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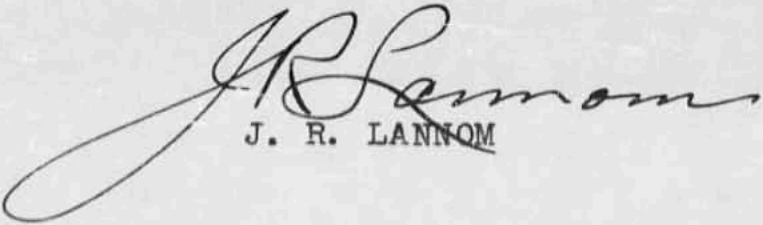
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To: Chief of Naval Operations (Office of Naval
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Subject: War Diary, forwarding of.
Reference: (a) Atlantic Fleet Letter 7L-42.
Enclosure: (A) U.S.S. ALGORAB War Diary for the month
of April 1942.

1. In accordance with reference (a) enclosure
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WAR DIARY
of
U.S.S. ALGORAB

From April 1, 1942 to April 30, 1942

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War Diary of the U.S.S. ALGORAB (AK25)

WEDNESDAY April 1, 1942:

(a) The ship is operating under orders of the Commander in Chief U.S. Fleet as a member of the convoy group of Task Force 38 commanded by Rear Admiral Alexander Sharp in U.S.S. TEXAS with convoy commodore Captain Ashe in U.S.S. HUNTER LIGETT.

(b) ComTaskFor 38 Operations Plan 2-42 with changes 1 and 2.

(c) No changes.

(d) The ship is berthed at Pier 3, New York Port of Embarkation, Army Base, Brooklyn, N.Y.

(e) Loaded Army cargo from 0800 to 2100.

(f) Not applicable.

(g) Not applicable.

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THURSDAY April 2, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(e) Loaded Army cargo from 0800 to 2130.

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FRIDAY April 3, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(e) Loaded Army cargo from 0800 to 1100.

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SATURDAY April 4, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(e) Stevedores loaded Army cargo from 0800 to 1100
completing Army Base loading at that time.

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SUNDAY April 5, 1942:

Applicable changes:

None.

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MONDAY April 6, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(e) Left New York Port of Embarkation at 0700, anchored in Gravesend Bay at 0808. Loaded ammunition and bombs until 1845.

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TUESDAY April 7, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(e) Continued loading ammunition and explosives as cargo. Embarked an Army detachment of five (5) officers and seventy-one (71) men for transportation, destination secret. Mounted two (2) Army M-37 Model A-1 E guns on foredeck, one on each side abreast of #2 hatch.

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WEDNESDAY April 8, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(e) Continued loading cargo of ammunition and explosives.

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THURSDAY April 9, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(d) Position at 2000 - 40° 08' N, 73° 35' W.

(e) Underway in accordance with ComTaskFor 38 operations plan 2-42 at 1600. Stood out to sea through Ambrose channel followed by U.S.S. BETELGEUSE, ALMAACK, AMERICAN LEGION, BARNETT and various other units of Task Force 38 plus two (2) Dutch Merchantmen. Passed buoy A at 1855 and took position 12 in convoy, with guide and commodore in U.S.S. BARNETT. Convoy escorted by destroyer screen.

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FRIDAY April 10, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at 0800 - 38° 50' N - 71° 05' W
1200 - 38° 14' N - 71° 23' W
2000 - 37° 02' N - 71° 33' W

(e) U.S.S. HUNTER LIGETT accompanied by one (1) destroyer joined the convoy in position 21 and assumed guide and duties of commodore.

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SATURDAY April 11, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at - 0800 - 35° 03' N - 70° 57' W
1200 - 34° 19' N - 70° 49' W
2000 - 32° 38' N - 70° 35' W

Distance made good 1200 to 1200 - 241 miles.

(e) Steamed on various courses zigzagging. The Norfolk section of the convoy consisting of U.S.S. TEXAS, BROOKLYN, various naval auxiliaries, allied merchant ships and additional destroyer escort joined the convoy. Admiral Sharp in U.S.S. TEXAS assumed duties of commodore and convoy guide.

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SUNDAY April 12, 1942:


Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at - 0800 - 30° 28' N - 69° 48' W
1200 - 29° 42' N - 69° 39' W
2000 - 28° 04' N - 69° 36' W

Distance made good 1200 to 1200 - 288 miles.

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MONDAY April 13, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at - 0800 - 25° 39' N - 68° 42' W
1200 - 24° 44' N - 68° 39' W
2000 - 23° 02' N - 68° 35' W

Distance made good 1200 to 1200 - 310 miles.

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TUESDAY April 14, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at - 0800 - 20° 29' N - 68° 08' W
1200 - 19° 38' N - 67° 59' W
2000 - 18° 02' N - 68° 11' W

Distance made good 1200 to 1200 - 311 miles.

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WEDNESDAY April 15, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at - 0800 - 16° 21' N - 69° 29' W
1200 - 16° 18' N - 70° 17' W
2000 - 15° 43' N - 71° 44' W

Distance made good 1200 to 1200 - 293 miles.

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THURSDAY April 16, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at - 0800 - 14° 47' N - 73° 40' W
1200 - 14° 11' N - 74° 13' W
2000 - 13° 11' N - 75° 15' W

Distance made good 1200 to 1200 - 270 miles.

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FRIDAY April 17, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at 0800 - 12° 01' N - 77° 17' W
1200 - 11° 22' N - 77° 32' W
2000 - 11° 03' N - 78° 38' W

Distance made good 1200 to 1200 - 263 miles.

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SATURDAY, April 18, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(d) Position at - 0800 - 09° 48' N - 79° 58' W

(e) Convoy formed single column and entered Limon Bay. Escort vessels berthed at docks in Cristobal. A portion of the convoy continued transit of the canal the remainder fueled at berths in Cristobal. This ship entered breakwater at 1108 and berthed at Pier 8 Berth C at 1205. The ship completed fueling at 2330 having received 84,816 gallons of light Diesel fuel.

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SUNDAY, April 19, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(d) Position at - 2000 - 08° 40' N - 79° 30' W

(e) The ship got underway at 0620 for the transit of the Panama Canal. Cleared Gatun Locks at 0922, Pedro Miguel Locks at 1310, Miraflores Locks at 1420. Passed Buoy #1 Balboa Entrance channel at 1529. Proceeded at full speed to join the ships of the convoy which had previously passed through the canal. Joined convoy at 2012 and took assigned position as leading ship of left column. Escort consisted of U.S.S. CONCORD flying the flag of Rear-Admiral John R. SHAPROTH and U.S.S. TRENTON with several destroyers.

The convoy formed in the following order:

11 ALGORAB	21 NEVILLE	31 McCAWLEY	41 HEYWOOD	51 BELLATRIX
12 SOMMELSDJIK	22 ALMAACK		42 FULLER	52 FOMALHAUT
13 NOORDAM	23 ALHENA		43 BRASTAGI	53 MANOERAN

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MONDAY April 20, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at - 0800 - 05° 51' N - 81° 17' W
1200 - 05° 21' N - 81° 51' W
2000 - 04° 06' N - 83° 15' W

Distance made good from Balboa to 1200 - 256 miles.
Average speed - 11.8 knots.

(e) The convoy was joined by U.S.S. GEORGE F. ELLIOTT in position 22, AMERICAN LEGION in position 33 and BARNETT in position 32. U.S.S. ALMAACK and ALHENA took positions 23 and 24 respectively. U.S.S. BETELGEUSE joined in position 44.

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TUESDAY, April 21, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at - 0800 - 02° 30' N - 84° 42' W
1200 - 02° 14' N - 85° 32' W
2000 - 01° 49' N - 87° 16' W

Distance made good 1200 to 1200 - 294 miles.
Average speed - 12.1 knots.

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WEDNESDAY, April 22, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at - 0800 - 01° 23' N - 89° 34' W
1200 - 01° 11' N - 90° 23' W
2000 - 00° 46' N - 92° 29' W

Distance made good 1200 to 2000 - 319 miles.
Average speed - 13.1 knots.

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THURSDAY, April 23, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at - 0800 - 00° 05' N - 95° 05' W
1200 - 00° 05' S - 95° 58' W
2000 - 00° 40' S - 97° 45' W

Distance made good 1200 to 1200 - 324 miles.
Average speed - 13.3 knots.

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FRIDAY, April 24, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at - 0800 - 01° 31' S - 100° 25' W
1200 - 01° 45' S - 101° 13' W
2000 - 02° 20' S - 102° 57' W

Distance made good 1200 to 1200 - 331 miles.
Average speed - 13.6 knots.

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SATURDAY, April 25, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at - 0800 - 03° 17' S - 105° 42' W
1200 - 03° 35' S - 106° 35' W
2000 - 04° 17' S - 108° 35' W

Distance made good 1200 to 1200 - 339 miles.
Average speed - 13.9 knots.

(e) The convoy was reformed in the following arrangement:

11 ALGORAB	21 NEVILLE	31 BARNETT	41 McCAWLEY	51 HEYWOOD	61 BELLATRIX
12 SOMMELSDJIK	22 ELLIOTT	32 AMERICAN LEGION	42 BETELGEUSE	52 FULLER	62 FOMALHAUT
13 NOORDAM	23 ALMAACK		43 ALHENA	53 BRASTAGI	63 MANOERAN

#41 and columns 5 and 6 were designated as bound for base "Straw" the remainder under the Vice Commodore in #31 were designated as bound for base "Bleacher".

A message was received from the task force commander stating that certain ships of the convoy had been assigned to various transport divisions of the Amphibious Force Pacific Fleet. This ship was assigned to TransDiv 6. The message stated that a complete copy of the subject dispatch would be delivered at destination.

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SUNDAY, April 26, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at - 0800 - 05° 22' S - 111° 13' W
1200 - 05° 46' S - 112° 11' W
2000 - 06° 24' S - 113° 57' W

Distance made good 1200 to 1200 - 358 miles.
Average speed - 14.7 knots.

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MONDAY, April 27, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at - 0800 - 06° 50' S - 115° 36' W
1200 - 07° 08' S - 117° 31' W
2000 - 07° 23' S - 118° 34' W

Distance made good 1200 to 1200 - 329 miles.
Average speed - 13.5 knots.

