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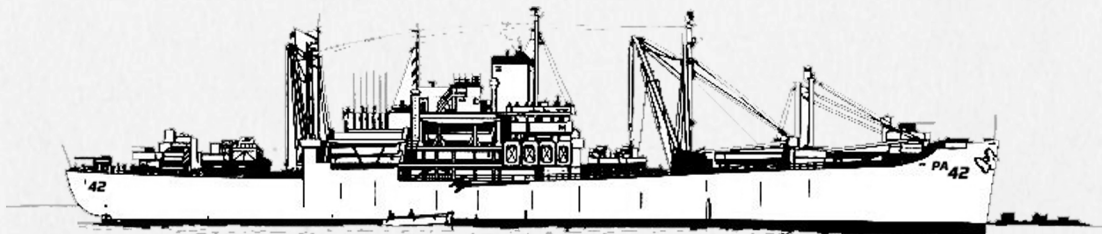
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Operational Remarks
From Aug. 25 to 31, 1943.*

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(War Diary)**

From August 25 to 31, 1943



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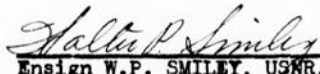
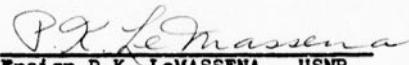

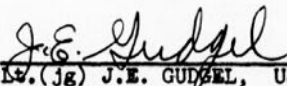


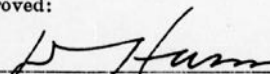
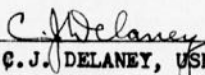
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UNITED STATES SHIP	U.S.S. <u>ELMORE</u> (APA - 42)	Wednesday	25	August	1943
		<small>(Day)</small>	<small>(Date)</small>	<small>(Month)</small>	
Zone description <u>+ 4</u>					
Position	0800	1200	2000		
Lat.					
Long.					
LWT OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)					
1400-1600					
1406	<p>In accordance with Vice CNO confidential letter OP-39-A-RC (SC)Q51/64 Serial D118539 of December 9, 1942 and Vice CNO despatches 221339 and 251849 of March 1943 the U.S.S. ELMORE (APA-42) was placed in commission by Captain B.N. WARD, USN and delivered to Commander DRAYTON HARRISON, USN, Commanding Officer. Watch set in all departments. Vessel undergoing conversion.</p> <p>Moored starboard side to pier #5, Fairfield Plant of the Maryland Drydock Company with 10 one inch mooring wires doubled. #2 boiler in use for auxiliary purposes.</p>				
1415	Crew engaged in loading supplies and observance of ship equipment.				
<p><i>Walter P. Smiley</i> <u>Ensign W.P. SMILEY, USNR.</u> O.O.D.</p>					
1600-2000					
No remarks					
<p><i>P.K. LeMasena</i> <u>Ensign P.K. LeMASSENA, USNR.</u> O.O.D.</p>					
2000-2400					
No remarks					
<p><i>Lt. (jg) H.G. Batalin</i> <u>Lt. (jg) H.G. BATALIN, USNR.</u> O.O.D.</p>					
Approved:			Examined:		
<p><i>[Signature]</i> <u>Comdr. DRAYTON HARRISON, USN.</u> <small>Commanding Officer.</small></p>			<p><i>[Signature]</i> <u>Lt. Comdr. C. O. DELANEY, USNR.</u> <small>Navigator.</small></p>		

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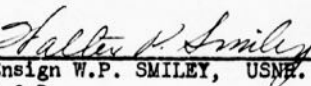
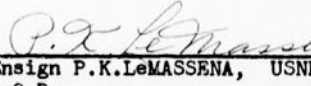

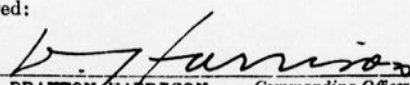
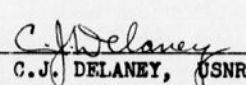
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Zone description <u>4</u>				
Position	0800	1200	2000	
Lat.				
Long.				
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)				
L W T				
0000-0400	No remarks			
	 Ensign W.P. SMILEY, USNR. O.O.D.			
0400-0800	No remarks			
	 Ensign P.K. LeMASSENA, USNR. O.O.D.			
0800-1200	No remarks			
	 Ensign E.N. TANNER, USNR. O.O.D.			
1200-1600	No remarks			
	 Lt.(jg) J.E. GUDGEEL, USNR. O.O.D.			
1600-2000	No remarks			
	 Lt.(jg) A. LOFTHOUSE, USNR. O.O.D.			
2000-2400	No remarks			
	 Ensign B.D. RAWLS, USNR. O.O.D.			
Approved:	Examined:			
 Comdr. DRAYTON HARRISON, USN <small>Commanding Officer.</small>		 Lt. Comdr. C.J. DELANEY, USNR. <small>Navigator.</small>		

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UNITED STATES SHIP		ELMORE (APA -42)	Friday (Day)	27 (Date)	August (Month)	1943
Zone description <u>44</u>						
Position	0800		1200		2000	
Lat.						
Long.						
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)						
L W T						
0000-0400	No remarks					
	 Lt.(JG) J.E. GUDGEL, USNR O.O.D.					
0400-0800	No remarks					
	 Ensign A. LOFTHOUSE, USNR. O.O.D.					
0800-1200	No remarks					
	 Ensign C.O. BURNS, USNR. O.O.D.					
1200-1600	No remarks					
	 Lt.(JG) H.G. BATALIN, USNR. O.O.D.					
1600-1800	No remarks					
	 Ensign W.P. SMILEY, USNR. O.O.D.					
1800-2000	No remarks					
	 Ensign P.K. LeMASSENA, USNR. O.O.D.					
2000-2400	No remarks					
	 Ensign J.N. TANNER, USNR. O.O.D.					
Approved:	Examined:					
 Comdr. DRAYTON HARRISON, USN. <small>Commanding Officer.</small>		 Lt. Comdr. C.J. DELANEY, USNR. <small>Navigator.</small>				

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(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description 44

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

L W T

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400

No remarks

H. G. Batalin
Lt. (jg) H.G. BATALIN, USNR.
O.O.D.

0400-0800

No remarks

Walter P. Smiley
Ensign W.P. SMILEY, USNR.
O.O.D.

0800-1200

1100 Made all preparations for conducting dock trial under observance of representatives from Norfolk Navy Yard and the Maryland Drydock Company.

1120 Commenced testing main engine, gradually increasing revolutions from 20 RPM to 55 RPM ahead.

M. H. Shaw
Lt. (jg) M.H. SHAW, USNR.
O.O.D.

1200-1600

1430 Backed main engine to 45 RPM.

1500 Stopped main engine and secured.

B. D. Rawls
Ensign B.D. RAWLS, USNR.
O.O.D.

1600-1800

No remarks

J. W. McCormick
Lt. J.W. McCORMICK, USNR.
O.O.D.

1800-2000

No remarks

A. Lofthouse
Lt. (jg) A. LOFTHOUSE, USNR.
O.O.D.

2000-2400

No remarks

C. O. Burns
Ensign C.O. BURNS, USNR.
O.O.D.

Approved:

Examined:

D. Harrison
Comdr. DRAYTON HARRISON, USN. *Commanding Officer.*

C. J. Delaney
Lt. Comdr. C. J. DELANEY, USNR. *Navigator.*

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		<small>(Day)</small>	<small>(Date)</small>	<small>(Month)</small>	
Zone description <u>44</u>					
Position	0800		1200		2000
Lat.					
Long.					
L W T	OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)				
0000-0400	No remarks				
					<u>B. D. Rawls</u> Ensign B. D. RAWLS, USNR. O.O.D.
0400-1200	0600 Made all preparations for shifting berths.				
	0614 Tugs Maryland, Chester, and Carolyn came alongside to assist.				
	0642 Let go all lines.				
	0644 Commenced moving astern with aid of tugs.				
	0650 Clear of dock. Commenced swinging stern around to starboard. Docking Pilot W. Rawles at conn. Captain and Navigator on the bridge.				
	0725 Moored portside to east side of pier #5, Fairfield Plant of Maryland Drydock Co.				
					<u>A. Lofthouse</u> Lt. (Jg) A. LOFTHOUSE, USNR. O.O.D.
1200-1600	No remarks				
					<u>J. N. Tanner</u> Ensign J. N. TANNER, USNR. O.O.D.
1600-1800	No remarks				
					<u>Lt. (Jg) H. G. Batalin</u> Lt. (Jg) H. G. BATALIN, USNR. O.O.D.
1800-2000	No remarks				
					<u>Walter P. Smiley</u> Ensign W. P. SMILEY, USNR. O.O.D.
2000-2400	No remarks				
					<u>J. N. Tanner</u> Ensign J. N. TANNER, USNR. O.O.D.
Approved:		Examined:			
<u>Drayton Harrison</u>		<u>C. Delaney</u>			
Comdr. DRAYTON HARRISON, USNR. <small>Commanding Officer.</small>		Lt. Comdr. C. DELANEY, USNR.		Navigator.	

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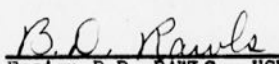
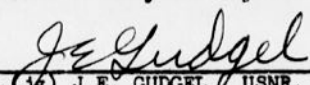


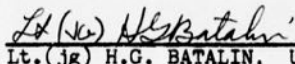
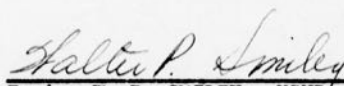
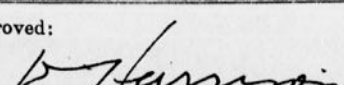
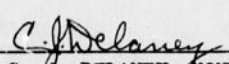
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UNITED STATES SHIP	ELMORE (APA - 42)	Monday <small>(Day)</small>	30 <small>(Date)</small>	August, 1943 <small>(Month)</small>
Zone description <u>44</u>				
Position	0800	1200	2000	
Lat.				
Long.				
L W T	OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)			
0000-0400	No remarks			
	<u>H. G. Batalin</u> Lt. (jg) H.G. BATALIN, USNR. O.O.D.			
0400-0800	No remarks			
	<u>Walter P. Smiley</u> Ensign W. P. SMILEY, USNR. O.O.D.			
0800-1200	No remarks			
	<u>P. LeMassena</u> Ensign P. LeMASSENA, USNR. O.O.D.			
1200-1600	No remarks			
	<u>C. O. Burns Jr</u> Ensign C.O. BURNS, USNR. O.O.D.			
1600-1800	No remarks			
	<u>B. D. Rawls</u> Ensign B.D. RAWLS, USNR. O.O.D.			
1800-2000	No remarks			
	<u>J. E. Gudgel</u> Lt. (jg) J.E. GUDGEL, USNR. O.O.D.			
2000-2400	No remarks			
	<u>A. Lofthouse</u> Lt. (jg) A. LOFTHOUSE, USNR. O.O.D.			
Approved:	Examined:			
<u>D. Harrison</u>	<u>C. J. Delaney</u>			
Comdr. DRAYTON HARRISON, USN. <small>Commanding Officer.</small>	Lt. Comdr. C.J. DELANEY, USNR. <small>Navigator.</small>			

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			(Day)	(Date)	(Month)
Zone description <u>F 4</u>					
Position	0800	1200	2000		
Lat.					
Long.					
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)					
L W T					
0000-0400	No remarks				
	 Ensign C.O. BURNS, USNR. O.O.D.				
0400-0800	0520 Made all preparations for getting underway to shift berth.				
	0553 Tugs Maryland and Chester came alongside to starboard to assist, Docking Pilot Frank Shultz at conn, Captain and Executive Officer on the bridge.				
	0625 Let go all lines.				
	0630 Commenced moving ship clear of dock with tugs to allow (AP - 111) to moor alongside of pier #5.				
	 Ensign B.D. RAWLS, USNR. O.O.D.				
0800-1200	0830 Moored port side to (AP - 111) at pier #5, Fairfield Plant of Maryland Drydock Co. Secured main engines.				
	 Lt. (jg) J.E. GUDGE, USNR. O.O.D.				
1200-1600	No remarks				
	 Lt. (jg) H.L. SUTHERLANE, USNR. O.O.D.				
1600-1800	No remarks				
	 Ensign J.N. TANNER, USNR. O.O.D.				
1800-2000	No remarks				
	 Lt. (jg) H.G. BATALIN, USNR. O.O.D.				
2000-2400	No remarks				
	 Ensign W. P. SMILEY, USNR. O.O.D.				
Approved:		Examined:			
 Comdr. DRAYTON HARRISON, USN. <small>Commanding Officer.</small>		 Lt. Comdr. C. J. DELANEY, USNR. <small>Navigator.</small>			

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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
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LWT

00-04 MOORED PORT SIDE TO APA. 111, AT PIER #5, FAIRFIELD PLANT OF MARYLAND DRYDOCK COMPANY, BALTIMORE MARYLAND IN 5 FATHOMS OF WATER WITH 1 ϕ -1" WIRE MOORING LINES. #2 BOILER IN USE FOR AUXILIARY PURPOSES. ELMORE UNDERGOING CONVERSION.

Paul Le Massena
ENSTGN D-V (G) USNR

04-08

0635 TUGS CAROLYN AND JANE CAME ALONGSIDE. PILOT FRANK SHULTZ AT CONN. CAPTAIN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND NAVIGATOR ON BRIDGE

0650 UNDERWAY TO SHIFT BERTH TO PIER #9, PORT COVINGTON, STANDARD SPEED 12 KNOTS 60 R.P.M. ON VARIOUS COURSES CONFORMING TO THE CHANNEL.

John W. James
ENSTGN D-M USNR

0812

0804 MOORED STARBOARD SIDE TO PIER #9, PORT COVINGTON, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND WITH 2-8" MANILA LINES DOUBLED AND 6-1" WIRE MOORING LINES. SECURED MAIN ENGINE. #1 BOILER IN USE FOR AUXILIARY PURPOSES.

0830 OPENED #3 AND #4 HATCHES AND COMMENCED LOADING STORES AND MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT FROM DOCK.

Henry S. Batain
LT. (JG) D-V (G) USNR

1216
1400

ESSO FUEL OIL BARGE #4 CAME ALONGSIDE TO PORT.

1440 COMMENCED RECEIVING BUNKER FUEL OIL.

A. Lathouse
LT. (JG) D-V (G) USNR

Approved:

Examined:


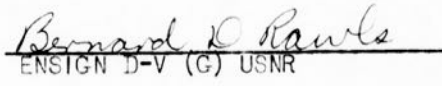
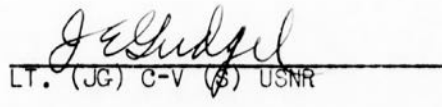
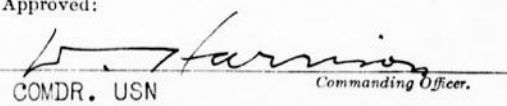
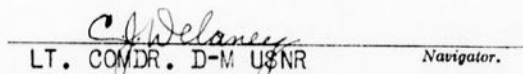
D. Harrison
COMDR. USN Commanding Officer.

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LT. COMDR. D-M USNR Navigator.

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CONTINUED		OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)		022982	
16-18	NO REMARKS		 ENSIGN D-V (G) USNR		
18-20					
1925	COMPLETED LOADING BUNKER FUEL OIL FROM ESSO BARGE #4 HAVING RECEIVED 245,868 GALLONS. TOTAL AMOUNT OF BUNKER FUEL OIL ABOARD 15,854 BARRELS NET.				
	 ENSIGN D-V (G) USNR				
20-24					
2140	COMPLETED LOADING STORES AND EQUIPMENT.				
	 LT. (JG) C-V (S) USNR				
Approved:	 COMDR. USN <i>Commanding Officer.</i>		Examined:	 LT. COMDR. D-M USNR <i>Navigator.</i>	

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UNITED STATES SHIP <u>ELMORE (APA42)</u>		THURS.	<u>2</u>	SEPT.	<u>1943</u>
		(Day)	(Date)	(Month)	
Zone description <u>+ 4</u>					
Position	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>		
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LWT	OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)			022982	
00-04	NO REMARKS			<u>C. J. Giffhouse</u> LT. (JG) D-V (G) USNR	
04-08					
0600	ALL MARYLAND DRYDOCK COMPANY EMPLOYEES LEFT THE SHIP.				
0650	RUSSEL D. ELY CIVILIAN RADAR ENGINEER FROM RAYTHEON MFG. COMPANY REPORTED ON BOARD TO COMPLETE RADAR TESTS.				
0755	TUGS MARYLAND, MARY AND CAROLYN CAME ALONGSIDE LT. CMDR. J. A. HUGG USCG AND HARBOR PILOT W. RAWLES CAME ON BOARD.				
08-12	<u>C. J. Giffhouse</u> ENSIGN D-V(S) USNR				
0804	UNDERWAY FOR NORFOLK NAVY YARD IN OBEDIENCE TO COMASTINDMAN, BALTIMORE, MD. CONFIDENTIAL LETTER APA42/L9-3 SERIAL 00152 OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1943. PILOT W. RAWLES AT CONN. CAPTAIN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND NAVIGATOR ON THE BRIDGE, STANDARD SPEED 12 KNOTS (60 RPM) ON VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS CONFORMING TO THE CHANNEL.				
0835	PILOT W. RAWLES LEFT. LT. CMDR. J. A. HUGG USCG ASSUMED CONN.				
0906	PASSED FORT CARROLL LIGHTHOUSE ABEAM TO PORT, DISTANCE 0.3 MILE.				
1024	PASSED SANDY POINT LIGHTHOUSE ABEAM TO STARBOARD DISTANCE 1.2 MILE				
	<u>J. M. Connick Jr.</u> LT. D-V (S) USNR				
Approved:	<u>W. Harrison</u> CCMDR. USN Commanding Officer.		Examined:	<u>C. J. Delaney</u> LT. CMDR. D-M USNR Navigator.	

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Zone description † 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

LWT

12-16

1204 PASSED SHARPS ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE ABEAM TO PORT DISTANCE 2.5 MILES.

1420 PASSED POINT NO POINT LIGHTHOUSE ABEAM TO STARBOARD DISTANCE 2.0 MILES.

[Signature]
LT. (JG) D-V (G) USNR

1620

1649 PASSED WINDMILL POINT ABEAM TO STARBOARD DISTANCE 4.5 MILES.

1936 ENTERING THIMBLE SHOAL CHANNEL.

[Signature]
LT. (JG) D-M USNR

2024

2024 PASSED THROUGH ANTI SUBMARINE NET ENTRANCE.

2103 TUG ALICE CAME ALONGSIDE TO PORT AND SECURED.
NAVY YARD PILOT G. EVERTON CAME ABOARD AND ASSUMED CONN, CAPTAIN,
EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND NAVIGATOR ON THE BRIDGE. ON VARIOUS
SPEEDS AND COURSES CONFORMING TO THE CHANNEL, PROCEEDING TOWARDS
NORFOLK NAVY YARD.

2145 NAVY YARD TUGS #178, #213 AND #271 CAME ALONGSIDE.

2147 PASSED LAMBERT POINT ABEAM TO PORT.

2326 MOORED STARBOARD ^{side to} SOUTH SIDE OF PIER #7, NORFOLK NAVY YARD,
PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA WITH 2-8" MANILA LINES AND
6-1" WIRE MOORING LINES. SECURED MAIN ENGINE,
BOILER #1 IN USE FOR AUXILIARY PURPOSES.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ELMORE (APA42)

FRIDAY

3

SEPT.

, 1943

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

Zone description † 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

LWT

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

00-04

0100 NAVY YARD WORKMEN CAME ABOARD TO CONTINUE CONVERSION.

Halley P. Smiley
ENSIGN D-V (G) USNR

~~04-08~~~~0408~~ NO REMARKS

Paul Le Massena
ENSIGN D-V (S) USNR

~~08-12~~~~0812~~ NO REMARKS

John R. Lamer
ENSIGN D-M USNR

12-16 NO REMARKS

J. E. Guppel
LT. (JG) C-V (S) USNR

~~16-20~~~~1620~~ NO REMARKS

Halley P. Smiley
ENSIGN D-V (G) USNR

20-24 NO REMARKS

Paul Le Massena
ENSIGN D-V (S) USNR

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COMDR. USN

W. Harrison
Commanding Officer.

C. J. Delaney
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UNITED STATES SHIP ELMORE (APA42)

SATURDAY

4

SEPT., 1943

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

Zone description + 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

LWT

00-04 NO REMARKS

John N. Lauer
ENSIGN D-M USNR

04-08 NO REMARKS

Harry G. Batalin
LT. (JG) D-V (G) USNR

08-12 NO REMARKS

Walter P. Smiley
ENSIGN D-V (G) USNR

12-16 NO REMARKS

Bernard D. Bauls
ENSIGN D-V (G) USNR

16-20 NO REMARKS

Harry G. Batalin
LT. (JG) D-V (G) USNR

20-24 NO REMARKS

A. D. House
LT. (JG) D-V (G) USNR

Approved:

Examined:

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COMDR. USN

Commanding Officer.

C. J. Delaney
LT. COMDR. D-M USNR

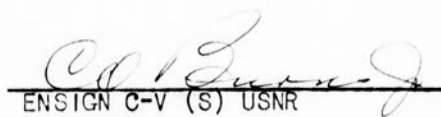
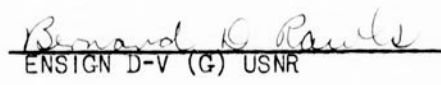
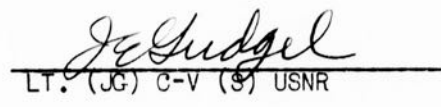



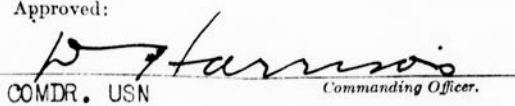
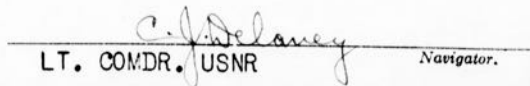
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		<small>(Day)</small>	<small>(Date)</small>	<small>(Month)</small>
Zone description <u>+ 4</u>				
Position	0800	1200	2000	
Lat.				
Long.				
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)				
LWT				
00-04	NO REMARKS	 ENSIGN C-V (S) USNR		
04-08	NO REMARKS	 ENSIGN D-V (G) USNR		
08-12	NO REMARKS	 LT. (JG) C-V (S) USNR		
12-16	NO REMARKS	 ENSIGN D-V (S) USNR		
16-20	NO REMARKS	 ENSIGN D-M USNR		
20-24	NO REMARKS	 LT. (JG) D-V (G) USNR		
Approved:		Examined:		
 COMDR. USN <small>Commanding Officer.</small>		 LT. COMDR. USNR <small>Navigator.</small>		

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UNITED STATES SHIP	ELMORE	MONDAY	6	SEPT., 1943
		<small>(Day)</small>	<small>(Date)</small>	<small>(Month)</small>
Zone description <u>† 4</u>				
Position	0800	1200	2000	
Lat.				
Long.				
LWT	OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)			
00-04	NO REMARKS	<u>Halter P. Smiley</u> ENSTGN D-V(G) USNR		
04-08	NO REMARKS	<u>Paul LeMassena</u> ENSTGN D-V(G) USNR		
08-12	NO REMARKS	<u>Harry G. Bataki</u> LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR		
12-16	NO REMARKS	<u>Robert House</u> LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR		
16-18	NO REMARKS	<u>Harry G. Bataki</u> LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR		
18-20	NO REMARKS	<u>Bernard D. Rawls</u> ENSTGN D-V(G) USNR		
20-24	NO REMARKS	<u>J. E. Gussel</u> LT. (JG) C-V(G) USNR		
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<u>[Signature]</u> COMDR. USN Commanding Officer.		<u>[Signature]</u> LT. COMDR. D-M USNR Navigator.		

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UNITED STATES SHIP ELMORE (APA42) TUESDAY 7 SEPT., 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description † 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

00-04 NO REMARKS

A. Lathhouse
LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR

04-08 NO REMARKS

Harry G. Batalin
LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR

08-12 NO REMARKS

Bernard D. Rawls
ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

12-16 NO REMARKS

C. J. B...
ENSIGN D-V(S) USNR

16-18 NO REMARKS

Halley P. Smiley
ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

18-20 NO REMARKS

Paul F. Massena
ENSIGN D-V(S) USNR

20-24 MOORED AS BEFORE

John D. Lamer
ENSIGN (D-M) USNR

Approved: *H. Harrison*
COMDR. USN Commanding Officer.

Examined: *C. J. Delaney*
LT. COMDR. D-M USNR Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ELMORE (APA42) WEDNESDAY 8 SEPT., 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description ± 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

LWT

00-04 NO REMARKS

C. J. L...
ENSIGN D-V(S) USNR

04-08 NO REMARKS

Halton P. Smiley
ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

08-12 NO REMARKS

Paul P. Massena
ENSIGN D-V(S) USNR

12-16 NO REMARKS

A. Lottouse
LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR

16-20 NO REMARKS

Harry G. Batake
LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR

20-24 NO REMARKS

Bernard G. Rawls
ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

Approved:

H. Harrison
Commanding Officer.
COMDR. USN

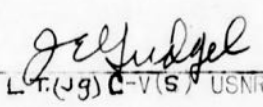
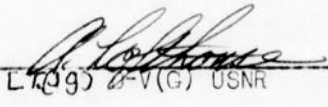
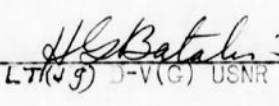
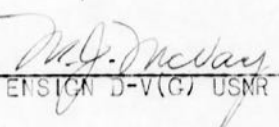
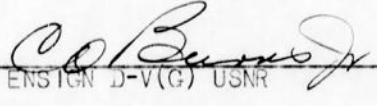
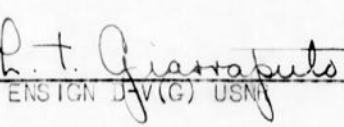
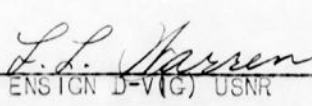
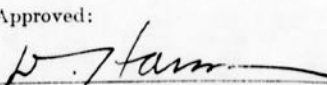
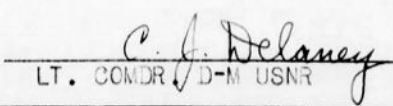
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		<small>(Day)</small>	<small>(Date)</small>	<small>(Month)</small>	
Zone description <u>+ 4</u>					
Position	0800	1200	2000		
Lat.					
Long.					
LWT	OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)				
00-04	NO REMARKS	 _____ LT. (JG) C-V(S) USNR			
04-08	NO REMARKS	 _____ LT. (JG) C-V(G) USNR			
08-12	NO REMARKS	 _____ LT. (JG) C-V(G) USNR			
12-16	NO REMARKS	 _____ ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR			
16-18	NO REMARKS	 _____ ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR			
18-20	NO REMARKS	 _____ ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR			
20-24	NO REMARKS	 _____ ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR			
Approved:		Examined:			
 _____ COMDR. USN <small>Commanding Officer.</small>		 _____ LT. COMDR. D-M USNR <small>Navigator.</small>			

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UNITED STATES SHIP <u>ELMORE (APA42)</u>		FRIDAY <u>10</u>	SEPT. <u>17</u> , 1943
Zone description <u>+ 4</u>		<small>(Day)</small>	<small>(Month)</small>
Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			
LWT			
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)			
CO-04	NO REMARKS	<u>R. G. O'Donnell</u> ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR	
04-08	NO REMARKS	<u>Leonard S. Kozela</u> ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR	
08-12	NO REMARKS	<u>Victor L. Chambers</u> ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR	
12-16	NO REMARKS	<u>Bernard D. Pauls</u> ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR	
16-18	NO REMARKS	<u>R. G. O'Donnell</u> ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR	
18-20	NO REMARKS	<u>A. L. Alexander</u> ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR	
20-24	NO REMARKS	<u>Charles R. Auchmuty Jr.</u> ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR	
Approved: <u>[Signature]</u>		Examined: <u>[Signature]</u>	
COMDR. USN <u>[Signature]</u> Commanding Officer.		LT COMDR. D-M USNR <u>[Signature]</u> Navigator.	

