area #3 and anchored at 0615. During the day fueled, watered and provisioned several smaller diesel craft.

17 June 1944.

Anchored in berth B-27, Transport Area #3, discharging cargo on call, but few calls were received. 1653, on signal, got underway with Transport Group Able and retired to the northward. * 1755 enemy planes appeared over the Transport Area this Group had left an hour before and were taken under heavy fire by small craft in the vicinity of the Transport Area. Went to General Quarters

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on signal from Commander Transport Group Able, and immediately ordered the Gunnery Officer to get ready to make smoke. When shortly afterward the flag hoist signal to prepare to make smoke was hoisted by Commander Transport Group Able, (OTG), I inadvertently directed the Gunnery Officer to make smoke and it was promptly done. Realizing the mistake I had ordered it stopped just before the O.T.C. took action to cease. 1940 no attack on the Group having developed, on orders from the O.T.C., set a condition watch. Continued retirement to the northeastward.

18 June 1944.

Retiring with Transport Group Able to the northeastward, changing to an easterly course at 0640. Rendezvoused with oilers and at 0654 designated transports began fueling. Fueling course was easterly in the forenoon, westerly in the afternoon. Speed during fueling was 8 knots. 1944 speed was changed to 13.5 knots and formation course was changed successively to the left during the night to an easterly course.

19 June 1944.

Underway during entire day in area northeast of Saipan with Transport Group Able. 1100 #8 cylinder of the port engine became defective reducing our speed to 10 knots, using the starboard engine only. 1305 OTG 51.1 in PIERMONT with Transport Division 32 joined as starboard column of this group and assumed tactical command. At 1459 on orders from OTG 51.1 proceeded on course 250° t. with USS DIXON (DE 251) independently toward Transport Area off Saipan at 10 knots. Repairs to defective cylinder being made.

20 June 1944.

Proceeding toward the Saipan Transport Area escorted by the USS DIXON (DE 251). 0233 completed repairs to #8 cylinder, port engine. At first thought to have a leaky cylinder liner and a cracked piston, derangement consisted of broken piston rings and a cracked piston. The liner was all right. The derangement is believed to have been caused by the excessive number of times engines had to pass through vibration range (11 to 12 knots) to keep station astern of USS DIXON in column. This is believed to be due to the difference in type of the DIXON and that that ship, being visual relaying vessel for messages, was regularly stationed a little to one side of the column. 0334 cut in port engine and proceeded at 12.5 knots. Arrived at Transport Area at 0600 and was directed by OTG 52.2 to anchor in berth B-48 at 0730 but not to unload,

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but to send our boats to Commander Control Group to unload other ships. This was done. Provisioned several smaller craft and overhauled LCVP's for vessels unloading. 0954 shot down a tired Japanese carrier pigeon from our triatic stay and sent the leg bands to CTF 52.2 Intelligence Officer. There was no message.

21 June 1944.

- * Anchored in berth B-48, Saipan anchorage. * 0035 backed clear at sternway of a developing melee involving a U.S. Destroyer and LCI's to the northward and some unidentified (in fact unseen, except their gunfire) small surface craft which appeared to be approaching us between the destroyer and the LCI's. 0100 anchored in a nearby berth clear of the melee and remained there during the night, returning to berth B-48 at 0605. Continued repairing LCVP's for other ships and unloaded a few items on call. 1700 Transport Group Able returned to Transport Area and began unloading. All of our boats were ordered to assist.

22 June 1944.

- * Anchored in berth B-48, Saipan anchorage. * 0150 while at General Quarters, unobserved enemy planes dropped stick of four (4) bombs (about 100 lbs.) straddling USS CLAY in berth B-46, adjacent, last bomb of stick landing about 350 yards on our port quarter. Smoke was not in use at this time. 1035 transferred 2 LCM's to Saipan Boat Pool. During the day fueled LST's and smaller diesel craft. 1725 began general unloading, beginning with vehicles, into an LCT. 1830 Transport Group Able (less Transport Division 10) got underway and departed.

23 June 1944.

Anchored in berth B-48, Saipan anchorage, unloading into LCT's, pontoon barges, ship's boats and an LST. The LST did not prove very suitable inasmuch as cargo had to be distributed and stacked and in the case of ammunition would have had to be struck below and stacked there. Ammunition was discharged into ship's boats. 1818 retired with ships of Transport Group Baker to westward. CTF 52 in ROCKY MOUNT, OTC.

24 June 1944.

Returning to Transport Area, Saipan, after night retirement. 0754 anchored in berth B-65 and resumed unloading. 1355 - 1645 transferred cruiser ammunition to LST 130. 1835, on departure of Transport Group Baker, shifted to berth

- * B-64 and continued unloading. * 1918 enemy planes reported in vicinity.

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Went to General Quarters. Made smoke according to plan on orders. 1945 secured from General Quarters. @ 2040 went to General Quarters again because of enemy aircraft. Made smoke according to plan on orders of OTC, CTF 52. A string of about six (6) flares were dropped by enemy aircraft on a northerly course, the first flare landing in the water about 25 feet to starboard. Smoke was very effective, apparently, although firing of A.A. M.G.'s by LST's, LCI's and other smaller craft inshore and adjacent to the Transport Area may have outlined the area rather plainly. Although the O.T.C. cautioned all in the Transport Area by T.B.S. to cease firing, no large ships in the area near the ELECTRA were observed by me to be firing. The ELECTRA did no firing at all while at anchor in the Transport Area at anytime. During this attack, no planes were sighted. No bombs were observed nor torpedo wakes observed in the vicinity. Insofar as this ship is concerned it was considered that the smoke enveloping us effectively prevented such an attack. 2220 resumed Condition IA and continued unloading.

25 June 1944.

In berth B-65, Saipan anchorage unloading. Fueled various LCI 's. 1700 retired for the night on a westerly course with various units of Task Group 51.1, CGC 51.1 in VERMONT, O.T.C.

26 June 1944.

Returned on an easterly course to the Transport Area from retirement. 0615 anchored in berth B-64 and continued unloading. Fueled various small diesel craft during the day. 1245 completed unloading cargo. After transferring excess ammunition and transferring casualties as directed, got underway as part of TG 51.13 to proceed to Eniwetok. CGC 51.13 was Rear Admiral W. P. Blandy, U.S.N., in USS VERMONT.

27 June 1944 to 30 June 1944

Enroute Eniwetok, arriving at 1229. ELECTRA was there directed to report to SCOM for further orders which was done.

4.

PART III - ORDNANCE MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT

(1) OWN ORDNANCE MATERIAL.

- (a) (1) There were no material deficiencies.
(2) Fire discipline was poor, several 20 M.M. guns opening fire because other ships did, without orders. Gunnery communications were adequate. No surface targets were fired upon.

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(b) Total rounds of ammunition expended:

13-3"-50 Cal., 760 - 20 M.M.

(c) Anti-aircraft firing from this ship did not result in bringing down any planes.

(2) ENEMY ORDNANCE MATERIAL

The only enemy ordnance material I observed were 4 - 100 lb. bombs which straddled the CLAY and the six flares dropped close aboard the ELECTRA. This material seemed to work all right.

5. PART IV - BATTLE DAMAGE.

This ship sustained no battle damage and observed no enemy battle damage closely enough to justify any comments.

6. PART V - SPECIAL COMMENT.

(a)(1) From the standpoint of this ship, communications were adequate and very satisfactory, except that the lack of a second flagbag hampered the ship somewhat in keeping up with other ships in flaghoist signalling. An additional flagbag has been authorized for installation.

(2) Enemy communications were not observed.

(b) SC-2, range 60-70 miles on high flying single aircraft; up to 90 miles for large groups. Search.
SH, range 30,000 yards for a large surface target; destroyers up to 20,000 yards. Search.

(c) It is believed that the use of smoke definitely frustrated effective attacks on ships in the Transport Area.

(h)(1) Engineering. Two derangements each involving serious derangement of a cylinder of the main engines occurred between time of departure from Pearl Harbor and return thereto. Both resulted from fragmentation of piston rings, believed by the Commanding Officer to have been caused by a weakening of these rings due to the excessive

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number of times the engines had to pass through the vibration range (11 to 12 knots) to maintain station in formation.

- (2) This ship needs an additional source of power so that all hatches can be operated in the Transport Area for heavy loads. An alteration to provide another 300 KW generator has been authorized since September 1943, but the generator has not yet been installed.
- (3) Medical. See report of the Medical Officer and Casualty and Casualty Evacuation Report, Enclosures "B" and "C".

7.

PART VI - PERSONNEL PERFORMANCE AND CASUALTIES.

Personnel performance was all that could be desired.

- (a) One member of the ship's company, BURGILL, Herchel Samuel, Slt, V-6, U.S.N.R. - SV, #841-63-91 as reported to Secnav in Enclosure "D", was a member of the crew of an LCVP and was killed while in the boat by enemy fire. See also Enclosures "D" and "C" attached for additional casualties handled on board.

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20 August 1944.

From: The Executive Officer.
To: The Commanding Officer.
Subject: Action Report, Marianas Operation,
Saipan Phase.
Reference: (a) Art. 948, U.S. Navy Regulations.

1. Having read the basic report of subject action and assisted in its preparation, I have no report of noteworthy incidents that have not been covered therein that came to my notice. The conduct of my subordinates was at all times excellent. I can cite no individual instances deserving praise or censure.


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From: The Medical Officer.
To : The Commanding Officer.
Subject: Action Report, of the Medical Department in the
Marianas Operation (Saipan).

1. Thirty seven casualties were handled by this ship, none of them being personnel attached to this ship. Of these, one died and was buried at sea, ten were returned to duty, seventeen were transferred to other ships for evacuation from the area, and nine were evacuated from the area on board this ship.
2. Medical facilities on board were, on the whole, adequate and well balanced. A request for ten therapeutic units of gas gangrene antitoxin was made and promptly filled by a nearby ship. Requests for "all available" plasma and "all available" stretchers were received by this ship. It was felt at the time that a request for a specific number of either item, or for a certain percentage of the total number on board could have been more intelligently met, at the same time not impairing the ability of the medical department to fulfill its function. A request on the part of this ship for penicillin was not met owing to the fact that this ship had been held in the area to unload cargo, and did not appear on the list of ships to receive penicillin from the flagship of the transport division to which it was then attached.
3. Medical Department personnel, consisting of one medical officer and six hospital corpsmen, were able to cope with the situation at all times during this engagement.
4. Excellent cooperation was obtained from other departments on this ship.