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TUESDAY, April 28, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at - 0800 - 07° 58' S - 121° 09' W
1200 - 08° 16' S - 122° 10' W
2000 - 08° 46' S - 123° 57' W

Distance made good 1200 to 2000 - 285 miles.
Average speed - 11.7 knots.

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WEDNESDAY, April 29, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at - 0800 - 09° 34' S - 126° 31' W
1200 - 09° 48' S - 127° 25' W
2000 - 10° 16' S - 129° 03' W

Distance made good 1200 to 2000 - 325 miles.
Average speed - 13.3 knots.

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THURSDAY, April 30, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at - 0800 - 10° 44' S - 131° 43' W
1200 - 10° 50' S - 132° 30' W
2000 - 11° 12' S - 134° 12' W

Distance made good 1200 to 1200 - 306 miles.
Average speed - 12.6 knots.

(e) The escort now consists of two CL's: CONCORD AND TRENTON and two DD's of the 1500 ton class; the smaller DD's which left with the convoy from Panama having left.

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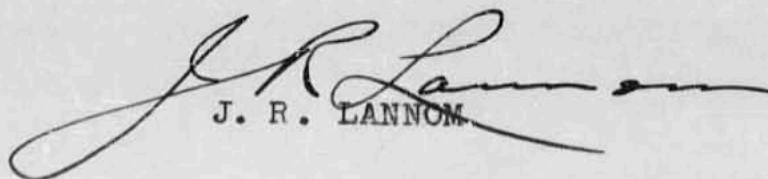
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War Diary of the U.S.S. ALGORAB (AK25)

FRIDAY, May 1, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at - 0800 - 11° 38' S - 136° 50' W
1200 - 11° 46' S - 137° 39' W
2000 - 12° 07' S - 139° 30' W

Distance made good 1200 to 1200 - 307 miles.
Average speed - 12.6 knots.



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SATURDAY, May 2, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at - 0800 - 12° 50' S - 141° 58' W
1200 - 13° 01' S - 142° 50' W
2000 - 13° 24' S - 144° 40' W

Distance made good 1200 to 1200 - 312 miles.
Average speed - 12.9 knots.

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SUNDAY, May 3, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at - 0800 - 13° 54' S - 147° 23' W
1200 - 14° 00' S - 148° 07' W
2000 - 14° 25' S - 149° 50' W

Distance made good 1200 to 1200 - 313 miles.
Average speed 12.8 knots.

(e) U.S.S. NEVILLE and SOMMELSDJIK escorted by U.S.S. SAMPSON left the convoy bound for base "Bobcat". This ship took U.S.S. NEVILLE's position in convoy, ELLIOTT took position behind AMERICAN LEGION and NOORDAM behind ALMAACK.

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MONDAY, May 4, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at - 0800 - 15° 02' S - 151° 46' W
1200 - 15° 08' S - 152° 25' W
2000 - 15° 07' S - 153° 52' W

Distance made good 1200 to 1200 - 262 miles.
Average speed 10.8 knots.

(e) The convoy was joined at daybreak by U.S.S. RICHMOND, SELFRIDGE and MUGFORD. U.S.S. CONCORD and WARRINGTON left the convoy with BRASTAGI headed in a southerly direction.

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TUESDAY, May 5, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at - 0800 - 15° 15' S - 156° 48' W
1200 - 15° 16' S - 157° 42' W
2000 - 15° 21' S - 159° 46' W

Distance made good 1200 to 1200 - 306 miles.
Average speed 12.6 knots.

(e) U.S.S. NEVILLE and M. S. SOMMELSDJIK rejoined convoy
in positions 11 and 12.

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WEDNESDAY, May 6, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at - 0800 - 15° 25' S - 162° 30' W
1200 - 15° 26' S - 163° 27' W
2000 - 16° 05' S - 165° 16' W

Distance made good 1200 to 1200 - 333 miles.
Average speed 13.2 knots.

(e) U.S.S. HONOLULU and three destroyers joined convoy escort. The U.S.S. NEVILLE and this ship exchanged positions in convoy. The "Bleacher" section of the convoy arranged in the following disposition, escorted by the U.S.S. RICHMOND and three destroyers, separated from the remainder of the convoy:

11 ALGORAB	21 NEVILLE	31 BARNETT	41 BETELGEUSE
12 W ORDAM	22 ELLIOTT	32 AMERICAN LEGION	42 ALHENA
	23 SOMMELSDJIK	33 ALMAACK	

The U.S.S. BARNETT later took up a position ahead of the convoy and proceeded without zigzagging.

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THURSDAY, May 7, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at - 0800 - 17° 22' S - 167° 54' W
1200 - 17° 48' S - 168° 48' W
2000 - 18° 48' S - 170° 37' W

Distance made good 1200 to 2000 - 339 miles.
Average speed 13.9 knots.

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FRIDAY, May 8, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at - 0800 - 20° 13' S - 173° 14' W
1200 - 20° 40' S - 174° 08' W

Distance made good 1200 to 1200 - 355 miles.

Average speed - 14.5 knots.

Distance made good 1200 to anchorage - 83 miles.

(e) The convoy was reformed into a single column; column 2, column 1, column 3 and column 4 with U.S.S. BARNETT following at maximum speed. The convoy entered Nukualofa anchorage, this ship anchored in berth 34 at 1828. Other ships present were U.S.S. DOBBIN and SOLACE.

Total distance Balboa - Nukualofa - 6074 miles.

Average speed - 13.0 knots.

Elapsed time - 19 days, 11 hrs. and 32 minutes.

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SATURDAY, May 9, 1942:

Applicable changes:

Having crossed the International Date Line this date was dropped.

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SUNDAY, May 10, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(e) The Medical unit of the Army personnel consisting of 2 officers and 23 men were disembarked.

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TUESDAY, May 12, 1942:

Applicable changes:

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WEDNESDAY, May 13, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(e) Discharged Army cargo into tank lighters and ramp boats for delivery at pier.

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Commander, USN

War Diary of the U.S.S. ALGORAB (AK25)

THURSDAY, May 14, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(e) Continued discharging cargo.

F. L. DuBois

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War Diary of the U.S.S. ALGORAB (AK25)

FRIDAY, May 15, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(E) Unloaded a small quantity of Army cargo.

F. L. DuBois

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SATURDAY, May 16, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(e) Discharged a small quantity of cargo.

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SUNDAY, May 17, 1942:

Applicable changes:

None.

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MONDAY, May 18, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(e) Discharged a small quantity of cargo.

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TUESDAY, May 19, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(e) Discharged a small quantity of cargo.

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WEDNESDAY, May 20, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(e) Discharged a small quantity of cargo.

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THURSDAY, May 21, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(e) Discharged a small quantity of cargo.

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FRIDAY, May 22, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(e) Two officers and thirty-eight enlisted men of the U.S. Army unit on board for transportation were disembarked.

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SATURDAY, May 23, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(e) One officer and ten enlisted men, the remainder of the Army unit on board for transportation, were disembarked.

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SUNDAY, May 24, 1942:

Applicable changes:

None.

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War Diary of the U.S.S. ALGORAB (AK25)

MONDAY, May 25, 1942:

Applicable changes:

None.

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War Diary of the U.S.S. ALGORAB (AK25)

TUESDAY, May 26, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(e) An enemy plane was reported sighted at 0925. General Quarters was sounded and fire was opened on a plane with unfamiliar markings. Ammunition expended: 13 rounds 3 inch A.A., 94 rounds .50 cal., 94 rounds .30 cal. This plane was later identified as an allied plane which had changed markings.

F. L. DuBois.

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WEDNESDAY, May 27, 1942:

Applicable changes:

None.

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THURSDAY, May 28, 1942:

Applicable changes:

None.

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FRIDAY, May 29, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(e) Discharged four Army 3 inch anti-aircraft guns.

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SATURDAY, May 30, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(e) None.

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War Diary of the U.S.S. ALGORAB (AK25)

SUNDAY, May 31, 1942:

Applicable changes:

None.

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U. S. S. ALGORAB

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November 21, 1942

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WAR DIARY

of

U.S.S. ALGORAB

From: September 1, 1942

To: September 30, 1942.

War Diary of the U.S.S. ALGORAB

September 1, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(e) Shifted from Berth 18C to moorings A-B at 1020. 1530 Got underway for transit of canal. 1710 Cleared Miraflores Locks. 1755 Cleared Pedro Miguel Locks. 2139 Cleared Gatun Locks. 2230 Moored to Pier 8, Cristobal Canal Zone.

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September 2, 1942.

Applicable changes:

(e) Remained at Pier 8 awaiting completion of repairs by U.S.S. PROCYON.

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September 3, 1942.

Applicable changes:

(e) 1600 Shifted to anchorage berth M56 Cristobal Harbor.

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September 4, 1942.

Applicable changes:

(d) Position at 2000 9-57 N - 79-32 W

(e) 1630 Got underway from anchorage in Limon Bay and proceeded to sea in company with the remainder of Task Force Three. Ships took position as follows:

ALMAACK

ALLEN

HARRIS

ALGORAB

PROCYON

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War Diary of the U.S.S. ALGORAB

September 5, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at - 0800 11-44 N - 77-39 W
1200 12-24 N - 76-43 W
2000 13-38 N - 25-31 W
Distance made good from Cristobal - 265 miles.

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Lieut. USNR

September 6, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at - 0800 14-52 N - 73-16 W
1200 15-14 N - 72-29 W
2000 15-53 N - 70-45 W
Distance made good noon to noon - 308 miles.
Average speed - 12.8 knots.

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F. L. DuBOIS
Lieut. USNR

September 7, 1942.

Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at - 0800 17-56 N - 68-42 W
1200 18-25 N - 67-52 W
2000 20-05 N - 67-24 W
Distance made good noon to noon - 338 miles.
Average speed - 14.1 knots.

F. L. DuBois
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September 8, 1942.

Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at - 0800 22-50 N - 68-28 W
1200 23-29 N - 68-44 W
2000 25-22 N - 69-30 W
Distance made good noon to noon - 327 miles.
Average speed - 13.6 knots.

F. L. DuBois
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War Diary of the U.S.S. ALGORAB

September 9, 1942.

Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at - 0800 28-01 N - 70-34 W
1200 28-50 N - 70-49 W
2000 30-32 N - 71-24 W

Distance made good noon to noon - 342 miles.

Average speed - 14.2 knots.