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		<small>(Day)</small>	<small>(Date)</small>	<small>(Month)</small>	
Zone description <u>+ 4</u>					
Position	0800	1200	2000		
Lat.					
Long.					
LWT					
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)					
00-04	NO REMARKS	<u>Charles H. Cushman Jr.</u> ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR			
04-08	NO REMARKS	<u>John W. Ferris</u> ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR			
08-12	NO REMARKS	<u>N. J. Fiedler</u> ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR			
12-16	NO REMARKS	<u>William J. McKay</u> ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR			
16-18	NO REMARKS	<u>Walter P. Smiley</u> ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR			
18-20	NO REMARKS	<u>H. J. [Signature]</u> LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR			
20-24	NO REMARKS	<u>C. B. [Signature]</u> ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR			
Approved:		Examined:			
<u>[Signature]</u> COMDR. USN <small>Commanding Officer.</small>		<u>[Signature]</u> LT. COMDR. D-M USNR <small>Navigator.</small>			

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UNITED STATES SHIP <u>ELMORE (APA42)</u>		SUNDAY <u>12</u>	SEPT. <u>19</u> , 19 <u>43</u>
Zone description <u>† 4</u>		(Day)	(Date) (Month)
Position	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.			
Long.			
<p>LWT</p> <p>OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)</p>			
CO-04	NO REMARKS	<p><u>R. T. Giamputo</u> ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR</p>	
04-08	NO REMARKS	<p><u>[Signature]</u> LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR</p>	
08-12	NO REMARKS	<p><u>R. S. O. Donnell</u> ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR</p>	
12-16	NO REMARKS	<p><u>A. L. Alexander</u> ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR</p>	
16-18	NO REMARKS	<p><u>[Signature]</u> LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR</p>	
18-20	NO REMARKS	<p><u>Harry G. Balch</u> LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR</p>	
20-24	NO REMARKS	<p><u>Bernard D. Rawls</u> ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR</p>	
Approved: <u>[Signature]</u>		Examined: <u>C. J. Delaney</u>	
COMDR. USN <u>[Signature]</u> Commanding Officer.		LT. COMDR. D-M USNR <u>[Signature]</u> Navigator.	

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UNITED STATES SHIP <u>ELMORE (APA42)</u>		MONDAY	13	SEPT.	1943
		(Day)	(Date)	(Month)	
Zone description <u>+ 4</u>					
Position	0800	1200	2000		
Lat.					
Long.					
LWT	OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)				
00-04	NO REMARKS	<u>Bernard M. Ulter</u> LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR			
04-08					
0718	UNDERWAY FROM NORFOLK NAVY YARD FOR FUEL OIL DOCK. PILOT T. PURCELL AT CONN, CAPTAIN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND NAVIGATOR ON THE BRIDGE, STANDARD SPEED 12 KNOTS, ON VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS CONFORMING WITH CHANNEL				
	<u>Joseph S. Humboldt Jr</u> ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR				
08-12					
0830	FIRST LINE ON OIL DOCK.				
0836	MOORED PORT SIDE TO NAVAL OIL DOCK, CRANEY ISLAND, WITH 2-8" MANILA LINES DOUBLED AND 8-1" MOORING WIRES. SECURED MAIN ENGINE. #1 BOILER IN USE FOR AUXILIARY PURPOSES				
1015	COMMENCED RECEIVING BUNKER FUEL OIL AND DIESEL OIL FROM THE DOCK.				
	<u>Edward J. Rodwell Jr</u> ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR				
12-16					
1450	COMPLETED RECEIVING FUEL OIL, HAVING RECEIVED 1035 BBLs., NET.				
	<u>Leonard J. Acquila</u> ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR				
16-18					
1640	COMPLETED RECEIVING DIESEL OIL, HAVING RECEIVED 822 GALLONS. TUGS ROENOKE, NONPAREIL AND YT271 CAME ALONGSIDE AND SECURED.				
1685	UNDERWAY FOR LAMBERTS POINT DEMAGNETIZING STATION, PILOT R.C. EDWARDS AT CONN, CAPTAIN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND NAVIGATOR ON THE BRIDGE.				
(CONTINUED)					
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UNITED STATES SHIP ELMORE (APA42) MONDAY 13 SEPT., 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description + 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

LWT

1721 ENTERING DEPERMING SLIP.

1732 MOORED IN CENTER OF SLIP AT LAMBERTS POINT
 DEMAGNETIZING STATION NORFOLK, VIRGINIA
 WITH 8-8" MANILA MOORING LINES
 COMMENCED RIGGING DEPERMING CABLES AROUND VESSEL.

Victor L. Chambers
 ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

18-20 NO REMARKS.

Milton J. McVay
 ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

20-24

2215 COMPLETED RIGGING DEPERMING CABLES.

2325 COMMENCED DEPERMING SHIP.

Paul LeMassena
 ENSIGN D-V(S) USNR

Approved:

Examined:

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 COMDR. USN Commanding Officer.

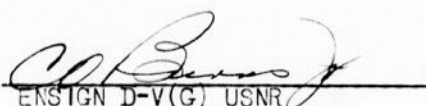
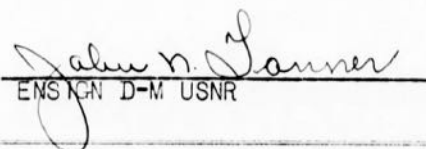
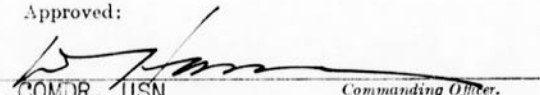
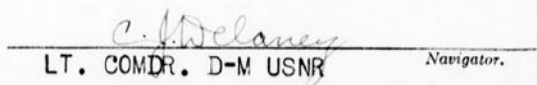
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UNITED STATES SHIP	ELMORE (APA42)	TUESDAY	14	SEPT.	1943
		<small>(Day)</small>	<small>(Date)</small>	<small>(Month)</small>	
Zone description <u>+ 4</u>					
Position	0800	1200	2000		
Lat.					
Long.					
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)					
LWT					
00-04	NO REMARKS	 ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR			
04-12					
0500	DEPERMING OF ELMORE COMPLETED, COMMENCED DISCONNECTING ALL DEPERMING CABLES.				
0600	TUGS ROENOKE, NONPAREIL AND YT 271 CAME ALONGSIDE.				
0645	ALL DEPERMING CABLES CLEARED OF SHIP				
0650	UNDERWAY FROM DEPERMING STATION FOR DIRECTION FINDER RANGE OFF CAPE CHARLES CITY, VIRGINIA, CAPTAIN AT CONN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND NAVIGATOR ON THE BRIDGE, STANDARD SPEED 12 KNOTS (60 RPM).				
0700	CLEAR OF DEPERMING PIER ; STANDING UP NORFOLK CHANNEL ON VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS.				
0832	PASSED BETWEEN NET VESSELS.				
0925	PASSED THIMBLE SHOAL CHANNEL BUOY #2 ABEAM TO PORT.				
1049	ARRIVAL OFF CAPE CHARLES CITY RADIO DIRECTION FINDER RANGE, SPEED 4 KNOTS, COMMENCED SWINGING SHIP FOR PURPOSE OF CALIBRATING DIRECTION FINDER AND COMPENSATING MAGNETIC COMPASSES.				
		 ENSIGN D-M USNR			
Approved:	Examined:				
 COMDR. USN <small>Commanding Officer.</small>		 LT. COMDR. D-M USNR <small>Navigator.</small>			

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		(Day)	(Date)	(Month)	
Zone description <u>+ 4</u>					
Position	0800	1200	2000		
Lat.					
Long.					

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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

LWT

12-16 CONTINUED CALIBRATING DIRECTION FINDER AND COMPENSATING MAGNETIC COMPASSES.

James Connick Jr.
LT. D-V(S) USNR

16-18

1705 COMPLETED COMPENSATING COMPASSES - CHANGED SPEED TO 12 KNOTS, PROCEEDING TOWARDS HAMPTON ROADS ON VARIOUS COURSES CONFORMING TO THE CHANNEL.

1714 YORK SPIT BUOY #2 ABEAM TO STARBOARD.

W. H. ...
LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR

18-20

1811 THIMBLE SHOAL CHANNEL BUOY #2 ABEAM TO STARBOARD
1854 PASSED BETWEEN NET VESSELS ON VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS STANDING UP HARBOR TO ANCHORAGE, CAPTAIN, AT CONN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND NAVIGATOR ON THE BRIDGE.
1915 ANCHORED IN BERTH #4 HAMPTON ROADS, VIRGINIA. IN 6 FATHOMS OF WATER WITH 55 FATHOMS OF CHAIN TO THE STARBOARD ANCHOR ON THE FOLLOWING

BEARINGS :
OLD POINT COMFORT LIGHT 051° TRUE
CLOCK TOWER (NOB) 137° TRUE

1923 SECURED MAIN ENGINES. BOILER #2 IN USE FOR AUXILIARY PURPOSES

W. H. ...
LT. (JG) D-M USNR

20-24 NO REMARKS

Charles R. Auchmuty Jr.
ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

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Examined:

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COMDR. USN *Commanding Officer.*

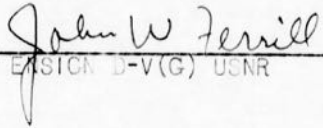
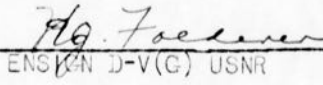
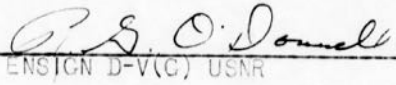
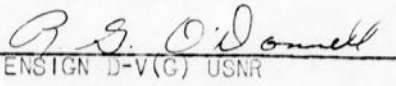
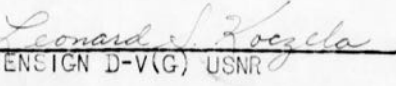
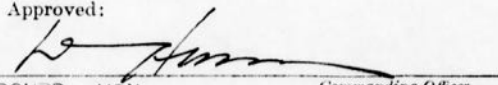
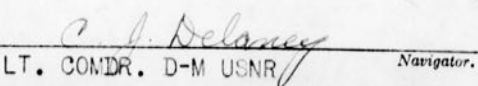
C. J. Delaney
LT. COMDR. D-M USNR *Navigator.*

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Zone description <u>† 4</u>					
Position	0800	1200	2000		
Lat.					
Long.					
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)					
00-04	NO REMARKS	 _____ ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR			
04-08	NO REMARKS	 _____ ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR			
08-12	NO REMARKS	 _____ ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR			
12-16	EXERCISED CREW AT EMERGENCY DRILLS.				
1330	AMMUNITION LIGHTER #399 CAME ALONGSIDE TO STARBOARD.				
1400	COMMENCED LOADING TARGET AMMUNITION.	 _____ ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR			
16-18	CONTINUED LOADING AMMUNITION.	 _____ ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR			
Approved: 		Examined: 			
COMDR. USN <small>Commanding Officer.</small>		LT. COMDR. D-M USNR <small>Navigator.</small>			

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Zone description + 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

LWT

18-20

1830 COMPLETED LOADING AMMUNITION.

Victor L. Chambers

20-24

2023 AMMUNITION LIGHTER CAST OFF FROM STARBOARD SIDE.

Malcolm McCas
ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

Approved:

Examined:

[Signature]
Comdr
Commanding Officer.

[Signature]
LT. COMDR. D-M USNR
Navigator.

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Zone description <u>† 4</u>			
Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)			
LWT			
00-04	NO REMARKS	<u><i>William B. Smyly</i></u> ENSTGN D-V(G) USNR	
04-08			
0628	UNDERWAY FOR WOLF TRAP DEGAUSSING RANGE, CAPTAIN AT CONN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND NAVIGATOR ON THE BRIDGE, STANDARD SPEED 12 KNOTS ON VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS STANDING OUT OF HARBOR.		
0702	THIMBLE SHOAL LIGHTHOUSE ABEAM TO PORT.	<u><i>Paul Le. Massena</i></u> ENSTGN D-V(S) USNR	
08-12			
0940	ARRIVAL OFF WOLF TRAP DEGAUSSING RANGE. STOPPED ENGINES		
1021	COMMENCED TEST ON DEGAUSSING RANGE. SPEED 12 KNOTS	<u><i>J. W. McCormick, Jr.</i></u> LT. D-V (S) USNR	
12-16			
1338	COMPLETED TEST ON DEGAUSSING.		
1345	ANCHORED IN 7 FATHOMS OF WATER WITH 45 FATHOMS OF CHAIN TO THE PORT ANCHOR ON THE FOLLOWING BEARINGS : WOLF TRAP LIGHTHOUSE 267° TRUE DEGAUSSING STATION 295° TRUE.		
1400	EXERCISED CREW AT EMERGENCY DRILLS.		
1500	SET CONDITION OF READINESS 1A AND COMMENCED LAUNCHING ALL LANDING BOATS.	<u><i>W. J. Delaney</i></u> LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR	
Approved:	Examined:		
<u><i>P. Ham</i></u> COMDR. USN <i>Commanding Officer.</i>	<u><i>C. J. Delaney</i></u> LT. COMDR. D-M USNR <i>Navigator.</i>		

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Position	0800	1200	2000
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(CONTINUED)			
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)			
LWT			
16-18			
1700	COMPLETED LAUNCHING 28 LANDING BOATS. COMMENCED LOADING BOATS ABOARD.	<u><i>M. R. Shaw</i></u> LT. (JG) D-M USNR	
18-20			
1949	ALL BOATS LOADED AND SECURED.	<u><i>John W. Jones</i></u> ENSIGN D-M USNR	
20-24			
2007	UNDERWAY FOR <u>COVE POINT, CHESAPEAKE BAY.</u> SPEED 5 KNOTS. SET COURSE <u>345 T AND P.G.C.</u>	<u><i>James Cornick, Jr.</i></u> LT. D-V(S) USNR	
Approved:	Examined:		
<u><i>B. Sumner</i></u> COMDR. USN	<u><i>C. J. DeLancey</i></u> LT. COMDR. D-M USNR		<u><i>C. J. DeLancey</i></u> Navigator.
<i>Commanding Officer.</i>		<i>Navigator.</i>	

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Zone description <u>+ 4</u>		
Position	0800	1200
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Long.		
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)		
LWT		
00-04		
0321	PASSED TANGIER BUOY ABEAM TO STARBOARD, DISTANCE 1000 YARDS.	
	<u><i>[Signature]</i></u> LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR	
04-08		
0427	CHANGED SPEED TO 11 KNOTS.	
0427	PASSED SMITH POINT LIGHT ABEAM TO PORT, DISTANCE 1 MILE.	
0510	CHANGED SPEED TO 13 KNOTS.	
0703	STOPPED ENGINES.	
0718	ANCHORED IN 8 FATHOMS OF WATER, WITH 60 FATHOMS OF CHAIN TO THE PORT ANCHOR ON THE FOLLOWING BEARINGS :	
	COVE POINT LIGHT 325° TRUE	
	DRUM POINT LIGHT 230° TRUE	
0720	SECURED MAIN ENGINES.	
	<u><i>[Signature]</i></u> LT. (JG) D-M USNR	
08-12		
0815	COMMENCED LOWERING ALL LANDING BOATS INTO THE WATER FOR EXERCISING BOAT CREWS.	
0921	COMPLETED LOWERING ALL BOATS COMMENCED HOISTING BOATS ABOARD.	
1125	ALL BOATS ON BOARD AND SECURED.	
	<u><i>[Signature]</i></u> ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR	
Approved:	Examined:	
<u><i>[Signature]</i></u> COMDR. USN <small>Commanding Officer.</small>	<u><i>[Signature]</i></u> LT. COMDR. D-M USNR <small>Navigator.</small>	

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Position	0800	1200	2000		
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

LWT

12-16

1300 EXERCISED CREW AT GENERAL QUARTERS.

1317 COMMENCED LOWERING ALL BOATS INTO THE WATER AND OPENING CARGO HATCHES.

1424 COMPLETED LOWERING ALL BOATS AND OPENING HATCHES.

1540 CLOSED ALL HATCHES AND COMMENCED HOISTING BOATS ABOARD.

H. B. Bataillon
LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR

16-18

1717 COMPLETED HOISTING BOATS ABOARD.

B. D. Rawls
ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

18-20

1810 EXERCISED CREW AT FIRE DRILL AND GENERAL QUARTERS.

Walter P. Smiley
ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

20-24 NO REMARKS.

[Signature]
LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR

Approved:

Examined:

[Signature]
COMDR. USN Commanding Officer.

C. J. Delaney
LT. COMDR. D-M USNR Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ELMORE (APA42) SATURDAY 18 SEPT., 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description + 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

LWT

00-04 NO REMARKS

C. J. Burns Jr
ENSIGN D-V (G) USNR

04-08

0534 UNDERWAY IN OBEDIENCE TO VISUAL ORDERS FROM SOPA IN USS CUSTER TO SHIFT BERTHS, CAPTAIN AT CONN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND NAVIGATOR ON THE BRIDGE AT STANDAR D SPEED 8 KNOTS ON VARIOUS COURSES TO ANCHORAGE BERTH.

0707 ANCHORED IN 7 FATHOMS OF WATER WITH 90 FATHOMS OF CHAIN TO THE PORT ANCHOR ON THE FOLLOWING BEARINGS:

COVE POINT LIGHTHOUSE 155° TRUE
JAMES POINT (JAMES ISLAND) 072° TRUE

D. J. Butler
LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR

12-16

1301 EXERCISED BOAT CREWS IN LOWERING AND HOISTING ALL BOATS

C. J. Burns Jr
ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

16-18

16±7 ALL BOATS SECURED.

1638 SECURED FROM CONDITION 1A.

C. J. Burns Jr
LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR

Approved:

Examined:

D. Harrison
DRAYTON HARRISON
Commander, U. S. Navy *Commanding Officer.*

C. J. Delaney
LT. COMDR. D-M USNR *Navigator.*

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UNITED STATES SHIP ELMORE (APA42) Sat. 18 Sept., 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description + 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
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Long.			

LWT

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

18-20 NO REMARKS

C. D. Burns Jr.
ENSTGN D-V(G) USNR

20-24

2012 EXERCISED ALL BOATS UNDER DARKENED CONDITIONS.

H. G. Batalin
LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR

Approved:

[Signature]
DRAYTON HARRISON
Commanding Officer.
COMDR, USN

Examined:

C. J. Delaney
LT. CO'DR. D-M USNR
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP	ELMORE (APA42)	SUNDAY	19	SEPT., 1943
		(Day)	(Date)	(Month)
Zone description <u>+ 4</u>				
Position	0800	1200	2000	
Lat.				
Long.				

LWT

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

00-04 NO REMARKS

B. D. Rawls
ENSIGN D-V(C) USNR

04-08

0640 UNDERWAY FOR KENT ISLAND, MARYLAND, CAPTAIN AT CONN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND NAVIGATOR ON THE BRIDGE ON VARIOUS SPEEDS AND COURSES TO OBTAIN TACTICAL DATA.

John N. Lamer
ENSIGN D-M USNR

08-12

0804 PASSED BLOODY POINT LIGHTHOUSE ABEAM TO STARBOARD.
0902 COMMENCED STEAMING ON VARIOUS ENGINE SPEEDS PASSING KENT ISLAND MEASURED MILE RANGE TO OBTAIN TACTICAL DATA.

James Cornick Jr.
LT. D-V(S) USNR

12-16

1435 COMPLETED RUNNING MEASURED MILE RANGE. PROCEEDING TO ANCHORAGE BERTH ON VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS.

1445 PASSED THOMAS SHOAL LIGHTHOUSE ABEAM TO STARBOARD.

W. J. G. Delaney
LT. (JG) D-V(C) USNR

Approved:

Examined:

Drayton Harrison
Commander, U. S. Navy
COMDR. USN Commanding Officer.

C. J. Delaney
LT. COMDR. D-M USNR Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ELMORE (APA42) MONDAY 20 SEPT., 19 43

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

Zone description + 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

LWT

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

00-04 NO REMARKS

LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR

04-08 NO REMARKS

ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

08-12

0800 UNDERWAY ON VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS TO STREAM PARAVANES AND OBTAIN TURNING CIRCLE DATA.

ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

(D-M)

12-16

1420 ANCHORED IN 7 FATHOMS OF WATER, WITH 90 FATHOMS OF CHAIN TO THE PORT ANCHOR ON THE FOLLOWING BEARINGS:
COVE POINT LIGHTHOUSE 156 1/2 TRUE
SHARPS ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE 035° TRUE
SECURED MAIN ENGINES. BOILER #1 IN USE FOR AUXILIARY PURPOSES.LT. D-V(S) USNR

16-18 NO REMARKS

ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

18-20 NO REMARKS

LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR

20-24 NO REMARKS

ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

Approved:

Drayton Harrison
DRAYTON HARRISON
Commander, U. S. Navy

COMDR. USN

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

C. J. Delaney
LT. COMDR D-M USNR

Navigator.

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Zone description <u>† 4</u>		
Position <u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.		
Long.		
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)		
LWT		
00-04	NO REMARKS	<u><i>H. S. Betcher</i></u> LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR
04-08		
0404	UNDERWAY FOR FIRING RANGE, AREA "C" CHESAPEAKE BAY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH COMSERVLANT DESPATCH 201327 SEPTEMBER. CAPTAIN AT CONN. EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND NAVIGATOR ON THE BRIDGE, STANDARD SPEED 14 KNOTS (60 RPM) ON VARIOUS COURSES CONFORMING TO CHANNEL.	
0732	SMITHS ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE ABEAM TO STARBOARD, DISTANCE 1 MILE.	
0900	CHANGED SPEED TO 5 KNOTS.	
0911	COMMENCED STRUCTURAL FIRING TEST OF ALL GUNS.	
1010	C C TO 270° TRUE.	
1128	COMPLETED FIRING ALL GUNS. EXPENDED THE FOLLOWING SERVICE AMMUNITION: <i>288 rounds 20mm.</i>	
1130	C C TO 145° TRUE AND CHANGED SPEED TO 14 KNOTS .	
1152	STOPPED ENGINES.	<u><i>W. Z. Shaw</i></u> LT. (JG) D-M USNR
12-16		
1200	ANCHORED IN 8 FATHOMS OF WATER WITH 90 FATHOMS OF CHAIN TO THE PORT ANCHOR, ON THE FOLLOWING BEARINGS: WOLF TRAP DEGAUSSING STATION 197° TRUE DISTANCE 3000 YARDS.	
		<u><i>John P. Gauer</i></u> ENSIGN D-M USNR
Approved: <u><i>P. J. Harrison</i></u> BRAYTON HARRISON Commander, U. S. Navy COMDR. USN <i>Commanding Officer.</i>	Examined: <u><i>C. J. Delaney</i></u> LT. COMDR. D-M USNR <i>Navigator.</i>	

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Zone description <u>↑ 4</u>						
Position	0800		1200			2000
Lat.						
Long.						
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)						
LWT						
16-18	NO REMARKS	<u><i>V. Cotton</i></u> LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR				
18-20	NO REMARKS	<u><i>H. W. Bataine</i></u> LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR				
20-24	NO REMARKS	<u><i>B. D. Rourke</i></u> ENSTGN D-V(G) USNR				
Approved: <u><i>P. Harrison</i></u>		Examined: <u><i>C. J. Delaney</i></u>				
CRAIGTON HARRISON Commander, U. S. Navy		C. J. Delaney LT. COMDR. D-M USNR				
COMDR. USN		Commanding Officer. Navigator.				

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(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description † 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

LWT

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

00-04 NO REMARKS

Walter P. Smiley
ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

04-08 NO REMARKS

A. Lothouse
LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR

08-12 EXERCISED ALL LANDING BOATS.

C. J. DeLaney
ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

12-16 EXERCISED ALL LANDING BOATS. OPENED AND CLOSED ALL CARGO HATCHES.

H. G. Bataine
LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR

16-18 NO REMARKS

B. D. Rauls
ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

18-20 NO REMARKS

Walter P. Smiley
ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

20-24 EXERCISED ALL BOATS IN DARKENED CONDITIONS. OPENED AND CLOSED ALL HATCHES.

A. Lothouse
LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR

Approved:

R. Harrison
RAILTON HARRISON
Commander, U. S. Navy

COMDR. USN

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

C. J. DeLaney
LT. COMDR. D-M USNR

Navigator.

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Zone description <u>† 4</u>					
Position	0800	1200	2000		
Lat.					
Long.					
LWT	OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)				
00-04					
0038	SECURED FROM BOAT EXERCISES	<u><i>C. J. Delaney</i></u> ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR			
04-08	NO REMARKS	<u><i>H. G. Bate</i></u> LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR			
08-12					
0813	UNDERWAY FOR FIRING RANGE AREA "D" IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONSERVLANT DESPATCH 201327 SEPTEMBER, CAPTAIN AT CONN EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND NAVIGATOR ON THE BRIDGE, STANDARD SPEED 12 KNOTS (50 RPM) ON VARIOUS COURSES.				
0858	C C TO 090 DEGREES TRUE. CHANGED TO 4 KNOTS WAITING FOR SCHEDULED TARGET AIRPLANE.				
0945	TARGET AIRPLANE ARRIVED OVER SHIP BUT DUE TO UNDETERMINED DIFFICULTIES RETURNED TO BASE.				
1019	RECEIVED VERBAL ORDERS FROM N.C.B. NORFOLK TO POSTPONE TARGET EXERCISE UNTIL 1400 THIS DATE.				
1025	C C TO 000 DEGREES TRUE.	<u><i>John J. Lamer</i></u> ENSIGN D-M USNR			
12-16					
1215	C C TO 180 DEGREES TRUE.				
1420	TARGET AIRPLANE ARRIVED AND BEGAN TOWING SLEEVE. ELMORE COMMENCED FIRING ALL A A GUNS, EXCEPTING 1"1 BATTERIES AT SLEEVE TARGET.				
1524	COMPLETED FIRING AT SLEEVE TARGET HAVING EXPENDED THE FOLLOWING SERVICE AMMUNITION: 1040 rounds 20 mm.				
Approved:	<u><i>Drayton Harrison</i></u>		.. Examined:		
	DRAYTON HARRISON Commander, U. S. Navy		<u><i>C. J. Delaney</i></u>		
	COMDR. USN Commanding Officer.		LT. COMDR D-M USNR Navigator.		

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Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
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**OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)**

LWT

1553 CHANGED TO 12 KNOTS. C C 010 DEGREES TRUE

J. McCormick Jr.
 LT. D-V(S) USNR

16-18

1632 ANCHORED IN 7 FATHOMS OF WATER WITH 90 FATHOMS OF CHAIN TO THE
 STARBOARD ANCHOR ON THE FOLLOWING BEARING: WOLF TRAP DEGAUSSING
 STATION BEARING 335 TRUE, DISTANCE 3000 YARDS.

1636 SECURED MAIN ENGINES. BOILER #2 IN USE FOR AUXILIARY PURPOSES.

A. Colthouse
 LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR

18-20 NO REMARKS

C. B. ...
 ENSTGN D-V(G) USNR

20-24 NO REMARKS

H. S. Batah
 LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR

Approved:

Prayton Harrison
 PRAYTON HARRISON
 Commander, U. S. Navy

COMDR. USN

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

C. J. Delaney
 LT. COMDR. D-M USNR

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ELMORE (APA42) FRIDAY 24 SEPT. 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -† 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

LWT

00-04 NO REMARKS

B. D. Rawls
ENSTGN D-V(G) USNR

04-08 NO REMARKS

Halton P. Smiley
ENSTGN D-V(G) USNR

08-12

1055 UNDERWAY FOR COVEBEACH LANDING BOAT TRAINING AREA, CAPTAIN AT CONN. EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND NAVIGATOR ON THE BRIDGE, STANDARD SPEED 15 KNOTS (65 RPM) ON VARIOUS COURSES CONFORMING TO THE CHANNEL.

M. H. Shaw
LT. (JG) D-M USNR

12-16

1518 ANCHORED IN 7 FATHOMS OF WATER WITH 105 FATHOMS OF CHAIN TO THE STARBOARD ANCHOR ON THE FOLLOWING BEARINGS:
CEDAR POINT LIGHTHOUSE 223 TRUE
DRUM POINT LIGHTHOUSE 339 TRUE

1520 SECURED MAIN ENGINE BOILER #1 IN USE FOR AUXILIARY PURPOSES.

John V. Janner
ENSTGN D-M USNR

16-18 NO REMARKS

H. G. Batahn
LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR

18-20 NO REMARKS

B. D. Rawls
ENSTGN D-V(G) USNR

20-24 NO REMARKS

Halton P. Smiley
ENSTGN D-V(G) USNR

Approved: [Signature]
BRITTON HARRISON
Commander, U. S. Navy
COMDR, USN Commanding Officer.

Examined: C. J. Delaney
LT. COMDR, D-M USNR Navigator.