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Serial 028

From: The Medical Officer.
To : The Adjutant General, U.S. Army, (Casualty
Section), Washington, D. C.
Via : The Commanding Officer.
Subject: Casualty and Casualty Evacuation Report.
Reference: (a) AdmComFIFTHPhibFor Cir.Ltr. No. 104 AL-44,
Dated 11 January 1944.
(b) Paragraph 888, 2901, 2903, 2904, 3514,
Manual of the Medical Department, U.S. Navy.

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), the
following report is submitted herewith:

I. Battle Casualties, Army Personnel.

(A) Officers.

1. HAMMOND, Wayne, 2nd Lt. USA, O-1308038.
Seriously wounded in action.
Date and place of casualty - 6-20-44, Saipan Island.
Duty Status - In the line of duty.
Diagnosis - Wound, Bayonet, Right leg. Key "K".
Prognosis - Favorable.
Flying Status - None.
Source of admission - From beach. Attached to
Co. C, 105th Inf., 27th Division.
Disposition - Transferred to U.S.S. Bolivar,
6-22-44, for evacuation.

(B) Enlisted Men.

1. ANTONICH, Virgil Richard, Cpl. USA, 19118170.
Slightly wounded in action (requires hospitalization)
Date and place of casualty - 6-24-44, Saipan Island.
Duty Status - In the line of duty.
Diagnosis - Shrapnel Wound, Right Arm, Key "K".
Prognosis - Favorable.
Flying status - None.
Source of admission - From beach. Attached to Co. K,
106th Inf., 27th Division.
Disposition - Transferred to beach, to return to
duty.

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2. CAPONETTI, Joseph (None), Pfc USA, 20250756.
Slightly wounded in action (requires hospitalization).
Date and place of casualty - 6-23-44, Saipan Island.
Duty status - In the line of duty.
Diagnosis - Wound, Shrapnel, Dorsum, Left Foot, Key "K".
Prognosis - Favorable.
Flying status - None.
Source of admission - 38th Field Hospital. Attached to Co. D, 165th Inf., 27th Division.
Disposition - Transferred to 147 General Hospital, 7-13-44.
3. DINGWELL, Cecil, Pfc USA, 36858548.
Seriously wounded in action.
Date and place of casualty - 6-20-44, Saipan Island.
Duty status - In the line of duty.
Diagnosis - Wound, Gunshot, Right foot and leg. Key "K".
Prognosis - Favorable.
Flying status - None.
Source of admission - From Beach. Attached to 27th Division
Disposition - Transferred to U.S.S. Bolivar, 6-22-44, for evacuation.
4. LA ROCHE, Billy R., Pfc USA, 38398832.
Seriously wounded in action.
Date and place of casualty - 6-21-44, Saipan Island.
Duty status - In the line of duty.
Diagnosis - Wound, (Cause Unknown) Left Leg. Key "K".
Prognosis - Serious.
Flying status - None.
Source of admission - From beach. Attached to 105th Inf., 27th Division.
Disposition - Transferred to U.S.S. Bolivar, 6-22-44, for evacuation.
5. MOORE, Charles J., Pfc USA, 35108642.
Slightly wounded in action (requires hospitalization).
Date and Place of casualty - 6-24-44, Saipan Island.
Duty status - In the line of duty.
Diagnosis - Wound, Gunshot, Right Arm. Key "K"
Prognosis - Favorable.
Flying status - None.
Disposition - Transferred to U.S.S. Bolivar, 6-22-44, for evacuation.

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6. RIGGS, Pete (None), Pfc USA, 38300133.
 Seriously wounded in action.
 Date and place of casualty - 6-23-44, Saipan Island.
 Duty status - In the line of duty.
 Diagnosis - Wound, Shrapnel, Right Shoulder. Key "K".
 Prognosis - Favorable.
 Flying status - None.
 Source of admission. 38th Field Hospital.
 Attached to Co. G, 165th Inf., 27th Division.
 Disposition - Transferred to 147 General Hospital, 7-13-44.
7. RUDD, James R., Pfc USA, 69060788.
 Seriously wounded in action.
 Date and place of casualty - 6-21-44, Saipan Island.
 Duty status - In the line of duty.
 Diagnosis - Wound, (Cause unknown) Left arm and chest. Key "K".
 Prognosis - Serious.
 Flying status - None.
 Source of admission - From beach. Attached to Co. I, 165th Inf., 27th Division.
 Disposition - Transferred to U.S.S. Bolivar, 6-22-44, for evacuation.
8. SACPUTO, Joseph F., Pfc USA, 32004580.
 Slightly wounded in action (requires hospitalization)
 Date and place of casualty - 6-23-44, Saipan Island.
 Duty status - In the line of duty.
 Diagnosis - Wounds, Multiple, Left Leg and Right Check. Key "K".
 Prognosis - Favorable.
 Flying status - None.
 Source of admission - 38th Field Hospital.
 Attached to Headquarters Co. 3rd Bn. 106th Inf.
 Disposition - Transferred to 147 General Hospital, 7-13-44.
9. SUSOEFF, William F., Pfc USA, 39009530.
 Slightly wounded in action (requires hospitalization)
 Date and place of casualty - 6-21-44, Saipan Island.
 Duty status - In the line of duty.
 Diagnosis - Wound, Gunshot, Right Hand. Key "K"
 Prognosis - Favorable.
 Flying status - None.
 Source of admission - From beach. Attached to Co. I, 165 Inf., 27th Division.
 Disposition - Transferred to U.S.S. Bolivar, 6-22-44.

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10. WALKER, William H., Pfc USA, 35212248.
Seriously wounded in action.
Date and place of casualty - 6-23-44, Saipan Island.
Duty status - In the line of duty.
Diagnosis - Wound, Gunshot, Chest. Key "K"
Prognosis - Favorable.
Flying status - None.
Source of admission - 38th Field Hospital. Attached to Co. F, 165th Inf., 27th Division.
Disposition - Transferred to 147 General Hospital, 7-13-44.
11. ZABEL, Harold M., Pfc, USA, 36804086.
Slightly wounded in action (requires hospitalization)
Date and place of casualty - 6-23-44, Saipan Island.
Duty status - In the line of duty.
Diagnosis - Wound, Shrapnel, Right leg and Right shoulder. Key "K7".
Prognosis - Favorable.
Flying status - None.
Source of admission - From beach. Attached to Co. L, 106th Inf., 27th Division.
Disposition - Transferred to 147 General Hospital, 7-13-44.

II. Non Battle Casualties, Army Personnel

There were no non battle casualties on board this vessel of Army Officers.

A. Enlisted Men.

1. DECKER, Bert L., Pfc US^A. 20203341.
Condition not the result of enemy action.
Date and place of casualty - 6-21-44, Saipan Island.
Duty status - In the line of duty.
Diagnosis - DU(Medical Observation)
Prognosis - Favorable.
Flying status - None.
Source of admission - From beach. Attached to Cp.M, 105th Inf., 27th Division.
Disposition - Transferred to U.S.S. Bolivar, 6-22-44, for evacuation.

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To : The Secretary of the Navy, Navy Department,
Washington, D.C.
Via : The Commanding Officer.
Subject: Casualty and Casualty Evacuation Report.
Reference: (a) AdmComFIFTHPhibForCirLtr. No. 104, AL-44,
Dated 11 January 1944.
(b) Paragraph 886, 2901, 2903, 2904, 3514,
Manual of the Medical Department, U.S. Navy.

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), the following report is submitted herewith:

1. Battle Casualties, Marine Personnel.

(A) Officers.

There were no battle casualties on board this vessel of Marine Officers.

(B) Enlisted Men.

1. CABLE, Raymond Schede, Cpl USMCR, 460889.
Slightly injured in action (requires hospitalization)
Date and place of casualty - 6-16-44, Saipan Island.
Duty status - In the line of duty.
Diagnosis - Fatigue (Combat)
Prognosis - Favorable.
Flying status - None.
Source of admission - From LST 226. Attached to Co B,
1st Bn., 24th Marines, 4th Division.
Disposition - To duty, 6-24-44.
2. CERNILOGAR, James Edward, Pfc USMCR, 897194.
Slightly wounded in action (requires hospitalization)
Date and place of casualty - 6-24-44, Saipan Island.
Duty status - In the line of duty.
Diagnosis - Wounds, Shrapnel, Left Leg, Right Foot.
Key Letter - "K".
Prognosis - Favorable.
Flying status - None.
Source of admission - From beach. Attached to Co L,
3rd Bn., 24th Marines, 4th Division.
Disposition - Transferred to U.S. Naval Base,
Hospital 128.

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3. DENMAN, Jack Morris, Pfc USMCR, 875609.
Slightly wounded in action (requires hospitalization)
Date and place of casualty - 6-26-44, Saipan Island.
Duty status - in the line of duty.
Diagnosis - Wounds, Fragment, Shell, Neck, Key "K".
Prognosis - Favorable.
Flying status - None.
Source of admission - "B" 2nd Med Bn. 2nd Marine Div.
Disposition - Transferred to U.S. Naval Base,
Hospital 128.
4. FORST, Edward Freeman, Pfc USMCR, 170810.
Seriously wounded in action.
Date and place of casualty - 6-16-44, Saipan Island.
Duty status - In the line of duty.
Diagnosis - Wound, Punctured, (Shrapnel wound neck)
Key letter "K"
Prognosis - Favorable.
Flying status - None.
Source of admission - From beach. Attached to Co G.,
2nd Bn., 24th Marines, 4th Division.
Disposition - Transferred to USS Bolivar for
evacuation, 6-22-44.
5. HACKETT, Edward Joseph, Pfc USMCR, 464927.
Slightly wounded in action (requires hospitalization)
Date and place of casualty - 6-16-44, Saipan Island.
Duty status - In the line of duty.
Diagnosis - Wounds, Multiple, Right Shoulder, Key "K".
Prognosis - Favorable.
Flying status - None.
Source of admission - From beach. Attached to Co A,
1st Bn., 24th Marines, 4th Division.
Disposition - Transferred to U.S.S. Bolivar for
evacuation, 6-22-44.
6. JUNG, Richard Frederick, Pfc, USMCR, 530219.
Slightly wounded in action (requires hospitalization)
Date and place of casualty - 6-24-44, Saipan Island.
Duty status - In the line of duty.
Diagnosis - Wound, Gunshot, Left Thigh, Key "K".
Prognosis - Favorable.
Flying status - None.
Source of admission - 38th Field Hospital.
Attached to Co C, 1st Bn., 24th Marines, 4th Division.
Disposition - Transferred to U.S.S. Bolivar for
evacuation, 6-26-44.