F. L. DuBois

F. L. DuBOIS
Lieut. USNR

September 10, 1942:

Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at - 0800 33-06 N - 72-24 W
1200 33-50 N - 72-31 W
2000 35-20 N - 72-57 W

Distance made good noon to noon - 310 miles.

Average speed - 12.9 knots.

(e) DD 463 signalled submarine hydrophone contact at 1037 and dropped depth charges. Later she reported definite sinking of a submarine.

F. L. DuBois

F. L. DuBOIS
Lieut. USNR

September 11, 1942.

Applicable changes:

(d) Position at - 0800 37-17 N - 74-35 W.

(e) While ships were in the normal cruising disposition the signal was made by the ALLEN at 0841 - Pennant Three - Form 18. In executing this signal a collision occurred between this ship and the U.S.S. HARRIS. Damage to this ship was as follows: The stem was sheared off at the 23 foot mark. The reinforced ice-breaker bow from the Keel to the 23 foot mark including frames and shell plating was twisted and corrugated to #1 collision bulkhead at frame 170. The forepeak tank was ruptured in numerous places above and below the water line. The plating and frames above the 23 foot

mark to frame 175 ~~was~~ sheared, twisted and folded upwards causing complete rupture of both upper and lower fore peak holds. Both hawse pipes were cracked, split and deflected, one fluke was broken off starboard anchor. Port anchor was jammed into shell plating and ^{had} have been deformed. Both anchor cables were probably subjected to excessive strain as evidenced by the shearing off of the starboard deck stopped pad. The two forepeak vents were sheared off and various other minor damage was suffered. One man died shortly after the collision as a result of injuries. The ship was able to proceed and took second position in column on ALLEN, followed by PROCYON. ALMAACK stood by HARRIS, who was able to proceed slowly. At 1251 Passed Buoy 2 CB. At 1600 Moored starboard side to north side Pier 7 NOB Norfolk, Virginia.

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September 12, 1942.

Applicable changes:

(e) Got underway for Navy Yard, Norfolk at 1530. Moored starboard side to south side Pier 4 at 1700. Yard planners and estimators commenced preliminary work on repairs.

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September 13, 1942, to September 30, 1942.

Applicable changes:

(e) This period was spent in Navy Yard, Norfolk effecting repairs to damaged bow, making numerous alterations and completing items of final conversion.

The ship shifted into drydock on September 22 at 0700 and returned to pier 4 on September 27 at 1800.

The one LCP(1) and the LCV which were retained when the ship left the Pacific Coast were turned in at the Landing Force Equipment Depot, NOB and a new allowance of boats was received. This consisted of 7 LCM(3)'s, 9 LCV's, 3 LCP(R)'s and 1 LCP(L).

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December 12, 1942

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U.S.S. ALGORAB

From: Oct. 1, 1942

To: Oct. 31, 1942.

War Diary of the U.S.S. ALGORAB

October 1, to October 4, 1942.

Applicable Changes:

(e) This period was spent at berth 30, Navy Yard, Norfolk, Virginia, completing repairs to damaged bow.

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October 5, 1942.

Applicable changes:

(e) Left Navy Yard at 0800 moored to fuel dock Craney Island at 0940. Completed fueling and loading of gasoline at 1600; got underway for Hampton Roads and anchored in Berth 7 at 1654.

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October 6, 1942.

Applicable changes:

(e) Got underway for Army Base at 1355 and berthed at Pier 1, berth 12 at 1502.

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October 7, to October 15, 1942.

Applicable changes:

(e) This period was spent at the Norfolk Port of Embarkation, Army Base, loading army equipment, principally, bombs, ammunition, steel landing field nets, gasoline and vehicles. Twelve officers and 150 troops of the U.S. Army were embarked.

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October 16, 1942.
Applicable changes:

(e) Underway from Army Base at 1953. Anchored for the night in Berth #1 at 2212.

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October 17, 1942.
Applicable changes:

(a) TransDivFive consisting of USS HENRY T. ALLEN, SUSAN B. ANTHONY, JOHN PENN, CLYMER, ANNE ARUNDEL, FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE, ELECTRA and ALGORAB.

(b) Received ComTransDivFive Training order 1-42 and commenced operating thereunder.

(e) Underway at 0700. Anchored at Hooper Island anchorage in company with TransDivFive at 1402.

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October 18, 1942.
Applicable changes:

(e) Underway at 0625 in company with TransDivFive. Anchored in Cedar Point anchorage at 0722 and proceeded with hoisting out of all boats in accordance with training order. The ship's landing boats were dispatched to various beaches in the vicinity of Cove Point and made numerous trips between other AP's and AK's and the beaches landing Army personnel and equipment.

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October 19, 1942.
Applicable changes:

(e) Continued with landing operations.

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October 20, 1942.
Applicable changes:

(e) Commenced scheduled operations at 0030, hoisting out all boats and dispatching them to other ships as on October 18. Got underway at 0805 and secured alongside USS MATTAPONI at 0854. Fueled to capacity and left at 1308. Anchored off Cedar Point at 1323.

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October 21, 1942.
Applicable changes:

(e) Shifted to Hooper Island anchorage from 0954 to 1103. Underway at 2155, with orders to return to Hampton Roads.

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October 22, 1942.
Applicable changes:

(e) Anchored in Hampton Roads in berth 18 at 0830. Underway at 1655 for Old Plantation Flats. Anchored at Old Plantation Flats Anchorage at 1655. At 2247 got underway with orders from ComTransDivFive to search for USS ELECTRA.

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War Diary of the U.S.S. ALGORAB

October 23, 1942.

Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at 1200 36-57 N - 75-44 W
2000 36-32 N - 73-56 W

(e) Contact was made with USS ELECTRA and the ship returned to Old Plantation Flats, anchoring at 0100.

Underway for sea at 0721. Formed in column as follows: CLYMER, ANTHONY, PENN, ALLEN, ARUNDEL, NIGHTINGALE, ELECTRA and ALGORAB. The HARRIS, TITANIA, LYON and LAKEHURST joined the column at 0845. Passed Cape Henry at 1035. USS TEXAS and SAVANNAH fell in at head of the column. At 1530 the column was formed up in convoy steaming formation, this ship taking position 33.

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October 24, 1942.

Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at 0800 34-58 N - 71-07 W
1200 34-31 N - 70-22 W
2000 33-48 N - 68-36 W

Distance made good noon to noon 302 miles.

Average speed 12.6 knots.

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October 25, 1942.

Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at 0800 34-34-N - 65-48 W
1200 35-05 N - 65-10 W
2000 36-32 N - 64-29 W

Distance made good noon to noon 300 Miles.

Average speed 12.5 knots.

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War Diary of the U.S.S. ALGORAB

October 26, 1942.

Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at	0800	38-48 N	-	65-14 W
	1200	39-05 N	-	64-04 W
	2000	39-21 N	-	61-57 W

Distance made good noon to noon 308 miles.

Average speed 12.8 knots.

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October 27, 1942.

Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at	0800	39-41 N	-	58-26 W
	1200	39-45 N	-	57-25 W
	2000	39-54 N	-	55-20 W

Distance made good noon to noon 311 miles.

Average speed 13.0 Knots.

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October 28, 1942.

Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at	0800	39-52 N	-	52-17 W
	1200	39-54 N	-	51-04 W
	2000	39-19 N	-	49-00 W

Distance made good noon to noon 292 miles.

Average speed 12.7 knots.

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War Diary of the U.S.S. ALGORAB

October 29, 1942.

Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at	0800	38-28 N	-	46-22 W
	1200	38-07 N	-	45-23 W
	2000	36-48 N	-	43-50 W

Distance made good noon to noon 286 miles.
Average speed 12.1 knots.

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October 30, 1942.

Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at	0800	35-26 N	-	41-36 W
	1200	35-06 N	-	41-00 W
	2000	34-16 N	-	40-00 W

Distance made good noon to noon 281 miles
Average speed 11.9 knots.

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October 31, 1942.

Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at	0800	34-11 N	-	36-52 W
	1200	34-25 N	-	36-25 W
	2000	34-46 N	-	35-02 W

Distance made good noon to noon 225 miles.
Average speed 9.5 knots.

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U.S.S. ALGORAB

From: November 1, 1942.

To: November 30, 1942.

War Diary of the U.S.S. ALGORAB

November 1, 1942.

(a) The ship is part of Task Unit 34.8.2 of the Amphibious Force, Atlantic Fleet.

(b) The Ship is operating with Task Force 34 engaged in the "Torch Operation" as directed by Commander Amphibious Force, operating order 1-42.

(d) Positions at	0800	32-48 N	-	32-44 W
	1200	32-13 N	-	32-12 W
	2000	30-43 N	-	29-50 W

Distance made good noon to noon 285 miles.
Average speed 12.1 knots.




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November 2, 1942.
Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at	0800	28-39 N	-	29-25 W
	1200	28-03 N	-	29-00 W
	2000	27-03 N	-	27-30 W

Distance made good noon to noon 284 miles.
Average speed 12.0 knots.



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November 3, 1942.
Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at	0800	27-44 N	-	24-36 W
	1200	28-22 N	-	24-24 W
	2000	29-44 N	-	23-46 W

Distance made good noon to noon 304 miles.
Average speed 12.8 knots.



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November 3, 1942.
Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at	0800	27-44 N	-	24-36 W
	1200	28-22 N	-	24-24 W
	2000	29-44 N	-	23-46 W

Distance made good noon to noon 304 Miles.
Average speed 12.8 knots.

F. L. DuBois

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November 4, 1942.
Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at	0800	31-19 N	-	22-35 W
	1200	31-32 N	-	22-07 W
	2000	32-14 N	-	21-23 W

Distance made good noon to noon 245 miles.
Average speed 10.3 knots.

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November 5, 1942.
Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at	0800	33-03 N	-	19-04 W
	1200	33-30 N	-	18-28 W
	2000	33-49 N	-	16-21 W

Distance made good noon to noon 233 miles.
Average speed 10.1 knots.

F. L. DuBois

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War Diary of the U.S.S. ALGORAB

November 6, 1942
Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at 0800 34-13-N - 13-48 W
1200 34-20 N - 13-17 W
2000 35-21 N - 12-37 W

Distance made good noon to noon 273 miles.
Average speed 11.1 knots.