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		<small>(Day)</small>	<small>(Date)</small>	<small>(Month)</small>
Zone description <u>+ 4</u>				
Position	0800	1200	2000	
Lat.				
Long.				
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)				
LWT				
00-04	NO REMARKS	<u><i>A. Lott House</i></u> LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR		
04-08	NO REMARKS	<u><i>C. J. Delaney Jr</i></u> ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR		
08-12				
0800	EXERCISED ALL BOATS IN BEACH LANDING.			
1141	ALL BOATS ABOARD AND SECURED.	<u><i>H. B. Smith</i></u> LT. (JG) D-V(S) USNR		
12-16	NO REMARKS	<u><i>B. D. Rawls</i></u> ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR		
16-18	NO REMARKS	<u><i>Hal P. Limley</i></u> ENSIGN D-V (G) USNR		
18-20	NO REMARKS	<u><i>A. Lott House</i></u> LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR		
20-24				
2000	EXERCISED ALL BOATS IN NIGHT BEACH LANDINGS. OPENED AND CLOSED ALL HATCHES UNDER DARKENED CONDITIONS.	<u><i>C. J. Delaney Jr</i></u> ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR		
Approved:	<u><i>Drayton Harrison</i></u> DRAYTON HARRISON Commander, USN Navy Commanding Officer.		Examined:	<u><i>C. J. Delaney</i></u> LT. COMDR. D-M USNR Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ELMORE (APA-42) SUNDAY 26 SEPT., 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description + 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

LWT

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

00-04

0130 UNDERWAY FOR NORFOLK NAVY YARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH COMSIXTH PHIB DISPATCH 211538 SEPTEMBER. CAPTAIN AT CONN, NAVIGATOR ON THE BRIDGE STANDARD SPEED 15 KNOTS (65 RPM) ON VARIOUS COURSES CONFORMING TO THE CHANNEL.

0325 PASSED SMITH POINT LIGHTHOUSE ABEAM TO STARBOARD, DISTANT 1 MILE.

George Cornick Jr.
LT. D-V(S) USNR

04-08

0519 PASSED WOLF TRAP LIGHTHOUSE ABEAM TO STARBOARD, DISTANT 3.5 MILES.

0712 ENTERING THIMBLE SHOAL CHANNEL.

W. J. D-V(G) USNR
LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR

0812 PASSED THROUGH ANTI SUBMARINE NET ENTRANCE.

0921 STANDING UP ELIZABETH RIVER CHANNEL.

0938 TUG Y # 17 CAME ALONGSIDE TO PORT. PILOT T. PURCELL CAME ABOARD AND ASSUMED CONN.

1025 MOORED STARBOARD SIDE TO BERTH #43, NORFOLK NAVY YARD, PORTSMOUT, VIRGINIA WITH 8-1" MOORING WIRES DOUBLED. SECURED MAIN ENGINE.

Walter P. Smiley
ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

12-16

1220 YARD WORKMEN CAME ABOARD TO CONTINUE WORK ON UNCOMPLETED CONVERSION ITEMS.

C. Burns Jr.
ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

16-18 NO REMARKS.

(CONTINUED)

R. T. Giarrabuto
ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

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DRAYTON HARRISON
Commander, U.S. Navy
CMDR. USN *Commanding Officer.*

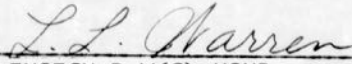
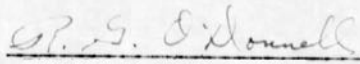
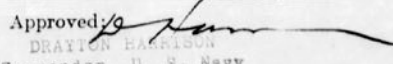
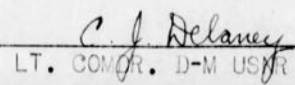
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LT. CMDR. D-M USNR *Navigator.*

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			(Day)	(Date)	(Month)	
Zone description + 4						
Position	0800	1200	2000			
Lat.						
Long.						
(CONTINUED PAGE)		OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)				
LWT						
18-20						
1845	LET FIRES DIE OUT UNDER ALL BOILERS AND SECURE SAME. RECEIVING THE FOLLOWING SERVICE FROM THE DOCK: TELEPHONE, ELECRCITY, WATER AND STEAM.					
				 ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR		
20-24	NO REMARKS					
				 ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR		
Approved: 		Examined:				
DRAYTON HARRISON Commander, U. S. Navy		 LT. COMDR. D-M USNR				
COMDR. USN Commanding Officer.		Navigator.				

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UNITED STATES SHIP ELMORE (APA42) MONDAY 27 SEPT., 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description + 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

LWT

00-04 NO REMARKS

L. S. Koczala
ENSTON D-V(G) USNR

04-08 NO REMARKS

Victor L. Chambers
ENSTON D-V(G) USNR

08-12 NO REMARKS

Michael J. Mc Day
ENSTON D-V (G) USNR

12-16 NO REMARKS

A. Lathouse
LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR

16-20 NO REMARKS

B. D. Rawls
ENSTON D-V(G) USNR

20-24 NO REMARKS

BM Alter
LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR

Approved: [Signature]
DEWYON HARRISON
Commander, U. S. Navy
COMDR, USN *Commanding Officer.*

Examined: C. J. Delaney
LT. COMDR, D-M USNR *Navigator.*

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Zone description + 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

LWT

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

00-04 NO REMARKS

L. S. Kocela
ENSTON D-V(G) USNR

04-08 NO REMARKS

Victor L. Chambers
ENSTON D-V(G) USNR

08-12 NO REMARKS

Michael J. McVay
ENSTON D-V(G) USNR

12-16 NO REMARKS

A. Lathouse
LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR

16-20 NO REMARKS

B. D. Rawls
ENSTON D-V(G) USNR

20-24 NO REMARKS

B. M. Alter
LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR

Approved: [Signature]
DEWYON HARRISON
Commander, U. S. Navy
COMDR, USN *Commanding Officer.*

Examined: C. J. Delaney
LT. COMDR, D-M USNR *Navigator.*

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UNITED STATES SHIP ELMORE (APA42) TUESDAY 28 SEPT., 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description + 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

LWT

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

00-04 NO REMARKS

Ensign J. V. (G) USNR
 ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

04-08 NO REMARKS

E. J. Rockwell
 ENSIGN D-V(S) USNR

08-12 NO REMARKS

C. R. Auchmuty
 ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

12-16 NO REMARKS

Walter P. Smiley
 ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

16-18 NO REMARKS

Paul Le Massena
 ENSIGN D-V(S) USNR

18-20 NO REMARKS

W. B. B...
 ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

20-24 NO REMARKS

R. T. Giarraputo
 ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

Approved:

Drayton Harrison
 DRAYTON HARRISON
 Commander, U. S. Navy

COMDR. USN

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

LT. Comdr. D-M USNR
 LT. COMDR. D-M USNR

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP <u>ELMORE (APA42)</u>		WEDNESDAY <u>29</u>	SEPT. <u>1943</u>
		<small>(Day)</small>	<small>(Date)</small> <small>(Month)</small>
Zone description <u>+ 4</u>			
Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)			
LWT			
00-04	NO REMARKS	<u>L. L. Warren</u> ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR	
04-08	NO REMARKS	<u>G. S. O'Donnell</u> ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR	
08-12	NO REMARKS	<u>L. S. Kozela</u> ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR	
12-16	NO REMARKS	<u>J. W. Ferrell</u> ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR	
16-18	NO REMARKS	<u>H. J. Fodden</u> ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR	
18-20	NO REMARKS	<u>A. L. Alexander</u> ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR	
20-24	NO REMARKS	<u>P. Lathouse</u> LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR	
Approved: <u>[Signature]</u>	Examined:		
DRAYTON HARRISON Commander, U. S. Navy	<u>C. J. Delaney</u> LT. COMDR. D-M USNR		
COMDR. USN <i>Commanding Officer.</i>	Navigator.		

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Position	0800	1200	2000	
Lat.				
Long.				
LWT	OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)			
00-04	NO REMARKS	<u>W. K. Bataine</u> LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR		
04-08	NO REMARKS	<u>B. D. Rowley</u> ENSTGN D-V(G) USNR		
08-12	NO REMARKS	<u>B. M. Altus</u> LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR		
12-16	NO REMARKS	<u>Victor L. Chambers</u> ENSTGN D-V(G) USNR		
16-18	NO REMARKS	<u>M. J. McCreary</u> ENSTGN D-V(G) USNR		
18-20	NO REMARKS	<u>Walter P. Smiley</u> ENSTGN D-V(G) USNR		
20-24	NO REMARKS	<u>Paul Le Massena</u> ENSTGN D-V(S) USNR		
Approved:	Examined:			
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Commanding Officer.				

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FRIDAY
(Day)1
(Date)OCT., 1943
(Month)

Zone description † 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

LWT

00-04 MOORED STARBOARD SIDE TO BERTH 43, NORFOLK NAVY YARD, PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA. ALL BOILERS SECURED. RECEIVING THE FOLLOWING SERVICES FROM THE DOCK: FRESH AND SALT WATER, STEAM, ELECTRICITY AND TELEPHONE. ELMORE UNDERGOING FINAL CONVERSION.

C. B. Burns Jr.
ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

04-08 NO REMARKS

R. T. Giannopulo
ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

08-12 NO REMARKS

L. L. Warren
ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

12-16 NO REMARKS

J. W. Ferrell
ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

16-18 NO REMARKS

E. J. Rochell
ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

18-20 NO REMARKS

C. R. Auchmutey
ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

20-24 NO REMARKS

Joseph E. Gumbel Jr.
ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

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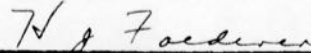
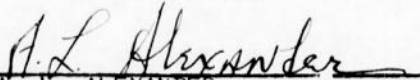

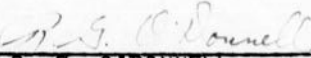
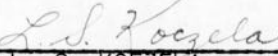
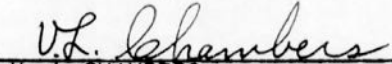
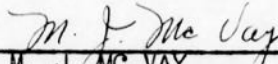
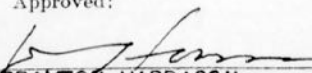
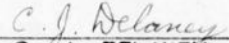
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C. J. Delaney
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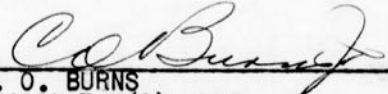
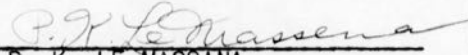

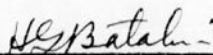
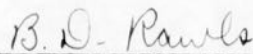
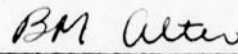
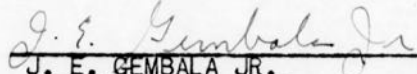
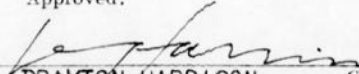
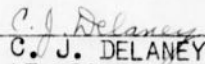
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Lat.			
Long.			
LWT	OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)		
00-04	NO REMARKS	 H. J. FOEDERER ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR	
04-08	NO REMARKS	 A. L. ALEXANDER ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR	
08-12	NO REMARKS	 A. LOFTHOUSE LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR	
12-16	1420	LIGHTED FIRES UNDER BOILERS # 1 AND 2.  R. G. O'DONNELL ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR	
16-18	NO REMARKS	 L. S. KOZELA ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR	
18-20	NO REMARKS	 V. L. CHAMBERS ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR	
20-24	NO REMARKS	 M. J. MC VAY ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR	
Approved:		Examined:	
 DRAYTON HARRISON COMDR. USN		 C. J. DELANEY LT. COMDR. D-M USNR	
Commanding Officer.		Navigator.	

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			(Day)	(Date)	(Month)
Zone description <u>+ 4</u>					
Position	0800	1200	2000		
Lat.					
Long.					
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)					
LWT					
00-04	NO REMARKS		 C. O. BURNS ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR		
04-08					
0640	CUT IN BOILERS # 1 AND 2 ON THE MAIN STEAM LINE. SECURED THE FOLLOWING SERVICES FROM DOCK : FRESH AND SALT WATER, ELECTRICITY AND STEAM.				
	 P. K. LE MASSINA ENSIGN D-V(S) USNR				
08-12	NO REMARKS		 W. P. SMILEY ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR		
12-16	NO REMARKS		 H. G. BATALIN LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR		
16-18	NO REMARKS		 B. D. RAWLS ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR		
18-20	NO REMARKS		 B. M. ALTER LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR		
20-24	NO REMARKS		 J. E. GEMBALA JR. ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR		
Approved:			Examined:		
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Commanding Officer.			Navigator.		

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Zone description <u>+ 4</u>		(Day)	(Date)	(Month)
Position	0800	1200	2000	
Lat.				
Long.				

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

LWT

00-04 NO REMARKS

E. J. Rothwell Jr.
E. J. ROTHWELL JR.
ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

04-08 0600 ALL NAVY YARD WORKMEN LEFT EXCEPTING 6 MEN AUTHORIZED TO COMPLETE INSTALLATION OF AFTER 2" MAGAZINE.

0725 TUGS ROANOKE AND YT 115 CAME ALONGSIDE TO PORT. PILOT T.W. TREAKLEY CAME ABOARD.

0734 UNDERWAY FROM NORFOLK NAVY YARD FOR RADIO DIRECTION FINDER RANGE, CAPE CHARLES CITY, VIRGINIA. PILOT TREAKLEY AT CONN, CAPTAIN EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND NAVIGATOR ON THE BRIDGE, STANDARD SPEED 14 KNOTS (60 RPM) ON VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS CONFORMING TO THE CHANNEL.

C. R. Auchmutey
C. R. AUCHMUTEY
ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

08-12

0820 DISMISSED TUGS. PILOT TREAKLEY LEFT. CAPTAIN AT CONN.

0914 PASSED OLD POINT COMFORT LIGHT ABEAM TO PORT.

1123 ARRIVAL OFF CAPE CHARLES CITY (R.D.F. STATION) COMMENCED SWINGING SHIP TO CALIBRATE D.F. APPARATUS.

J. N. Tanner
J. N. TANNER
ENSIGN D-M USNR

Approved:

Examined:

Drayton Harrison
DRAYTON HARRISON
COMDR. USN
Commanding Officer.

C. J. Delaney
C. J. DELANEY
LT. COMDR. D-M USNR
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Position	0800	1200	2000	
Lat.				
Long.				

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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

LWT

12-16
1545 COMPLETED CALIBRATING RADIO DIRECTION FINDER; PROCEEDING TO HAMPTON ROADS ON VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS CONFORMING TO THE CHANNEL.

J.W. Mc Cormick
J.W. MC CORMICK
LT. D-V(S) USNR

16-20
1755 PASSED OLD POINT COMFORT LIGHTHOUSE ABEAM TO STARBOARD STOPPED ENGINE, AWAITING ORDERS FROM N.O.B.

1855 RECEIVED VISUAL ORDERS FROM N.O.B. TO PROCEED TO CRANEY ISLAND FUEL DOCK.

1908 PILOT R. C. EDWARDS CAME ABOARD AND ASSUMED CONN.

1947 MOORED PORT SIDE TO NAVAL FUELING DOCK, CRANEY ISLAND. SECURED MAIN ENGINE.

M. H. Shaw
M. H. SHAW
LT. (JG) D-M USNR

20-24
2127 COMMENCED RECEIVING BUNKER FUEL OIL AND FRESH WATER FROM DOCK. DRAFT OF SHIP FWD 13'-00" AFT 21'-00".

2345 COMPLETED TAKING FRESH WATER HAVING RECEIVED 10,000 GALLONS.

Approved: *[Signature]*
DRAYTON HARRISON
COMDR. USN
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *[Signature]*
W. P. SMILEY
ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR
[Signature]
C. J. DELANEY
LT. COMDR. D-M USNR
Navigator.

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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

00-04
0155

COMPLETED TAKING BUNKER FUEL OIL AND DIESEL OIL, HAVING RECEIVED 2432 BBLs FUEL OIL AND 405 BBLs DIESEL OIL. DRAFT: FWD 13'-06" AFT 22'-01".

A. Lofthouse
A. LOFTHOUSE
LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR

04-08

0711

UNDERWAY FOR ANCHORAGE BERTH. CAPTAIN AT CONN. EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND NAVIGATOR ON THE BRIDGE. STANDARD SPEED 14 KNOTS (60 RPM) ON VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS CONFORMING TO THE CHANNEL.

C. O. Burns
C. O. BURNS
ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

08-12

0809

ANCHORED IN BERTH #25, HAMPTON ROADS, VIRGINIA IN 10 FATHOMS OF WATER WITH 105 FATHOMS OF CHAIN TO THE STARBOARD ANCHOR ON THE FOLLOWING BEARING:
 OLD POINT COMFORT LIGHTHOUSE 045 TRUE
 ELIZABETH RIVER BUOY # 1 081 TRUE

H. G. Batalin
H. G. BATALIN
LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR

12-16
1355

NAVY AMMUNITION LIGHTER # 399 CAME ALONGSIDE TO STARBOARD WITH SERVICE AMMUNITION ALLOWANCE FROM AMMUNITION DEPOT, ST. JULIUS CREEK, PORTSMOUTH VIRGINIA.

1425

COMMENCED LOADING AMMUNITION IN FORWARD MAGAZINE.

B. D. Rawls
B. D. RAWLS
ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

16-18

NO REMARKS

W. P. Smiley
W. P. SMILEY
ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

Approved:

Examined:

D. Harrison
D. HARRISON
COMDR. USN

Commanding Officer.

C. J. Delaney
C. J. DELANEY
LT. COMDR. D-M USNR

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18-20 NO REMARKS

L. T. Giarraputo
L. T. GIARRAPUTO
ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

20-24 NO REMARKS

J. W. Ferrill
J. W. FERRILL
ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

Approved:

D. Harrison
DRAYTON HARRISON
COMDR. USN
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

C. J. Delaney
C. J. DELANEY
LT. COMDR. D-M USNR
Navigator.

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OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)			
LWT			
00-04	NO REMARKS	<u>H. J. Foederer</u> H. J. FOEDERER ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR	
04-08	NO REMARKS	<u>V. L. Chambers</u> V. L. CHAMBERS ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR	
08-12			
0800	COMMENCED LOADING AMMUNITION IN AFTER MAGAZINE.	<u>H. G. Batalin</u> H. G. BATALIN LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR	
12-16			
1530	COMPLETED LOADING AMMUNITION.	<u>H. G. Batalin</u> H. G. BATALIN LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR	
16-18	NO REMARKS	<u>R. G. O'Donnell</u> R. G. O'DONNELL ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR	
18-20	NO REMARKS	<u>L. S. Koczela</u> L. S. KOZELA ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR	
20-24	NO REMARKS	<u>A. L. Alexander</u> A. L. ALEXANDER ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR	
Approved:		Examined:	
<u>Drayton Harrison</u> DRAYTON HARRISON COMDR. USN	Commanding Officer.	<u>C. J. Delaney</u> C. J. DELANEY LT. COMDR. D-M USNR	Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ELMORE (APA42) THURSDAY 7 OCT. 19 43
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Zone description + 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

LWT

00-04 NO REMARKS

M. J. Mc Vay
M. J. MC VAY
ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

04-08 NO REMARKS

Walter P. Smiley
W. P. SMILEY
ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

08-12 NO REMARKS

P. K. Le Massena
P. K. LE MASSENA
ENSIGN D-V(S) USNR

12-16 NO REMARKS

A. Lofthouse
A. LOFTHOUSE
LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR

16-18 NO REMARKS

B. D. Rawls
B. D. RAWLS
ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

18-20 NO REMARKS

B. M. Alter
B. M. ALTER
LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR

20-24 NO REMARKS

J. E. Gembala Jr.
J. E. GEMBALA JR.
ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

Approved:

Drayton Harfison
DRAYTON HARFISON
COMDR. USN
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

C. J. Delaney
C. J. DELANEY
LT. COMDR. D-M USNR
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

00-04 NO REMARKS

E. J. Rothwell
E. J. ROTHWELL
ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

04-08
0718 TUG TAZA CAME ALONGSIDE TO PORT. PILOT R. J. EDWARDS CAME ABOARD.

0724 UNDERWAY. PILOT EDWARDS AT CONN, CAPTAIN EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND NAVIGATOR ON THE BRIDGE, STANDARD SPEED 14 KNOTS (60 R.P.M.) ON VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS CONFORMING TO THE CHANNEL.

C. R. Auchmuty Jr.
C. R. AUCHMUTEY JR.
ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

08-12
1030 MOORED PORT SIDE TO SOUTH SIDE OF PIER "S" (NORFOLK AND WESTERN) NORFOLK, VIRGINIA. SECURED MAIN ENGINE. BOILER #1 IN USE FOR AUXILIARY PURPOSES.

J. W. Ferrill
J. W. FERRILL
ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

12-16 NO REMARKS

C. O. Burns
C. O. BURNS
ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

16-18 NO REMARKS

R. T. Giarraputo
R. T. GIARRAPUTO
ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

18-20 NO REMARKS

L. L. Warren
L. L. WARREN
ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

20-24 NO REMARKS

R. G. O'Donnell
R. G. O'DONNELL
ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

Approved:

Examined:

Drayton Harrison
DRAYTON HARRISON
COMDR. USN
Commanding Officer.

C. J. Delaney
C. J. DELANEY
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
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00-04 NO REMARKS

L. S. Koczela
 L. S. KOCZELA
 ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

04-08 NO REMARKS

V. L. Chambers
 V. L. CHAMBERS
 ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

08-12

0948 PURSUANT TO AMPHIBIAN TRAINING BASE (N.O.B.) NORFOLK VIRGINIA
 SECRET LETTER SERIAL 0025 OF OCTOBER 9, 1943 THE FOLLOWING
 OFFICERS AND ENLISTED PERSONNEL REPORTED ABOARD FOR DUTY AS
 BEACH PARTY:

LT. COMDR.	LUCIOS COLLINS			
LT. (JG)	OTTO C. NIEDERER	CC-V(S)	USNR	139064
ENSIGN	RICHARD J. ALFRIEND	D-V(G)	USNR	266629
	111,			
ENSIGN	WILLIAM R. BROTHERTON	D-V(G)	USNR	266736
ENSIGN	JOHN J. BURKE	D-V(G)	USNR	266749
ENSIGN	RICHARD D. BUTLER	D-V(G)	USNR	266758
ENSIGN	WESLEY H. EATON	D-V(G)	USNR	266912
ENSIGN	HERBERT A. GOLDBERG	D-V(G)	USNR	267012
ENSIGN	CHARLES F. HARVEY	D-V(G)	USNR	267088
ENSIGN	FRANK X. HUTTINGER	E-V(S)	USNR	266472
ENSIGN	KAI ALF LARSEN	D-V(G)	USNR	229002
ENSIGN	EDWARD A. RICHARDS	D-V(G)	USNR	267549
ENSIGN	FRANK M. SCHAUB	D-V(G)	USNR	267954
ENSIGN	JOHN H. SHAW	D-V(G)	USNR	227976
ENSIGN	FLOYD M. SPESSARD	D-V(S)	USNR	229016
ENSIGN	MARTIN T. WILBOURNE	D-V(G)	USNR	267806

BENBASSAT, LEON ALBERT	563-88-51	RT3C
BECK, WALTER THEODORE	650-93-62	F2C
CHAPMAN, THOMAS CARROLL JR.	721-65-81	MOMM2C
CLARK, ROBERT MADISON	878-25-19	RM3C
CRIMMEL, CHARLES HERBERT, JR.	821-20-82	SM3C
CURL, JOHNNIE (N)	269-14-31	COX
ERICKSON, DONALD ELDON	371-87-93	MM1C
EASTWOOD, LEMUEL PRICE	224-62-09	S1C
FERREIRA, FRANK NORMAN	802-38-90	S2C
FITZPATRICK, ROBERT MAURICE	802-39-06	S2C
FOBERT, LEO JOHN	802-39-26	S2C
FORGUES, HARVEY PAUL	209-12-14	S2C
FOYE, RAYMOND EDWARD	802-22-75	S2C
FRAMPTON, HENRY WILKINS, JR.	829-75-22	SK3C

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Approved:

Examined:

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 D. HARRISON
 COMDR. USN

Commanding Officer.

C. J. Delaney
 C. J. DELANEY
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FRIDRICH, WILLIAM, JR.	711-22-27	S2C
FRISBIE, CHARLES ROBERT	563-47-65	RT2C
GAGLIANO, JOHN	160-03-26	CQM(AA)
GARRETT, RAYMOND NORMAN	614-35-04	MOMM1C
GAVRIEL, JAMES NICKOLAS	802-22-64	S2C
GEORGE, PETER G.	811-40-42	S2C
GERO, ARNOLD	573-23-22	S2C
GOODALE, LYNN CLAYTON, JR.	811-41-65	S2C
GOONAN, MICHAEL	802-33-53	S2C
GOMES, CHARLES PHILIP	802-22-66	S2C
GONZALEZ, VALENTINO JOSEPH	811-40-89	S2C
GRAETTINGER, DONALD EUGENE	620-22-53	PR2C
HANSEN, RICHARD GLENN	632-47-19	RM3C
HAWKINS, JOSEPH RICHARD	376-42-53	PHM2C
HOLLAND, MARVIN GUNNER	342-53-13	CM3C
HOUSTON, HERMAN EDWARD	300-93-12	COX
HUGHES, WILLIAM HERBERT	272-24-01	GM2C
LEBKUECHER, HOWARD CLARK	634-29-91	COX
LEVIS, JOHN GILBERT PORTER	563-50-15	RT2C
MARTIN, FRANCIS JAMES	706-98-27	RM3C
MC CULLOCH, PATRICK HENRY	560-10-71	S1C
MIKETINAC, FRANK JOSEPH	305-54-20	RM3C
MILLER, PETER EDWARD	212-68-26	BM2C
MILLER, WILLIAM STANLEY	839-25-44	RM3C
MITCHELL, ALBERT VAUGHAN	634-75-12	Y2C
MOBERG, ROY WALTER	865-55-73	SM3C
MUIR, CARL E.	872-60-30	S2C
NEWBERRY, ALVEN SAMUEL	376-64-34	RM3C
NOLAN, CHESTER JAMES	615-49-57	S2C
PERETORE, ROSARIO JOSEPH	207-39-93	GM3C
RAGAN, ANDREW CYRIL	856-59-59	S2C
RIKER, ARTHUR EDWARD	706-39-46	COX
RUTAN, DWIGHT CECIL	865-58-74	S2C
SIMMONS, WALTER SCOTT	295-77-20	SF2C
SMITH, LAVERNE CORBET	644-67-94	BM2C
STEINER, FREDRICK (N) JR.	305-72-40	RM3C
STITH, PERRY FRANCIS	565-18-59	RM3C
SWYNEBURG, ROBERT LEONARD	300-99-70	MM2C
UMPHRIES, RAY VAUGHN	552-06-25	EM3C
VAN NORMAN, ROBERT CLARENCE	623-05-87	EM2C
WADE, OTWAY FOSTER	658-85-11	COX
WEBSTER, CHARLES HERMAN	280-02-66	F2C
WHITNEY, GEORGE GOODWYN	633-08-32	MOMM2C
WILSON, JERRY (N)	671-65-97	RM3C
WILSON, ROTH MERRIT, JR.	656-72-20	GM3C
WOOTEN, BOYD WAYNE	570-19-56	GM3C

M. J. Mc Vay
 M. J. MC VAY
 ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

Approved:

Examined:

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 COMDR. USN

Commanding Officer.

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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
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LWT

12-16 NO REMARKS

H. J. Foederer
H. J. FOEDERER
ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

16-20 NO REMARKS

A. Lofthouse
A. LOFTHOUSE
LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR

20-24 NO REMARKS

H. G. Batalin
H. G. BATALIN
LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR

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Examined:

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UNITED STATES SHIP ELMORE (APA42) SUNDAY 10 OCT, 19 43
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
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LWT

00-04 NO REMARKS

B. D. Rawls
 B. D. RAWLS
 ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

04-08 NO REMARKS

B. M. Alter
 B. M. ALTER
 LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR

08-12 NO REMARKS

J. E. Gembala
 J. E. GEMBALA
 ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

12-16 NO REMARKS

W. P. Smiley
 W. P. SMILEY
 ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

16-18 NO REMARKS

P. K. LeMassena
 P. K. LE MASSENA
 ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

18-20 NO REMARKS

C. O. Burns
 C. O. BURNS
 ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

20-24 NO REMARKS

L. T. Giarraputo
 L. T. GIARRAPUTO
 ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

Approved: [Signature]
 DRAYTON HARRISON
 COMDR. USN
Commanding Officer.

Examined: [Signature]
 C. J. DELANEY
 LT. COMDR. D-M USNR
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Position	0800			1200			
Lat.	<u>Norfolk, Virginia</u>				2000		
Long.							