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7. KINGSLEY, Marlon Robert, Pvt. USMCR, 413438.
Slightly injured in action (required hospitalization)
Date and place of casualty - 6-15-44, Saipan Island.
Duty status - In the line of duty.
Diagnosis - Sprain - Right ankle.
Prognosis - Favorable.
Flying status - None.
Source of admission - From LST 226, Attached to Co L,
3rd Bn. 23rd Marines, 4th Division.
Disposition - To duty 6-24-44.
8. MOHR, Jacob F., Pfc USMCR, 450351.
Slightly injured in action (requires hospitalization)
Date and place of casualty - 6-16-44, Saipan Island.
Duty status - In the line of duty.
Diagnosis - Compression (Blast injury).
Prognosis - Favorable.
Flying status - None.
Source of admission - From beach. Attached to Headq. Co.
1st Bn. 24th Marines, 4th Division.
Disposition - To duty, 6-18-44.
9. PURSER, Charles Ray, Pfc USMCR, 437385.
Slightly wounded in action. (requires hospitalization)
Date and place of casualty - 6-18-44, Saipan Island.
Duty status - In the line of duty.
Diagnosis - Wounds, Gunshot, face and left hand. Key "K".
Prognosis - Favorable.
Flying status - None.
Source of admission - From LST 226. Attached to Co F,
2nd Bn. 23rd Marines, 4th Division.
Disposition - Transferred to U.S.S. Samaritan for
evacuation, 6-24-44.
10. RICHARDSON, Homer Maxwell, Pfc USMCR, 831903.
Slightly wounded in action (requires hospitalization)
Date and place of casualty - 6-16-44, Saipan Island.
Duty status - In the line of duty.
Diagnosis - Wound, Gunshot, Right knee, Key "K".
Prognosis - Favorable.
Flying status - None.
Source of admission - From LST 226. Attached to Co F.,
2nd. Bn. 23rd Marines, 4th Division.
Disposition - Transferred to U.S.S. Samaritan for
evacuation, 6-24-44.

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11. RIVARD, Joseph Victor Donor, Cpl USMCR, 409107.
Seriously wounded in action.
Date and place of casualty - 6-24-44, Saipan Island.
Duty status - In the line of duty.
Diagnosis - Wound, Shrapnel, Both legs. Key "K".
Prognosis - Serious.
Flying status - None.
Source of admission - From Beach. Attached to D Batt.
2nd Bn. 14th Marines, 4th Division.
Disposition - Transferred to U.S.S. Cavalier for
evacuation.
12. ROBATIN, Michael Lawrence, Cpl USMCR, 437301.
Slightly wounded in action (requires hospitalization)
Date and place of casualty - 6-15-44, Saipan Island.
Duty status - In the line of duty.
Diagnosis - Wound, Infected, Right hand, Key "K".
Prognosis - Favorable.
Flying status - None.
Source of admission - From LST 226. Attached to CO F,
2nd Bn. 23rd Marines, 4th Division.
Disposition - Transferred to U.S.S. Samaritan for
evacuation 6-24-44.
13. SUTHERLAND, Clayton Comar, Pfc USMCR, 497485.
Died as the result of wounds received in action.
Date and place of casualty - 6-16-44, Saipan Island.
Duty status - In the line of duty.
Diagnosis - Wound, Penetrating, Right Chest. Key "K".
Prognosis - Fatal.
Flying status - None.
Source of admission - From Beach. Attached to Co G,
2nd Bn. 24th Marines, 4th Division.
Disposition - Buried at sea, Latitude 15°-59'-38" N.
Longitude 148°-22'-20" N.
14. WATKINS, John M., Pfc USMCR, 511414.
Slightly wounded in action (requires hospitalization)
Date and place of casualty - 6-16-44, Saipan Island.
Duty status - In the line of duty.
Diagnosis - Wound, shrapnel, Right Leg. Key "K".
Prognosis - Favorable.
Flying status - None.
Source of admission - From Beach. Attached to Co C,
2nd Bn. 24th Marines, 4th Division.
Disposition - Transferred to U.S.S. Prince George,
6-22-44, to return to duty.

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II. Non Battle Casualties, Marine Personnel.

(A) Officers.

There were no non battle casualties on board this vessel of Marine Officers.

(B) Enlisted Men.

1. CZEPIEL, John Joseph, Pfc USMCR, 460337.
Psychoneurosis or mental disease developing under battle conditions.
Date and place of casualty 6-16-44, Saipan Island.
Duty status - In the line of duty.
Diagnosis - Psychoneurosis, War Neurosis.
Prognosis - Favorable.
Flying status - None.
Source of admission - From beach. Attached to Co A, 1st Bn, 24th Marines, 4th Division.
Disposition - Transferred to U.S.S. Bolivar for evacuation, 6-22-44.
2. DOBBS, Richard Guy, Pfc USMCR, 412550.
Conditions not the result of enemy action.
Date and place of casualty - Unknown.
Duty status - In the line of duty.
Diagnosis - Dengue Fever.
Prognosis - Favorable.
Flying status - None.
Source of admission - From LST 226. Attached to Co L, 3rd Bn, 23rd Marines, 4th Division.
Disposition - Transferred to U.S.S. Samaritan for evacuation, 6-24-44.
3. SHAW, Donald Dickson, Sgt USMC, 415879.
Conditions not the result of enemy action.
Date and place of casualty - 5-28-44, LST 226.
Duty status - In the line of duty.
Diagnosis - Myositis, Acute (left lumbo sacral)
Prognosis - Favorable.
Flying status - None.
Source of admission - From LST 226. Attached to Co L, 3rd Bn, 23rd Marines, 4th Division.
Disposition - Transferred to U.S.S. Samaritan for evacuation, 6-24-44.

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From: The Commanding Officer.
To : The Secretary of the Navy, Navy Department,
Washington, D.C.

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II. Non Battle Casualties. Naval Personnel.

(A) Officers.

There were no non battle casualties on board this vessel of naval officers.

(B) Enlisted Men.

1. BUSHNELL, Robert "A", BM2c USNR, 654-55-71.
Conditions not the result of enemy action.
Date and place of casualty- 6-24-44, Saipan Island.
Duty status- In the line of duty.
Diagnosis- Food Poisoning, Bacterial, Food undetermined.
Prognosis- Favorable.
Flying status- None.
Source of admission- C.B. Detachment 1038.
Disposition- To duty 6-28-44.
2. CALUDIRA, Alfred Julius, MM1c USNR, 812-57-14.
Conditions not the result of enemy action.
Date and place of casualty- 6-24-44, Saipan Island.
Duty status- In the line of duty.
Diagnosis- Food Poisoning, Bacterial, Food undetermined.
Prognosis- Favorable.
Flying status- None.
Source of admission- C.S. Detachment 1038.
Disposition- To duty, 6-28-44.
3. MITT, Charles Alonso, SP2c USNR, 835-93-31.
Conditions not the result of enemy action.
Date and place of casualty- 6-24-44, Saipan Island.
Duty status- In the line of duty.
Diagnosis- Food Poisoning, Bacterial, Food undetermined.
Prognosis- Favorable.
Flying status- None.
Source of admission- C.B. Detachment 1038.
Disposition- To duty, 6-28-44.

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4. TALTON, Ernest Lawrence, BM2c, USN, 269 15 80.
Conditions not the result of enemy action.
Date and place of casualty, 6-25-44, Saipan Island.
Duty status - In the line of duty.
Diagnosis - Food Poisoning, Bacterial, Food
Undetermined.
Prognosis - Favorable.
Flying status - None.
Source of admission - Saipan Boat Pool.
Disposition - To duty, 6-28-44.
5. WOOTEN, Forest Buford, MM1c, USN, 295 57 37.
Conditions not the result of enemy action.
Date and place of casualty, 6-22-44, Saipan Island.
Duty status - In the line of duty.
Diagnosis - DU (Culcalus, Kidney, Left).
Prognosis - Favorable.
Flying status - None.
Source of admission - U.S.S. PG-581.
Disposition - Transferred to U.S.S. Samaritan for
evacuation, 6-24-44.

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From: The Commanding Officer.
To : The Secretary of the Navy, Navy Department,
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Casualty and Casualty Evacuation Report.

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Reference (a) AdmComFIFTHPhibForCirLtr. No. 104 AL-44,
Dated 11 January 1944.
(b) Paragraph 888, 3518, Manual of the Medical
Department, U.S. Navy.

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), the following report is submitted herewith:

I. Battle Casualties, Naval Personnel.

(A) Officers.

There were no battle casualties on board this vessel of naval officers.

(B) Enlisted Men.

1. HARD, Thomas Henry, MoMM2c, USNR, 863-52-68.
Slightly wounded in action (requires hospitalization)
Date and place of casualty- 6-24-44, Saipan Island.
Duty status- In the line of duty.
Diagnosis- Wound, Gunshot, Right Thigh. Key "K".
Prognosis- Favorable.
Flying status- None.
Source of admission- Saipan Boat Pool.
Disposition- Transferred to U.S. Naval Base Hospital
128, 7-13-44.
2. SULLIVAN, Eugena Joseph, HA1c USNR, 801-92-54.
Seriously wounded in action.
Date and place of casualty- 6-25-44 Saipan Island.
Duty status- In the line of duty.
Diagnosis- Wound, Gunshot, Left Foot. Key "Z2".
Prognosis- Favorable.
Flying status- None.
Source of admission- "B" 2nd Med Bn., 2nd Marine
Division.
Disposition- Transferred to U.S. Naval Base Hospital
128, 7-13-44.

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Washington, D. C.
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(b) Paragraph 888, 3518, Manual of the Medical
Department, U.S. Navy.

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), the following report is submitted herewith:

I. Battle Casualties, U.S. Coast Guard.

There were no battle casualties received on board this vessel of U.S. Coast Guard Personnel.

II; Non Battle Casualties, U.S. Coast Guard.

There were no non battle casualties received on board this vessel of U.S. Coast Guard Personnel.

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San Francisco, Calif.,
14 July 1944.

From: The Commanding Officer.
To : The Secretary of the Navy, Navy Department,
Washington, D. C.
Subject: Casualty and Casualty Evacuation Report.
1. Forwarded.