F. L. DuBois
F. L. DuBOIS
Lieut. USNR

November 7, 1942.
Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at 0800 34-36-N - 9-50 W
1200 34-46 N - 8-54 W
2000 34-31 N - 7-37 W

Distance made good noon to noon 268 miles.
Average speed 11.3 knots.

F. L. DuBois
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Lieut. USNR

November 8, 1942.
Applicable changes:

(e) Arrived off Mehedia, Morrocco at 0000 remained underway maneuvering at slow speeds. Hoisted out all boats at 0100 and despatched them to other ships as directed by the operation plan. H-hour was to have been at 0400 but boats did not shove off for the beach from the transports until about 0530. Searchlights on shore spotted boats approaching the shore at about 0600 and enemy fire was opened at the same time. Fire was returned by our destroyers and the SAVANNAH shortly thereafter. Intermittent fire continued throughout the day but landings continued to be made by our boats. Two unidentified planes were seen shot down probably by fire from our ships.

All ships of the formation shifted to the southwest about six miles after dark and remained under way all night.

See Commanding Officer's action report, copy attached.

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U.S.S. ALGORAB
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November 16, 1942

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From: The Commanding Officer.
To: The Commander Transport Division Five.
Subject: Report of action.

1. As a ship of Task Unit 34.8.2 this vessel took part in an attack by that unit and by Task Group 34.8 on the port of Mehedia in French Morrocco, beginning on November 8, 1942.

2. This vessel did not participate in the attack other than as a cargo vessel providing landing boats, and the personnel to man those boats, to land assault troops and weapons from the Transports U.S.S. ANTHONY and U.S.S. CLYMER. No shots were exchanged with the enemy and this vessel was not directly attacked by the enemy, although one or two projectiles from an enemy shore battery fell some thousand yards away. Anti-aircraft guns were manned at all times in accordance with orders but no enemy aircraft was taken under fire, and no attacks on the ship by aircraft were experienced.

3. Eighteen landing craft from this vessel participated in the attack. Two LCP(R) boats, #17 and #18; nine LCV's 8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16; and five LCM's 2,3,4,5,6, landed troops and weapons from the U.S.S. CLYMER. LCM's 1 and 7 performed similar duty for the U.S.S. ANTHONY. Boats 2,3,7,11,12, 13,15,17, and LCP #20 were lost or stranded on the beach.

4. The above boats were manned by seventy-nine (79) enlisted men of this vessel, and were under the general charge, in groups, of six ensigns attached to this vessel for that duty. The ensigns were not made responsible for any particular boat or group of boats during the actual assault, other than the boat in which the particular officer happened to be stationed, and they, the officers, were entirely under the control of the assault vessel, (ANTHONY or CLYMER). In one case only, an officer from this vessel, Ensign E. W. Cantrelle, USNR, was put in charge of a group or wave of boats by the U.S.S. ANTHONY.

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5. No officer or man attached to this vessel is deserving of censure for his part in the attack on Mehedia. All officers and men are considered to have performed whatever duty was theirs in a creditable manner.

6. Although not taking part in the first assaults on the beach, the enlisted men detailed as relief crews for the landing boats, in adequately manning those boats during the hours and days succeeding the actual assault landings, opposed by extremely hazardous surf, are considered to have performed their duties in a creditable manner. In some instances their landings were made under enemy fire.

7. The following officers took an active part in the assault landing and also in the later landings of Nov. 9 when some of the beaches landed upon were still under enemy fire:

L.L. YOUNGBLOOD,	Ensign,	D-V(G),	USNR.
P.B. FLETCHER,	"	E-V(G),	"
W.V. HALL,	"	D-V(G),	"
D.D. JOHNSTON,	"	"	"
J.C. ROFF, JR.,	"	"	"
E.W. CANTRELLE,	"	"	"

8. One landing boat, LCP(R) #17, was severely damaged by enemy gunfire before it could be refloated after its first landing, at about 0520, November 8th. No member of the crew was injured by this gunfire, as Ensign L. L. Youngblood, in command of that boat, had just ordered the boat abandoned, it being exposed to direct fire from the enemy fort. Ensign Youngblood and the crew of this boat assisted the beach master and his party until about 1530 on Tuesday, November 10th.

9. No other boat from this vessel was lost due to enemy gunfire, though several others were stranded or otherwise lost due to heavy surf.

10. The six officers named above, the regular boat crews, and their relief crews, are all considered to have performed their duties well and courageously, not only under the fire of the enemy but also in the face of grave danger from the exceedingly heavy surf. Several men were washed over-board from boats or thrown into the surf when their boats were wrecked, but in no case was there any degree of fear shown or unwillingness to man the same or other boats again.

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11. Several enlisted men who were stranded on the beaches temporarily when their boats were beached, joined U. S. Army units for short periods in action against snipers and other hostile groups. However, it is felt that such action on their part was normal and to be expected.

12. No one individual is singled out for especially praiseworthy mention for heroic action or for performance of especially hazardous duty, over the other members of the ship's company as a whole.

13. No officer or man suffered any wounds inflicted by the enemy, though several suffered minor injuries through handling the boats in the rough seas.

14. Later landings on Nov. 9 and Nov. 10 were made by boats from this vessel for U.S.S. PENN and U.S.S. ELECTRA. For the most part these later landings appear to have been uneventful so far as enemy opposition was concerned, though the surf was at times quite high and dangerous.

s/s

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November 9, 1942.
Applicable changes:

(e) The formation returned to the transport area off Mehedia at daybreak and boats resumed landing operations on the beaches. This ship commenced unloading vehicles into tank lighters when they were available. Five of the ships boats were disabled on the beach and abandoned by the crews who returned aboard.

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November 10, 1942.
Applicable changes:

(e) The ship remained underway throughout the night and anchored at 1015 off the Mehedia Jetties. Underway at 1033 on account of submarine contacts, steamed out to sea and returned to anchorage at 1452. Continued cargo unloading operations throughout the afternoon and night, maneuvering with engines to keep the ship's head to the swell.

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November 11, 1942.
Applicable changes:

(e) Continued cargo operations throughout the night. Underway at 0621 on account of difficulty encountered in loading boats while the ship was rolling in a heavy swell. Remained underway and discharged cargo all day. Ceased unloading and anchored off the jetties at 1900. One landing boat was swamped and sank in the entrance to the jetties while returning to the ship.

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November 12, 1942.
Applicable changes:

(e) Underway at 0615, continued cargo operations throughout the day and returned to anchorage at 2016.

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November 13, 1942.
Applicable changes:

(e) Underway at 0630, continued cargo operations throughout the day and returned to anchorage at 1900.

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November 14, 1942.
Applicable changes:

(e) Remained at anchor throughout the night. Heavy swells resulted in the swamping of one damaged boat. Underway at 0651 continued cargo operations until 1530. Commenced hoisting in all boats on orders of Division Commander. All boats on board at 1810. Anchored at 1820.

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November 15, 1942.
Applicable changes:

(e) Underway at 0600 in company with Task Group 34.8 bound for Safi. At 1600 ALGORAB and SUSAN B. ANTHONY separated from the remainder of the convoy which was proceeding to Casablanca and continued toward Safi escorted by two DD's PARKER and KEARNEY.

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November 16, 1942.
Applicable changes:

(e) Arrived off Safi, Morocco at 0907, hoisted out all boats. Berthed at Phosphate Pier at 1200 commenced discharge of cargo. Discharged continuously until 2400.

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November 17, 1942.
Applicable changes:

(e) Shifted ship to Quai de Commerce at 0900 to berth vacated by USS SUSAN B. ANTHONY. Continued discharge of cargo, continuously day and night.

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November 18, 1942.
Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at 1200 32-17 N - 9-31 W
2000 32-11 N - 11-50 W

(e) Completed discharge of cargo at 0900, hoisted in all boats. Underway at 1036 and proceeded to sea in company with USS SUSAN B. ANTHONY and two DD's.

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November 19, 1942.
Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at 0800 31-50 N - 15-16 W
1200 31-43 N - 16-23 W
2000 31-28 N - 18-52 W

Distance made good noon to noon 1200 to 1200 349 miles.
Average speed 14.5 knots.

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November 20, 1942.
Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at	0800	31-10 N	-	22-18 W
	1200	31-17 N	-	23-23 W
	2000	31-02 N	-	25-38 W

Distance made good noon to noon 363 miles.
Average speed 14.5 knots.

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November 21, 1942.
Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at	0800	31-06 N	-	28-44 W
	1200	30-39 N	-	29-26 W
	2000	30-55 N	-	31-45 W

Distance made good noon to noon 330 miles.
Average speed 13.2 knots.

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November 22, 1942.
Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at	0800	32-11-N	-	35-02 W
	1200	32-23 N	-	35-58 W
	2000	32-38 N	-	37-23 W

Distance made good noon to noon 360 miles.
Average speed 15.0 knots.

(e) Joined Task Group 34.9 at 0815. Commodore in U.S.S. LEONARD WOOD. Took position 14.

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November 23, 1942.
Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at	0800	32-34 N	-	38-27 W
	1200	32-45 N	-	39-04 W
	2000	33-10 N	-	41-08 W

Distance made good noon to noon 168 miles.
Average speed 7.0 knots. Strong head winds and heavy seas.

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November 24, 1942.
Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at	0800	33-25 N	-	43-38 W
	1200	33-32 N	-	44-19 W
	2000	34-02 N	-	45-11 W

Distance made good noon to noon 270 miles
Average speed 11.2 knots. Strong head winds and heavy seas.

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November 25, 1942.
Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at	0800	34-18 N	-	47-49 W
	1200	34-16 N	-	48-41 W
	2000	34-40 N	-	50-15 W

Distance made good noon to noon 231 miles.
Average speed 9.6 knots.

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November 26, 1942.
Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at	0800	34-57 N	-	53-16 W
	1200	34-59 N	-	54-20 W
	2000	35-31 N	-	56-52 W

Distance made good noon to noon 287 miles.
Average speed 12.0 knots.

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November 27, 1942.
Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at	0800	35-07 N	-	58-12 W
	1200	35-00 N	-	59-07 W
	2000	34-52 N	-	60-51 W

Distance made good noon to noon 251 miles.
Average speed 10.0 knots.

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November 28, 1942.
Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at	0800	34-38 N	-	63-47 W
	1200	34-26 N	-	64-30 W
	2000	34-51 N	-	66-18 W

Distance made good noon to noon 267 miles.
Average speed 11.1 knots.