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00-04	NO REMARKS	<u>L. L. Warren</u> L. L. WARREN ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR
04-08	NO REMARKS	<u>R. O. O'Donnell</u> R. O. O'DONNELL ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR
08-12	NO REMARKS	<u>L. S. Koczela</u> L. S. KOZELA ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR
12-16	NO REMARKS	<u>E. J. Rothwell Jr.</u> E. J. ROTHWELL JR. ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR
16-18	NO REMARKS	<u>C. R. Auchmutey</u> C. R. AUCHMUTEY JR. ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR
18-20	NO REMARKS	<u>J. W. Ferrill</u> J. W. FERRILL ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR
20-24	NO REMARKS	<u>H. J. Foederer</u> H. J. FOEDERER ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

Approved:	Examined:
<u>D. Harrison</u> D. HARRISON COMDR. USN Commanding Officer.	<u>C. J. Delaney</u> C. J. DELANEY LT. COMDR. D-M USNR Navigator.

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Zone description <u>+ 4</u>				
Position	0800	1200	2000	
Lat.				
Long.				
LWT	OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)			
00-04 0000	ELMORE REPORTED TO C.T.G. 29.6 CAPTAIN J. A. GAINARD USNR IN BOLIVAR, TASK GROUP COMMANDER FOR DUTY.			
	<div style="text-align: center;"><u><i>A. L. Alexander</i></u> A. L. ALEXANDER ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR</div>			
04-08	NO REMARKS			
	<div style="text-align: center;"><u><i>A. Loft House</i></u> A. LOFTHOUSE LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR</div>			
08-12 1015	UNDERWAY FROM PIER "S" NORFOLK, VA. FOR ANCHORAGE BERTH, CAPTAIN AT CONN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND NAVIGATOR ON THE BRIDGE, STANDARD SPEED 14 KNOTS (60RPM) ON VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS CONFORMING TO THE CHANNEL.			
1119	ANCHORED IN BERTH 22, HAMPTON ROADS, VIRGINIA IN 13 FATHOMS OF WATER WITH 90 FATHOMS OF CHAIN TO STARBOARD ANCHOR.			
	<div style="text-align: center;"><u><i>H. G. Batalin</i></u> H. G. BATALIN LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR</div>			
12-16	NO REMARKS			
	<div style="text-align: center;"><u><i>V. L. Chambers</i></u> V. L. CHAMBERS ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR</div>			
16-18	NO REMARKS			
	<div style="text-align: center;"><u><i>M. J. McVay</i></u> M. J. MC VAY ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR</div>			
18-20	NO REMARKS			
	<div style="text-align: center;"><u><i>W. P. Smiley</i></u> W. P. SMILEY ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR</div>			
20-24	NO REMARKS			
	<div style="text-align: center;"><u><i>P. K. LeMassena</i></u> P. K. LE MASSENA ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR</div>			
Approved:	Examined:			
<div style="text-align: center;"><u><i>Drayton Harrison</i></u> DRAYTON HARRISON COMDR. USN</div>	<div style="text-align: center;"><u><i>C. J. Delaney</i></u> C. J. DELANEY LT. COMDR. D-M USNR</div>			<div style="text-align: center;"><u><i>C. J. Delaney</i></u> C. J. DELANEY LT. COMDR. D-M USNR</div>
	<small>Commanding Officer.</small>			<small>Navigator.</small>

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UNITED STATES SHIP ELMORE (APA42) WEDNESDAY 13 OCT. 1943

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Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		36° 55' N	35° 44' N
Long.		74° 52' W	73° 53' W

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

LWT

00-04
0138

RECEIVED C.T.G. 29.6 DESPATCH 112255 OCTOBER.
FORMED TASK UNIT 29.6.2 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ABOVE
DESPATCH AND COMSERVFOR OPERATION ORDER 1-43.
CAPTAIN W. G. WAUCHOPE USNR IN DU PAGE TASK UNIT COMMANDER.

0238

RECEIVED C.T.G. 29.6 DESPATCH 122340 OCTOBER MODIFYING
DESPATCH 112255.

L. T. Giarraputo
L. T. GIARRAPUTO
ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

04-08
0602

UNDERWAY IN COMPANY WITH TASK UNIT 29.6.2 IN ACCORDANCE WITH
ABOVE DESPATCH TO RENDEZOUS WITH TASK UNIT 29.6.1 AT SEA. CAPTAIN
AT CONN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND NAVIGATOR ON THE BRIDGE. STANDARD
SPEED 14 KNOTS (60RPM) ON VARIOUS COURSES CONFORMING TO THE
CHANNEL. USS DEEDE AND ELDEN IN SCREENING STATION AHEAD.

0724

PASSED CAPE HENRY LIGHTHOUSE ABEAM TO STARBOARD DISTANT 1 MILE.

J. W. Mc Cormick
J. W. MC CORMICK
LT. D-V(S) USNR

08-12
0814

PASSED BUOY (#2CB) ABEAM TO PORT, DISTANT 1000 YARDS C C TO
085 TRUE.

0855

CHANGED S/S TO 12 KNOTS.

H. L. Sutherland
H. L. SUTHERLAND
LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR

12-16
1250

PASSED BUOY (XS) ABEAM TO PORT.

1305

SIGHTED SHIPS OF TASK UNIT 29.6.1 BEARING 016 DEGREES, DISTANT 5 MILES

1320

ON VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS TO ASSUME POSITION #12 IN TASK GROUP
29.6. CAPTAIN J. A. GAINARD USNR CONVOY COMMODORE IN BOLIVAR.

1400

ALL SHIPS ASSUMED DESIGNATED POSITIONS IN CONVOY, BOLIVAR GUIDE
SET COURSE 157 TRUE, STANDARD SPEED 14 KNOTS.

H. L. Sutherland
H. L. SUTHERLAND
LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR

Approved:

Examined:

Drayton Harrison
DRAYTON HARRISON
COMDR. USN

Commanding Officer.

C. J. Delaney
C. J. DELANEY
LT. COMDR. D-M USNR

Navigator.

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Long.			

LWT

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16-18 NO REMARKS

M. H. Shaw
 M. H. SHAW
 LT. (JG) D-M USNR

18-20 NO REMARKS

J. N. Tanner
 J. N. TANNER
 ENSIGN D-M USNR

20-24 NO REMARKS

J. W. Mc Cormick
 J. W. MC CORMICK
 LT. D-V(S) USNR

Approved:

Examined:

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Zone description + 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	<u>33°-02' N</u>	<u>32°-02' N</u>	<u>30°-21' N</u>
Long.	<u>72°-28' W</u>	<u>72°-06' W</u>	<u>71°-23' W</u>

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

LWT

00-04 STEAMING ON COURSE 157° TRUE, STANDARD SPEED 15 KNOTS, ON ASSIGNED DUTY WITH TASK GROUP 29.6, POSITION #12, ENROUTE TOWARDS CRISTOBAL C. Z., IN ACCORDANCE WITH COMSERVFOR OPERATION ORDER 1-43. CAPTAIN J. A. GAINARD U.S.N.R. IN BOLIVAR, CONVOY COMMODORE.

H. L. Sutherland
 H. L. SUTHERLAND
 LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR

04-08 NO REMARKS

M. H. Shaw
 M. H. SHAW
 LT. (JG) D-M USNR

08-12 NO REMARKS

J. N. Tanner
 J. N. TANNER
 ENSIGN D-M USNR

12-16 NO REMARKS

J. W. Mc Cormick
 J. W. MC CORMICK
 LT. D-V(S) USNR

16-18 NO REMARKS

H. L. Sutherland
 H. L. SUTHERLAND
 LT. (JG) D-M USNR

18-20

1900 CHANGED SPEED TO 12 KNOTS.

M. H. Shaw
 M. H. SHAW
 LT. (JG) D-M USNR

20-24 NO REMARKS

J. N. Tanner
 J. N. TANNER
 ENSIGN D-M USNR

Approved:

Examined:

Drayton Harrison
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 COMDR. USN

Commanding Officer.

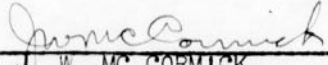
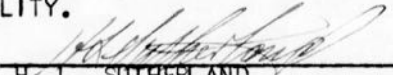
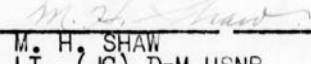
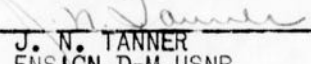
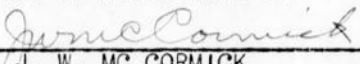

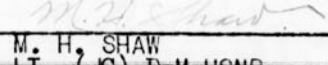
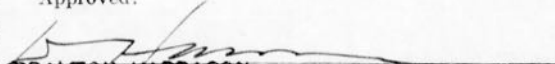
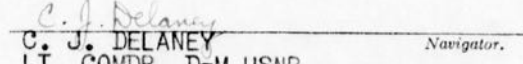
C. J. Delaney
 C. J. DELANEY
 LT. COMDR. D-M USNR

Navigator.

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	<small>(Day)</small>	<small>(Date)</small>	<small>(Month)</small>
Zone description <u>+ 4</u>			
Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	28°-02'N	27°-09'N	26°-25'N
Long.	70°-35'W	70°-23'W	70°-09'W
LWT	OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)		
00-04 0100	CHANGED COURSE TO 164° TRUE.		 <u>J. W. MC CORMICK</u> LT. D-V(S) USNR
04-08 0600	CHANGED SPEED TO 14 KNOTS.		
0700	COMMENCED ZIGZAGGING IN ACCORDANCE WITH PLAN.		
0745	CEASED ZIGZAGGING ACCOUNT OF LOW VISIBILITY.		 <u>H. L. SUTHERLAND</u> LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR
08-12	NO REMARKS		 <u>M. H. SHAW</u> LT. (JG) D-M USNR
12-16 1200 1310	CHANGED COURSE TO 134° TRUE. SOUND CONTACT REPORTED BY DESTROYER ESCORT. ON VARIOUS COURSES AND INCREASED SPEED AWAY FROM BEARING OF CONTACT.		
1400	SOUND CONTACT NOT RECOVERED. RESUMED COURSE 134° TRUE, SPEED 14 KNOTS. COMMENCED ZIGZAGGING IN ACCORDANCE WITH PLAN.		
1500	CEASED ZIGZAGGING.		 <u>J. N. TANNER</u> ENSIGN D-M USNR
16-18 1715	TASK GROUP 29.6 CHANGED COURSE TO 270° TRUE TO AVOID PATH OF REPORTED HURRICANE.		 <u>J. W. MC CORMICK</u> LT. D-V(S) USNR
18-20	NO REMARKS		 <u>H. L. SUTHERLAND</u> LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR
20-24	NO REMARKS		 <u>M. H. SHAW</u> LT. (JG) D-M USNR
Approved: 		Examined: 	
DRAYTON HARRISON COMDR. USN <small>Commanding Officer.</small>		C. J. DELANEY LT. COMDR. D-M USNR <small>Navigator.</small>	

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UNITED STATES SHIP ELMORE (APA42) SATURDAY 16 OCT., 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description + 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	25°-06' N	24°-29' N	23°-00' N
Long.	71°-21' W	70°-36' W	69°-33' W

LWT

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

00-04
0045
0245
CHANGED COURSE TO 180° TRUE.
CHANGED COURSE TO 151° TRUE

J. N. Tanner
J. N. TANNER
ENSIGN D-M USNR

04-08
NO REMARKS

J. W. Mc Cormick
J. W. MC CORMICK
LT. D-V(S) USNR

08-12
NO REMARKS

H. L. Sutherland
H. L. SUTHERLAND
LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR

12-16
NO REMARKS

M. H. Shaw
M. H. SHAW
LT. (JG) D-M USNR

16-18
NO REMARKS

J. N. Tanner
J. N. TANNER
ENSIGN D-M USNR

18-20
1932
CHANGED SPEED TO 15 KNOTS.

J. W. Mc Cormick
J. W. MC CORMICK
LT. D-V(S) USNR

20-24
NO REMARKS

H. L. Sutherland
H. L. SUTHERLAND
LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR

Approved:

Examined:

Drayton Harrison
DRAYTON HARRISON
COMDR. USN
Commanding Officer.

C. J. Delaney
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UNITED STATES SHIP ELMORE (APA42) SUNDAY 17 OCT., 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description + 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	20°-41' N	19°-53' N	18°-20' N
Long.	68°-18' W	68°-12' W	68°-06' W

LWT OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

00-04
0029 CHANGED SPEED TO 12 KNOTS.

0114 ELMORE ASSUMED FORMATION POSITION #11 IN ACCORDANCE WITH VERBAL ORDERS FROM O.T.C. IN BOLIVAR.
M. H. Shaw
M. H. SHAW
LT. (JG) D-M USNR

04-08 NO REMARKS
J. N. Tanner
J. N. TANNER
ENSIGN D-M USNR

08-12
0800 CHANGED COURSE TO 170° TRUE.
J. W. Mc Cormick
J. W. MC CORMICK
LT. D-V(S) USNR

12-16
1400 CHANGED COURSE TO 178° TRUE
H. L. Sutherland
H. L. SUTHERLAND
LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR

16-18
1718 SIGHTED CAPE ENGANO, HISPANIOLA ISLAND BEARING 230° TRUE, DISTANT 17.5 MILES.
M. H. Shaw
M. H. SHAW
LT. (JG) D-M USNR

18-20
1833 PASSED CAPE ENGANO LIGHTHOUSE ABEAM TO STARBOARD, DISTANT 14.3 MILES.
1915 CHANGED COURSE TO 192° TRUE.
J. N. Tanner
J. N. TANNER
ENSIGN D-M USNR

20-24 NO REMARKS
J. W. Mc Cormick
J. W. MC CORMICK
LT. D-V(S) USNR

Approved: *Drayton Harrison*
DRAYTON HARRISON
COMDR. USN
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *C. J. Delaney*
C. J. DELANEY
LT. COMDR. D-M USNR
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ELMORE (APA42) MONDAY 18 OCT., 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description + 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	16°-30' N	16°-09' N	15°-32' N
Long.	69°-11' W	69°-53' W	71°-08' W

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

LWT

00-04
0326 C C TO 236 DEGREES TRUE. CHANGED SPEED TO 13 KNOTS.

H. L. Sutherland
H. L. SUTTERLAND
LT. D-V(G) USNR

04-08 NO REMARKS

M. H. Shaw
M. H. SHAW
LT. (JG) D-M USNR

08-12
0800 C C TO 244 DEGREES TRUE. CHANGED SPEED TO 12 KNOTS.

J. N. Tanner
J. N. TANNER
ENSIGN D-M USNR

12-16
1304 HELD EMERGENCY AND BATTLE PROBLEM DRILLS.

1315 CHANGED SPEED TO 10.5 KNOTS.

J. W. Mc Cormick Jr.
J. W. MC CORMICK JR.
LT. D-V(S) USNR

16-18 NO REMARKS

H. L. Sutherland
H. L. SUTTERLAND
LT. D-V(G) USNR

18-20 NO REMARKS

M. H. Shaw
M. H. SHAW
LT. (JG) D-M USNR

20-24 NO REMARKS

J. N. Tanner
J. N. TANNER
ENSIGN D-M USNR

Approved:

D. Harrison
DRAYTON HARRISON
COMDR. USN

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

C. J. Delaney
C. J. DELANEY
LT. COMDR. D-M USNR

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UNITED STATES SHIP ELMORE (APA42) TUESDAY 19 OCT., 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description + 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	<u>14°-29' N</u>	<u>14°-03' N</u>	<u>13°-11' N</u>
Long.	<u>73°-13' W</u>	<u>73°-58' W</u>	<u>75°-20' W</u>

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

LWT

00-04 NO REMARKS

J. W. Mc Cormick Jr.
J. W. MC CORMICK JR.
LT. D-V(S) USNR

04-08 NO REMARKS

H. L. Sutherland
H. L. SUTHERLAND
LT. D-V(G) USNR

08-12 NO REMARKS

M. H. Shaw
M. H. SHAW
LT. (JG) D-M USNR

12-16
1300 C C TO 239 DEGREES TRUE.

J. W. Tanner
J. W. TANNER
ENSIGN D-M USNR

16-18 NO REMARKS

J. W. Mc Cormick Jr.
J. W. MC CORMICK JR.
LT. D-V(S) USNR

18-20 NO REMARKS

H. L. Sutherland
H. L. SUTHERLAND
LT. D-V(G) USNR

20-24
2015 CHANGED S/S TO 10 KNOTS

M. H. Shaw
M. H. SHAW
LT. (JG) D-M USNR

Approved:

Examined:

D. Harrison
DRAYTON HARRISON
COMDR. USN
Commanding Officer.

C. J. Delaney
C. J. DELANEY
LT. COMDR. D-M USNR
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ELMORE (APA42) WEDNESDAY 20 OCT., 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description + 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	<u>12°-19' N</u>	<u>11°-57' N</u>	<u>11°-11' N</u>
Long.	<u>77°-06' W</u>	<u>77°-25' W</u>	<u>78°-21' W</u>

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

LWT

00-04
0215 C C TO 234° TRUE.

J. W. Tanner
J. W. TANNER
ENSIGN D-M USNR

04-08 NO REMARKS

J. W. Mc Cormick Jr.
J. W. MC CORMICK
LT. D-V(S) USNR

08-12 NO REMARKS

H. L. Sutherland
H. L. SUTHERLAND
LT. D-V(G) USNR

12-16
1500 C C TO 235° TRUE.

M. H. Shaw
M. H. SHAW
LT. (JC) D-M USNR

16-18 NO REMARKS

J. W. Tanner
J. W. TANNER
ENSIGN D-M USNR

18-20 NO REMARKS

J. W. Mc Cormick Jr.
J. W. MC CORMICK
LT. D-V(S) USNR

20-24
2100 C C TO 243° TRUE.

H. L. Sutherland
H. L. SUTHERLAND
LT. D-V(G) USNR

Approved:

Examined:

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DRAYTON HARRISON
COMDR. USN
Commanding Officer.

C. J. Delaney
C. J. DELANEY
LT. COMDR. D-M USNR
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UNITED STATES SHIP ELMORE (APA42) THURSDAY 21 OCT. 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description + 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	10°-35'N	10°-58'N	
Long.	76°-37'W	79°-54'W	

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

LWT

00-04 NO REMARKS

M. H. Shaw
M. H. SHAW
LT. (JG) D-M USNR

04-08
0732 C C TO 214° TRUE, CHANGED SPEED TO 12 KNOTS.

J. N. Tanner
J. N. TANNER
ENSIGN D-M USNR

08-12
0820 CHANGED SPEED TO 13 KNOTS.
0930 C C TO 222° TRUE, CHANGED SPEED TO 13.5 KNOTS.
1122 C C TO 165° TRUE.
1152 SIGHTED ISLE GRANDE LIGHTHOUSE BEARING 146 DEGREES TRUE, DISTANT 27 MILES, C C TO 187 DEGREES TRUE.

J. W. Mc Cormick Jr.
J. W. MC CORMICK
LT. D-V(S) USNR

12-16
1250 C C TO 215 DEGREES TRUE.
1308 PASSED FARALLON ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE ABEAM TO PORT, DISTANT 15 MILES.
C C TO 210 DEGREES TRUE.
1332 TASK GROUP CHANGED TO COLUMN FORMATION 180 DEGREES FROM GUIDE
C C TO 180 DEGREES TRUE.
1427 PASSED CHANNEL ENTRANCE BUOY ABEAM TO STARBOARD.
1506 PASSED STATION VESSEL ABEAM TO STARBOARD, S/S 10 KNOTS.
1527 PASSED BETWEEN BREAKWATER ENTRANCE, STANDING INTO LIMON BAY.
1530 RECEIVED C.T.G. 29.6 VISUAL DESPATCH 211915 OCTOBER, TASK GROUP 29.6 DISSOLVED.
1548 ANCHORED IN BERTH #13, LIMON BAY, C.Z. IN 7 FATHOMS OF WATER WITH 15 FATHOMS OF CHAIN TO THE STARBOARD ANCHOR. ELMORE WAITING FOR CANAL ZONE PILOT.

H. L. Sutherland
H. L. SUTHERLAND
LT. D-V(G) USNR

Approved:

Examined:

D. Harrison
DRAYTON HARRISON
COMDR. USN
Commanding Officer.

C. J. Delaney
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UNITED STATES SHIP ELMORE (APA42) THURSDAY 21 OCT., 19 43
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Zone description 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
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Long.			

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16-18

1652 PILOT G. ANDERSON CAME ABOARD AND ASSUMED CONN, UNDERWAY TO TRANSIT THE PANAMA CANAL. CAPTAIN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND NAVIGATOR ON THE BRIDGE, STANDARD SPEED 16 KNOTS (70RPM) ON VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS CONFORMING TO THE CHANNEL AND APPROACHING GATUN LOCKS.

M. H. Shaw
M. H. SHAW
LT. (JG) D-M USNR

18-20

1804 APPROACHING GATUN LOCKS, SHIP BEING HANDLED BY CANAL PILOT ANDERSON, CONTACTED LOCK PIER, BASHING IN SHIPS PLATING ABOUT THREE INCHES AT ABOUT FRAMES 42 TO 46, STARBOARD SIDE AND ABOUT 16 FOOT WATERLINE.

1858 ENTERED GATUN LOCKS.

A. Lothouse
A. LOFTHOUSE
LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR

20-24

2024 LEFT GATUN LOCKS FOR PEDRO MIQUEL LOCKS.

J. W. Mc Cormick Jr.
J. W. MC CORMICK JR.
LT. D-V(S) USNR

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Examined:

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DRAYTON HARRISON
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C. J. Delaney
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UNITED STATES SHIP ELMORE (APA42) FRIDAY 22 OCT., 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description + 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
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LWT

- 00-04
0006 ENTERED PEDRO MIGUEL LOCKS AND CLEARED AT 0021.
- 0121 ENTERED MIRAFLORES LOCKS AND CLEARED AT 0155.
- 0214 TUG GORGONA CAME ALONGSIDE TO PORT.
- 0306 MOORED STARBOARD SIDE TO PIER #16, BALBOA, C.Z. SECURED MAIN ENGINES.

H. L. Sutherland
H. L. SUTHERLAND
LT. D-V(G) USNR

- 04-08
0435 COMMENCED RECEIVING BUNKER FUEL OIL FROM DOCK.
- 0745 COMPLETED TAKING FUEL OIL, HAVING RECEIVED 2,080 BBLS. NET.
DRAFT: FWD 13'-06" AFT 21'-10"

B. D. Rawls
B. D. RAWLS
ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

- 08-12
0800 CHANGED TO ZONE TIME PLUS FIVE (+ 5).

J. N. Tanner
J. N. TANNER
ENSIGN D-M USNR

- 12-16
1500 RECEIVED ANNEX TO OPERATION ORDER 1-43 DESIGNATING ELMORE IN TASK UNIT 12.4.3 CAPTAIN J. A. GAINARD USNR, IN BOLIVAR, TASK UNIT COMMANDER.

J. W. Mc Cormick Jr.
J. W. MC CORMICK JR.
LT. D-V(S) USNR

Approved:

Examined:

Drayton Harrison
DRAYTON HARRISON
COMDR. USN
Commanding Officer.

C. J. Delaney
C. J. DELANEY
LT. COMDR. D-M USNR
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UNITED STATES SHIP ELMORE (APA42) SATURDAY 23 OCT., 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description + 5

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	06°-55'N	06°-58'N	07°-39'N
Long.	80°-20'W	81°-08'W	82°-55'W

LWT

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

00-04 STEAMING ON COURSE 180 DEGREES TRUE AT STANDARD SPEED 10 KNOTS IN COMPANY WITH TASK UNIT 12.4.1, COLUMN FORMATION, ENROUTE TO SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA IN ACCORDANCE WITH COMSERVFOR OPERATION ORDER 1-43 (ANNEX) OF OCTOBER 22, 1943. O.T.C. IN BOLIVAR (GUIDE).

0330 C C TO 240 DEGREES TRUE. CHANGED SPEED TO 14 KNOTS.

J. W. Mc Cormick Jr.
J. W. MC CORMICK JR.
LT. D-V(S) USNR

04-08
0508 PASSED CAPE MALA LIGHTHOUSE ABEAM TO STARBOARD, DISTANT 18 MILES.

H. L. Sutherland
H. L. SUTHERLAND
LT. D-V(G) USNR

08-12
0805 C C TO 274 DEGREES TRUE.

M. H. Shaw
M. H. SHAW
LT. (JG) D-M USNR

12-16
1505 PASSED ISLA JICARITA LIGHTHOUSE ABEAM TO STARBOARD, DISTANT 11.5 MILES. C C TO 300 DEGREES TRUE.

J. N. Tanner
J. N. TANNER
ENSIGN D-M USNR

16-18
1800 CHANGED TO ZONE TIME PLUS SIX (+ 6.)

1753 PASSED ISLA MONTUSO ABEAM TO STARBOARD, DISTANT 11 MILES.

J. W. Mc Cormick Jr.
J. W. MC CORMICK JR.
LT. D-V(S) USNR

18-20 NO REMARKS

H. L. Sutherland
H. L. SUTHERLAND
LT. D-V(G) USNR

20-24 NO REMARKS

M. H. Shaw
M. H. SHAW
LT. (JG) D-M USNR

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Examined:

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COMDR. USN

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(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description + 6

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	08°-58' N	09°-16' N	09°-54' N
Long.	85°-13' W	86°-05' W	87°-36' W

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

LWT

00-04 NO REMARKS

J. N. Tanner
 J. N. TANNER
 ENSIGN D-M USNR

04-08 NO REMARKS

J. W. Mc Cormick Jr.
 J. W. MC CORMICK JR.
 LT. D-V(S) USNR

08-12 NO REMARKS

H. L. Sutherland
 H. L. SUTHERLAND
 LT. D-V(G) USNR

12-16 NO REMARKS

M. H. Shaw
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 LT. (JG) D-M USNR

16-18 NO REMARKS

J. N. Tanner
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18-20 NO REMARKS

J. W. Mc Cormick Jr.
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20-24 NO REMARKS

H. L. Sutherland
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(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description + 6

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	<u>11°-02' N</u>	<u>11°-37' N</u>	<u>13°-09' N</u>
Long.	<u>90°-18' W</u>	<u>90°-37' W</u>	<u>91°-06' W</u>

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

LWT

00-04 NO REMARKS

M. H. Shaw
M. H. SHAW
LT. (JG) D-M USNR

04-08 NO REMARKS

J. N. Tanner
J. N. TANNER
ENSIGN D-M USNR

08-12
1014 C C TO 346 DEGREES TRUE.

J. W. Mc Cormick Jr.
J. W. MC CORMICK JR.
LT. D-V(S) USNR

12-16
1517 CHANGED SPEED TO 13.5 KNOTS.

H. H. Spellman
H. H. SPELLMAN
LT. D-V(S) USNR

16-20
1800 C C TO 308 DEGREES TRUE.

H. L. Sutherland
H. L. SUTHERLAND
LT. D-V(G) USNR

20-24 NO REMARKS

M. H. Shaw
M. H. SHAW
LT. (JG) D-M USNR

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UNITED STATES SHIP ELMORE (APA42) TUESDAY 26 OCT., 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description + 6

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	<u>14°-40' N</u>	<u>14°-45' N</u>	<u>15°-15' N</u>
Long.	<u>93°-51' W</u>	<u>94°-37' W</u>	<u>95°-51' W</u>

LWT

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

00-04

0000

CHANGED SPEED TO 13.5 KNOTS. C C TO 293 DEGREES TRUE.

0115

IN ACCORDANCE WITH VERBAL ORDERS FROM O.T.C. IN BOLIVAR; ELMORE DESIGNATED GUIDE.

J. N. Tanner
J. N. TANNER

04-08

NO REMARKS

J. W. Mc Cormick Jr.
J. W. MC CORMICK JR.
LT. D-V(S) USNR

08-12

NO REMARKS

H. H. Spellman
H. H. SPELLMAN
LT. D-V(S) USNR

12-16

1241

C C TO 303 DEGREES TRUE.

1330

CHANGED SPEED TO 11 KNOTS.

H. L. Sutherland
H. L. SUTHERLAND
LT. D-V(G) USNR

16-20

NO REMARKS

M. H. Shaw
M. H. SHAW
LT. (JG) D-M USNR

20-24

2100

C C TO 290 DEGREES TRUE. CHANGED SPEED TO 12 KNOTS.

2250

SIGHTED PORT ANGELES LIGHTHOUSE BEARING 332 DEGREES TRUE, DISTANT 20 MILES.