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Serial 032

From: The Medical Officer.
To : The Administrative Commander, Amphibious
Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet.
Via : The Commanding Officer.
Subject: Casualty and Casualty Evacuation Report.
Reference: (a) AdmComFIFTHPhibForCirLtr. No. 104 AL-44,
Dated 11 January 1944.
(b) Paragraph 888, 2518, Manual of the Medical
Department, U.S. Navy.

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), the following report is submitted herewith:

I. Battle Casualties, Civilian Personnel.

There were no battle casualties received on board this vessel of civilian personnel.

II. Non Battle Casualties, Civilian Personnel.

There were no non battle casualties received on board this vessel of civilian personnel.

----- F. R. ELLIOTT. -----

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Serial 053

From: The Medical Officer.
To: The Administrative Commander, Amphibious
Forces, U. S. Pacific Fleet.
Via: The Commanding Officer.
Subject: Casualty and Casualty Evacuation Report.
Reference: (a) AdmComFIFTHPhibForCintr. No. 104 AL-44,
Dated 11 January 1944.
(b) Paragraphs 888, 3518, Manual of the Medical
Department, U.S. Navy.

I. In accordance with reference (a) and (b), the
following report is submitted herewith:

1. Battle Casualties, of Prisoners of War.

There were no battle casualties received on
board this vessel of prisoners of war.

II. Non Battle Casualties, of Prisoners of War.

There were no non battle casualties received
on board this vessel of prisoners of war.

F. R. HELLGOTT.

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San Francisco, Calif.,
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From: The Commanding Officer.
To: The Administrative Commander, Amphibious
Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet.
Subject: Casualty and Casualty Evacuation Report.
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MAILGRAM

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE

DELIVER THIS MAILGRAM TO COMMUNICATION SYSTEM IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT FOR DISTRIBUTION AND HANDLING AS A REGULAR DISPATCH

From: Commanding Officer, U.S.S. ELECTRA (AKA-4)		Date 20 June 1944. Mailed at: _____, 1200 K <small>(Place) (Time)</small>		
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THE FOLLOWING REPORT OF DEATH IS SUBMITTED; HERSCHEL SAMUEL BURRELL; 841-63-91; SEAMAN FIRST CLASS, CLASS V-6, U. S. NAVAL RESERVE; ACTIVE DUTY. KILLED IN ACTION 16 JUNE 1944, SAIPAN, MARIANAS ISLANDS; CAUSE OF DEATH AS REPORTED BY LINE OFFICER WHO WAS PRESENT: WOUNDS, MULTIPLE NO. 2564, CAUSED BY "THE EXPLOSION OF AN ENEMY HOWITZER SHELL, FRAGMENTS OF WHICH STRUCK THE MAN IN THE BACK AND ARM PROBABLY PIERCING THE LUNG". NEXT OF KIN; FATHER SAMUEL ONOUS BURRELL; GENERAL DELIVERY, PIE TOWN, NEW MEXICO; HAS NOT BEEN NOTIFIED; REMAINS TRANSFERRED TO GRAVE REGISTRATION SERVICE, SAIPAN, MARIANAS ISLANDS, FOR IDENTIFICATION AND BURIAL; PAY PER MONTH, \$66.00; BENEFICIARY SAMUEL ONOUS BURRELL; GENERAL DELIVERY, PIE TOWN, NEW MEXICO; \$10,000 NSI, PREMIUMS PAID THROUGH JUNE 1944; FURTHER INFORMATION: A MEMBER OF A BOAT CREW DELIVERING SUPPLIES TO ASSAULT FORCES ON SAIPAN, MARIANAS ISLANDS. BODY IDENTIFIED BY BOAT OFFICER AND BOAT CREW BUT NOT BY A MEDICAL OFFICER; POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION WILL BE FURNISHED BY GRAVE REGISTRATION SERVICE, SAIPAN. ALL PERSONAL EFFECTS WILL BE INVENTORIED AND FORWARDED TO NEXT OF KIN VIA PRESCRIBED CHANNELS.

ENCLOSURE (D)

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Authenticated: C. S. HEICHTLER, Comdr., U. S. Navy,
Signature, name and rank

See Para. 24

ANTI-AIRCRAFT ACTION BY SURFACE SHIPS

Location of ship Leyte Gulf U.S.S. ELECTRA (AKA-4)
 Date 20 October 1944
 (0627)(Item Time)

NOTES

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- (a) Repel Attack First - Then collect data for this report!
- (b) Do not "gun deck" this report - if data cannot be estimated with reasonable accuracy enter dash in space for which no data is available.
- (c) These sheets are to be filled out immediately after action is completed with data available from ship's log, memory, and consultation with ship's officers. Information is essential in order that the effectiveness of our equipment can be determined. Where data is of doubtful accuracy fill in with general terms. The obtaining of this information must not be allowed in any way to adversely affect the handling of equipment during action.

1. Surprise attack (yes or no) No.
2. Method picking plane up (Radar, binoculars, naked eyes binoculars
 (If by Radar state type of set) _____
- (a) Lookout(s) or special equipment detector operator(s):
Lieut. W. J. KEOGH, Jr. _____
 (Name) (Rate) (Service No.)
- made initial contact by Sight
 (Sound), (radar), (SMSD), (MAD), (sight)
3. Range plane was picked up (50 miles, 30 miles, 10 miles, less
 5 miles) 10 Miles
4. Number of planes 1
5. Type of plane (Fighter, scout, dive-bomber) fighter / Type of
 attack high altitude (fighter bomber) and torpedo run (torpedo plane) bomber
6. Speed & altitude (High and fast, intermediate and fast, low and
 fast, high and slow, intermediate and slow, low and slow) high and fast
7. Guns firing _____ Size _____ Number _____
 Method of control _____ Method of spotting _____
8. Ammunition expended _____
9. Percent service allowance expended _____
10. Approximate time tracking to first shot _____
11. Approximate time to first hits _____
12. Approximate time first shot to last shot _____

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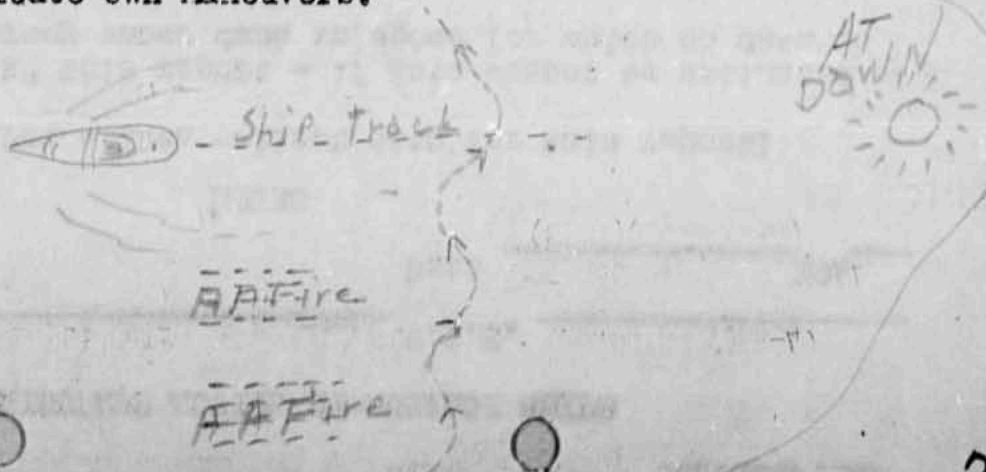
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13. Approximate position angle open fire _____
14. Approximate position cease fire _____ 1944 NOV 15 7 49
15. Approximate bearing first shot _____
16. Approximate bearing last shot _____
17. Approximate range first shot _____
18. Approximate range last shot _____
19. Approximate altitude of bomb release 4000 Type bomb _____
20. Approximate range torpedo release _____ State of torpedo _____
21. Hits on ship No Was ship strafed No Size gun _____
22. Number near bomb misses No Casualties from near misses -
23. Planes shot down - sure - Possible - Damage -
By what size gun -
24. Details of damage to target by gunfire if available _____
USS ELECTRA did not open fire
-
25. Performance of ammunition (Excellent, good, bad, poor) _____
26. Pattern sizes (Large, small, excessive) _____

SKETCH

- (a) Indicate direction of attack relative ship's head.
- (b) Show relative position of sun.
- (c) Indicate own maneuvers.



ANTI-AIRCRAFT ACTION BY SURFACE SHIPS

Location of ship Leyte Gulf U.S.S. ELECTRA (AKA-4)
 Date 21 October 1944
 (1920 Item Time)

NOTES

- (a) Repel Attack First - Then collect data for this report!
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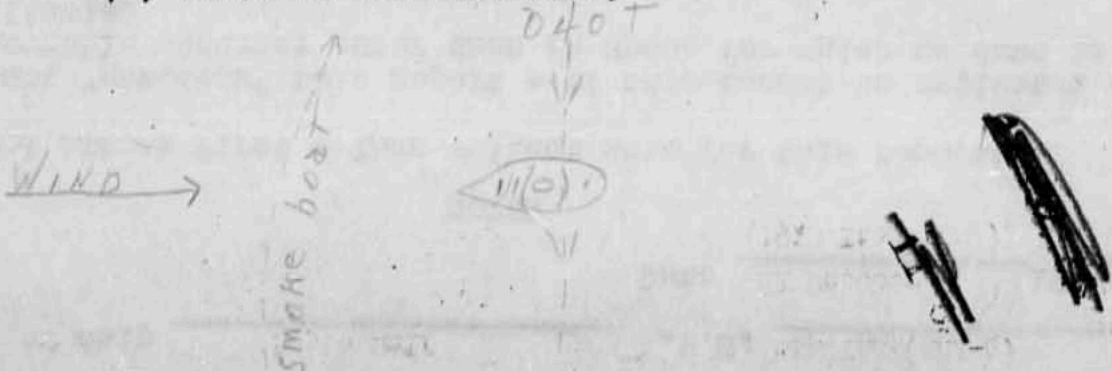
1. Surprise attack (yes or no) No.
2. Method picking plane up (Radar, binoculars, naked eye Radar
 (If by Radar state type of set) SC2
- (a) Lookout(s) or special equipment detector operator(s):
 _____ (Name) _____ (Rate) _____ (Service No.)
 made initial contact by (Sound), (radar), (SMSD), (MAD), (sight)
3. Range plane was picked up (50 miles, 30 miles, 10 miles, less 5 miles) 14 Miles.
4. Number of planes 1.
5. Type of plane (Fighter, scout, dive-bomber) fighter Type of attack high altitude.
6. Speed & altitude (High and fast, intermediate and fast, low and fast, high and slow, intermediate and slow, low and slow) high and fast.
7. Guns firing - Size - Number -
 Method of control - Method of spotting -
8. Ammunition expended -
9. Percent service allowance expended - 11 02135
10. Approximate time tracking to first shot -
11. Approximate time to first hits -
12. Approximate time first shot to last shot -

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13. Approximate position angle open fire -
14. Approximate position cease fire -
15. Approximate bearing first shot -
16. Approximate bearing last shot -
17. Approximate range first shot -
18. Approximate range last shot -
19. Approximate altitude of bomb release - Type bomb -
20. Approximate range torpedo release - State of torpedo -
21. Hits on ship None Was ship strafed No Size gun -
22. Number near bomb misses None Casualties from near misses None
23. Planes shot down - sure - Possible - Damage -
- By what size gun -
24. Details of damage to target by gunfire if available -
USS ELECTRA did not fire, was making smoke, momentarily sighted flash of
exhaust stacks.
25. Performance of ammunition (excellent, good, bad, poor) -
26. Pattern sizes (Large, small, excessive) -

SKETCH

- (a) Indicate direction of attack relative ship's head.
- (b) Show relative position of sun.
- (c) Indicate own maneuvers.