(e) Stopped for engine repairs at 0835, various slow speeds, resumed standard speed at 1000. Took position 15 in convoy at 2045.

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November 29, 1942.

Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at	0800	35-27 N	-	69-33 W
	1200	35-33 N	-	70-37 W
	2000	36-57 N	-	71-33 W

Distance made good noon to noon 310 miles.
Average speed 12.9 knots.

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November 30, 1942.

Applicable changes:

(d) Positions at	0800	37-00 N	-	74-10 W
	1200	37-03 N	-	75-04 W

Distance made good noon to noon 310 miles.
Average speed 12.9 knots.

(e) Passed Buoy XM to Chesapeake Bay swept channel at 1048. Convoy formed into single column. Passed Buoy 2 CB at 1433. Passed Cape Henry at 1513. Moored at Berth 35, Navy Yard, Norfolk at 1848. Navy Yard planners and estimators commenced preparations for repair of underwater damage incurred by pounding in heavy weather.

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To: The Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Fleet.
Subject: Operational Log and War Diary, forwarding of.
Reference: (a) CominCh and CNO ltr. FF1/A12-1/A16-3 Serial
3899 of October 19, 1942.
Enclosure: (A) U.S.S. ALGORAB Operational log and War Diary
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From: December 1, 1942

To: December 31, 1942.

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DECEMBER 1, 1942:

0000 Moored starboard side to berth 35 Navy Yard, Norfolk.
Ship operating as part of TransDivFive.

The ship was granted a Navy Yard availability for about five days. Repairs are to be made to underwater portions of the hull damaged by heavy weather during return from Morocco.

0850 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal.

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DECEMBER 2, 1942:

0000 Moored as before. Yard workmen effecting repairs and alterations.

0900 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal.

0940 Tugs YT 120, HELEN, RELIANCE and NONPAREIL came alongside. Pilot DAVIS aboard.

1000 Underway from pier.

1033 Moored in drydock #4 Navy Yard.

1305 Drydock pumped dry.

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DECEMBER 3, 1942:

0000 Drydocked as before.

0500 Drydock flooded.

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0610 Commenced backing out of dock, pilot DAVIS, Tugs YT 115 and HELEN assisting.

Ship lay off dock entrance while U.S.S. GEORGE CLYMER entered dock.

0735 Commenced reentering dock astern of CLYMER.

0745 Secured in drydock #4.

0930 Drydock pumped dry. Yard workmen continued repair and alteration work.

1000 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal.



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DECEMBER 4, 1942:

0000 Drydocked as before. Yard workmen effecting repairs and alterations.

0830 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal.



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DECEMBER 5, 1942:

0000 Drydocked as before. Yard workmen effecting repair and alterations.

0830 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal.



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DECEMBER 6, 1942:

0000 Drydocked as before. Yard workmen completing repairs.
0830 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples.
1306 Pilot TREAKLE aboard, tugs YT 120 and NONPAREIL assisting. Underway from drydock.
1418 Moored port side to Craney Island fuel pier.
1505 Commenced fueling.

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DECEMBER 7, 1942:

0000 Moored as before.
0800 Underway from pier assisted by YT 115, pilot DAVIS.
0847 Moored port side to Berth 12, Army Port of Embarkation, Norfolk, Virginia.
1345 YT 147 and pilot came alongside.
1358 Underway from Berth 12 for N.O.B. Norfolk, Virginia.
1430 Moored port side to Berth 42, Naval Operating Base, Hampton Roads, Virginia.

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DECEMBER 8, 1942:

0000 Moored as before.

0900 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal.

Received ComTaskFor29 secret serial 072300 directing CHENANGO, H. T. ALLEN, GEORGE CLYMER, JOHN PENN, HARRIS, ALGORAB, TITANIA and PATUXENT to report to ComTaskFor36, ComTransDivSix.

Loaded cargo, consisting principally of anchors, buoys and anti-submarine net gear destined for base Epic.



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DECEMBER 9, 1942:

0000 Moored as before.

0900 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal.

Continued loading cargo.



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DECEMBER 10, 1942:

0000 Moored as before.

0900 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal.

Continued loading cargo.



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DECEMBER 11, 1942:

0000 Moored as before.

0900 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples.

Continued loading cargo.

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DECEMBER 12, 1942:

0000 Moored as before.

0830 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples.

Continued loading cargo.

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DECEMBER 13, 1942:

0000 Moored as before.

0845 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples.

Continued loading cargo.

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DECEMBER 14, 1942:

0000 Moored as before.

0900 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal.

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Continued loading cargo.

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DECEMBER 15, 1942:

0000 Moored as before.

0900 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal.

1035 Three officers and a draft of fifty-one enlisted men reported aboard for transportation to base EPIC.

Continued loading cargo.

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DECEMBER 16, 1942:

0000 Moored as before.

0830 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal.

Draft before leaving: 17'6" Fwd. 27'0" Aft.

1025 Tugs NONPAREIL and E. V. McCAULEY alongside. Pilot TREAKLE aboard.

1037 Underway to shift to Berth 26.

1103 Anchored in berth 26, Hampton Roads, Va.

Loaded and secured all ship's landing craft.

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0000 Anchored as before.

0810 Underway in accordance with CTF 36 operation order 1-42
in company with TaskForce 36 composed of U.S.S. HENRY
T. ALLEN (flag), GEORGE CLYMER, HARRIS, JOHN PENN, ALGORAB,
TITANIA, CHENANGO, PATUXENT, MONTPELIER, DesDiv 20 plus
LAVALLETTE, CHEVALIER, STRONG and TAYLOR.

0852 Passed through anti-submarine net.

0952 Cape Henry Light abeam to starboard distance 1.2 miles.

1006 Clear of minefield.

1108 Passed Buoy 16 CLS abeam to port.

1300 Held General Quarters, Fire and Abandon Ship drills.

1412 Passed Buoy XM at end of swept channel. Commenced form-
ing convoy as shown below:

11 JOHN PENN	21 ALLEN	31 HARRIS
12 MONTPELIER	22 GEORGE CLYMER	32 ALGORAB
13 TITANIA	23 CHENANGO	33 PATUXENT

Standard distance 600 yds; standard interval 1000 yds.
DesDiv 20, TAYLOR, CHEVALIER and STRONG disposed as screen.
Set convoy course 127°T, speed 14 knots.

1450 Commenced zigzag plan #40.

1850 Ceased zigzag.

1900 Convoy wheeled to 147°T.

1930 Convoy wheeled to 167°T.

2000 Position: 36 - 18 N - 73 - 25 W
Commenced zigzag plan #40.

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DECEMBER 18, 1942:

0000 Steaming as before.

0246 Ceased zigzag and resumed base course 167°.

0652 Commenced zigzag plan #40.

0800 Position: 33-39 N - 72-40 W.

0803 Ceased zigzag and resumed base course.

0818 Convoy wheeled to 147°T.

0836 Convoy wheeled to 127°T.

0911 Convoy wheeled to 121°T.

0925 Commenced zigzag plan #19.

0930 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal.

1200 Position: 33-20 N - 71-34 W. Distance noon to noon 324 miles. Average speed 13.5 knots.

1850 Ceased zigzag and resumed base course 121°.

1900 Convoy wheeled to 141°T.

1920 Convoy wheeled to 161°T.

1940 Convoy wheeled to 171°T.

2000 Commenced zigzag plan #19.
Position: 32-23 N - 69-45 W.

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0000 Steaming as before.

0350 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 171°T.

0630 Commenced zigzag plan #19.

0800 Position: 29-36 N - 69-11 W.

0820 Convoy speed 10 knots.

0919 Convoy speed 11 knots.

0943 Convoy speed 14 knots.

1015 Made daily inspection of magazines and Smokeless powder samples, conditions normal.

1200 Position: 28-50 N - 68-58 W.

Distance noon to noon 330 miles. Average speed 13.8 knots.

1910 Convoy wheeled to 191°T.

1930 Convoy wheeled to 211°T.

2000 Position 27-05 N - 68-34 W.

2110 Convoy wheeled to 191°T.

2130 Convoy wheeled to 171°T.

2200 Commenced zigzag plan #19.

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DECEMBER 20, 1942:

0000 Steaming as before.

0430 Ceased zigzag and resumed base course 171°T.

0443 Commenced zigzag, plan #19.

0504 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 171°T.

0620 Commenced zigzag plan #19.

0800 Position: 24-18 N - 68-25 W.

0900 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal.

1018 Ceased zigzag and resumed base course 171°T.

1052 Commenced zigzag, plan #40.

1200 Position: 23-19 N - 38-10 W.

Distance noon to noon 340 miles. Average speed 14.2 knots.

1910 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 171°T.

1920 Convoy wheeled to 151°T.

1940 Convoy wheeled to 140°T.

2000 Position 21-38 N - 67-55 W.

Commenced zigzag plan #40.

2100 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 140°T.

2110 Convoy wheeled to 160°T.

2130 Convoy wheeled to 180°T.

2200 Commenced zigzag plan #40.

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DECEMBER 21, 1942:

0000 Steaming as before.

0800 Position: 19-03 N - 67-40 W.

0820 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal.

0930 Held General Quarters for drill purposes.

0948 Ceased zigzag, resumed course 180°T.

0952 Convoy wheeled to 205°T.

1000 Secured from general quarters.

1020 Commenced zigzag plan #19.

1113 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 205°T.

1118 Convoy wheeled to 225°T.

1125 Sighted Mona Island bearing 187°T.

1140 Commenced zigzag plan #19.

1200 Position: 18-20 N - 67-56 W.

Distance noon to noon 313 miles. Average speed 13.1 knots.

1300 Exercised crew at abandon ship drill.

1318 Secured from abandon ship drill.

1400 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 225°T.

1404 Convoy wheeled to course 210°T.

1420 Commenced zigzag plan #19.

1607 Convoy speed 10 knots in order to wait for USS TITANIA, effecting repairs to steering gear.

1627 Convoy speed 12 knots.

1645 Convoy speed 13 knots.

1711 Convoy speed 14 knots.

1800 USS TITANIA resumed station in convoy.

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1830 Emergency turn of 45° to the right. Navigator of USS
MONTPELIER reported sighting submarine.