J. N. Tanner
J. N. TANNER
ENSIGN D-M USNR

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UNITED STATES SHIP ELMORE (APA42) WEDNESDAY 27 OCT., 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description + 6

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	<u>15°-47' N</u>	<u>16°-03' N</u>	<u>16°-45' N</u>
Long.	<u>97°-59' W</u>	<u>98°-47' W</u>	<u>100°-50' W</u>

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
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LWT

00-04

0023 PASSED PORT ANGELES LIGHTHOUSE ABEAM TO STARBOARD, DISTANT 15.5 MILES.

J. W. MC CORMICK JR.
LT. D-V(S) USNR

04-08

0415 C C TO 280 DEGREES TRUE.
0625 CHANGED SPEED TO 14 KNOTS.

H. L. SUTHERLAND
LT. D-V(S) USNR

08-12

0805 C C TO 290 DEGREES TRUE.
0907 EXERCISED ALL PORTSIDE 20MM AND 1.1 A.A. GUNS AT BALLOON TARGET PRACTICE.

M. H. SHAW
LT. (JG) D-M USNR

12-16
1400

CHANGED SPEED TO 14.5 KNOTS.

H. H. SPELLMAN
LT. D-V(S) USNR

16-20

1745 PASSED ROQUETA ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE ABEAM TO STARBOARD, DISTANT 21.6 MILES.

J. N. TANNER
ENSGN D-M USNR

20-24

NO REMARKS

J. W. MC CORMICK JR.
LT. D-V(S) USNR

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C. J. DELANEY
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UNITED STATES SHIP ELMORE (APA42) THURSDAY 28 OCT., 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description + 7

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	17°-41' N	18°-00' N	19°-03' N
Long.	103°-32' W	104°-26' W	106°-12' W

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

LWT

00-04 NO REMARKS

[Signature]
H. L. SUTHERLAND
LT. D-V(G) USNR

04-08 NO REMARKS

[Signature]
M. H. SHAW
LT. (JG) D-M USNR

08-12 NO REMARKS

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H. H. SPELLMAN
LT. D-V(S) USNR

12-16
1200 CHANGED COURSE TO 304 DEGREES TRUE.

[Signature]
J. J. TANNER
ENSIGN D-M USNR

16-20 NO REMARKS

[Signature]
J. W. MC CORMICK JR.
LT. D-V(S) USNR

20-24 NO REMARKS

[Signature]
H. L. SUTHERLAND
LT. D-V(G) USNR

Approved: *[Signature]*
DRAYTON HARRISON
COMDR. USN
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *[Signature]*
C. J. DELANEY
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UNITED STATES SHIP ELMORE (APA42) FRIDAY 29 OCT., 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description + 7

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	20°-46' N	21°-17' N	22°-19' N
Long.	108°-49' W	109°-46' W	111°-22' W

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

LWT

00-04 NO REMARKS

M. H. Shaw
M. H. SHAW
LT. (JG) D-M USNR

04-08 NO REMARKS

J. N. Tanner
J. N. TANNER
ENSIGN D-M USNR

08-12 NO REMARKS

J. W. Mc Cormick Jr.
J. W. MC CORMICK JR.
LT. D-V(S) USNR

12-16 NO REMARKS

H. H. Spellman
H. H. SPELLMAN
LT. D-V(S) USNR

16-20 NO REMARKS

H. L. Sutherland
H. L. SUTHERLAND
LT. D-V(G) USNR

20-24 NO REMARKS

W. P. Smiley
W. P. SMILEY
ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

Approved:

Examined:

Drayton Harrison
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COMDR. USN
Commanding Officer.

C. J. Delaney
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(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description + 7

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	<u>24°-23'N</u>	<u>25°-09'N</u>	<u>26°-48'N</u>
Long.	<u>113°-39'W</u>	<u>114°-09'W</u>	<u>115°-13'W</u>

LWT

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

00-04 NO REMARKS

J. N. Tanner
J. N. TANNER
ENSIGN D-M USNR

04-08 NO REMARKS

J. W. Mc Cormick Jr.
J. W. MC CORMICK JR.
LT. D-V(S) USNR

08-12

0900 CHANGED COURSE TO 331 DEGREES TRUE.

H. H. Spellman
H. H. SPELLMAN
LT. D-V(S) USNR

12-16 NO REMARKS

H. L. Sutherland
H. L. SUTHERLAND
LT. D-V(G) USNR

16-20 NO REMARKS

W. P. Smiley
W. P. SMILEY
ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

20-24 NO REMARKS

J. N. Tanner
J. N. TANNER
ENSIGN D-M USNR

Approved:

Examined:

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UNITED STATES SHIP ELMORE (APA42) SUNDAY 31 OCT., 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description + 7

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	<u>29°-18' N</u>	<u>29°-58' N</u>	<u>31°-07' N</u>
Long.	<u>116°-48' W</u>	<u>117°-15' W</u>	<u>117°-58' W</u>

LWT

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

00-04

0217 PASSED SAN BENITO ISLAND ABEAM TO STARBOARD, DISTANT 29 MILES.

J. W. MC CORMICK JR.
LT. D-V(S) USNR

04-08

NO REMARKS

H. L. SUTHERLAND
LT. D-V(G) USNR

08-12

0800 CHANGED SPEED TO 11 KNOTS.

V. P. SMILEY
ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

12-16
1300

CHANGED SPEED TO 10 KNOTS.

H. H. SPELLMAN
LT. D-V(S) USNR

16-20

NO REMARKS

J. W. TANNER
ENSIGN D-M USNR

20-24
2000

CHANGED COURSE TO 357 DEGREES TRUE.

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C. J. DELANEY
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Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ELMORE (APA42) MONDAY 1 NOV., 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)


Zone description 17

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

LWT

00-04 STEAMING ON COURSE 357 DEGREES TRUE AT STANDARD SPEED 10 KNOTS IN COMPANY WITH TASK UNIT 12.4.1, COLUMN FORMATION. DESTROYERS CANFIELD ELDEN AND DEEDE IN SCREENING STATIONS AHEAD. ENROUTE FROM BALBOA C.Z. TO SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA IN ACCORDANCE WITH COMSERFOR OPERATION ORDER 1-43 (ANNEX) OF OCTOBER 22, 1943, CAPTAIN J. A. GAINARD USNR IN BOLIVAR, TASK UNIT COMMANDER.


 H. L. SUTHERLAND
 LT. D-V(G) USNR

04-08
 0400 IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDERS FROM TASK UNIT COMMANDER; ELMORE CLEARED FORMATION AND SET COURSE 075 DEGREES TRUE AT STANDARD SPEED 12 KNOTS, PROCEEDING TOWARDS SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA IN COMPANY WITH SCREENING DESTROYER DEEDE.

0615 CHANGED COURSE TO 100 DEGREES TRUE.

0652 SIGHTED POINT LOMA LIGHTHOUSE BEARING 060 DEGREES TRUE, DISTANT 10.5 MILES.


0705 PASSED FAIRWAY BUOY "A" ABEAM TO STARBOARD, DISTANT 0.5 MILE. CHANGED COURSE TO 060 DEGREES, SPEED 16.5 KNOTS.

0734 PASSED BUOY "1A" ABEAM TO PORT. STOPPED ENGINE

0739 PILOT H. C. JOHNSON CAME ABOARD AND ASSUMED CONN.

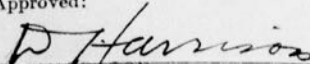
0751 PASSED POINT LOMA LIGHTHOUSE ABEAM TO PORT. STANDING INTO SAN DIEGO HARBOR ON VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS CONFORMING TO CHANNEL, PILOT AT CONN, CAPTAIN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND NAVIGATOR ON THE BRIDGE.

0756 PASSED THROUGH ANTI-SUBMARINE NETS.

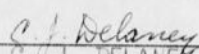

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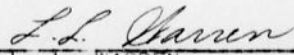

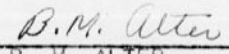

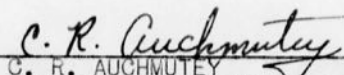
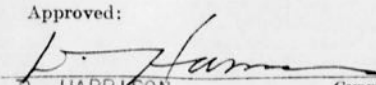
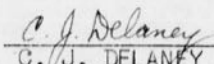
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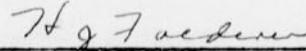
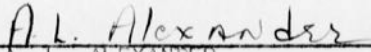
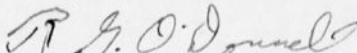
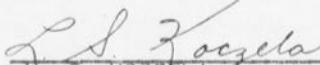
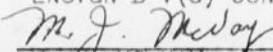
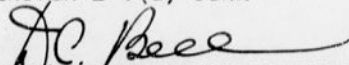
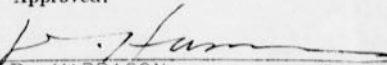

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Position	0800	1200	2000		
Lat.					
Long.					
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LWT	OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)				
08-12					
0820	TUGS POCAHONTAS AND WENOHAH CAME ALONGSIDE.				
0910	MOORED PORT SIDE TO NORTH SIDE OF PIER # 3 SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA. SECURED MAIN ENGINE. BOILER #2 IN USE FOR AUXILIARY PURPOSES.				
1020	Y. O. # 130 CAME ALONGSIDE TO STARBOARD.				
1040	COMMENCED RECEIVING BUNKER FUEL OIL FROM Y.O. #130.				
	 L. L. WARREN ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR				
12-16					
1410	COMPLETED TAKING FUEL OIL, HAVING RECEIVED 91,901 GALLONS.				
	 B. D. RAVLS ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR				
16-18	NO REMARKS				
	 B. M. ALTER LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR				
18-20	NO REMARKS				
	 E. J. ROTHWELL ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR				
20-24	NO REMARKS				
	 C. R. AUCHMUTY ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR				
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		<small>(Day)</small>	<small>(Date)</small>	<small>(Month)</small>
Zone description <u>+ 7</u>				
Position	0800	1200	2000	
Lat.				
Long.				
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)				
LWT				
00-04	MOORED PORT SIDE TO PIER #3, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA RECEIVING THE FOLLOWING SERVICES FROM THE DOCK: FRESH WATER AND TELEPHONE.			
	 <hr/> J. W. FERRILL ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR			
04-08	NO REMARKS			
	 <hr/> H. J. FOEDERER ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR			
08-12	NO REMARKS			
	 <hr/> A. L. ALEXANDER ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR			
12-16	NO REMARKS			
	 <hr/> R. G. O'DONNELL ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR			
16-18	NO REMARKS			
	 <hr/> L. S. KOCZELA ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR			
18-20	NO REMARKS			
	 <hr/> M. J. MC VAY ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR			
20-24	NO REMARKS			
	 <hr/> D. C. BELL ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR			
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 <hr/> D. HARRISON COMDR. USN <small>Commanding Officer.</small>		 <hr/> C. J. DELANEY LT. COMDR. USN <small>Navigator.</small>		

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UNITED STATES SHIP ELMORE (APA42) WEDNESDAY 3 NOV., 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description + 7

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		<i>San Diego, California</i>	
Long.			

**OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)**

LWT

00-04 NO REMARKS

P. K. Le Massena
 P. K. LE MASSENA
 ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

04-08 NO REMARKS

C. O. Burns
 C. O. BURNS
 ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

08-12 NO REMARKS

J. E. Gembala
 J. E. GEMBALA
 ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

12-16 NO REMARKS

A. Loftthouse
 A. LOFTHOUSE
 LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR

16-18 NO REMARKS

B. M. Alter
 B. M. ALTER
 LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR

18-20 NO REMARKS

B. D. Rawls
 B. D. RAWLS
 ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

20-24 NO REMARKS

L. L. Warren
 L. L. WARREN
 ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR

Approved:

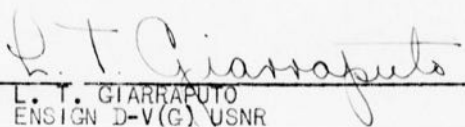

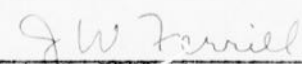


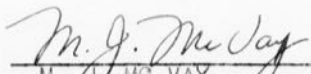
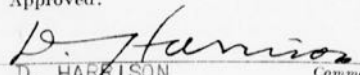
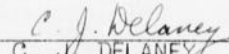
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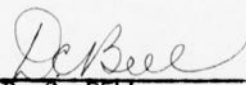

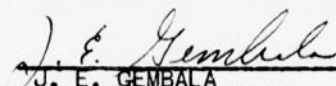
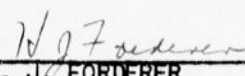
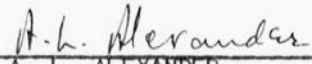


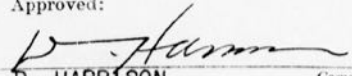
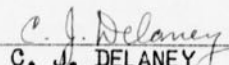
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Zone description <u>+ 7</u>			
Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)			
LWT			
00-04	NO REMARKS	 <hr/> L. T. GIARRAPUTO ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR	
04-08	NO REMARKS	 <hr/> E. J. ROTHWELL ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR	
08-12	NO REMARKS	 <hr/> J. W. FERRILL ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR	
12-16	NO REMARKS	 <hr/> D. E. KIDSTON LT. D-V(S) USNR	
16-20	NO REMARKS	 <hr/> V. L. CHAMBERS ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR	
20-24	NO REMARKS	 <hr/> M. J. MC VAY ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR	
Approved:		Examined:	
 <hr/> D. HARRISON COMDR. USN <i>Commanding Officer.</i>		 <hr/> C. J. DELANEY LT. COMDR. D-M USNR <i>Navigator.</i>	

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			<small>(Day)</small>	<small>(Date)</small>	<small>(Month)</small>	
Zone description <u>+ 7</u>						
Position	0800		1200		2000	
Lat.						
Long.						
LWT	OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)					
00-04	NO REMARKS	 <hr/> D. C. BELL ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR				
04-08	NO REMARKS	 <hr/> L. L. WARREN ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR				
08-12	NO REMARKS	 <hr/> J. E. GEMBALA ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR				
12-16	NO REMARKS	 <hr/> H. J. FORDERER ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR				
16-18	NO REMARKS	 <hr/> A. L. ALEXANDER ENSIGN D-V(G) USNR				
18-20	NO REMARKS	 <hr/> A. LOFTHOUSE LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR				
20-24	NO REMARKS	 <hr/> H. G. BATALIN LT. (JG) D-V(G) USNR				
Approved:		Examined:				
 D. HARRISON COMDR. USN		 C. J. DELANEY LT. COMDR. D-M USNR				
<small>Commanding Officer.</small>		<small>Navigator.</small>				

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Zone description <u>7</u>				
Position	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>	
Lat.	<u>San Diego, California</u>			
Long.				
Lwt	OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)			
00-04	No remarks	<u>B. D. Rawls</u> B. D. Rawls Ensign D-V(G) USNR		
04-08	No remarks	<u>B. M. Alter</u> B. M. Alter Lt. (jg) D-V(G) USNR		
08-12	No remarks	<u>L. T. Giarraputo</u> L. T. Giarraputo Ensign D-V(G) USNR		
12-16	No remarks	<u>D. E. Kidston</u> D. E. Kidston Lt. D-V(G) USNR		
16-18	No remarks	<u>F. K. DeMassena</u> F. K. DeMassena Ensign D-V(G) USNR		
18-20	No remarks	<u>R. G. O'Donnell</u> R. G. O'Donnell Ensign D-V(G) USNR		
20-24	No remarks	<u>L. S. Koczala</u> L. S. Koczala Ensign D-V(G) USNR		
Approved:	Examined:			
<u>B. Harrison</u> Comdr. USN	<u>C. J. Delaney</u> Lt. Comdr. D-M USNR		Navigator.	

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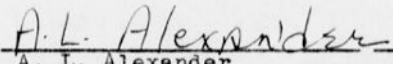
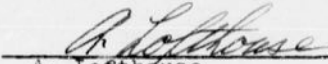
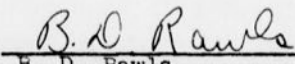
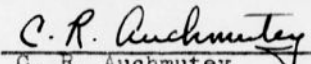

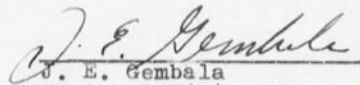
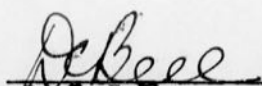
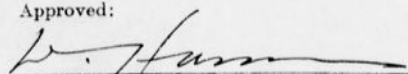
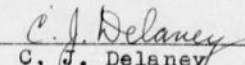
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Lat.				
Long.				
Lwt	OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)			
00-04	No remarks	<u>L. L. Warren</u> L. L. Warren Ensign D-V(G) USNR		
04-08	No remarks	<u>M. J. McVay</u> M. J. McVay Ensign D-V(G) USNR		
08-12	No remarks	<u>D. C. Bell</u> D. C. Bell Ensign D-V(G) USNR		
12-16	No remarks	<u>E. J. Rothwell</u> E. J. Rothwell Ensign D-V(G) USNR		
16-18	No remarks	<u>L. L. Warren</u> L. L. Warren Ensign D-V(G) USNR		
18-20	No remarks	<u>J. W. Ferrill</u> J. W. Ferrill Ensign D-V(G) USNR		
20-24	No remarks	<u>H. J. Foederer</u> H. J. Foederer Ensign D-V(G) USNR		
Approved:		Examined:		
<u>D. H. Harrison</u> D. H. Harrison Comdr. USN <small>Commanding Officer.</small>		<u>C. J. Delaney</u> C. J. Delaney Lt. Comdr. D-M USNR <small>Navigator.</small>		

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Lat.				
Long.				
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)				
lwt				
00-04	No remarks	 <u>A. L. Alexander</u> Ensign D-V(G) USNR		
04-08	No remarks	 <u>A. Lefthouse</u> Lt. (jg) D-V(G) USNR		
08-12	No remarks	 <u>B. D. Rawls</u> Ensign D-V(G) USNR		
12-16	No remarks	 <u>C. R. Auchmutey</u> Ensign D-V(G) USNR		
16-18	No remarks	 <u>C. O. Burns</u> Ensign D-V(G) USNR		
18-20	No remarks	 <u>J. E. Gembala</u> Ensign D-V(G) USNR		
20-24	No remarks	 <u>D. C. Bell</u> Ensign D-V(G) USNR		
Approved:		Examined:		
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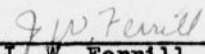
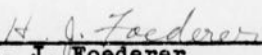
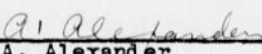
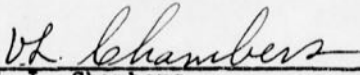
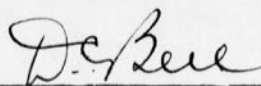
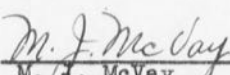
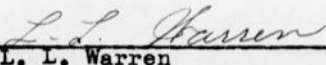
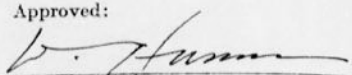
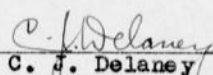
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Long.				
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00-04	No remarks	<u>P. K. LeMassena</u> P. K. LeMassena Ensign D-V(G) USNR		
04-08	No remarks	<u>R. G. O'Donnell</u> R. G. O'Donnell Ensign D-V(G) USNR		
08-12	No remarks	<u>L. S. Koczela</u> L. S. Koczela Ensign D-V(G) USNR		
12-16	No remarks	<u>B. M. Alter</u> B. M. Alter Lt. (jg) D-V(G) USNR		
16-18	No remarks	<u>L. T. Giarraputo</u> L. T. Giarraputo Ensign D-V(G) USNR		
18-20	No remarks	<u>E. W. Rothwell</u> E. W. Rothwell Ensign D-V(G) USNR		
20-24	No remarks	<u>C. R. Auchmuty</u> C. R. Auchmuty Ensign D-V(G) USNR		
Approved:		Examined:		
<u>D. Harrison</u> D. Harrison Comdr. USN <small>Commanding Officer.</small>		<u>C. J. Delaney</u> C. J. Delaney Lt. Comdr. D-M USNR <small>Navigator.</small>		

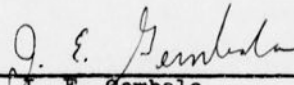
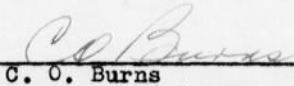
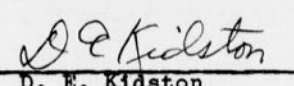
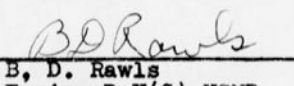
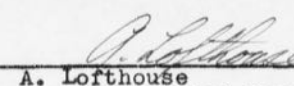
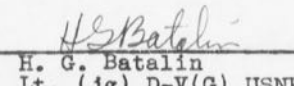
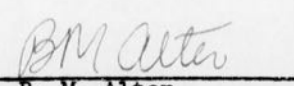
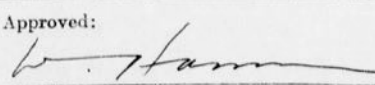
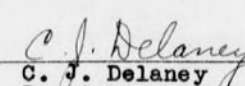
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Zone description <u>Plus 7</u>				
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Lat.				
Long.				
LWT OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)				
00-04	No remarks	 <hr/> J. W. Ferrill Ensign D-V(G) USNR		
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		<small>(Day)</small>	<small>(Date)</small>
Zone description <u>Plus 7</u>			
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Lat.			
Long.			
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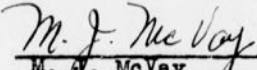
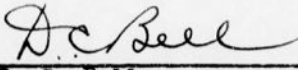

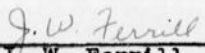
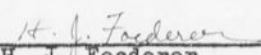
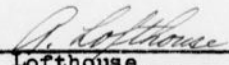
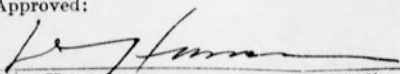
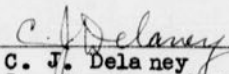
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Long.					
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12-16	No remarks	<p><u>P. K. LeMassena</u> P. K. LeMassena Ensign D-V(G) USNR</p>			
16-18	No remarks	<p><u>R. G. O'Donnell</u> R. G. O'Donnell Ensign D-V(G) USNR</p>			
18-20	No remarks	<p><u>L. S. Kozela</u> L. S. Kozela Ensign D-V(G) USNR</p>			
20-24	No remarks	<p><u>V. L. Chambers</u> V. L. Chambers Ensign D-V(G) USNR</p>			
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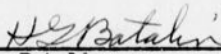
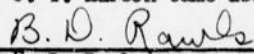
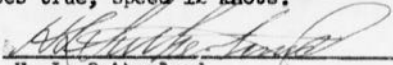
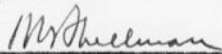
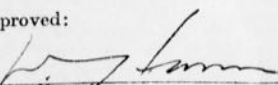
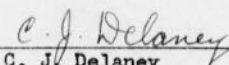
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Zone description <u>Plus 7</u>			
Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			
LWT	OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)		
00-04 No remarks	 <hr/> M. J. McVay Ensign D-V(G) USNR		
04-08 No remarks	 <hr/> D. C. Bell Ensign D-V(G) USNR		
08-12 No remarks	 <hr/> L. L. Warren Ensign D-V(G) USNR		
12-16 No remarks	 <hr/> J. W. Ferrill Ensign D-V(G) USNR		
16-20 No remarks	 <hr/> H. J. Foederer Ensign D-V(G) USNR		
20-24 No remarks	 <hr/> A. Lofthouse Lt. (jg) D-V(G) USNR		
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Zone description <u>Plus 7</u>			
Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		32°-31' N	32°-10' N
Long.		117°-36' W	118°-42' W
LWT OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)			
00-04	No remarks	 <hr/> H. G. Batalin Lt. (jg) D-V(G) USNR	
04-08 0740	Tugs YMT#1 and YT133 came alongside, pilot J. T. Larson came aboard.	 <hr/> B. D. Rawls Ensign D-V(G) USNR	
08-12 0800	Underway in company with vessels of Task Unit 55.3 in obedience to Fifth Amphibious Force, Commander Task Group Three, operation order 1-43 annex serial 0061 of 5 November 1943. Captain A. D. Blackledge USN in Sumter Commander of Transport Unit 55.3.1. Pilot J. T. Larsen at conn, Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 12 knots, standing out of San Diego harbor on various courses conforming to the channel. Loaded with troops of the Fourth Marine Division Consisting of 72 Officers and 1416 enlisted personnel, miscellaneous supplies and 90 vehicles.		
0917	Passed point Loma Lighthouse abeam to starboard.		
0928	Pilot left, Captain took the conn.		
1042	Passed "A" buoy abeam to port, assumed designated station in cruising disposition # 1. Sumter guide. Set course 270 degrees true, speed 12 knots.		
1148	Changed course to 240 degrees true.	 <hr/> H. L. Sutherland Lt. D-V(G) USNR	
12-16 1205	Changed course to 210 degrees true.		
1216	Changed course to 180 degrees true.		
1230	Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan.		
1400	Exercised at emergency drills.		
1511	Changed course to 270 degrees true.	 <hr/> H. H. Spellman Lt. D-V(S) USNR	
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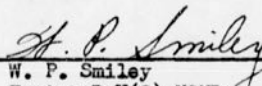
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LWT
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(WAR DIARY)

16-20

1816 Changed course to 290 degrees true.

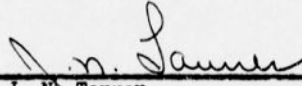


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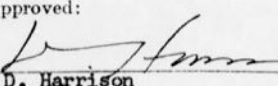
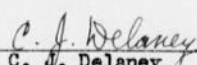
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2010 Changed course to 330 degrees true.

2300 Changed course to 350 degrees true.

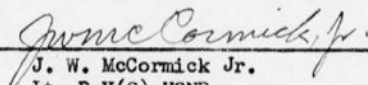

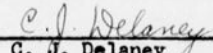
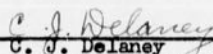
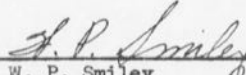
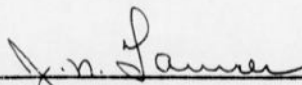
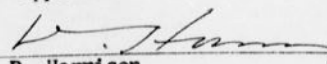
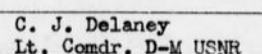


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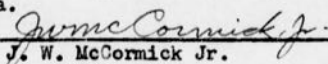
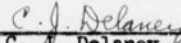
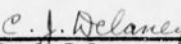
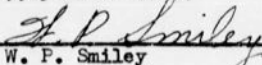
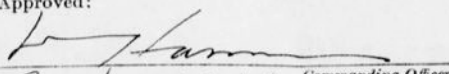
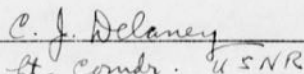
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		<small>(Day)</small>	<small>(Date)</small>	<small>(Month)</small>	
Zone description <u>± 7</u>					
Position	0800	1200	2000		
Lat.					
Long.					
LWT	OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)				
00-04					
0115	Changed course to 030 degrees true.				
0130	Changed course to 060 degrees true.				
0145	Changed course to 090 degrees true.				
 J. W. McCormick Jr. Lt. D-V(S) USNR					
04-16					
0740	Approaching assigned anchorage.				
 H. L. Sutherland Lt. D-V(G) USNR					
0813					
	Anchored in berth #2 off Aliso canyon, California in 18 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. No aids to Navigation visible due to fog.				
 C. J. Delaney Lt. Comdr. D-M USNR					
0817					
	Commenced lowering all boats and held disembarkation drill.				
 C. J. Delaney Lt. Comdr. D-M USNR					
16-20					
1730	Secured from all drills.				
1758	Underway for sea with task unit 55.3.1. Sumter Guide, On various courses and speeds as directed by O.T.C. in Sumter.				
 W. P. Smiley Ensign D-V(G) USNR					
20-24					
	Steaming as before.				
 J. W. Tanner Ensign D-M USNR					
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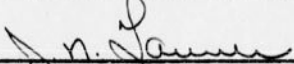
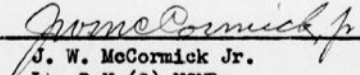
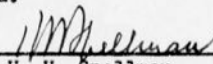
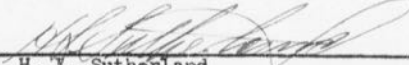
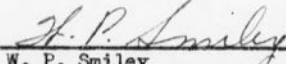
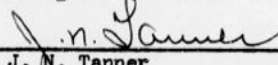
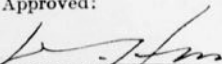
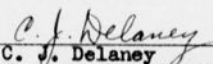
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Zone description <u>± 7</u>				
Position	0800	1200	2000	
Lat.				
Long.				
LWT	OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)			
00-04	Steaming on various courses and speeds as directed by O.T.C. in Sugter towards Transport Area, off Aliso Canyon, California.			
	 J. W. McCormick Jr. Lt. D-V(S) USNR			
04-12 0500	Arrival in Transport area, commenced lowering all boats and troops in accordance with Landing Exercise #1 instructions.			
	 C. J. Delaney Lt. Comdr. D-M USNR			
12-20 1230	Anchored in 21 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following bearings: Aliso canyon 039 degrees true, White Dome 104 degrees true.			
1810	Completed landing exercise # 1.			
1820	Underway in obedience to comtaskgru 55.3 despatch of November 16, 1943, on various courses and speeds to Transport area.			
	 C. J. Delaney Lt. Comdr. D-M USNR			
20-24 2008	Stopped engines awaiting ships of Task Unit 55.3.1. to form.			
	 W. P. Smiley Ensign D-V(G) USNR			
Approved:	Examined:			
 Commanding Officer.		 Navigator.		