U. S. S. ELECTRA

AKA/49-3
Serial No. 1.

Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, Cal.
3 January 1945.



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From: The Commanding Officer.
To : The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
Via : Commander Task Group 78.5.1.
Commander Task Group 78.5
Commander in Chief Pacific Ocean Areas.

Subject: USS ELECTRA (AKA-4) Action Report.

Enclosure: (A) Diagram. -P.2

1. The following enemy aircraft actions occurred at Sansapor Anchorage. No casualties were inflicted upon personnel or material.

2. At 2145, on 28 December 1944, "Flash Red" was transmitted by signal from the beach. General quarters stations were manned immediately. We were anchored in berth 12. One enemy airplane, presumed to be a BENTLEY, was picked up by the shore searchlights at approximately 240° T. The plane continued in a clockwise direction over Sansapor harbor. Shore batteries opened fire and the enemy airplane maneuvered to escape the firing and searchlight beams and disappeared at approximately 135° T, heading back over the mainland. This ship did not fire.

3. The signal "Flash White" was transmitted from the beach at 2255.

4. At 0030, on 30 December 1944, "Flash White" was again transmitted by signal from the beach. General quarters stations were manned. Searchlights, from shore installations, were played on the clouds. An enemy airplane emerged from the clouds on bearing 135° T and was illuminated by the searchlights. The plane was identified to be a two engined bomber. It crossed the Sansapor harbor at an altitude of about 5,000 feet on a straight course, maneuvering very little. A few ships present opened fire, also the shore batteries. This ship fired two rounds from 3 inch 50 cal. The plane was hit by concentrated AA fire from ships and shore. It burst into flames and fell into the sea, bearing 070° true, distance 5 miles from our anchorage (berth 12), ship's head 145° true.

D. S. Holler
D. S. HOLLER.



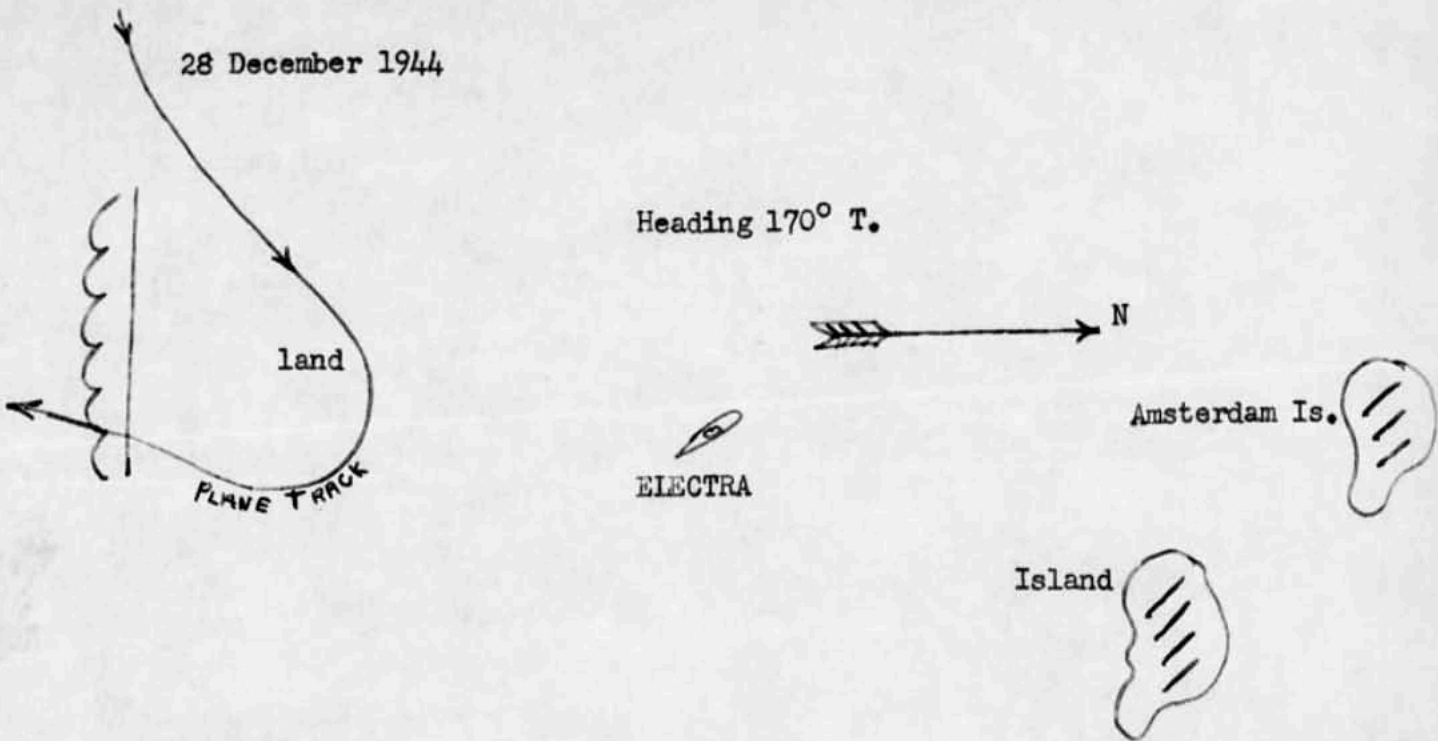
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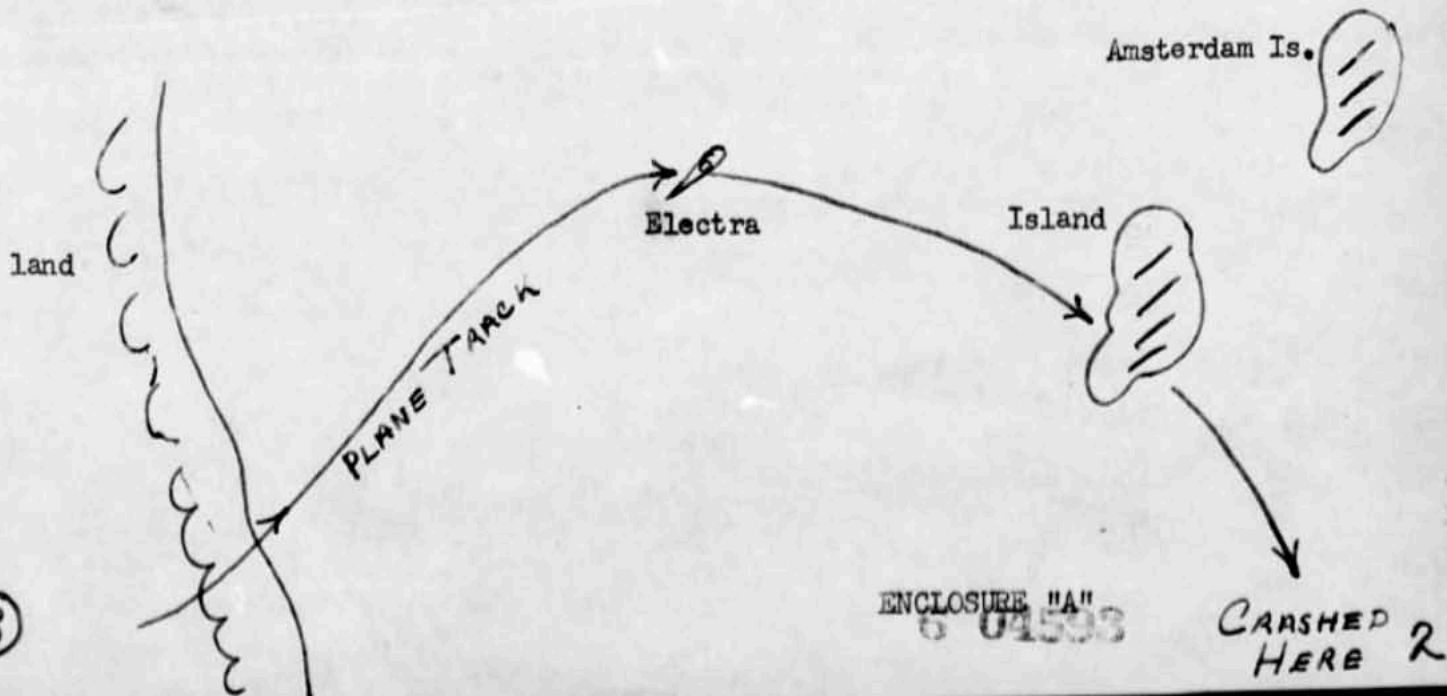
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28 December 1944



30 December 1944

Heading 145° T.



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FIRST ENDORSEMENT to
CO, USS ELECTRA Itr.
AKA4/A9-8 serial 1
dated 3 January 1945.

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From: The Commander Transport Squadron ELEVEN.
To : The Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Fleet.
Via : The Commander-in-Chief Pacific Ocean Areas.
Subject: U.S.S. ELECTRA (AKA-4) Action Report.
1. Forwarded.

D. W. Loomis
D. W. LOOMIS.

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CO, USS ELECTRA.

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Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, Calif.,
20 January 1945.