1850 Emergency turn of 45° to the left.

1900 Convoy speed 15 knots.


1910 Convoy wheeled to 230°T.

1930 Convoy wheeled to 250°T.

1933 USS PATUXENT left the formation, bound for Curacao D.W.I. in
accordance with previous orders.

2000 Position: 17-03 N - 69-06 W.
Commenced zigzag plan #19

2129 Convoy speed 14 knots.


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DECEMBER 22, 1942:

0000 Steaming as before.

0715 Convoy adjusted mean course to 255°T.

0800 Position: 15-55 N - 71-51 W.

0844 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder
samples, conditions normal.

1200 Position 15-44 N - 72-50 W.
Distance noon to noon 337 miles. Average speed 14.0 knots.

1254 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 255°T.

1259 Convoy wheeled to 270°T.

1315 Commenced zigzag plan #40.

1318 Convoy speed 13 knots.

1950 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 270°T.

2000 Position 15-40 N - 74-34 W.
Convoy wheeled to 250°T.

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2020 Convoy wheeled to 230°T.

2040 Convoy wheeled to 221°T.

2100 Commenced zigzag plan #40.

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DECEMBER 23, 1942:

0000 Steaming as before.

0516 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 221°T.

0600 Commenced zigzag plan #40.

0800 Position: 13-53N - 76-14W.

0840 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal.

0950 Convoy wheeled to 180°T.

1040 Commenced zigzag plan #19.

1041 Held general quarters for drill.

1044 Secured from general quarters except for gun crews. Exercised gun crews.

1154 Secured all gun crews.

1200 Position: 13-01 N - 76-35 W.
Distance noon to noon 305 miles. Average speed 12.7 knots.

1222 Held general quarters on approach of patrol plane to-wing sleeve.

1237 Commenced firing 3 inch and 20 mm at target sleeve.

1250 A small fire in #1 tank lighter caused by electrical short circuit was quickly extinguished.

1252 Secured from general quarters, set condition two.

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1349 Ceased zigzag and resumed base course 180°T.
1354 Convoy wheeled to 210°T.
1425 Convoy wheeled to 240°T.
1500 Commenced zigzag plan #19.
1558 Convoy speed 14 knots.
1700 Set clocks back 1 hour to zone +5 time.
2000 Position 11-46 N - 77-53 W.
2020 Cease zigzag, resumed mean course 240°T.
2030 Convoy wheeled to 221°T.
2100 Commenced zigzag plan #19.


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DECEMBER 24, 1942:

0000 Steaming as before.
0800 Position 8-50 N - 79-45 W.
0840 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal.
0847 Held general quarters.
0850 Dismissed all stations except gun crews. Exercised gun crews.
0909 Secured gun crews. Set condition two.
0921 Convoy commenced forming single column.
0956 Passed Colon approach fairway buoy close aboard to port.
1100 Passed through boom at entrance to harbor.
1102 Pilot W. REID came aboard with orders to berth the ship in 7A.

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1214 Tug U.S. ARRAIJAN alongside to assist in berthing.
1231 Moored starboard side to Berth 7 A Cristobal. Draft forward 17'6", aft 26'.
1500 Commenced fueling.
1637 Finished fueling having received 1550.65 barrels diesel fuel, 702 Int. Draft forward 17'9" - Aft 27'3".
1750 Pilot KUHRT aboard, made all preparations for getting underway.
1802 Underway for transit of Panama Canal.
1945 Entered Gatun Locks.
2105 Cleared Gatun Locks.
2241 Passed Gamboa Signal Station.
2353 Entered Pedro Miguel Locks.

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0000 In Pedro Miguel Locks transiting Panama Canal.
0019 Cleared Pedro Miguel Locks.
0047 Entered Miraflores Locks.
0205 Cleared Miraflores Locks.
0237 Tug GORGONA alongside assisting.
0315 Moored to Buoy "D" astern with 90 fathoms of chain on the starboard anchor in 7 fathoms of water, Balboa, Canal Zone.

The designation of the force was changed to TaskForce 13 commanded by Captain A. H. GRAY and composed of HENRY T. ALIEN, JOHN PENN, GEORGE CLYMER, ALGORAB, TITANIA, MON* TPELIER, LAVALETTE, TAYLOR, CHEVALIER and CHEHANGO with flag in H. T. ALLEN.

ComTaskFor 13 shifted his flag to USS GEORGE CLYMER.

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DECEMBER 26, 1942:

0000 Moored as before.

1000 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal.

1105 Pilot E. C. ABBOTT came aboard, made all preparations for getting underway.

1221 Tug U. S. GORGONA alongside to assist. Draft fwd. 17'9" Aft. 27'3".

1245 Underway in accordance with ComTaskFor 13 operation order 1-42.

1251 Passed Buoy #19.

1327 Passed buoy #1 abeam to stb'd. close aboard, following channel.

1353 Tabougvilla Island Light abeam to stb'd. distance 0.5 miles Course 180°T.

1430 Held general quarters for drill. Fired 3 inch and 20 mm at target sleeve.

1543 Secured from general quarters, set condition two.

1620 The convoy formed in the disposition shown below.

11
JOHN PENN
12
MONTPELIER

21
GEORGE CLYMER
22
TITANIA
23
CHENANGO

31
H. T. ALLEN
32
ALGORAB

1748 Standard speed 14.5 knots.

1806 Commenced zigzag plan #40.

1900 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 200°T.

2000 Position: 7-36 N - 79-45 W.

2100 Cape Mala Lt. abeam to stb'd. distance 12.5 miles. Convoy wheeled to 220°T.

2120 Convoy wheeled to 240°T.

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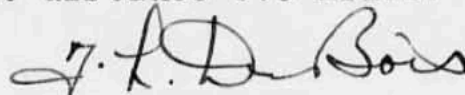
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2140 Convoy wheeled to 245°T.

2145 Convoy wheeled to 250°T.

2232 Los Frailes Lt. abeam to stb'd. 8.4 miles.

2345 Morro Puercos Lt. abeam to stb'd. distance 9.5 miles.



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DECEMBER 27, 1942:

0000 Steaming as before.

0330 Commenced zigzag plan #40.

0800 Position: 6-28 N - 82-08 W.

0900 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal.

1200 Position: 5-58 N - 83-02 W. From Balboa 308 miles.
Average speed 13.0 knots.

1451 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 250°T.

1500 Commenced zigzag plan #12.

1900 Clocks set back one hour to zone +6 time.

1830 Ceased zigzag, resumed course 250°T.

2000 Position: 5-15 N - 85-01W.

2330 Commenced zigzag plan #12.



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DECEMBER 28, 1942:

0000 Steaming as before.
0800 Position: 4-11 N - 87-21 W.
0845 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal.
1200 Position: 3-52 N - 88-19 W. Noon to Noon 341 Miles.
Average speed 13.6 knots.
1407 Adjusted convoy course to 253°T.
1448 Ceased zigzag and resumed base course 253°T.
1500 Commenced zigzag plan #38.
1850 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 253°T.
2000 Position 3-19 N - 90-02 W.

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DECEMBER 29, 1942:

0000 Steaming as before.
0400 Commenced zigzag plan #38.
0800 Position: 2-17 N - 92-49 W.
0830 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal.
0930 Held general quarters for drill.
1000 Secured from general quarters, set condition two.
1200 Position: 2-00 N - 93-43 W. Noon to noon 342 miles.
Average speed 14.2 knots.
1648 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 253°T.
1700 Commenced zigzag plan #12.
1703 Adjusted base course to 254°T.

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1910 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 254°T.

2000 Position: 1-27-N - 95-32 W.

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DECEMBER 30, 1942:

0000 Steaming as before.

0430 Commenced zigzag plan #12.

0800 Position: 0-34 N - 98-24 W.

0830 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal.

1200 Position: 0-12 N - 99-28 W. Noon to noon 362 miles.
Average speed 15.1 knots.

1557 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 254°T.

1600 Commenced zigzag plan #38.

1605 Adjusted convoy course to 255°T.

1754 Emergency turn to stb'd. of 45°.

1807 Emergency turn to port of 45°.

1810 Resumed base course 255°T.

1812 Commenced zigzag plan #30.

1940 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 255°T.

2000 Position: 0-12 S - 101-25 W.
Reduced speed to 13 knots. Convoy wheeled to 275°T.

2020 Convoy wheeled to 295°T.

2240 Passed a division of U. S. Submarines bound in easterly direction.

2300 Convoy wheeled to 275°T.

2320 Convoy wheeled to 255°T.

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DECEMBER 31, 1942:

0000 Steaming as before.
0430 Commenced zigzag plan #38.
0750 Increase convoy speed to 14.5 knots.
0800 Position: 0-25 S - 103-40 W.
0830 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal.
1200 Position: 0-41 S - 104-32 W.
Noon to noon 317 miles. Average speed 13.2 knots.
1556 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 255°T.
1603 Convoy wheeled to 222°T.
1640 Commenced zigzag plan #12.
1910 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 222°T.
2000 Position: 1-49 S - 106 - 21 W.
Convoy wheeled to 242°T.
2020 Convoy wheeled to 252°T.

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To: The Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Fleet.
Subject: Operational Log and War Diary, forwarding of.
Reference: (a) CominCh and CNO ltr. FF1/A12-1/A16-3 serial 3899 of October 19, 1942.
Enclosure: (A) U.S.S. ALGORAB Operational log and War Diary for the month of January.

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From: January 1, 1943.

To: January 31, 1943.

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0000 Underway as a unit of TaskForce 13 bound for Noumea, New Caledonia from Balboa, Canal Zone.
Task Force 13 is composed of the following ships cruising in the disposition shown below:

11	21-Flag	31
JOHN PENN	GEORGE CLYMER	HENRY T. ALLEN
12	22	32
MONTPELIER	TITANIA	ALGORAB
	23	
	CHENANGO	

The screen is composed of USS CHEVALIER, STRONG and TAYLOR.
The force is operating under ComTaskFor13 Operation order 1-42.

Received CinCPac serial 300425 which described a new organization of Transport Divisions Pacific Fleet. This ship is assigned to AmphibForSoPac TransDivTwo with Flag in USS President JACKSON.

Steaming on base course 252°T speed 14.5 knots.

0500 Commenced zigzag plan #12.

0746 Convoy speed reduced to 12 knots.

0748 Ceased zigzag resumed base course. USS CHENANGO commenced fueling destroyers.

0800 Position: 2-49 S - 109-42 W.

0815 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal.