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Zone description <u>Plus 7</u>		(Day)	(Date)	(Month)	
Position	0800	1200	2000		
Lat.					
Long.					
LWT	OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)				
00-04					
0130	Assumed position in column formation # 4 on various courses and speeds as directed by O.T.C. in Sumter.				
	 <hr/> J. N. Tanner Ensign D-M USNR				
04-08					
0441	Stopped engine, arrival in Transport area off Aliso canyon, California, Conducted (LEX#2)				
	 <hr/> J. W. McCormick Jr. Lt. D-V (S) USNR				
08-12					
1000	Simulated dive bombing and torpedo attack by planes, started smoke generators, ordered flank speed and made radical course changes.				
1020	Completed drill, returned to Transport area.				
1030	Stopped engines.				
	 <hr/> H. H. Spellman Lt. D-V (S) USNR				
12-16					
1207	Commenced approach to anchorage berth.				
1314	Anchored off Aliso canyon, California in 19 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor, on the following bearings: End of Jetty (camp - Pendelton) 092 degrees true, Building 350 degrees true.				
	 <hr/> H. L. Sutherland Lt. D-V(G) USNR				
16-20	No remarks				
	 <hr/> W. P. Smiley Ensign D-V(G) USNR				
20-24	No remarks				
	 <hr/> J. N. Tanner Ensign D-M USNR				
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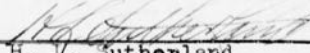
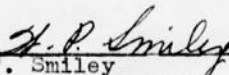
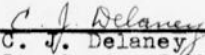
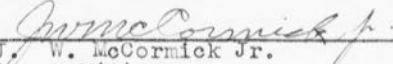
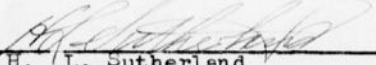
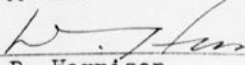
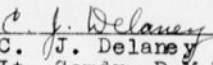
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		<small>(Day)</small>	<small>(Date)</small> <small>(Month)</small>
Zone description <u>Plus 7</u>			
Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			
<p>LWT</p> <p>OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)</p>			
<p>00-04 0205 Underway for sea in company with Task Unit 55.3.1.</p> <p>0300 Formed column, Sumter Guide. Set course 270 degrees true, speed 12 Knots.</p> <p>0345 Changed course to 195 degrees true.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>J. W. McCormick Jr.</i> _____ J. W. McCormick Jr. Lt. D-V(S) USNR</p> <p>04-08 0605 Changed course to 207 degrees true.</p> <p>0700 Changed speed to 10 knots.</p> <p>0730 Went to general quarters. Changed course to 300 degrees true. On various speeds approaching surface target.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>H. L. Sutherland</i> _____ H. L. Sutherland Lt. D-V(G) USNR</p> <p>08-12 1010 Sighted Pyramid Head, San Clemente Island, Bearing 295 degrees true, Distant 7 miles. 1019 Commenced firing 5"/38 guns on surface target. 1100 Changed course to 120 degrees true. 1150 Commenced firing all guns on sleeve target. 1158 Secured from gunnery exercises.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>W. P. Smiley</i> _____ W. P. Smiley Ensign D-V(G) USNR</p> <p>12-16 1357 Anchored in berth "B4" Pyramid Cove, San Clemente Island in 48 fathoms of water with 120 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following bearings: Pyramid Head 038 degrees true, Cove. Lt. 308 degrees true.</p> <p>1430 Lowered all boats for boat gunnery exercises.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>H. H. Spellman</i> _____ H. H. Spellman Lt. D-V(S) USNR</p> <p>16-20 No remarks</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>J. N. Tanner</i> _____ J. N. Tanner Ensign D-M USNR</p> <p>20-24 2015 Underway for sea. Formed column, on various courses and speeds as directed by O.T.C. in Sumter.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>J. W. McCormick Jr.</i> _____ J. W. McCormick Jr. Lt. D-V(S) USNR</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>C. J. Delaney</i> _____ C. J. Delaney Lt. Comdr. D-M USNR</p>			
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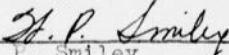

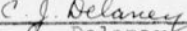
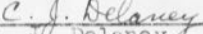
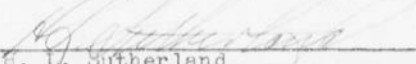
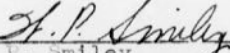
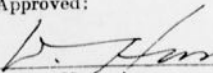
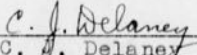
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		<small>(Day)</small>	<small>(Date)</small>	<small>(Month)</small>
Zone description <u>Plus 7</u>				
Position	0800	1200	2000	
Lat.				
Long.				
<p>LWT</p> <p>OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)</p>				
00-04 Steaming as before toward Transport area, Pyramid Cove, San Clemente Island.				
 _____ H. V. Sutherland Lt. D-V(G) USNR				
04-08				
0446	Stopped engine, arrived in Transport area.			
0500	Zero Hour; lowered all boats for landing exercise.			
 _____ W. F. Smiley Ensign D-V(G) USNR				
08-16				
1127	Anchored in berth "E4," Pyramid Cove, San Clemente Island, Continued landing exercise.			
 _____ C. J. Delaney Lt. Comdr. D-M USNR				
16-20				
1700	Completed landing exercises for the day.			
 _____ J. W. McCormick Jr. Lt. D-V(S) USNR				
20-24				
2124	Underway for sea in company with Task Unit 55.3.1., Formed column. Steaming on various courses and speeds as directed by O.T.C. in Sumter.			
 _____ H. L. Sutherland Lt. D-V(G) USNR				
Approved:		Examined:		
 _____ D. Harrison Comdr. USN		 _____ C. J. Delaney Lt. Comdr. D-M USNR		
<small>Commanding Officer.</small>		<small>Navigator.</small>		

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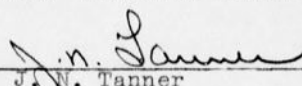
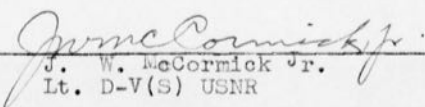

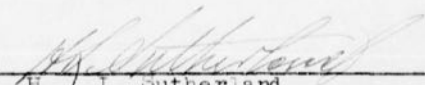
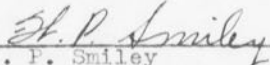
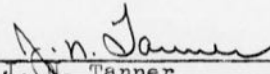
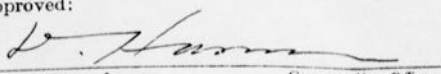
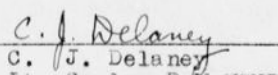
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			<small>(Day)</small>	<small>(Date)</small>
Zone description <u>Plus 7</u>				
Position	0800	1200	2000	
Lat.				
Long.				
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)				
LWT				
00-04	Steaming as before towards Transport area, Pyramid Cove, San Clemente Island.			
	 W. P. Smiley Ensign D-V(G) USNR			
04-08	Arrival in Transport area; commenced lowering boats and landing exercises.			
0500	 J. N. Tanner Ensign D-M USNR			
08-12	Continued landing operations.			
	 C. J. Delaney Lt. Comdr. D-M USNR			
12-16	Anchored in berth "B4," Pyramid Cove, San Clemente Island.			
1543	 C. J. Delaney Lt. Comdr. D-M USNR			
16-20	No remarks			
	 H. L. Sutherland Lt. D-V(G) USNR			
20-24	No remarks			
	 W. P. Smiley Ensign D-V(G) USNR			
Approved:		Examined:		
 D. Harrison Comdr. USN <small>Commanding Officer.</small>		 C. J. Delaney Lt. Comdr. D-M USNR <small>Navigator.</small>		

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			<small>(Day)</small>	<small>(Date)</small>	<small>(Month)</small>
Zone description <u>Plus 7</u>					
Position	0800	1200	2000		
Lat.					
Long.					
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)					
LWT					
00-04 Anchored in Berth "B4," Pyramid Cove San Clemente Island.					
 J. N. Tanner Ensign D-M USNR					
04-08 No remarks					
 J. W. McCormick Jr. Lt. D-V(S) USNR					
08-12 No remarks					
 C. J. Delaney Lt. Comdr. D-M USNR					
12-16 Held emergency drills.					
 H. L. Sutherland Lt. D-V(G) USNR					
16-20					
1639 Underway in company with Task Unit 55.3.1. for Transport area, Aliso Canyon, California.					
1730 Formed column, on various courses and speeds as directed by O.T.C. in Sumter.					
 W. P. Smiley Ensign D-V(G) USNR					
20-24 Steaming as before.					
 J. N. Tanner Ensign D-V(G) USNR					
Approved:			Examined:		
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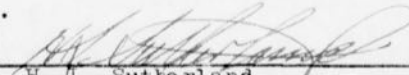
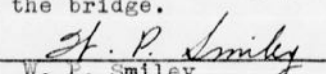
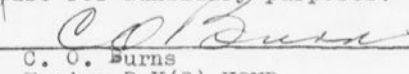
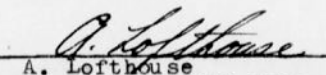
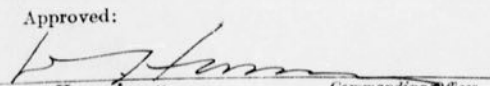
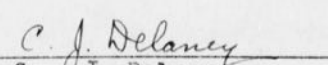
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			<small>(Day)</small>	<small>(Date)</small>	<small>(Month)</small>
Zone description <u>Plus 7</u>					
Position	0800	1200	2000		
Lat.					
Long.					
LWT	OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)				
<p>00-04 0300 Arrival in Transport area, Aliso Canyon, California, commenced lowering all boats and exercised in landing operations.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>C. J. Delaney</u> C. J. Delaney Lt. Comdr. D-M USNR</p> <p>04-12 Continued debarking troops and supplies. 0949 Anchored in 19 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following bearings: End of Jetty (camp Pendelton) 091 degrees true, Building 350 degrees true.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>C. J. Delaney</u> C. J. Delaney Lt. Comdr. D-M USNR</p> <p>12-20 Continued discharging vehicles and supplies.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>C. J. Delaney</u> C. J. Delaney Lt. Comdr. D-M USNR</p> <p>20-24 2030 Completed unloading vehicles and supplies, commenced hoisting boats aboard.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>C. J. Delaney</u> C. J. Delaney Lt. Comdr. D-M USNR</p>					
Approved:	Examined:				
<u>D. Harrison</u> D. Harrison Comdr. USN <small>Commanding Officer.</small>		<u>C. J. Delaney</u> C. J. Delaney Lt. Comdr. D-M USNR <small>Navigator.</small>			

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Zone description <u>Plus 7</u>					
Position	0800	1200	2000		
Lat.					
Long.					
LWT OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)					
00-04					
0120	All boats hoisted aboard and secured.				
0122 Underway in company with vessels of Task Unit 55.3.1. for San Diego, California, standard speed 12 knots.					
0150 Formed column; steaming on various courses and speeds as directed by O.T.C. in Sumter.					
0237 Changed course to 164 degrees true.					
0300 Commenced zigzagging.					
 _____ H. U. Sutherland Lt. D-V(G) USNR					
04-08					
0621	Passed point Loma Light abeam to port distant 15 miles.				
0643 With buoy "A" close aboard to starboard changed course to 060 degrees true.					
0711 Passed Buoy "F" close aboard to port.					
0723 Pilot H. M. Hrog came aboard and assumed conn.					
0754 Passed Buoy #1SD abeam to port standing into San Diego, harbor. Captain, Executive officer and Navigator on the bridge.					
 _____ W. P. Smiley Ensign D-V(G) USNR					
08-12					
0806	Passed thru net entrance.				
0900	Moored port side to North side of "E" street pier, San Diego, California. Secured main engine. Boiler #1 in use for auxiliary purposes.				
 _____ C. O. Burns Ensign D-V(G) USNR					
12-16 No remarks					
_____ J. E. Gembala Ensign D-V(G) USNR					
16-18 No remarks					
 _____ A. Lofthouse Lt. (jg) D-V(G) USNR					
Approved:			Examined:		
 _____ D. Harrison Comdr. USN Commanding Officer.			 _____ C. J. Delaney Lt. Comdr. D-M USNR Navigator.		

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UNITED STATES SHIP <u>ELMORE</u>		Tuesday <u>23</u>	Nov. <u>1983</u>
		(Day)	(Date) (Month)
Zone description <u>Plus 7</u>			
Position	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.			
Long.			
LWT	OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)		
18-20	No remarks		
	<u>B. M. Alter</u> B. M. Alter Lt. (jg) D-V(G) USNR		
20-24	No remarks		
	<u>F. K. LeMassena</u> F. K. LeMassena Ensign D-V(G) USNR		
Approved:	Examined:		
<u>D. Harrison</u>	<u>C. J. Delaney</u>		
D. Harrison Comdr. USN	C. J. Delaney Lt. Comdr. D-M USNR		
	Commanding Officer. Navigator.		

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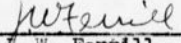
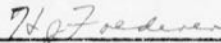


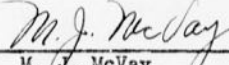
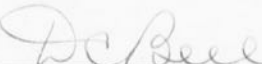
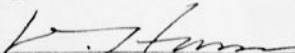
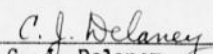
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		<small>(Day)</small>	<small>(Date)</small>	<small>(Month)</small>
Zone description <u>Plus 7</u>				
Position	0800	1200	2000	
Lat.				
Long.				
LWT OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)				
00-04	Moored port side to Norht side of "B" street pier, San Diego, California. Receiving the following services from the Pier, Fresh water and telephone.			
	<u>R. G. O'Donnell</u> R. G. O'Donnell Ensign D-V(G) USNR			
04-08	No remarks			
	<u>L. S. Koczela</u> L. S. Koczela Ensign D-V(G) USNR			
08-12	No remarks			
	<u>C. O. Burns</u> C. O. Burns Ensign D-V(G) USNR			
12-16	No remarks			
	<u>C. R. Auchmutey</u> C. R. Auchmutey Ensign D-V(G) USNR			
16-18	No remarks			
	<u>L. T. Giarraputo</u> L. T. Giarraputo Ensign D-V(G) USNR			
18-20	No remarks			
	<u>E. Rothwell</u> E. Rothwell Ensign D-V(G) USNR			
20-24	No remarks			
	<u>C. R. Auchmutey</u> C. R. Auchmutey Ensign D-V(G) USNR			
Approved:		Examined:		
<u>D. Harfison</u> D. Harfison Comdr. USN <small>Commanding Officer.</small>		<u>C. J. Delaney</u> C. J. Delaney Lt. Comdr. E-M USNR <small>Navigator.</small>		

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		<small>(Day)</small>	<small>(Date)</small>	<small>(Month)</small>	
Zone description <u>Plus 7</u>					
Position	0800	1200	2000		
Lat.					
Long.					
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)					
LWT					
00-04	No remarks	 <hr/> J. W. Ferrill Ensign D-V(G) USNR			
04-08	No remarks	 <hr/> H. J. Foederer Ensign D-V(G) USNR			
08-12 0800	In accordance with comtaskgru 55.3, Training order 2-43, serial 003 of November 18, 1943, commenced loading supplies and vehicles.	 <hr/> B. D. Rawls Ensign D-V(G) USNR			
12-16	Continued loading operations.	 <hr/> A. Lofthouse Lt. (jg) D-V(G) USNR			
16-18	Continued loading operations.	 <hr/> M. J. McVay Ensign D-V(G) USNR			
18-20	Continued loading operations.	 <hr/> D. C. Bell Ensign D-V(G) USNR			
20-24 2230	Completed loading. Having received 90 vehicles and 50 tons miscellaneous supplies				
Approved:		Examined: <u>L. L. Warren</u> Ensign D-V(G) USNR			
 D. Harrison Comdr. USN <small>Commanding Officer.</small>		 C. J. Delaney Lt. Comdr. D-M USNR <small>Navigator.</small>			

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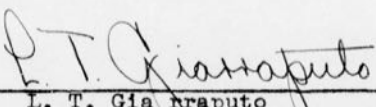
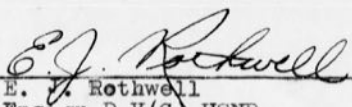
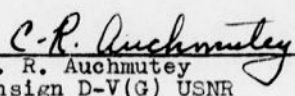
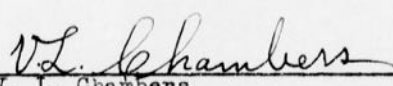
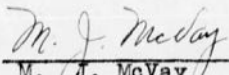
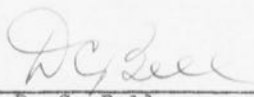
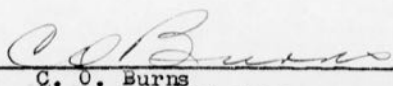
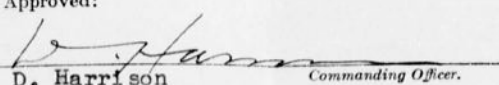
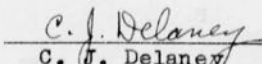
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		(Day)	(Date)	(Month)
Zone description <u>Plus 7</u>				
Position	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>	
Lat.				
Long.				
LWT	OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)			
00-04	Moored as before, operating in accordance with Commander Task Group 55.3 Training order 2-43 serial 003 of November 18, 1943.			
	<u>R. G. O'Donnell</u> R. G. O'Donnell Ensign D-V(G) USNR			
04-08	No remarks			
	<u>L. S. Koczela</u> L. S. Koczela Ensign D-V(G) USNR			
08-12	No remarks			
	<u>P. K. LeMassena</u> P. K. LeMassena Ensign D-V(G) USNR			
12-16	No remarks			
	<u>D. E. Kidston</u> D. E. Kidston Lt. D-V(G) USNR			
16-18	No remarks			
	<u>H. G. Batalin</u> H. G. Batalin Lt. (jg) D-V(G) USNR			
18-20	No remarks			
	<u>A. L. Alexander</u> A. L. Alexander Ensign D-V(G) USNR			
20-24	No remarks			
	<u>B. M. Alter</u> B. M. Alter Ensign D-V(G) USNR			
Approved:			Examined:	
<u>D. Harrison</u> D. Harrison Comdr. USN	Commanding Officer.		<u>C. J. Delaney</u> C. J. Delaney Lt. Comdr. USNR	Navigator.

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Zone description <u>Plus 7</u>		<small>(Day)</small>	<small>(Date)</small> <small>(Month)</small>
Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			
<p>LWT</p> <p>OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)</p>			
00-04	Moored as before.	 <hr/> L. T. Giarraputo Ensign D-V(G) USNR	
04-08	No remarks	 <hr/> E. V. Rothwell Ensign D-V(G) USNR	
08-12	No remarks	 <hr/> C. R. Auchmutey Ensign D-V(G) USNR	
12-16	No remarks	 <hr/> V. L. Chambers Ensign D-V(G) USNR	
16-18	No remarks	 <hr/> M. J. McVay Ensign D-V(G) USNR	
18-20	No remarks	 <hr/> D. C. Bell Ensign D-V(G) USNR	
20-24	No remarks	 <hr/> C. O. Burns Ensign D-V(G) USNR	
Approved: 		Examined: 	
D. Harrison Comdr. USN <small>Commanding Officer.</small>		C. J. Delaney Lt. Comdr. D-M USNR <small>Navigator.</small>	

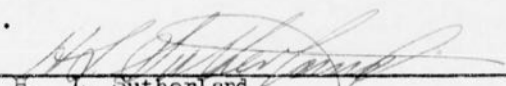
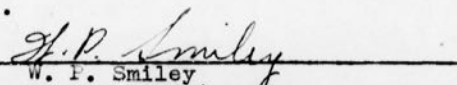
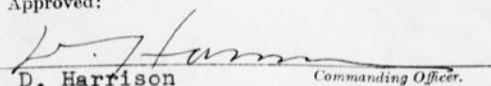
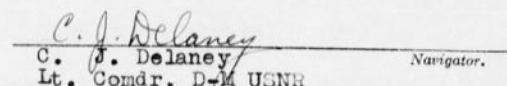
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Zone description <u>Plus 7</u>		(Day)	(Date)	(Month)
Position	0800	1200	2000	
Lat.		<u>32° 45' N</u>	<u>32° 40' N</u>	
Long.		<u>117° 38' W</u>	<u>118° 44' W</u>	
LWT	OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)			
00-04	Moored port side to north side of "B" street pier. Operating in accordance with Commander Task Group 55.3 Training order 2-43 serial 003 of 18 November 1943.			
0020	Fursuant to CinPac amphibious force letter Fl6-4/00 of November 27, 1943 the following officers reported aboard as observers: Captain E. V. Bigwood Royal Scottish and Sub-Lieutenant E. C. O'Neil (RCN).			
	<u>L. L. Warren</u> L. L. Warren Ensign D-V(G) USNR			
04-08 0715	Underway in company with vessels of Task Unit 55.3 in obedience to Fifth Amphibious Force, Commander Task group three, training order #2-43, Serial 003 of 18 November 1943. Captain Pat Buchanan USN, in Dupage, Commander Task unit 55.3.1. Captain at conn, Executive officer and Navigator on the bridge, Standard speed 11 knots standing out of San Diego harbor on various courses and speeds conforming to the channel and forming column. Loaded with troops of the Fourth Marines consisting of officers and enlisted personnel, 50 tons of miscellaneous supplies and 90 vehicles.			
	<u>A. Lofthouse</u> A. Lofthouse Lt. (jg) D-V(G) USNR			
08-12 0856 0906 0958 1116 1150	Passed Ballast Point abeam to starboard. Passed Point Loma Light abeam to starboard. Passed buoy "A" abeam to port, formed two columns with Dupage Guide set course 270 degrees true. Changed course to 180 degrees true. Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan			
	<u>W. W. McCormick Jr.</u> W. W. McCormick Jr. Lt. D-V(S) USNR			
12-16 1413	Changed course to 270 degrees true.			
	<u>H. H. Spellman</u> H. H. Spellman Lt. D-V(S) USNR			
Approved:	Examined:			
<u>D. Harrison</u> D. Harrison Comdr. USN	Commanding Officer.		<u>C. J. Delaney</u> C. J. Delaney Lt. Comdr. D-M USNR	Navigator.

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Zone description <u>Plus 7</u>				
Position	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>	
Lat.				
Long.				
LWT	OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)			
16-20	Ceased zigzagging account of dense fog.			
1820	Fog cleared.			
1918	Changed course to 000 degrees true.			
	 H. L. Sutherland Lt. D-V(G) USNR			
20-24	Changed course to 356 degrees true.			
2100	Changed course to 356 degrees true.			
	 W. F. Smiley Ensign D-V(G) USNR			
Approved:	Examined:			
 D. Harrison Comdr. USN <i>Commanding Officer.</i>		 C. J. Delaney Lt. Comdr. D-V USNR <i>Navigator.</i>		

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Zone description <u>Plus 7</u>				
Position	0800	1200	2000	
Lat.				
Long.				
LWT	OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)			
<p>00-04 0056 Changed course to 045 degrees true. 0124 Changed course to 090 degrees true. 0204 Passed Wilson's Cove light abeam to starboard, distant 8.5 miles.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>J. N. Tanner</u> J. N. Tanner Ensign D-M USNR</p> <p>04-08 0555 Changed speed to 5 knots.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>J. W. McCormick Jr.</u> J. W. McCormick Jr. Lt. D-V(S) USNR</p> <p>08-16 0805 Anchored off Aliso Canyon, California in 27 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following bearings: Camp Pendelton jetty light 109 degrees true. Building 007 degrees true.</p> <p>0811 Commenced lowering all boats and exercised at disembarking of troops.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>C. J. Delaney</u> C. J. Delaney Lt. Comdr. D-M USNR</p> <p>16-20 1610 Secured from all drills. 1755 Underway for sea and return to Transport area in company with vessels of Task Unit 55.3. Standard speed 9 knots. On various courses and speeds as directed by O.T.C. in Dupage.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>W. P. Smiley</u> W. P. Smiley Ensign D-V(G) USNR</p> <p>20-24 No remarks</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>J. N. Tanner</u> J. N. Tanner Ensign D-M USNR</p>				
Approved:	Examined:			
<u>D. Harrison</u> D. Harrison Comdr. USN <small>Commanding Officer.</small>	<u>C. J. Delaney</u> C. J. Delaney Lt. Comdr. D-M USNR <small>Navigator.</small>			

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Zone description <u>Plus 7</u>			
Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			
<p>LWT</p> <p>OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)</p>			
<p>00-04 Steaming on course 090 degrees true at standard speed 9 knots towards Transport area, Aliso Canyon, California for landing boat exercises.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>J. W. McCormick Jr.</i> _____ J. W. McCormick Jr. Lt. D-V(S) USNR</p>			
<p>04-08 0500 Arrival in Transport area commenced lowering all boats and disembarking troops for landing exercise.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>C. J. Delaney</i> _____ C. J. Delaney Lt. Comdr. D-M USNR</p>			
<p>08-16 1233 Anchored off Aliso Canyon, California in 27 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following bearings: Camp Fendelton jetty light 115 degrees true Building 010 degrees true. Continued landing exercises.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>C. J. Delaney</i> _____ C. J. Delaney Lt. Comdr. D-M USNR</p>			
<p>16-20 1630 Dense fog set in.</p> <p>1917 Fog Cleared.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>C. J. Delaney</i> _____ C. J. Delaney Lt. Comdr. D-M USNR</p>			
<p>20-24 No remarks</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>J. W. McCormick Jr.</i> _____ J. W. McCormick Jr. Lt. D-V(S) USNR</p>			
Approved:		Examined:	
<p><i>D. Harrison</i> _____ D. Harrison Comdr. USN <small>Commanding Officer.</small></p>		<p><i>C. J. Delaney</i> _____ C. J. Delaney Lt. Comdr. D-M USNR <small>Navigator.</small></p>	

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December, 1943

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WAR DIARY
December 1943

December 1 - December 6

Conducting landing exercises and maneuvers at Aliso Canyon, California and Pyramid Cove, San Clemente Island with Transport Division 24 (Task Unit 55.3.1), O.T.C. in U.S.S. DUPAGE. This vessel conducted the exercises with the 2nd Bn, 24th Reg., Fourth Marine Division.

December 6, got underway from Aliso Canyon, California for San Pedro, California.

December 7 - December 12

Moored port side to Terminal Island docks, Berth 232-E, San Pedro, California. Vessel Receiving 5 day availability.
December 11, Received CTF 53 Operation Order A-153-43.
December 12, got underway for San Diego, California.

December 13-December 14

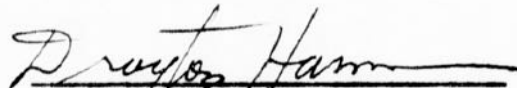
Moored starboard side to north side Navy Pier, San Diego, California. Loading troops and cargo of the 2nd Bn., 24th Reg., Fourth Marine Division.
December 13, received CTG 53.2 Operation Order 6-43.

December 15 - December 17

Conducted landing exercises and maneuvers off Aliso Canyon, California, with the Fourth Marine Division and in company with ships of Group Three Fifth Amphibious Force.
December 17 got underway for San Diego, California, arriving 1250 tare.

December 18 - December 31

Moored starboard side to north side of Navy Pier, San Diego, California. Loading troops and cargo of the 2nd Bn., 24th Reg., Fourth Marine Division in preparation for landing exercises.
December 30, received Commander Group Three, Fifth Amphibious Force's Training operation Order A-154-43.


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January, 1944

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WAR DIARY - January 1944

January 1 - January 6

Conducting landing exercises and maneuvers at Aliso Canyon, California and Pyramid Cove, San Clemente Island, with Transport Division 24 (Task Unit 55.3.1) OTC in USS DUPAGE (APA-41). This vessel conducted exercises with the 2nd Bn., 24th Regiment Fourth Marine Division. January 6, got underway from Aliso Canyon California and proceeded to San Diego, California. Received Training Attack Order 1-44 of Commander Task Group 53.9.