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From: The Commanding Officer.
To : The Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.
Subject: Special Action Reports - Forwarding of.
Reference: CominCh Serial 7152 of 29 October 1943.
Enclosure: (A) Special Action Report- 8 January 1945.-p.2
(B) Special Action Report -9 January 1945.-p.5
(C) Special Action Report - 10 January 1945.-p.8

1. In compliance with reference (a), enclosures (A), (B) and (C) are forwarded herewith.


D. S. HOLLER.

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REVISED FORM FOR REPORTING A. A. ACTION BY SURFACE SHIPS

Location of ship (area Enroute Lingayen Gulf U.S.S. ELECTRA)

Zone Time 0758 (Item) Date 8 January 1945

NOTES

- (a) REPEL ATTACK FIRST--then collect data for this report.
- (b) Do not "Gun Deck" this report. If data cannot be estimated with reasonable accuracy, enter dash in space for which no data is available.
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- (d) Forward under separate cover to Readiness Division, Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.

1. Surprise attack (yes or no) No Day or Night Day
2. Method picking plane up (Radar, binoculars, naked eye) Naked eye
3. Range plane was picked up (50,30,10, less than 5 miles) less than 5 miles
4. Total number of planes observed 2 Type 1 engine fighters
5. Number of planes attacking own ship None Type ---
6. Number of planes taken under fire by own ship 2
 - (a) Of those attacking own ship - Type -
 - (b) Others - Type -
7. Speed and altitude of approach in knots and feet Dived from sun
8. Number of guns firing--by caliber 2 - 3"50 Cal.
9. Ammunition expended--by caliber 13 Rounds - 3"50 Cal.
10. Percent service allowance expended 1.3%
11. Method of control Local Method of spotting Local
Method of ranging Local spotting Method of firing pointer
12. Approximate time-tracking to first shot ---
13. Approximate time of first hits ---
14. Approximate time first shot to last shot 1 minute

15. Approximate position angle open fire
16. Approximate position angle cease fire
17. Approximate bearing first shot 80°T
18. Approximate bearing last shot 125°T Altitude of plane 1000 Ft.
19. Approximate range first shot 1000 Yards
20. Approximate minimum range aircraft approached Altitude
21. Approximate range last shot 5000 Yards Altitude of plane
22. Approximate altitude of bomb release 500 Ft. Size of bomb
23. Approximate range torpedo release Size torpedo
24. Number hits on ship by bombs by torpedoes Was ship strafed No
Size gun
25. Number near bomb misses damaging ship None
26. Planes shot down: SURE
(By own Ship alone) SURE PROB- DAIL-
(Assist) ABLE AGED
- (a) Those attacking own ship
- (b) Other aircraft

(An aircraft is considered destroyed "Sure," when, as result of own ship fire: 1. It is seen to crash. 2. It is seen to disintegrate in the air or be enveloped in flames. 3. It is seen to descend on friendly territory and be captured. 4. Pilot and entire crew are seen to bail out.)

(A "Sure-Assist" may be claimed when plane is destroyed as result of own ship's and assisting fire by friendly planes, shore batteries, or other ships.)

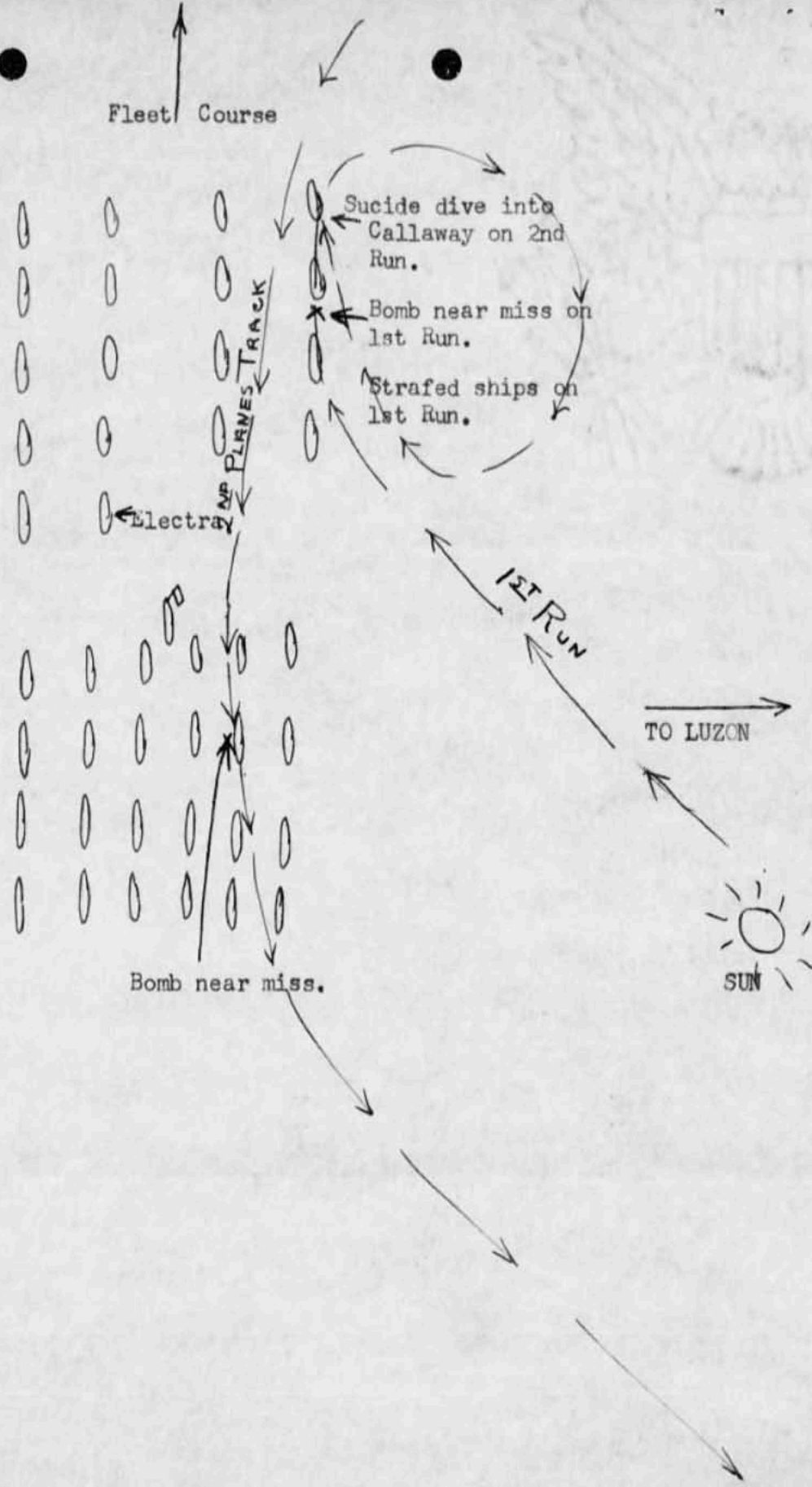
(An aircraft is considered probably destroyed when, as result of own ship's fire: It is so damaged as to have less than an even chance of reaching its own territory safely)

(An aircraft is considered damaged when, as result of own ship's fire: It is so damaged as to require repair before beginning another mission, but has better than an even chance of reaching its own territory safely. Claims shall be based on careful interrogation by proper authority, and every effort shall be made to eliminate duplication of claims.)

27. Best estimate of size gun or guns responsible for each "Sure"
28. Performance of ammunition (excellent, good, bad, poor) Good
29. What failures in material occurred in this action? None
30. Sketch: (a) Indicate direction of attack relative ship's head.
(b) Show relative position of sun.
(c) Indicate own manouvers.

Note.—Add descriptive text on additional sheet if required to clarify report.

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REVISED FORM FOR REPORTING A. A. ACTION BY SURFACE SHIPS

Location of ship (area Lingayen Gulf U.S.S. ELECTRA

Zone Time 1905 (Item) Date 9 January 1945

NOTES

- (a) **REPULSE ATTACK FIRST**--then collect data for this report.
- (b) Do not "Gun Deck" this report. If data cannot be estimated with reasonable accuracy, enter dash in space for which no data is available.
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- (d) Forward under separate cover to Readiness Division, Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.

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1. Surprise attack (yes or no) No Day or Night Night
 2. Method picking plane up (Radar, binoculars, naked eye) Naked eye
 3. Range plane was picked up (50,30,10, less than 5 miles) Less than 5 miles
 4. Total number of planes observed 1 Type -
 5. Number of planes attacking own ship None Type -
 6. Number of planes taken under fire by own ship 1
 - (a) Of those attacking own ship - Type -
 - (b) Others - Type -
 7. Speed and altitude of approach in knots and feet -
 8. Number of guns firing--by caliber 10-20MM 2 - 3"50 Cal.
 9. Ammunition expended--by caliber 240 Rounds 20MM 12 Rounds - 3"50 Cal.
 10. Percent service allowance expended .5% - 20 MM 1.2% - 3"50 Cal.
 11. Method of control Local Method of spotting Local
Method of ranging Local Control Method of firing -
 12. Approximate time-tracking to first shot -
 13. Approximate time of first hits -
 14. Approximate time first shot to last shot -

15. Approximate position angle open fire -
16. Approximate position angle cease fire -
17. Approximate bearing first shot 160°T
18. Approximate bearing last shot 200°T Altitude of plane -
19. Approximate range first shot -
20. Approximate minimum range aircraft approached - Altitude -
21. Approximate range last shot - Altitude of plane -
22. Approximate altitude of bomb release - Size of bomb -
23. Approximate range torpedo release - Size torpedo -
24. Number hits on ship by bombs - by torpedoes - Was ship strafed No
Size gun -
25. Number near bomb misses damaging ship -
26. Planes shot down:
- | | | | | |
|--|-------------|----------|-------|------|
| | SURE | | | |
| | (By own | SURE | PROB- | DAI- |
| | Ship alone) | (Assist) | ABLE | AGED |
- (a) Those attacking own ship -
- (b) Other aircraft -

(An aircraft is considered destroyed "Sure," when, as result of own ship fire: 1. It is seen to crash. 2. It is seen to disintegrate in the air or be enveloped in flames. 3. It is seen to descend on friendly territory and be captured. 4. Pilot and entire crew are seen to bail out.)

(A "Sure-Assist" may be claimed when plane is destroyed as result of own ship's and assisting fire by friendly planes, shore batteries, or other ships.)

(An aircraft is considered probably destroyed when, as result of own ship's fire: It is so damaged as to have less than an even chance of reaching its own territory safely)

(An aircraft is considered damaged when, as result of own ship's fire: It is so damaged as to require repair before beginning another mission, but has better than an even chance of reaching its own territory safely. Claims shall be based on careful interrogation by proper authority, and every effort shall be made to eliminate duplication of claims.)