1120 A plane crashed into the sea while being catapulted from USS MONTPELIER.

1200 Position: 2-54 S - 110-20 W. Distance noon to noon 332 miles. Average speed 15.3 knots.

1621 Convoy speed increased to 14.5 knots.

1626 Commenced zigzag plan #38.

1723 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course.

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1727 Convoy wheeled to 232°T.
1801 Commenced zigzag plan #38.
1930 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course.
2000 Position: 3-38 S - 111-57 W.
2100 Convoy wheeled to 252°T.

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JANUARY 2, 1943:

0000 Steaming as before.
0500 Commenced zigzag plan #38.
0800 Position: 4-38 S - 114-47 W.
0820 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal.
0955 Held general quarters for drill purposes.
1026 Secured from general quarters, set condition two.
1030 Test fired all 20mm guns.
1200 Position: 4-58 S - 115-46 W. Distance noon to noon 348 miles. Average speed 14.5 knots.
1630 Ceased zigzag resumed base course.
1639 Convoy speed reduced to 12.5 knots.
1640 Convoy wheeled to 272°T.
1700 Commenced zigzag plan #12.
Clocks set back one hour to zone +8 time.
1703 Convoy speed increased to 14.5 knots.
1900 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 272°T.
2000 Position: 5-18 S - 117-54 W.

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2030 Convoy wheeled to 252°T.

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JANUARY 3, 1943:

0000 Steaming as before.

0500 Commenced zigzag plan #12

0800 Position: 6-14 S - 120-46 W.

0825 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal.

0830 Convoy speed decreased to 14 knots.

1200 Position: 6-30 S - 121-42 W. Distance noon to noon 371 miles. Average speed 14.8 knots.

1727 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 252°T.

1730 Convoy wheeled to 272°T.

1800 Commenced zigzag plan #40.

1920 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 272°T.

2000 Position: 6-52 S - 123-29 W.

2030 Convoy wheeled to 252°T.

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JANUARY 4, 1943:

0000 Steaming as before.

0500 Commenced zigzag plan #40.

0800 Position: 7-45 S - 126-14 W.

0830 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal.

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0945 Convoy speed reduced to 13.5 knots.
1005 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 252°T.
1013 Convoy wheeled to 222°T.
1017 Convoy guide shifted to USS JOHN PENN.
1019 Convoy turned to 190°T. 180°mag. for the purpose of compass adjustments.
1103 Convoy turned to 280°T. 270°mag. Convoy guide shifted to USS H. T. ALLEN.
1137 Convoy turned to 252°T. USS GEORGE CLYMER resumed convoy guide.
1149 Commenced zigzag plan #19.
1200 Position: 8-00 S - 126-55 W. Distance noon to noon 332 miles. Average speed 13.8 knots.
1316 Convoy speed reduced to 10 knots, various slow speeds, USS H. T. ALLEN effecting repairs.
1337 Convoy speed increased to 13.5 knots.
1350 Commenced zigzag plan #19.
1644 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course.
1650 Convoy wheeled to 280°T.
1720 Commenced zigzag plan #19.
1950 Ceased zigzag and resumed course 280°T.
2000 Position: 8-11 S - 128-32 W.
Convoy wheeled to 260°T.
2020 Convoy wheeled to 250°T.

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JANUARY 5, 1943:

0000 Steaming as before.

0540 Commenced zigzag plan #19.

0800 Position: 9-07 S - 131-10 W.

0830 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal.

1028 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 250°T.

1029 Convoy made emergency turn to port of 45°.

1033 Convoy turned to 160°T. Guide shifted to JOHN PENN. Received instructions to fire on target sleeve.

1036 Held general quarters for drill and 20mm practice. Target sleeve parted or was shot down by another ship. No practice firing conducted.

1057 Secured from general quarters, set condition two.

1103 Convoy made emergency turn to starboard of 45°.

1107 Convoy turned to 250°T. USS GEORGE CLYMER resumed guide.

1119 Commenced zigzag plan #40.

1200 Position: 9-28 S - 131-52 W. Distance noon to noon 313 miles. Average speed 13.2 knots.

1700 Clocks set back 1 hr. to zone +9 time.

1643 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 250°.

1650 Convoy wheeled to 220°T.

1730 Commenced zigzag plan #4.

1910 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 220°T.

2000 Position: 10-26 S - 133-28 W.

2100 Convoy wheeled to 240°T.

2120 Convoy wheeled to 250°T.

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JANUARY 6, 1943:

0000 Steaming as before.

0500 Commenced zigzag plan #40.

0800 Position: 11-24 S - 135-56 W.

0938 Ceased zigzag, remained on course 210°T.

0944 Convoy turned to 180°T. USS JOHN PENN took guide.

0945 Held general quarters for 20mm firing practice.

0948 Convoy turned to 160°T.

0952 Secured from general quarters, guns crews remained at posts and fired on target sleeve being towed overhead.

1015 Made emergency turn to starboard of 45° to 205°T.

1019 Convoy turned to course 250°T.

1100 Secured gun crews from sleeve target practice.

1118 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal.

1130 Commenced zigzag plan #12.

1200 Convoy speed increased to 14 knots.
Position: 11-52 S - 136-37 W. Noon to noon 323 miles.
Average speed 12.9 knots.

1736 Convoy wheeled to 270°T.

1756 Convoy wheeled to 290°T.

1820 Commenced zigzag plan #12.

1940 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 290°T.

2000 Position: 12-03 S - 138-22 W.
Convoy wheeled to 270°T.

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JANUARY 7, 1943:

0000 Steaming as before.

0510 Commenced zigzag plan #12.

0738 Convoy speed reduced to 12 knots.
Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 270°T.

0800 Position: 12-08 S - 141-11 W.

0830 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal.

1135 Commenced zigzag plan #12.

1200 Position: 12-10 S - 142-00 W. Noon to noon 322 miles.
Average speed 13.4 knots.

1254 Ceased zigzag and resumed base course 270°T.

1501 Reduced standard speed to 13.5 knots.

1510 Commenced zigzag plan #40.

1727 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 270°T.

1731 Convoy wheeled to 244°T.

1800 Commenced zigzag plan #40.

2000 Position: 12-27 S - 143-46 W.
Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 244°T.

2030 Convoy wheeled to 264°T.

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JANUARY 8, 1943:

0000 Steaming as before.

0530 Commenced zigzag plan #40.

0800 Position: 12-45 S - 146-18 W.

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0840 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, condition normal.

1200 Position: 12-53 S - 147-10 W. Noon to noon 307 miles.
Average speed 12.8 knots.

1649 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 264°T.

1700 Set clocks back one hour to zone +10 time.
Convoy wheeled to 284°T.

1725 Commenced zigzag plan #12.

1920 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 284°T.

2000 Position: 12-50 S - 149-07 W.
Convoy wheeled to 264°T.

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JANUARY 9, 1943:

0000 Steaming as before.

0500 Commenced zigzag plan #12.

0800 Position: 13-09 S - 152-00 W.

0900 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal.

1200 Position: 13-14 S - 152-54 W. Noon to noon 337 miles.
Average speed 13.5 knots.

1309 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 264°T.

1319 Emergency turn to port of 45°. Guide shifted to USS JOHN PENN.

1326 Convoy turned to course 174°T.

1327 Held general quarters for drill and 20mm target practice.

1345 Emergency turn to starboard of 45°.

1349 Convoy turned to course 264°T. Fired 20mm guns at sleeve towed by CHENANGO plane.

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1420 Secured from general quarters, set condition two.

1442 USS GEORGE GLYMER resumed guide.

1449 Commenced zigzag plan #38.

1654 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 264°T.

1659 Convoy wheeled to course 243°T.

1720 Commenced zigzag plan #38.

2000 Position: 13-36 S - 154-24 W.

2050 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 243°.

2100 Convoy wheeled to 263°T.

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JANUARY 10, 1943:

0000 Steaming as before.

0510 Commenced zigzag plan #38.

0800 Position: 14-07 S - 157-05 W.

0810 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal.

0918 Increased speed to 14 knots.

1200 Position: 14-18 S - 157-56 W. Noon to noon 303 miles.
Average speed 12.6 knots.

1700 Set clocks back one hour to zone +11 time.

1716 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 263°T.

1730 Convoy wheeled to course 245°T.

1830 Commenced zigzag plan #12.

2000 Position: 14-42 S - 159-58 W.

2020 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 245°T.

2030 Convoy wheeled to 265°T.

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JANUARY 11, 1943:

0000 Steaming as before.

0430 Commenced zigzag plan #12.

0739 Convoy speed reduced to 12 knots.

0742 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 265°T.

0800 Position: 14-58 S - 162-42 W.

0830 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal.

1040 Convoy speed increased to 13.5 knots.

1050 Commenced zigzag plan #38.

1200 Position: 15-08 S - 163-38 W. Noon to noon 338 miles.
Average speed 13.5 knots.

1650 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 265°T.

1700 Convoy wheeled to 230°T.

1740 Commenced zigzag plan #38.

2000 Position: 15-33 S - 165-11 W.
Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 230°T.

2010 Convoy wheeled to 250°T.

2030 Convoy wheeled to 270°T.

2100 Commenced zigzag plan #38.

2300 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 270°T.

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JANUARY 12, 1943:

0000 Steaming as before.

0450 Commenced zigzag plan #38.

0800 Position: 15-40 S - 167-57 W.

0842 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal.

1200 Position: 15-41 S - 168-52 W. Noon to noon 311 miles.
Average speed 13.5 knots.

1755 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 270°T.

1800 Convoy wheeled to 235°T.

1808 USS H. T. ALLEN and this ship exchanged positions in convoy.

1839 Commenced zigzag plan #12.

2000 Position: 15-52 S - 170-39 W.

2150 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 235°T.

2200 Convoy wheeled to 255°T.

2230 Commenced zigzag plan #12.

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JANUARY 13, 1943:

0000 Steaming as before. Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 255°T. USS H. T. ALLEN escorted by TAYLOR, left the convoy bound for Samoa.

0510 Commenced zigzag plan #12.

0800 Position: 16-41 S - 173-11 W.

0830 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal.

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1200 Position: 16-54 S - 174-02 W. Noon to noon 312 miles.
Average speed 13.0 knots.

1310 Held general quarters for drill purposes.

1325 Secured from general quarters, set condition two.

1600 Convoy wheeled to 225°T.

1630 Convoy wheeled to 192°T.

1651 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 255°T.