January 7 - January 12

Moored Starboard side to Navy Pier, San Diego, California. January 10, Received operation Order A157-44 of Commander Northern Attack Force (Task Force 53). Received Movement Order A156-44 of Commander Transport Group 3, 5th Amphibious Force. Received Operation Order 1-44 of Commander Task Group 53.2. Received Operation Order 2-44 of Commander Task Group 53.2.

January 13 - January 20

Underway from San Diego, California, enroute to Lahaina Roads, Hawaiian Islands, in company with TransDiv 24 (Task Unit 55.3.1) USS DUPAGE (APA-41) and various units of Transport Group 53.2. OTC Rear Admiral Richard Conley, USS APPALACHIAN (AGC-1).

January 21 - January 22

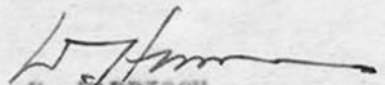
Anchored in Berth C-19, Lahaina Roads, Hawaiian Islands. Received fuel and used boats to participate in logistics period.

January 23 - January 31

Underway from Lahaina Roads, Hawaiian Islands, enroute to Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands, in company with TransDiv 24 (Task Unit 55.3.1) USS DUPAGE (APA-41) and various units of Transport Group 53.2. OTC Rear Admiral Richard Conley, USS APPALACHIAN (AGC-1).

January 31, entered Transport Area and set condition of readiness 1-ABLE at 1155. Commenced lowering away all boats at 1300. Completed transferring of Assault Teams to various LST's at 1525. At 1857 Secured from condition 1-ABLE and proceeded to carry out retirement plan for the night.

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February 1944

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1 February

Steaming in company with TransDiv24 and 26 off Kwajalein Atoll on various courses to arrive back in Transport Area prior to daylight. At 0630 arrived Transport Area and commenced debarking troops and cargo. At 0700 Beach Party in command of Lieutenant D. L. Kidston left the Ship for the beach.

At noon reports were received that the first waves had successfully landed on the beach.

At 1520 proceeded into Lagoon, Kwajalein Atoll and anchored in berth assigned. By sunset all APA's, AKA's and LST's etc. of Northern attack force had anchored in the Lagoon.

2 Feb. - 3 Feb.

Anchored in Kwajalein Atoll discharging cargo. At 2340 February 3, completed discharging all cargo and troops.

4 February.

Anchored Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands. During morning, beach was secured and Beach Party returned to the Ship. Received ComThirdFleet dispatch 120557 February ordering ELMORE to proceed to Funafuti in company with Task Unit 15.13.1.

At 1616, in obedience to ComThirdFleet's orders, underway in company with Task Unit 15.13.1 (CTV in USS CALLOWAY). Proceeded out of Lagoon and set course 128° True, standard speed 14 knots, zigzagging in accordance with plan #14.

Position; 2000

Lat. 09-20-00 N.

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Long. 167-38-00 E.

5 February.

Proceeding enroute Kwajalein Atoll to Funafuti in company with Task Unit 15.13.1 (CTV in USS CALLOWAY)

Position; 0800 Lat. 07-36-00 N.

169-30-00 E.

1200 Lat. 06-57-00 N.

Long. 167-57-00 E.

2000 Lat. 05-48-00 N.

170-53-00 E.

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6 February.

Proceeding enroute Kwajalein to Funafuti in company with Task Unit 15.13.1 (CTU in USS CALLOWAY).

Positions: 0800 Lat. 03-27-00 N.
 Long. 171-36-30 E.
 1200 Lat. 02-38-00 N.
 Long. 172-01-00 E.
 2000 Lat. 01-11-00 N.
 Long. 172-29-00 E.

7 February.

Proceeding enroute Kwajalein to Funafuti in company with Task Unit 15.13.1 (CTU in USS CALLOWAY).

Positions 0800 Lat. 01-07-00 S.
 Long. 173-25-00 E.
 1200 Lat. 01-46-00 S.
 Long. 173-52-00 E.
 2000 Lat. 03-04-00 S.
 Long. 174-45-00 E.

8 February.

Proceeding enroute Kwajalein to Funafuti in company with Task Unit 15.13.1 (CTU in USS CALLOWAY).

Position: 0800 Lat. 05-00-00 S.
 Long. 176-05-30 E.
 1200 Lat. 05-33-00 S.
 Long. 176-32-00 E.
 2000 Lat. 06-51-00 S.
 Long. 177-46-00 E.

9 February.

Steaming enroute Kwajalein to Funafuti in company with Task Unit 15.13.1 (CTU in USS CALLOWAY). At 0445 sighted Funafuti, bearing 212°, Distance 11 miles, ceased zigzagging and proceeded on various courses to enter Funafuti lagoon. At 0904 Anchored in berth B-6 Funafuti lagoon.

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10 February - 12 February.

Anchored in berth B-6 Funafuti awaiting movement orders. On 10 February in accordance with orders from CincPac, USS ELMORE assigned to duty with third Fleet.

13 February.

Anchored in berth B-6 Funafuti. Received ComThirdFlt Operational dispatch 130142/Feb. At 1515 underway from Funafuti to Havannah Harbor, Efate at standard speed of 13 knots, in accordance with ComThirdFlt's Orders. At 2400 changed time from plus 12 to -12, advancing date one day.

Positions: 2000 Lat. 09-22-00 S.
Long. 178-39-00 E.

15 February.

Proceeding Funafuti to Havannah Harbor, Efate in company with Task Unit 34.6.4 (CTU in USS DuPage). At 0030 DuPage, AQUARIUS and ALMAACK broke off from formation, USS CALLOWAY assumed guide and took over (CTU 34.6.4).

Positions: 0800 Lat. 11-27-30 S.
Long. 177-12-00 E.
1200 -Lat. 12-09-00 S.
Long. 176-38-00 E.
2000 -Lat. 13-29-00 S.
Long. 175-29-00 E.

16 February.

Proceeding enroute Funafuti to Havannah Harbor, Efate in company with Task Unit 39.6.4 (CTU in USS CALLOWAY) At 1600 USS WAYNE and USS ELMORE (Efate detachment) detached from formation USS WAYNE assumed command of Efate Detachment.

Positions: 0800 Lat. 15-32-00 S.
Long. 173-45-00 E.
1200 -Lat. 16-08-00 S.
Long. 173-12-00 E.

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17 February.

Proceeding enroute Funafuti to Havannah Harbor, Efate in company with USS WAYNE (Commander Efate Detachment of Task Unit 34.6.4). At 0625 sighted Efate island bearing 294°T. distance 27 miles. At 1157 Pilot came aboard, proceeded into Havannah Harbor and to mooring in berth #5.

Positions: 0800 Lat. 17-58-30 S.
Long. 168-45-00 E.

18 February.- 24 February.

Moored to buoy #5 in berth #5, Havannah Harbor, Efate awaiting operations orders. 24 February received ComTransGrp3rdPhibFor dispatch 220642/Feb.

25 February.

Moored to buoy #5 in berth #5, Havannah Harbor, Efate. At 0545 underway for Guadalcanal in company with USS WAYNE (Commander Efate detachment of Task Unit 34.6.4) at Standard speed of 15 knots.

Positions: 0800 Lat. 17-36-45 S.
Long. 167-57-15 E.
1200 -Lat. 16-53-30 S.
Long. 167-23-30 E.
2000 Lat. 15-28-00 S.
Long. 166-16-00 S.

26 February.

Proceeding enroute Havannah Harbor, Efate to Guadalcanal in company with USS WAYNE (Commander Efate detachment of Task Unit 34.6.4).

Positions: 0800 Lat. 12-50-00 S.
Long. 164-37-00 E.
1200 Lat. 12-04-00 S.
Long. 164-14-00 E.
2000 Lat. 10-41-30 S.
Long. 162-56-00 E.

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27 February.

Proceeding enroute Havannah Harbor, Efate to Guadalcanal in company with USS WAYNE (Commander Efate detachment of Task Unit 34.6.4). At 0435 sighted Guadalcanal Island bearing 042°T. distance 10 miles. At 1041 anchored in berth #2 off Kukum Beach, Guadalcanal. Reported to USS DuPAGE for duty with TransDiv24. At 1600, 187 men and 5 Officers of 3rd Bn. 160th Reg. 40th Div, U.S. ARMY reported aboard as advance party and working details for landing training exercises.

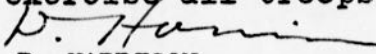
28 February.

Anchored in berth #2 off Kukum Beach, Guadalcanal. During the day embarked 1508 men and 74 Officers of the 3rd Bn. 160th Reg.; and combat landed cargo. Received CTU 32.4.5 secret training order, serial 0034 of 28 February 1944.

29 February.

Anchored in berth #2 off Kukum Beach, Guadalcanal. At 0656 underway in formation with Task Unit 32.4.5 (CTU in DuPAGE), proceeding to Tasumhako Bay for training exercises. At 0949 anchored in Tasumhako Bay, Guadalcanal.

During the afternoon, debarked troops into boats and then embarked them. No landing was made. Exercised undertaken to familiarize the troops with the ship and their debarkation stations. During the exercise all troops were debarked.


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March, 1944

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March 1944

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1 March.

Engaged in maneuvers with the 160th Infantry USA off Tasembaka Bay, Guadalcanal, with ships of Task Unit 32.4.5 (CTU in USS DuPAGE). At 0656 set condition 1A, and commenced landing exercises. 1123 Commenced Gunnery exercises firing at towed sleeve with 5"/38 Caliber and 20MM guns. At 1534 Completed landing exercises and secured from condition 1A, set condition 3. At 1649 underway in formation for Tambunimane Bay Guadalcanal. Anchored at 1757 in preparations for landing exercises the following day.

2 March.

Anchored Tambunimane Bay, Guadalcanal. Engaged in landing exercises At 0418 set condition 1A and commenced landing exercises. at 1353 conducted Gunnery exercises firing at towed sleeve. at 1328 Completed landing exercises and secured from condition 1A, set condition 3.

3 March.

Anchored Tambunimane Bay, Guadalcanal. At 0247 set conditions 1A and commenced landing exercises, At 1515 completed all landing exercises and secured from condition 1A, set condition 3.

4 March.

Anchored Tambunimane Bay, Guadalcanal. At 0700 underway for Tanuaru Beach, Guadalcanal after securing completed all operations. Upon anchoring at Tenaru Beach at 0921 debarked troops and unloading part of the cargo of the 160th Infantry. At 1516 completed unloading all troops and cargo.

5 March.

Anchored off Tenaru Beach, Guadalcanal. At 0635 got underway for Tulagi Harbor, Florida, arriving at 0940.

6 - 7 March.

Anchored Tulagi Harbor, Florida Island. On 6 March received Com TransDiv24 Operation Order #6-44.

8 March.

Anchored Tulagi Harbor, Florida Island. At 1300 got underway and proceeded, in company with TransDiv24 to Guadalcanal anchoring off Tenaru Beach.

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9 March.

Anchored off Tenaru Beach, Guadalcanal. At 1055 Completed embarking 190 enlisted men and 5 Officers of the Advance party of the 3rd Bn. 160th Infantry USA.

10 March.

Anchored off Tenaru Beach, Guadalcanal. At 0710 Commenced loading cargo, completing the loading at 1435. At 1425 completed the embarkation of 3rd Bn. 160th Infantry USA after having embarked 799 enlisted men and 46 Officers.

11 March.

Anchored off Tenaru Beach, Guadalcanal. at 0705 underway for Tambunmane Bay, Guadalcanal to conduct landing exercises. At 0840 conducted tactics exercises. At 1320 Conducted Gunnery Exercises, firing at towed sleeve. 1658 Anchored off Tambunmane Bay, all exercises conducted with TransDiv24 (ComTransDiv in USS DuPAGE).

12 March.

Anchored off Tambunmane Bay, Guadalcanal. At 0702 underway to conduct landing exercises. 0858 Had telemotor casualty, shifted steering to steering engine room. 0943 Set condition 1A. 1007 Arrived Transport Area and commenced debarking troops and cargo as per landing schedule of the 3rd Bn. 160th Infantry. At 1525 Commenced reembarking troops and cargo after completion of landing exercises.

13 March.

Anchored of Tambunmane Bay, Guadalcanal. At 0030 underway to conduct landing exercises. 0545 Set condition 1A. 0617 Arrived Transport Area and commenced debarking troops and cargo of the 3rd Bn. 160th Infantry in accordance with landing exercises. Completed all exercises at 1920 and secured from condition 1A.

14 March.

Anchored Tambunmane Bay, Guadalcanal at 0700 Underway for anchorage off Tenaru Beach, Guadalcanal to debark all troops and cargo after the completion of all landing exercises. Anchored at 0930 and commenced debarking troops and cargo of the 3rd Bn. 160th Infantry at 1520. Received Com3rdPhib Operation Order 3-44.

15 March.

Anchored off Tenaru Beach, Guadalcanal in berth #42. At 0828 underway to shift berth 0927 anchored in berth #75.

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16 March.

Anchored in berth #75 Guadalcanal at 0830 underway to shift anchorage. Upon arrival berth #42, unloaded the remainder of the cargo.

17 March.

Anchored off Teneru Beach, Guadalcanal.

18 March.

Anchored off Tenaru Beach, Guadalcanal. At 0745 underway for Noumea, New Caledonia in company with Task Unit 32.4.5 (CTU in USS DuPAGE) At 0957 conducted Gunnery Exercises, firing at towed sleeve.

Positions: 1200 Latitude 09-45-00S.
Longitude 160-58-00E.

2000 Latitude 11-37-30S.
Longitude 161-18-30S.

19 March.

Proceeding enroute Guadalcanal to Noumea, New Caledonia in company with Task Unit 32.4.5 (CTU in USS DuPAGE).

Positions: 0800 Latitude 14-26-00 S.
Longitude 161-15-00 E.
1200 Latitude 15-23-00 S.
Longitude 161-13-00 E.
2000 Latitude 17-01-00 S.
Longitude 161-03-00 E.

20 March.

Proceeding enroute Guadalcanal to Noumea, New Caledonia in company with Task Unit 32.4.5 (CTU in USS DuPAGE).

Positions 0800 Latitude 19-15-00 S.
Longitude 162-18-00 E.
1200 Latitude 19-48-00 S.
Longitude 162-40-00 E.
2000 Latitude 21-03-00 S.
Longitude 163-51-00 E.

21 March.

Proceeding enroute to Guadalcanal to Noumea, New Caledonia in company with Task Unit 32.4.5 (CTU in USS DuPAGE). At 1035 sighted land bearing 071⁰T. Distance 15 miles. Experienced difficulty in making a land of all because of the lack in observation. Ships of the Task Unit came dangerously close to the barrier reef north of Balari Pass. At 165 anchored in Dunbea Bay, New Caledonia.

Positions: 0800 Latitude 22-22-00 S.
Longitude 166-12-00 E.
1200 Latitude 22-22-00 S.
Longitude 166-12-00 E.

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22-31 March.

Anchored Noumea, New Caledonia from the 22nd to the 25th, anchored in Dumbea Bay, on the 25th shifted anchorage to Great Roads in order to paint ship.

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D. HARRISON.

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April 1944

1 April.

Anchored Great Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia, awaiting operational orders.

2 April.

Anchored Great Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia. Shifted to berth off nickel works to load troops and cargo of the 147th Infantry, completing the loading at 1500, after having embarked 634 enlisted men and 31 officers of the 147th Infantry Reg. USA.

3 April.

Anchored Great Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia. At 1032 completed embarkation of 391 enlisted men and 35 officers for transportation to Guadalcanal. At 1440 shifted anchorage to berth in Dumbea Bay.

4 April.

Anchored Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia. At 0607 underway enroute Guadalcanal in company with Task Unit 32.4.5 (CTU in USS DuPAGE), Standard speed 15 knots.

Positions: 0800 Latitude 22-31.7 S
Longitude 166-24.1 E
1200 Latitude 21-59-00 S
Longitude 165-34-00 E
2000 Latitude 21-04-00 S
Longitude 164-03-00 E.

5 April.

Steaming enroute Noumea, New Caledonia to Guadalcanal in company with Task Unit 32.4.5 (CTU in USS DuPAGE).

Positions: 0800 Latitude 18-53-00 S
Longitude 162-31-00 E
1200 Latitude 17-58-00 S
Longitude 162-24-30 E
2000 Latitude 16-11-30 S
Longitude 162-35-00 E

6 April.

Steaming enroute Noumea, New Caledonia to Guadalcanal in company with Task Unit 32.4.5 (CTU in USS DuPAGE).

Positions: 0800 Latitude 13-27-30 S
Longitude 163-19-00 E
1200 Latitude 12-30-00 S
Longitude 163-33-30 E
2000 Latitude 10-57-00 S
Longitude 163-19-00 E

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7 April.

Steaming enroute Noumea, New Caledonia to Guadalcanal in company with Task Unit 32.4.5 (CTU in USS DuPAGE). At 0030 sighted San Cristobal on port bow. At 0840 exercised at Gunnery practice firing at towed sleeve. At 1206 anchored off Lunga Point, Guadalcanal and disembarked 35 officers and 391 enlisted men.

8 April.

Anchored off Lunga Point, Guadalcanal 1159 fire quarters, fire in incinerator room which was brought under control at 1202. At 1257 underway for Emirau in company with Task Unit 32.4.5 (CTU in USS DuPAGE), standard speed 14 knots, Received C.T.G. Operational order #9-44.

Positions: 2000 Latitude 09-12-00 S
Longitude 158-35-00 E

9 April.

Steaming enroute Guadalcanal to Emirau in company with Task Unit 32.4.5 (CTU in USS DuPAGE).

Positions: 0800 Latitude 08-12-00 S
Longitude 156-11-00 E
1200 Latitude 07-36-00 S
Longitude 155-29-00 E
2000 Latitude 06-19-00 S
Longitude 154-20-00 E.

10 April.

Steaming enroute Guadalcanal to Emirau in company with Task Unit 32.4.5 (CTU in USS DuPAGE).

Positions: 0800 Latitude 03-45-00 S
Longitude 154-10-00 E
1200 Latitude 03-04-00 S
Longitude 153-25-00 E
2000 Latitude 02-20-00 S
Longitude 152-02-00 E

11 April.

Steaming enroute Guadalcanal to Emirau in company with Task Unit 32.4.5 (CTU in USS DuPAGE). 0500 Sighted Emirau Islands on starboard bow. At 0635 set condition 1A; made all preparations for discharging troops and cargo. At 0639 Arrived Transport Area and commenced discharging troops and cargo of the 147th Infantry USA, At 1345 Commenced loading troops and equipment of the 1st Bn. 4th Marines Reg. completed discharging all troops and cargo of the 147th Infantry USA at 1433. 1745 Completed loading all troops and equipment of the 1st Bn. 4th Marines after having embarked 37 officers and 774 enlisted men. Secured from condition 1A set condition 3 and regained formation in preparation for departure. At 1910 departed in formation. At 2192 had Radar contact with enemy plane, ship went to General Quarters. Enemy plane appeared to be searching. At 2259 secured from General Quarters after losing contact with plane.

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12 April.

Steaming enroute Emirau to Guadalcanal in company with Task Unit 32.4.5 (CTU in USS DuPAGE). At 2142 conducted series of emergency turn as erasive tactics. Escort reporting underwater contact. 2353 unidentified aircraft approaching; secured at 0017/13.

Positions: 0800 Latitude 02-21-00 S
Longitude 152-34-00 E
1200 Latitude 02-45-00 S
Longitude 153-20-00 E
2000 Latitude 04-17-00 S
Longitude 154-11-00 E

13 April.

Steaming enroute Emirau to Guadalcanal in company with Task Unit 32.4.5 (CTU in USS DuPAGE).

Positions: 0800 Latitude 06-45-00 S
Longitude 154-28-00 E
1200 Latitude 07-23-00 S
Longitude 153-16-30 E
2000 Latitude 08-30-00 S
Longitude 156-37-30 E

14 April.

Steaming enroute Emirau to Guadalcanal in company with Task Unit 32.4.5 (CTU in USS DUPAGE). 0625 Sighted Guadalcanal Island at 1030 set condition 1A in preparation to arriving anchorage and discharging troops. 1111 Anchored off Tassafaragai Point, Guadalcanal and discharged troops and equipment of the 1st Bn. 4th Marines. Completed discharging troops and cargo at 1320 after having disembarked 37 officers and 774 enlisted men. 1530 got underway for Tulagi, anchoring Tulagi, Harbor, Florida Island at 1746.

15 - 17 April.

Anchored Tulagi Harbor, Florida Island April 51 received Commander Third Fleet order 150301 assigning USS ELMORE to Task Unit 34.9.5.

18 April.

Anchored Tulagi Harbor, Florida Island. At 0630 underway for Guadalcanal in company with Task Unit 34.9.5 (CTU in USS PRESIDENT JACKSON) upon anchoring at 0830 set condition 1A and commenced loading troops and cargo of units of the 40th Division US ARMY. Completed loading troops and cargo at 2200; secured from condition 1A, after having embarked 434 enlisted men and 34 officers of the 40th Division U S ARMY.

19 April.

Anchored off Tenerau Beach, Guadalcanal. Received CTU 34.9.5 Operation order 190442/April.

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20 April.

Anchored off Tenerau Beach, Guadalcanal. At 1241 underway in formation in company with Task Unit 34.9.5 (CTU in USS PRESIDENT JACKSON) enroute Cape Gloucester New Britian.

Positions: 2000 Latitude 09-11-00 S
Longitude 158-50-00 E

21 April.

Steaming enroute Guadalcanal to Cape Gloucester, New Britian in company with Task Unit 34.9.5 (CTU in USS PRESIDENT JACKSON) At 1315 Exercised at General Quarters and conducted gunnery exercises firing at 5"/38 star shells.

Positions: 0800 Latitude 08-59-30 S
Longitude 156-13-00 E
1200 Latitude 08-48-00 S
Longitude 155-25-00 E
2000 Latitude 08-36-00 S
Longitude 153-58-00 E

22 April.

Steaming enroute Guadalcanal to Cape Gloucester, New Britian in company with Task Unit 34.9.5 (CTU in USS PRESIDENT JACKSON).

Positions: 0800 Latitude 07-35-00 S
Longitude 151-10-00 E
1200 Latitude 07-13-00 S
Longitude 150-12-00 E
2000 Latitude 06-42-00 S
Longitude 148-38-00 E

23 April.

Steaming enroute Guadalcanal to Cape Gloucester, New Britian in company with Task Unit 34.9.5 (CTU in USS PRESIDENT JACKSON) 0900 Approaching Cape Gloucester at 0935 set condition 1A in preparation for anchoring. At 1115 Anchored Borgen Bay, New Britian, commenced discharging troops and cargo of units of the 40th Division. Completed discharging troops and cargo at 2132 and immediately commenced loading troops and cargo of units of the 1st Marine Division.

24 April.

Anchored Borgen Bay, New Britian with units of the Task Unit 34.9.5 (CTU in USS PRESIDENT JACKSON). Ship in condition 1A, loading troops and cargo of units of the 1st Marine Division. At 2325 completed loading troops and cargo of units of the 1st Marine Division after having embarked 1431 men and 67 officers. Secured from condition 1A, set condition 3.

25 April.

Anchored Borgen Bay, New Britian with units of the Task Unit 34.9.5 (CTU in USS PRESIDENT JACKSON) At 1300 underway in formation enroute Russell Islands.

Positions: 2000 Latitude 05-47-00 S
Longitude 147-34-30 E

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26 April.

Steaming enroute Cape Gloucester, New Britian to Russell Islands in company with Task Unit 34.9.5 (CTU in USS PRESIDENT JACKSON).

Positions: 0800 Latitude 07-07-00 S
Longitude 149-42-00 E
1200 Latitude 07-23-00 S
Longitude 150-32-00 E
2000 Latitude 07-58-00 S
Longitude 152-08-00 E

27 April.

Steaming enroute Cape Gloucester, New Britian to Russell Islands in company with Task Unit 34.9.5 (CTU in USS PRESIDENT JACKSON).

Positions: 0800 Latitude 08-48-00 S
Longitude 154-30-00 E
1200 Latitude 08-58-00 S
Longitude 155-17-00 E
2000 Latitude 09-24-00 S
Longitude 156-58-00 E

28 April.

Steaming enroute Cape Gloucester, New Britian to Russell Islands in company with Task Unit 34.9.5 (CTU in USS PRESIDENT JACKSON). At 0623 set condition 1A preparatory to arrival. At 0727 commenced unloading troops and cargo of units of the 1st Marine Division. Ship laying off awaiting pilot and opportunity to enter Marcopiutti Bay. Pilot came aboard at 0828 and at 0930 proceeded into bay. At 1024 anchored in Marcopiutti Bay in 105 fathoms of water. While waiting to enter the bay, the ship continued to discharge troops and cargo. At 2030 completed discharging troops and cargo after having disembarked 1431 enlisted men and 67 officers. At 2129 underway for Guadalcanal in company with one escort. Other ships of the Task Unit having departed earlier for Guadalcanal. At 2200 Secured from condition 1A.

29 April.

Steaming enroute Russell Islands to Guadalcanal in company with one escort. Anchored off Tenerau Beach at 0315. At 0649 underway to shift anchorage to assigned anchorage. anchoring at 0725. Set condition 1A at 1700 and upon arriving at assigned anchorage, commenced loading troops and cargo of units of the 40th Division U S ARMY. At 1845 completed loading all troops and cargo of units of the 40th Division, after having embarked 488 men and 30 officers. Secured from condition 1A at 1920.

30 April.

Anchored off Tenerau Beach, Guadalcanal at 0630 underway for Tulagi in company with task Unit 34.9.5 (CTU in USS PRESIDENT JACKSON). Proceeding to Tulagi to fuel ship. Anchored Tulagi at 0814. after completion of fueling, underway in company with Task Unit 34.9.5 for Guadalcanal, anchoring off Tenerau Beach at 1708.

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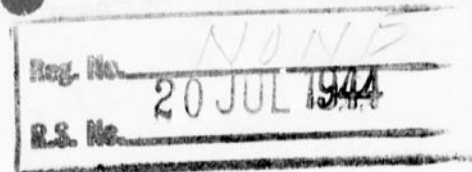
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May, 1944

WAR DIARYC O N F I D E N T I A L

May 1944

1 May.

Anchored off Tenerau Beach, Guadalcanal. At 0100 underway for Cape Gloucester New Britian in company with Task Unit 34.9.5 (CTU in USS PRESIDENT JACKSON). Ships departed in column formation. At 0500, after passing Cape Esperunce, formed cruising disposition of three columns.

Positions: 0800 Latitude 09-26-00 S
 Longitude 158-32-30 E
 1200 Latitude 09-27-00 S
 Longitude 157-35-00 E
 2000 Latitude 09-03-00 S
 Longitude 155-02-00 E

2 May.

Steaming enroute Guadalcanal to Cape Gloucester, New Britian in company with Task Unit 34.9.5 (CTU in USS PRESIDENT JACKSON). At 0850 Conducted gunnery exercises, firing 20mm and 1.1. guns at 5"/38 bursts. At 1400, set clocks back one hour to zone - 10 time.

Positions: 0800 Latitude 08-26-00 S
 Longitude 153-08-00 E
 1200 Latitude 07-54-20 S
 Longitude 152-15-00 E
 2000 Latitude 07-11-00 S
 Longitude 150-20-00 E

3 May.

Steaming enroute Guadalcanal to Cape Gloucester, New Britian in company with Task Unit 34.9.5 (CTU in USS PRESIDENT JACKSON). At 1325 Arrived off Borgen Bay, New Britian and at 1424 set condition 1A preparatory to anchoring. Anchored in Borgen Bay at 1527 and immediately commenced discharging troops and cargo of Units of the 40th Division U.S. Army. At 2220 Commenced loading troops and cargo of units of the 1st Marine Division.

Positions: 0800 Latitude 05-54-30 S
 Longitude 147-37-30 E
 1200 Latitude 05-13-00 S
 Longitude 148-03-00 E

4 May.

Anchored Borgen Bay, New Britian with units of Task Unit 34.9.5 . At 0045 Completed discharging troops and cargo of units of the 40th Division U.S. Army, after having disembarked 488 men and 30 Officers. At 1221 Completed loading troops and cargo of units of the 1st Marine Division after having embarked 1341 enlisted men and 61 Officers.

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5 May.

Anchored Borgen Bay, New Britian. At 0600 Got underway in company with Task Unit 34.9.5 (CTU in USS PRESIDENT JACKSON) in column formation, standard speed 15.5 knots. At 1205 sighted convoy of nine ships, four transports and five escorts, bearing 160°T, distance 10 miles. Upon approach this Task Unit was required to turn 20° to port to make way for approaching convoy.