27. Best estimate of size gun or guns responsible for each "Sure" -
28. Performance of ammunition (excellent, good, bad, poor) Excellent (2011)
Good 3#50 Cal.
29. What failures in material occurred in this action? None
30. Sketch: (a) Indicate direction of attack relative ship's head.
(b) Show relative position of sun.
(c) Indicate own manouvers.

Note.—Add descriptive text on additional sheet if required to clarify report.

Bombs Dropped Near Misses
Second planes track at high altitude. →

Numerous shipping this vicinity.

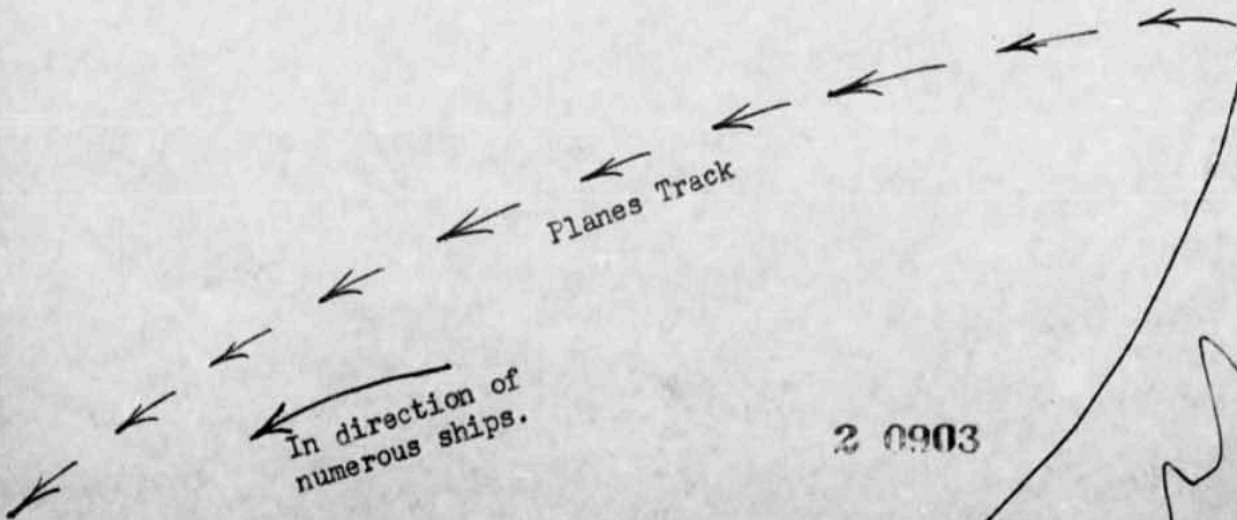


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A few ships this area.



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REVISED FORM FOR REPORTING A. A. ACTION BY SURFACE SHIPS

Location of ship (area Lingayen Gulf U.S.S. ELECTRA)

Zone Time 0715 (Item) Date 10 January 1945

NOTES

- (a) REPEL ATTACK FIRST--then collect data for this report.
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1. Surprise attack (yes or no) No Day or Night Day
2. Method picking plane up (Radar, binoculars, naked eye) Naked eye
3. Range plane was picked up (50, 30, 10, less than 5 miles) less than 5 miles
4. Total number of planes observed 1 Type 2 Engine Bomber
5. Number of planes attacking own ship 1 Type Bomber
6. Number of planes taken under fire by own ship None
 - (a) Of those attacking own ship -- Type --
 - (b) Others -- Type --
7. Speed and altitude of approach in knots and feet High & Fast
8. Number of guns firing--by caliber None
9. Ammunition expended--by caliber None
10. Percent service allowance expended --
11. Method of control -- Method of spotting --
Method of ranging -- Method of firing --
12. Approximate time-tracking to first shot --
13. Approximate time of first hits --
14. Approximate time first shot to last shot -- 2 0903

15. Approximate position angle open fire _____
16. Approximate position angle cease fire _____
17. Approximate bearing first shot _____
18. Approximate bearing last shot _____ Altitude of plane _____
19. Approximate range first shot _____
20. Approximate minimum range aircraft approached _____ Altitude _____
21. Approximate range last shot _____ Altitude of plane _____
22. Approximate altitude of bomb release _____ Size of bomb Medium
23. Approximate range torpedo release _____ Size torpedo _____
24. Number hits on ship by bombs None by torpedoes _____ Was ship strafed _____
Size gun _____
25. Number near bomb misses damaging ship 4 Near misses
SURE
26. Planes shot down: (By own SURE PROB- DAIL-
Ship alone) (Assist) ABLE AGED
- (a) Those attacking own ship _____
- (b) Other aircraft _____

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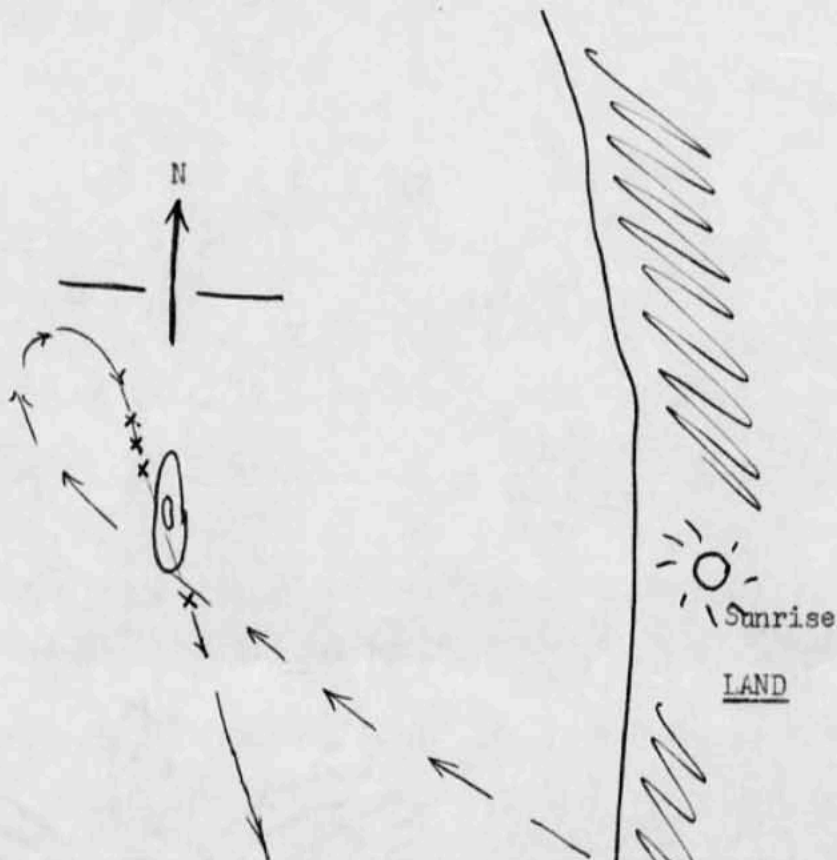
27. Best estimate of size gun or guns responsible for each "Sure" _____
28. Performance of ammunition (excellent, good, bad, poor) _____
29. What failures in material occurred in this action? _____
30. Sketch: (a) Indicate direction of attack relative ship's head.
(b) Show relative position of sun.
(c) Indicate own maneuvers.

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0715 - 10 January 1945.

1 plane approached from stbd. quarter, then circled around to port beam. Dropped four medium bombs, the nearest, 50 yards off port bow and port quarter.

Damage: Space A-305-2A, Refrigeration space at frame 111. Bomb fragment hit port side at frame 111, in UTD, comp. A-305-2A, causing dent and seep shear in hull plating. Other small fragments made slight dents in hull, small fragments of shrapnel found about the decks. No personnel casualties.



NOTE: This ship did not fire due to all ships making smoke and had only momentary glimpse of plane through smoke. A land breeze had flattened smoke so that only hull and superstructure of ship was covered leaving our king post visible above smoke, on which pilot no doubt made his run.

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From: The Commanding Officer.
To : The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
Via : (1) Commander Task Unit 12.6.1 and 51.29.6.
(2) Commander in Chief Pacific Fleet.

Subject: U.S.S. ELECTRA (AKA-4) Action Report.

Reference: (a) Pacific Fleet Confidential Letter 1CL-45.

1. Omitting parts I and II, as previously instructed, our action report is as follows:

2. Part III - Chronological account of the action.

This vessel a unit of T.U. 12.6.1, did not participate in any action against the enemy. The mission of the Task Unit was to lift the Fifth Marine Division from Iwo Jima to the Hawaiian Area. Zone time for this reembarkation operation was minus 10. The "Red" alert was sounded twice while this vessel was in the Iwo Jima area. First alarm four "raids" of planes were reported for one hour and twenty minutes on bearing 0400 to 0500 true; distance forty to sixty-five miles from White Beach at Iwo Jima in the evening of 25 March 1945; the second alert was sounded as this Task Unit was leaving the area - no "bogies" were identified and the alert lasted only a few minutes, this was in the early evening of 27 March 1945. The weather during the operation of reembarking troops and equipment was generally fair with brisk northerly winds and rough seas intermittently causing moderately heavy swells.

3. Part IV - Ordnance.

Ordnance was restricted to one AA practice conducted using two tow planes as the Task Unit was leaving Ulithi for the Iwo Jima Area. Ten (10) rounds of 3"50 calibre and 3240 rounds of 20mm were expended by this vessel.

4. Part V - Damage.

No battle damage was experienced by this vessel.

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5. Part VI - Special comments and information.

C. A summary of the loading in accordance with paragraph C follows:

1. Troops and cargo.

(a) 154 troops of motor transport units of the Fifth Marine Division.

(b) Troops embarked intermittently during period 18 March to 27 March 1945, at White Beach, Iwo Jima.