1700 Set clocks back one hour to zone +12 time.
Commenced zigzag plan #38.

1950 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 192°T.

2000 Convoy wheeled to 212°T.
Position: 17-56 S - 175-22 W.

2020 Commenced zigzag plan #38.

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JANUARY 14, 1943:

0000 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 212°T.

0420 Commenced zigzag plan #38.

0524 Increased convoy speed to 14 knots.

0800 Position: 20-07 S - 176-45 W.

0815 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder
samples, conditions normal.

1010 Adjusted convoy course to 216°T.

1200 Position: 20-58 S - 177-14 W. Noon to noon 325 miles.
Average speed 13.0 knots.

1250 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 216°T.

1300 Convoy wheeled to 240°T.

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- 1320 Commenced zigzag plan #12.
1950 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 240°T.
2000 Position: 21-54 S - 178-53 W. Convoy wheeled to 260°T.

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JANUARY 16, 1943:

- 0000 Steaming as before. Zone time became -12.
0100 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 260°T.
0440 Commenced zigzag plan #12.
0800 Position: 22-23 S - 178-08 E.
0830 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal.
1200 Position: 22-27 S - 177-15 E. Noon to noon 326 miles. Average speed 13.6 knots.
1700 Convoy wheeled to 240°T.
1720 Commenced zigzag plan #38.
2000 Position: 23-07 S - 175-25 E.
2020 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 240°T.
2030 Convoy wheeled to 265° T. Reduced standard speed to 10 knots. USS CHENANGO dropped behind convoy on account of trouble with water in her fuel.
2050 Commenced zigzag plan #38.
2230 USS CHENANGO rejoined formation, standard speed increased to 14 knots.

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JANUARY 17, 1943:

0000 Steaming as before.

0205 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 265°T.

0500 Commenced zigzag plan #38.

0800 Position: 23-24 S - 172-30 E.
Adjusted convoy course to 270°T.

0857 Increased convoy speed to 14.5 knots.

1200 Position: 23-29 S - 171-30 E. Noon to noon 328 miles.
Average speed 13.7 knots.

1454 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 270°T.

1500 Convoy wheeled to 260°T.

1520 Commenced zigzag plan #40.

1700 Clocks were set back one hour to zone -11 time.

1950 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 260°T.

2000 Position: 23-45 S - 169-24 E.
Convoy wheeled to 280°T.

2030 Commenced zigzag plan #40.

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JANUARY 18, 1943:

0000 Steaming as before.

0210 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 280°T.

0430 Commenced zigzag plan #40.

0625 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 280°T.

0630 Convoy wheeled to 317°T.

0710 Commenced zigzag plan #40.

0800 Position: 23-09 S - 166-35 E.

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JANUARY 18, 1943: (Con't).

- 0930 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 317°T.
- 0940 Convoy wheeled to 355°T.
- 1015 Convoy wheeled to 030°T.
- 1053 Sighted Amedee Island Light bearing 028°T distant about 18 miles.
- 1056 Convoy commenced forming column as follows:
1. GEORGE CLYMER
2. JOHN PENN
3. MONTPELIER
4. ALGORAB
5. TITANIA
6. CHENANGO
Chenango had trouble with steering gear and maneuvers with some difficulty.
- 1125 Formed in column on course 000°T. Various speed approaching entrance and picking up pilot.
- 1213 Pilot Vincent Gap came aboard.
- 1236 Amedee Island Light abeam to port distance 1200 yds.
- 1425 Anchored in 10 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor in Berth 55, Dumbree Bay.
Draft on entering port - Forward 16'6", aft 26'0".

Ships present:

NORTH CAROLINA	BALCH	CHARLESTON
WASHINGTON	SARATOGA	CHENANGO
INDIANA	ALGORAB	JOHN PENN
SAN JUAN	TITANIA	GEORGE CLYMER
MONTPELIER	CASSIOPEA	MERCURY
WHITNEY	ANTARES	PROMETHEUS
ARGONNE	BOREAS	LAVALETTE
LANDSDOWNE	ENGADINE (HMS)	CHEVALIER
FLETCHER	McKEAN	CIMARRON
SHAW	PLYMOUTH	

By order of CTF 13, Task Force 13 was disbanded.

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JANUARY 19, 1943:

- 0000 Anchored as before.
- 0700 Hoisted out all boats. Made preparations for unloading cargo. Waiting for orders.
- 0900 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal.

Received orders not to discharge any cargo this day.

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JANUARY 20, 1943:

- 0000 Anchored as before.
- 0700 Commenced discharging small amount of top loaded cargo into b/boats and sending it ashore in accordance with orders of Port Director.
- 0830 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal.

Received ComAmphibForSoPac confidential serial 037 FE25/A3-1 describing organization and staff of AmphibForSoPac. AmphibForSoPac is Task Force 62, Rear-Admiral R.K. TURNER commanding with flag in U.S.S. McCAWLEY. Transport group is Task Group 62.1, Captain L. F. REIFSNIDER, with flag in U.S.S. HUNTER LIGGETT. The ALGORAB is attached to Trans Div 2 which is task unit 62.1.1 Captain I. N. KILAND, commanding in U.S.S. PRESIDENT JACKSON.

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JANUARY 21, 1943:

- 0000 Anchored as before.
- 0900 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal.
- 1225 Underway to go alongside SS. FRANK H. DRUM for fuel. Various courses and speeds.

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JANUARY 21, 1943: (Con't).

- 1310 Moored starboard side to SS FRANK H. DRUM, commenced fueling.
- 1800 Finished fueling. Draft forward 17' aft 26'. Received 132,174 gallons Diesel Oil.
- 1820 Underway to return to anchorage.
- 1847 Anchored in Berth 55, Dumbear Bay with 45 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor.

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JANUARY 22, 1943:

- 0000 Anchored as before.
- 0630 U.S.S. NIAGARA came alongside for water. This ship supplied landing boats to U.S.S. TITANIA to assist in discharging cargo.
- 1345 NIAGARA completed taking water, received 38,000 gallons.
- 1430 U.S.S. NIAGARA got underway and returned to her anchorage.

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JANUARY 23, 1943:

- 0000 Anchored as before.
- 0900 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal.

The ship furnished boats to assist in unloading USS TITANIA.

Received ComTaskGroup 62.6 operation order 1-43 directing USS JOHN PENN and ALGORAB to proceed to Button in company with HUNTER LIGGETT. HUNTER LIGGETT to leave disposition and proceed to Fila Harbor arriving during daylight. Escorts are U.S.S. MANLEY and HUMPHREY.

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JANUARY 24, 1943:

0000 Anchored as before.

0704 Underway in accordance with ComTaskGroup 62.6 operation order 1-43, following USS JOHN PENN on various courses leaving Noumea Harbor, standard speed 12 knots.

Draft forward 18'3" aft 24'0".

~~0747 Standard speed 15 knots.~~

0803 Held general quarters.

0855 Passed through Bulari passage into open sea. Formed Disposition as shown below:

11
JOHN PENN

21
HUNTER LIGGETT

12
ALGORAB
Distance 600 yds, interval 1000 yds. Course 180°T,
speed 15 knots.

0937 Commenced zigzag plan #38.

1000 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal.

1015 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 180°T.

1026 Changed formation course to 126°T.

1042 Commenced zigzag plan #38.

1200 Position: 23-06 S - 166-44 E.

1324 Changed formation course to 075° T.

1739 Changed formation course to 040°T.

2000 Position: 22-31 S - 168-29 E.

2100 Changed formation course to 048°T.

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JANUARY 25, 1943:

0000 Steaming as before. Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 345°T.

0010 Changed formation course to 020°T.

0020 Changed formation course to 000°T.

0030 Changed formation course to 345°T.

0040 Commenced zigzag plan #38.

0800 Position 19-57 S - 168-40 E.

0840 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal.

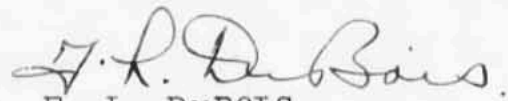
1200 Position: 19-13 S - 168-24 E. Noon to noon 338 miles. Average speed 14.1 knots.

1500 U.S.S. HUNTER LIGGETT and HUMPHREYS left the formation and headed toward Efate Island in accordance with previous orders. ALGORAB took position 1000 yds on starboard beam of USS JOHN PENN. Reduced formation speed to 13.5 knots.

1814 Changed convoy course to 000°T.

2000 Position: 17-30 S - 168-00 E.
USS HUNTER LIGGETT rejoined the formation in original position, ALGORAB returned to position 12.

2305 USS HUNTER LIGGETT and HUMPHREYS left formation again headed for Efate Island.


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JANUARY 26, 1943:

0000 Steaming as before.

0035 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 000°T.

0058 Formation course changed to 318°T.

0112 Commenced zigzag plan #12.

0512 Ceased zigzag, resumed base course 318°T.

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JANUARY 26, 1943: (Con't).

- 0530 Reduced speed to two thirds, various courses following column leader.
- 0627 Passed between Tutuba and Bogacio Islands.
- 0700 Passed through Anti-Submarine net between Aore and Espiritu Santo Island.
- 0739 Anchored in Second Channel in Berth #35 in 30 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor.
- Draft on arrival: Forward 17'9", aft 23'9".
- Commenced unloading cargo into ship's boats.
- 1250 Shifted berth about 50 yds to the East-North-East.

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JANUARY 27, 1943:

- 0000 Anchored as before.
- 0040 Sounded general quarters on notice of air raid from shore signal station.
- 0121 Secured from general quarters, no planes seen or heard.
- 0900 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal.
- Discharging cargo into ship's boats and sending it ashore. Numerous delays on account of lack of men and facilities for unloading boats on the beach.

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JANUARY 28, 1943:

- 0000 Anchored as before.
- 0830 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal.
Discharging cargo as before.

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JANUARY 29, 1943:

0000 Anchored as before.

Discharging cargo as before.

0900 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal.

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JANUARY 30, 1943:

0000 Anchored as before.

Discharging cargo as before.

0930 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal.

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JANUARY 31, 1943:

0000 Anchored as before.

Discharging cargo as before.

0930 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal.

1310 U.S.S. NIAGARA moored alongside and commenced taking water.

1730 U.S.S. NIAGARA completed taking 23,000 gals. of water and returned to her anchorage.

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