(c) 1581 tons of vehicles, ammunition, organizational gear and organization equipment loaded as follows:

(1) Number one hold; upper tween decks troops quarters; lower tween decks 4 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ton 6 x 6 trucks; Orlop deck, 5 - $\frac{1}{2}$ ton 4 x 4 trucks, 2 - 2 wheel trailers, 4 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ton 6 x 6 trucks, 1 - 1 ton 4 x 4 truck; Troops magazine, 350 tons ammunition. Number two hold: Upper tween, 6 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ton 6 x 6 trucks, 2 trailers; Lower tween, 12 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ 6 x 6 trucks, 1 lowbed trailer; Deep tank, 4100 - 5 gallon gasoline cans totaling 16 tons, 40 tons Quartermaster gear. Number three hold: Upper tween decks 4 shovel cranes, 1 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ton 6 x 6 truck, 1 - $\frac{1}{2}$ ton 4 x 4 truck (Jeep), 1 T.D-14 tractor, 1 - T.D-9 tractor, Lower tween decks, 2 Road Graders, 4 TD-9 tractors, 1 TD-9 tractor dozer, Orlop deck 9 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ton 6 x 6 trucks, 3 TD-14 tractors, 3 machine shop trailers, 2 stock room trailers, 2 water trailers, 9 TD-9 tractors. Number four hold: Upper tween decks, 2 - TD-14 tractor dozers, 2 TD-9 tractors, Deep tanks 132 tons organizational gear. Number five hold: Upper tween decks 6 TD-9 tractors, 2 TD-6 tractors; lower tween decks, 132 tons of organizational equipment.

(d) Ship's cargo discharged at Hilo on 12 and 13 April 1945.

2. Two LCVP's carried, used for transporting beach parties and other personnel from ship to beach and for smoke boats. One LCPL used as messenger and officer transportation craft. LSM's and LCT's from beach were used to load ship. Control of landing craft was maintained by TransDiv Control Officer from Commodore Graf's staff.

3. No minesweeping or underwater demolition.

4. No fire support necessary. This vessel sent officers and enlisted men of Beachmaster Party ashore equipped with radio and signal gear to set up ship-to-shore communications and supervision was exercised on the beach by ship's transport quartermaster and ship's beachmaster.

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5. Two stretcher casualties admitted to sick bay for transportation to Hawaiian Area.

D. 1. On March 14th, while in area designated for Task Unit to operate awaiting orders to Iwo Jima, the Electra assumed Guard Able, commencing at 0900 K on the even days.

All friendlies were reported until the morning of March 18, 1945, when the convoy moved into the Iwo Anchorage.

During the loading period no "Bogies" were picked up so no reports were made.

At 2015 K on March 25, 1945, the area had a "Red" alert. No "bogies" were seen on our screen - unless they simulated an IFF. The following friendlies were plotted:

<u>Number</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Bearing</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Speed</u>
Several	2046K	090° T	47 mile	170° T	250K
Single	2047	239° T	31 mile	260° T	120K
Single	2048	170° T	32 mile	170° T	120K
Several	2050	185° T	35 mile	orbiting	
Several	2055	040° T	55 mile	orbiting	

No deception or jamming was noted. While anchored near the AGC-10, within 1500 yards, considerable interference was experienced on the SC-2 screen when the antenna was searching in that sector.

2. Visual and radio communications in general were good. No enemy interference or jamming evidenced. Communications were limited to routine fuel and loading reports. Constant guards were maintained on Honolulu jump and how fox, task force operational circuit, using CW and TBS and Transport and TransDiv common high frequency voice circuits.

3. Smoke was used during "red" alert on evening of 25 march with two LCVP's laying smoke and ship's fog oil generators forward and aft also in operation. Moderately fresh NW winds caused frequent holidays in screen.

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4. Courses, speeds and tactical maneuvers were ordered by O.T.C.

5. To eliminate strain on generators, only one hold at a time was used for loading heavy gear. Two holds were worked occasionally using yard and stay rig.

6. Logistics were filled at Ulithi and this vessel made no requests for additional supplies. Several items requested by the flagship for other vessels were supplied by this vessel.

7. No casualties to ship's personnel occurred.

Comments:

Moderate heavy swells made it difficult to load from LSM's. Numerous lines were required to hold LSM's alongside and numerous fenders to prevent damage to both ships. Extra fenders were constructed of old truck tires bound together also dunnage rolled up in a cargo net. Both types worked satisfactorily.

It was found that during such conditions of swells it was much easier to hold a LST alongside and unload than an LSM. Due to the LST's greater length and beam they rolled and pitched much less than the LSM's.


D. S. HOLLER.

Advance copy direct to:

- (1) Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.
- (2) Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

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OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER
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UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA



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Reg. No. 64727
R. S. No. 03451

22 April 1945.

1st endorsement to
CO USS ELECTRA 1tr AKA4/A9-8
Serial 039 dated 15 April 1945.

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From: Commander Transport Squadron TWENTY, U. S. Pacific Fleet.
To: Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.

Via: Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet.

Subject: U.S.S. ELECTRA (AKA-4) Action Report.

- 1. Forwarded.

H. W. Graf
H. W. GRAF.

12 JUN 1945

2nd Endorsement.

From: CinCPac
To: CominCh

- 1. Forwarded.

2. If comment is considered appropriate, it will be included in CinCPac's Monthly Report of Operations in the Pacific Ocean Areas for the month concerned.

R. E. Keeton

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U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA-4)

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c/o FLEET POST OFFICE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
2 October 1945

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

From: The Commanding Officer.
To : Commodore J. G. MOYER, Commander Transport
Division 52 (temporary).

Subject: Action Report, Occupation of Wakayama, Japan, by
98th Infantry Division, 27 - 29 September 1945.

- 1. Omitting parts I and II, as previously instructed, our action report is as follows:
- 2. Part III - Chronological account of the action.

1. At 0255 passed I Shima Island abeam to port. Proceeded via swept channel to transport area Charlie. 0445 retrieved paravanes, no evidence of cutting any mines. 0638 Anchored in berth 3, transport area Charlie, launched all boats and despatched them to ships assigned to land first waves. 0900 all boats had returned from landing first waves. 0955 commenced general unloading on signal. Unloading of vehicles and equipment continued intermittently thruout the 27th and during the 28th of September as boats were available. LSM's and LCT's were utilized to expedite unloading. Heavy rains were experienced during the afternoon and night of the 27th, but did not materially effect unloading operations. The sea was smooth with a light ground swell. The swell was not sufficient to make boating of vehicles difficult. Completed unloading at 1850, 29 September. The speed of unloading was slowed down due to lack of sufficient boats to keep hatches working.

- 2. No enemy action or interference of any kind was experienced.
- 3. All times in this report are item time, minus nine zone time.

- 3. Part IV - Ordnance.
 - 1. No ammunition of any kind was expended.

- 4. Part V - Damage.
 - 1. No damage to ship or boats.

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U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA-4)

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Subject: Action Report, Occupation of Wakayama, Japan, by
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5. Part VI - Special comments and information.

C. A summary of the loading in accordance with paragraph
C follows:

1. Troops and cargo.

(a) Troops embarked, On Co (Dets) 390th Infantry,
Det 368 FA Bn(Overflow), Det 98 QM Co., Det Sv Co 390th, Det Hq. 1st Bn.,
Det 2nd Bn, Det 3rd Bn, Det AF Co., Det Hq. & Hq. Co., Det Div. Hq. 301
IPW, total of 10 officers and 185 men.

(b) Above troops were embarked on 2015, 5 September
1945 at Iroquois Point, Pearl Harbor, T. H., and landed on blue beach,
Wakayama, Japan on 27 September 1945.

(c) A total of 2649 tons of cargo was carried, con-
sisting of, 117 vehicles, total weight 747.3 tons, 405.1 tons gasoline,
255.8 tons quartermaster equipment, 16.2 tons engineering equipment,
242.2 tons ammunition, and 983 tons of miscellaneous equipment.

(d) All cargo was loaded on 26 - 28 August 1945, at
pier 31, Honolulu, T. H., and landed on blue beach, Wakayama, Japan,
during 27-29 September 1945.

2. (a) Landing craft carried were: 8 LCM(6)'s, 9 LCVP's,
1 LCPL. All boats were used in operation. On 28 September 1945, 6 LCM(6)'s
with equipment and spares were transferred to Army Boat Pool at Wakayama.

(b) The launching, loading, and operation of our own
boats worked very smoothly. Two LCVP's were out of commission for a half
hour while lines were removed from their screws. No other difficulty was
experienced.

3. None by this ship.

4. No beach party was landed by this ship.

5. All preparations for handling casualties were made
according to transport doctrine. No casualties were handled by this vessel.

ENCLOSURE "E"

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U. S. S. ELECTRA (AKA-4)

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98th Infantry Division, 27 - 29 September 1945.

D. 1.(a) CIC was used only for navigation purposes by the
ship during entire operation. Results were very satisfactory.

2. Communications, both radio and visual worked very
smoothly.

E. None.

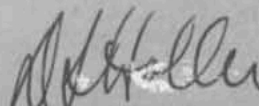
F. Attention is called to lack of boats mentioned in
Part III, 1, above. With more landing craft available this vessel could
have been unloaded by noon of the 28th.

Part VII - Personnel.

1. Performance of personnel was excellent thruout
operation. No personnel casualties.

Part VIII - Summary.

1. As a whole operation in so far as this ship was
concerned went off very smoothly. The only difficulty experienced was
lack of sufficient landing craft assigned to us to effect and expeditious
unloading of cargo.


D. S. HOLLER.

ENCLOSURE "E"

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COMMANDER TRANSPORT SQUADRON EIGHTEEN
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047, dated 2 Oct. 1945.

From: Commander Transport Division FIFTY-TWO (Temp).
To: Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
Via: (1) Commander Task Group 54.25 - Wakayama Group CHARLIE and
Commander Task Group 54.5 - EASTERN Occupation Group
(Commander Amphibious Group EIGHT).
(2) Commander Task Force 54 (Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force).
(3) Commander Task Force 50 - Commander Central Control Force
(Commander FIFTH Fleet).
(4) Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet.

Subject: Action Report, Occupation of Wakayama, Japan, by
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1. Forwarded as Enclosure (E) to Commander Transport Squadron
EIGHTEEN Action Report - Occupation of KOBE-OSAKA Area, HONSHU Landing of
98th Inf. Div. at WAKAYAMA, HONSHU, Japan - Period 27-29 (Eastern longitude)
September 1945, - Action Report of.

cc: USS ELECTRA (AKA-4)

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From: Commander EASTERN Occupation Group (Commander Amphibious Group EIGHT, CTG 54.5 and CTG 54.6).

To: Chief of Naval Operations.

Via: (1) Commander Amphibious Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

(2) Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Subject: Action Report, Occupation of Wakayama, Japan, by 98th Infantry Division, 27 - 29 September 1945 - U.S.S. ELECTRA (AKA-4) - Submission of.

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A. G. Noble
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From: Commander Amphibious Forces, U. S. Pacific Fleet.
To: Chief of Naval Operations.
Via: Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet.

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