Positions	0800	Latitude	05-17-30 S
		Longitude	148-15-00 E
	1200	Latitude	05-42-00 S
		Longitude	147-34-30 E
	2000	Latitude	06-52-00 S
		Longitude	149-05-00 E

6 May.

Steaming enroute Cape Gloucester, New Britian to Russel Islands in company with Task Unit 34.9.5 (CTU in USS PRESIDENT JACKSON). At 1430 Conducted gunnery exercises firing at ballons. At 1900, Escort reported submarine contact, transports maneuvered radically. At 1924 escort lost contact and formation resumed base course.

Positions	0800	Latitude	07-51-00 S
		Longitude	151-51-00 E
	1200	Latitude	08-12-00 S
		Longitude	152-46-00 E
	2000	Latitude	08-44-00 S
		Longitude	154-37-00 E

7 May.

Steaming enroute Cape Gloucester, New Britian to Russell Islands in company with Task Unit 34.9.5 (CTU in USS PRESIDENT JACKSON). At 0100 Advanced clocks one hour to conform to -11 time. At 1210 Sighted land bearing 036° distance 25 miles and at 1227 Changed course to approach Russell Islands. Arrived off Russell Islands at 1610 and proceeded into Macquitti Bay, anchoring in berth M-3 at 1731. Immediately upon anchoring, received orders to commence discharging cargo; troops to be disembarked the morning of the 8th. At 1736 Set condition 1A.

Positions	0800	Latitude	09-17-00 S
		Longitude	157-10-00 E
	1200	Latitude	09-28-00 S
		Longitude	158-26-00 E

8 May.

Anchored Macquitti Bay, Russell Islands in company with Task Unit 34.9.5 (CTU in USS PRESIDENT JACKSON), discharging cargo of the 1st Marine Division. Ship in condition 1A. At 0215, completed discharging all cargo. At 0630 Commenced disembarking troops, completing debarkation at 0710 after having debarked 1341 men and 61 Officers. At 0830 secured from condition 1A. At 0920 underway for Guadalcanal in company with Task Unit 34.9.5. Anchored off Shock Point, Guadalcanal in berth 96 at 1604.

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9 May.

Anchored off Tetere Beach, Guadalcanal in berth 96. At 1455 Underway to shift berth, anchoring in berth 94 at 1541. Reported to ComGroupThree 5thPhibFor duty.

10 May.

Anchored off Tetere Beach, Guadalcanal in berth 96. Shortly after sunset, noticed that ship had dragged anchor and was now fowling berth 92. Sent dispatch to DuPage informing her and ELMORE was ordered to reanchor at 0800/11. Received training order A/51-44 of ComGroupThree5thPhibFor.

11 May.

Anchored off Tetere Beach, Guadalcanal. At 1410 commenced embarkation of troops of the 3rd Bn. 21st Marines and completed embarkation at 1545 after having embarked 45 Officers and 988 Enlisted men. Received training order 11-44 of ComTransGroupThree5thPhib Also received Op Plan A-10-44 of CTF 51.

12 May.

Anchored off Tetere Beach, Guadalcanal. At 0627 Underway for landing exercises in company with Task Group 53.3 (CTG in USS DUPAGE). Exercises conducted with 3rd Marine Division completed exercises at 1340 and proceeded to anchorage, anchoring at Tetere Beach at 1413. The Troops upon debarkation during the remained ashore. Received training order 12-44 Of CTG 53.3.

13 May.

Anchored off Tetere Beach, Guadalcanal. At 0624 got underway for Kukum Beach, anchoring Kukum Beach, Guadalcanal at 0800.

14 May.

Anchored off Kucum Beach, Guadalcanal, Received Training Order A/54-44 from CTF 53.

15 May.

Anchored off Kucum Beach, Guadalcanal, At 0620 underway in formation (USS DUPAGE as guide) for Tulagi, anchoring Tulagi harbor at 0918. Took on diesel oil and fuel oil in afternoon..

16 May.17 May.

Anchored Tulagi Harbor, Florida Island.

18 May.

Anchored Tulagi Harbor, Florida Island. At 0615 Underway for Guadalcanal, anchoring off Tetere Beach at 0919. Received Training Attack Order 155-44 from CTF 53.

19-21 May.

Anchored off Tetere Beach, Guadalcanal. on 21st May embarked troops and cargo of the 2nd Bn 21st Marines in preparation for landing exercises. Embarked 74 Officers and 1242 enlisted men. On 21st received Training Attack Order 14-44 from CTG 53.3.

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22 May.

Anchored off Tetera Beach, Guadalcanal, At 1300 underway enroute landing exercises in company with Task Group 53.3 (CTG in USS DUPAGE). Task Group proceeding to westward of the Russell Islands to arrive Cape Esperance at daylight the 23rd.

23 May.

Steaming enroute Transport Area off Cape Esperance, Guadalcanal in company with Task Group 53.3 (CTG in USS DUPAGE). At 0600 Arrived Transport Area and commenced landing exercises. On completion of the landing exercises conducted with the 3rd Marine Division, proceeded to assigned anchorage off Cape Esperance.

24 May.

Anchored off Cape Esperance, Guadalcanal in company with Task Group 53.3 (CTG in USS DUPAGE). At 0815 Underway in formation for Tetera Beach, anchoring off Tetera Beach at 1108. Upon coming to anchor, commenced debarkation of troops.

25-27 May.

Anchored off Tetera Beach, Guadalcanal, Receive on 25th Movement.

28 May.

Anchored off Tetera Beach, Guadalcanal. At 0600 underway for Tulagi anchoring Tulagi Harbor at 0916. Took on diesel oil and fuel oil during afternoon.

29 May.

Anchored Tulagi Harbor, Florida Island.

30 May.

Anchored Tulagi Harbor, Florida Island. At 0705 Underway for Guadalcanal in formation. Guide in USS DUPAGE. At 0934 Anchored off Tetera Beach, Guadalcanal Received Attack Order A3-44 from CTG 53.2.

31 May.

Anchored off Tetera Beach, Guadalcanal, Received Northern Attack Order A165-44 from CTG 53.1.

Order A163-44 from CTF 53; Op Plan A162-44 from CTF 53; Op Plan on 10-44 from CTF 53.


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1 June

Anchored off Tetere Beach Guadalcanal. Completed combat loading of cargo of the 2nd Bn. 21st Marines.

2 June.

Anchored off Tetere Beach, Guadalcanal.

3 June.

Anchored off Tetere Beach, Guadalcanal. At 0715 set condition 1A and commenced embarking troops of the 2nd Bn 21st Marines and attached units. Secured from condition 1A at 1013 after having embarked Officers and Enlisted men.

4 June.

Anchored off Tetere Beach, Guadalcanal. At 0719 got underway in company with Task Group 53.3 (CTG in USS DUPAGE; OTC in USS APPALACHAIN, Enroute Kwajalein Island. Task Group 53.3 forms the Northern Transport Group of the Southern Attack force for the forthcoming operation. At 1300 conducted gunnery exercise firing at towed sleeve.

Positions 0800 Latitude 08-52-30 S
 Longitude 160-31-30 E
 2000 Latitude 07-18-00 S

5 June.

Steaming enroute Guadalcanal to Kwajalein Island in company with Task Group 53.3, OTC in USS APPALACHAIN. At 1030 conducted emergency maneuvers.

Positions 0800 Latitude 04-55-00 S
 Longitude 161-18-00 E
 1200 Latitude 04-03-00 S
 Longitude 161-40-00 E
 2000 Latitude 02-35-00 S
 Longitude 162-19-00 E

6 June.

Steaming enroute Guadalcanal to Kwajalein Island in company with Task Group 53.3 (OTC in USS APPALACHAIN). At 1203 Engines failed, lost fuel oil section in shifting oil tanks. At 1213 regained standard speed and assumed position in formation at 1300.

Positions 0800 Latitude 00-11-00 S
 Longitude 163-24-00 E
 1200 Latitude 00-39-00 N
 Longitude 163-47-00 E
 2000 Latitude 02-03-00 N
 Longitude 164-30-00 E

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7 June.

Steaming enroute Guadalcanal to Kwajalein Island in company with Task Group 53.3) (OTC in USS APPALACHAIN). At 0900 Conducted AA firing practice, firing at towed sleeve. At 1000 conducted emergency maneuvers. At 1330 Exercised at Forming approach disposition. Completed exercises at 1530.

Positions	0800	Latitude	04-19-00 N
		Longitude	165-31-00 E
	1200	Latitude	05-02-00 N
		Longitude	165-54-00 E
	2000	Latitude	06-24-00 N
		Longitude	166-37-00 E

8 June.

Steaming enroute Guadalcanal to Kwajalein Island in company with Task Group 53.3 (OTC in USS APPALACHAIN). At 0715 Sighted Kwajalein Island. At 0856 Entered Gea Pass and anchored in assigned berth.

Positions	0800	Latitude	06-24-00 N
		Longitude	166-37-00 E

9 June.

Anchored off Kwajalein Island, Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands. At 0550 Underway to go alongside USS TULULLAH (AO50) to take on fuel, completed fueling at 0810 and returned to berth.

10 - 11 and 12 June.

Anchored off Kwajalein Island, Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands, in company with ships of Task Force 53. At 0620 got underway in company with ships of Task Group 53.3 (CTG in USS DUPAGE)., OTC in USS APPALACHAIN. After passing through Gea Pass formed cruising disposition 3T. At 1300 Exercised at Gunnery Practice firing at towed sleeve.

Positions	0800	Latitude	08-50-00 N
		Longitude	167-26-00 E
	1200	Latitude	09-14-00 N
		Longitude	166-43-00 E
	2000	Latitude	10-08-30 N
		Longitude	165-14-00 E

13 June.

Steaming enroute Kwajalein to Guam in company with Task Group 53.3 (CTG in USS DUPAGE; OTC in USS APPALACHAIN). At 1300 Exercised ships at Emergency maneuvers.

Positions	0800	Latitude	11-28-00 N
		Longitude	163-02-00 E
	1200	Latitude	11-58-00 N
		Longitude	162-18-00 E
	2000	Latitude	12-19-00 N
		Longitude	160-46-00 E

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14 June.

Steaming enroute Kwajalein to Guam in company with Task Group 53.3 (CTG in USS DUPAGE); OTC in USS APPALACHAIN. At 0800 conducted tactical maneuvers, forming transport approach disposition and various emergency maneuvers. At 2100 Advanced clocks one hour to conform to -10 zone time.

Positions 0800 Latitude 12-47-00 N
 Longitude 158-12-00 E
 1200 Latitude 13-03-00 N
 Longitude 157-24-00 E
 2000 Latitude 13-23-00 N
 Longitude 155-46-00 E

15 June.

Steaming enroute Kwajalein Atoll to Guam in company with Task Group 53.3 (CTG in USS DUPAGE; OTC in USS APPALACHAIN). At 1030 Enemy Aircraft reported, went to General Quarters. Secured from General Quarters at 1053.

Positions 0800 Latitude 13-59-00 N
 Longitude 153-10-00 E
 1200 Latitude 14-10-00 N
 Longitude 152-17-00 E
 2000 Latitude 14-28-00 N
 Longitude 150-39-00 E

16 June.

Steaming enroute Kwajalein Atoll to Guam in company with Task Group 53.3 (CTG in USS DUPAGE; OTC in USS APPALACHAIN). At 0000 reversed course having approached within 100 miles of Saipan Island. At 1300 again reversed course and at 2100 again reversed course, finally heading east.

Positions 0800 Latitude 14-10-00 N
 Longitude 151-03-00 E
 1200 Latitude 14-13-00 N
 Longitude 151-45-00 E
 2000 Latitude 14-26-00 N
 Longitude 150-37-00 E

17 June.

Steaming enroute Kwajalein Atoll to Marianas in company with Task Group 53.3 (CTG in USS DUPAGE; OTC in USS APPALACHAIN). At 0900 Reversed course coming to 281T. Enemy Aircraft in vicinity, ship went to General Quarters and secured at 1146 after aircraft were reported to have been repulsed. At 2200 again reversed course coming to course 105T. At this time it became apparent that "W" Day was to be delayed. No further word was forthcoming except that ships of Task Force 53 would circle around until orders were received to attack Guam.

Positions 0800 Latitude 14-08-00 N
 Longitude 152-34-00 E
 1200 Latitude 13-56-00 N
 Longitude 152-12-00 E
 2000 Latitude 14-21-00 N
 Longitude 150-40-00 E

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18 June.

Steaming enroute Marianas in company with Task Group 53.3 (CTG in USS DUPAGE; OTC in USS APPALACHAIN). At 1100 reversed course to course 280T and again at 2300 reversed course to 100 T. At 2250 Enemy Aircraft reported, ship went to General Quarters. All clear at 2348 and secured from General Quarters.

Positions	0800	Latitude	13-40-00 N
		Longitude	152-15-00 E
	1200	Latitude	14-06-00 N
		Longitude	152-05-00 E
	2000	Latitude	14-24-00 N
		Longitude	150-31-00 E

19 June.

Steaming enroute Marianas in company with Task Group 53.3 (CTG in USS DUPAGE; OTC in USS APPALACHAIN). Task Group heading East. Still no word as to "W" Day. During the morning fueled Destroyers 558 and 555, completing the operation at 1030. At 1300 again reversed course to course 276T.

Positions	0800	Latitude	14-02-00 N
		Longitude	151-17-00 E
	1200	Latitude	14-03-00 N
		Longitude	152-06-00 E
	2000	Latitude	14-26-00 N
		Longitude	150-42-00 E

20 June.

Steaming enroute Marianas in company with Task Group 53.3 (CTG in USS DUPAGE; OTC in USS APPALACHAIN). At 1645 left formation to fuel from oiler. At 1833 assumed station alongside AO39 and commenced receiving fuel oil, completing operation at 2100, and regained station in the formation at 2200 again reversed course to 090T.

Positions	0800	Latitude	14-44-00 N
		Longitude	148-35-00 E
	1200	Latitude	14-49-00 N
		Longitude	147-59-00 E
	2000	Latitude	14-51-00 N
		Longitude	146-50-00 E

21 June.

Steaming enroute Marianas in company with Task Group 53.3 (CTG in USS DUPAGE; OTC in USS APPALACHAIN). At 0300 Conducted emergency maneuvers by ship movements At 1300 again reversed course coming to 282T.

Positions	0800	Latitude	14-45-00 N
		Longitude	148-11-00 E
	1200	Latitude	14-43-00 N
		Longitude	148-54-00 E
	2000	Latitude	15-20-00 N
		Longitude	147-43-00 E

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22 June.

Steaming enroute Kwajalein to Marianas in company with Task Group 53.3 (CTG in USS DUPAGE; OTC in USS APPALACHAIN). At 0900 reversed course to 281T and again reversed course at 2000 to 090T.

Positions	0800	Latitude	14-46-00 N
		Longitude	149-43-00 E
	1200	Latitude	15-02-00 N
		Longitude	149-07-00 E
	2000	Latitude	15-24-00 N
		Longitude	147-27-00 E

23 June.

Steaming enroute Kwajalein to Marianas in company with Task Group 53.3 (CTG in USS DUPAGE; OTC in USS APPALACHAIN). At 0900 reversed course to 281T and again at 2000, reversed course to 102T.

Positions	0800	Latitude	15-16-00 N
		Longitude	149-38-00 E
	1200	Latitude	14-58-00 N
		Longitude	149-14-00 E
	2000	Latitude	15-17-00 N
		Longitude	147-38-00 E

24 June.

Steaming enroute Kwajalein to Marianas in company with Task Group 53.3 (CTG in USS DUPAGE; OTC in USS APPLACHAIN). At 1000 Reversed course to 282T and again at 2000, reversed course to 102T.

Positions	0800	Latitude	14-47-00 N
		Longitude	149-47-00 E
	1200	Latitude	14-53-00 N
		Longitude	149-49-00 E
	2000	Latitude	15-07-00 N
		Longitude	148-15-00 E

25 June.

Steaming enroute Kwajalein to Marianas in company with Task Group 53.3 (CTG in USS DUPAGE; OTC in USS APPALACHAIN). At 1000 reversed course to 277T. Enemy planes reported and at 1917 ship went to General Quarters. Planes identified as friendly and ship secured from General Quarters at 1947. At 1600 ship reversed course coming to 105. At this time instruction were received from CTG53 that ships of Task Force 53 would return to Enewitok. The attach on Guam was to be delayed upon arrival of reinforcements.

Positions	0800	Latitude	14-54-00 N
		Longitude	149-57-00 E
	1200	Latitude	14-56-00 N
		Longitude	150-01-00 E
	2000	Latitude	14-41-00 N
		Longitude	149-46-00 E

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26 June.

Steaming enroute Enewitok in company with Task Group 53.3 (CTG in USS DUPAGE; OTC in USS APPALACHAIN). At 2100 advanced clocks one hour to zone -11 time.

Positions 0800 Latitude 13-59-00 N
Longitude 152-07-00 E
1200 Latitude 13-48-00 N
Longitude 152-58-00 E
2000 Latitude 13-35-00 N
Longitude 154-39-00 E

27 June.

Steaming enroute Eniwetok in company with Task Group 53.3 (CTG in USS DUPAGE; OTC in USS APPALACHAIN).

Positions 0800 Latitude 13-09-00 N
Longitude 156-55-00 E
1200 Latitude 13-02-00 N
Longitude 157-42-00 E
2000 Latitude 13-42-00 N
Longitude 159-16-00 E

28 June.

Steaming enroute Eniwetok Atoll in company with Task Group 53.3 (CTG in USS DUPAGE; OTC in USS APPALACHAIN). At 1230 formed cruising disposition 1C in preparation for entering Deep Channel, Eniwetok Atoll. At 1330 Passed through Deep Channel and proceeded to anchorage, anchoring at 1526.

Positions 0800 Latitude 12-10-00 N
Longitude 161-49-00 E

29 June.

Anchored in berth 79 Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands. At 0631 underway in formation in company with TransDiv24 proceeding to Northern anchorage. At 0815 anchored in berth 649.

30 June.

Anchored berth 649 Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands. Enemy planes reported approaching and ship went to General Quarters at 2226. At 2235 Secured from General Quarters, after planes had proved to be friendly.

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1 July.

Anchored in berth 649, Eniwetok Atoll, in company with ships of Task Group 53.3 (CTG in U.S.S. DuPAGE). At 1233 got underway and went alongside U.S.S. LACKAWANA to fuel ship. After completion of fueling, reanchored in berth 649.

2 - 3 July.

Anchored in berth 649, Eniwetok Atoll, in company with ships of Task Group 53.3 (CTG in U.S.S. DuPAGE).

4 July.

Anchored in berth 649, Eniwetok Atoll, in company with ships of Task Group 53.3 (CTG in U.S.S. DuPAGE). At 1938 received Red Alert; ship went to General Quarters, and made preparations for getting underway. At 2004 secured from General Quarters after all clear was given, as planes had been identified as friendly.

5 - 16 July.

Anchored in berth 649, Eniwetok Atoll, in company with ships of Task Group 53.3 (CTG in U.S.S. DuPAGE).

17 July.

Anchored in berth 649, Eniwetok Atoll, in company with ships of Task Group 53.3 (CTG in U.S.S. DuPAGE). At 1247 got underway in formation with Task Group 53.3. At 1502 cleared Eniwetok Atoll, and set course for Guam, in accordance with orders of CTF 53.

Positions	2000	Latitude	11-27-00 N
		Longitude	161-46-00 E

18 July.

Proceeding enroute, Eniwetok Atoll to Guam, in company with Task Group 53.3 (CTG in U.S.S. DuPAGE). One hour before sunrise, until sunrise, held routine General Quarters.

Positions	0800	Latitude	11-52-00 N
		Longitude	159-11-00 E
	1200	Latitude	12-03-00 N
		Longitude	158-17-30 E
	2000	Latitude	12-22-00 N
		Longitude	156-28-00 E

19 July.

Proceeding enroute, Eniwetok Atoll to Guam, in company with Task Group 53.3 (CTG in U.S.S. DuPAGE). One hour before sunrise until sunrise, held routine General Quarters.

Positions	0800	Latitude	12-54-00 N
		Longitude	153-50-00 E
	1200	Latitude	13-05-00 N
		Longitude	153-00-00 E
	2000	Latitude	13-24-00 N
		Longitude	151-11-00 E

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20 July.

Proceeding enroute, Eniwetok Atoll to Guam, in company with Task Group 53.3 (CTG in U.S.S. DU PAGE). One hour before sunrise, until sunrise, held routine General Quarters.

Positions	0800	Latitude	13-40-00 N
		Longitude	148-32-00 E
	1200	Latitude	13-43-00 N
		Longitude	147-46-00 E
	2000	Latitude	14-43-00 N
		Longitude	146-19-00 E

21 July.

Proceeding enroute, Eniwetok Atoll to Guam, in company with Task Group 53.3 (CTG in U.S.S. DU PAGE). At 0315 exercised at General Quarters, and secured at 0323. Again at 0500 exercised at General Quarters, secured at 0507, and set Condition 1-A in preparation for entering Transport Area. At 0520 formed approach disposition. At 0600 arrived in Transport Area off Agana Bay, Guam, and immediately commenced lowering boats and debarking troops and cargo of the 2nd. Ba., 21st. Marines and attached units. Debarkation proceeding according to plan, and the first wave hit the beach at the scheduled time. At about 1000 commenced receiving casualties, and continued to do so throughout the day. At 1524 LST-447 came alongside, to port, to discharge casualties. The LST shoved off at 1620 after having discharged to us some 36 wounded. Experienced very little difficulty in staying within the Transport Area, and all ships of the Task Group maintained good station. At sunset ships of TransDiv 2 and 8 retired, while TransDiv 24 remained in Transport Area to discharge cargo; however, very little unloading was accomplished during the night.

22 July.

Steaming in Transport Area off Agana Bay, Guam, in company with Task Group 53.3 (CTG in U.S.S. DU PAGE). Ship in Condition 1-A. Throughout the day continued to unload troops and cargo, and to receive casualties. All ships of the Task Group remained in the Transport Area during the night. This ship received an LCT, and discharged to it throughout the night.

23 July.

Steaming in Transport Area off Agana Bay, Guam, in company with ships of Task Group 53.3 (CTG in U.S.S. DU PAGE). Ship in Condition 1-A. Continued to unload troops and cargo throughout the day. At 0850 U.S.S. WITCHITA came alongside to port, and we discharged 8" ammunition to her. U.S.S. WITCHITA shoved off at 1615. At 2010 secured from Condition 1-A, and set Condition 3. Ship remained in the Transport Area during the night, but did not do any unloading.

24 July.

Steaming in Transport Area off Agana Bay, Guam, in company with Task Group 53.3 (CTG in U.S.S. DU PAGE). At 0645 set Condition 1-A. At 0710 all troops and cargo of the 2nd. Ba., 21st. Marines and attached units have been unloaded. At 1600 secured from Condition 1-A, and set Condition 3. At 1625 departed from Transport Area in formation with U.S.S. CRESCENT CITY in retiring for the night.

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25 July.

Steaming in formation with U.S.S. CRESCENT CITY as guide, returning to Transport Area after retiring for the night. At 0635 arrived back in the Transport Area, and resumed proper station. At 0853 LST-447 came alongside, to port, to receive stores and fresh water. LST-447 shoved off at 1227. Departed from Transport Area at 1300 in company with Task Unit 53.15.1 (CTG in U.S.S. FAYETTE), enroute to Eniwetok Atoll.

Positions	2000	Latitude	12-59-30 N
		Longitude	145-27-00 E

26 July.

Steaming enroute to Eniwetok Atoll, in company with Task Force 53.15.1 (CTG in U.S.S. FAYETTE). At 1300 advanced clocks one hour to Zone -11 time.

Positions	0800	Latitude	12-56-00 N
		Longitude	148-01-00 E
	1200	Latitude	12-55-00 N
		Longitude	148-54-00 E
	2000	Latitude	12-50-00 N
		Longitude	150-22-00 E

27 July.

Steaming enroute Eniwetok Atoll in company with Task Unit 53.15.1 (CTG in U.S.S. FAYETTE). 0655 Left formation and fueled destroyer: U.S.S. NOA, APD-24. 0930 resumed position in formation after completing fueling of U.S.S. NOA.

Positions	0800	Latitude	12-30-00 N
		Longitude	153-04-00 E
	1200	Latitude	12-21-00 N
		Longitude	153-53-00 E
	2000	Latitude	12-05-00 N
		Longitude	155-30-00 E

28 July.

Steaming enroute Eniwetok Atoll in company with Task Force 57.18.14 (CTG in U.S.S. FAYETTE).

Positions	0800	Latitude	11-19-00 N
		Longitude	158-08-00 E
	1200	Latitude	11-19-00 N
		Longitude	159-02-00 E
	2000	Latitude	11-09-00 N
		Longitude	160-40-00 E

29 July.

Steaming enroute Eniwetok Atoll in company with Task Force 57.18.14 (SOPA in U.S.S. FAYETTE). At 0630 formed cruising disposition 1-C in preparation for entering Deep Channel. At 0720 passed through Deep Channel, and proceeded to anchorage; anchoring at 0907 in berth #221.

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30 July.

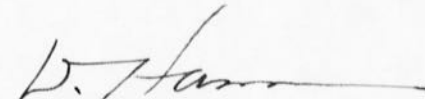
Anchored in berth #221, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands. At 0856 got underway; in formation by 0945 with various units of Task Force 57.18.14 (SOPA in U.S.S. FAYETTE). Proceeding to Guadalcanal.

Positions	1200	Latitude	11-02-00 N
		Longitude	162-23-00 E
	2000	Latitude	09-20-00 N
		Longitude	162-16-00 E

31 July.

Steaming enroute Eniwetok Atoll to Guadalcanal with various units of Task Force 57.18.14 (SOPA in U.S.S. FAYETTE).

Positions	0800	Latitude	06-42-00 N
		Longitude	162-03-00 E
	1200	Latitude	06-53-00 N
		Longitude	162-10-00 E
	2000	Latitude	04-30-00 N
		Longitude	162-13-00 E


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1 August.

Steaming enroute from Eniwetok Atoll to Guadalcanal in company with Task Force 57.18.14 (U.S.S. FAYETTE as SOPA).

Positions	0800	Latitude	01-47-00 N
		Longitude	162-18-00 E
	1200	Latitude	00-59-00 N
		Longitude	162-30-00 E
	2000	Latitude	00-44-00 S
		Longitude	162-22-00 N

2 August.

Steaming enroute from Eniwetok Atoll to Guadalcanal in company with various units of Task Force 57.18.14 (SOPA in U.S.S. FAYETTE).

Positions	0800	Latitude	03-18-00 S
		Longitude	162-16-00 E
	1200	Latitude	04-05-00 S
		Longitude	162-13-00 E
	2000	Latitude	05-25-00 S
		Longitude	162-07-00 E

3 August.

Steaming enroute Guadalcanal with various units of Task Force 57.18.14 (SOPA in U.S.S. FAYETTE).

Positions	0800	Latitude	08-06-00 S
		Longitude	162-12-00 E
	1200	Latitude	08-58-00 S
		Longitude	162-16-00 E
	2000	Latitude	10-05-30 S
		Longitude	163-14-00 E

4 August.

Steaming enroute Espiritu Santo, N.H. with various units of Task Force 57.18.14 (SOPA in U.S.S. FAYETTE).

Positions	0800	Latitude	11-40-00 S
		Longitude	164-32-00 E
	1200	Latitude	12-12-00 S
		Longitude	165-08-00 E
	2000	Latitude	13-29-00 S
		Longitude	166-12-00 E

5 August.

Steaming enroute Espiritu Santo with various units of Task Force 57.18.14 (SOPA in U.S.S. FAYETTE). 0745 Formed cruising disposition one (1) Charlie for entrance of channel leading to anchorage at Espiritu Santo Is. Proceeded on various courses and speeds to conform with channel. At 1019 Pilot Klockenbrink, E.L., Warrant Bos'n. came aboard, and took over controls. Moored at 1100 to Pier #3 at Espiritu Santo. YTB-269 assisted in mooring. Immediately began repairs and installation of new radio gear.

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6 August.

Moored to Pier #3 at Espiritu Santo Is. Various units of Task Force 57.18.14 present. Flag aboard U.S.S. FAYETTE. Receiving fresh water service from dock. Transferred 65 Marine casualties to Base Hospital #6.

7 August.

Moored to Pier #3 at Espiritu Santo Is., N.H. Various units of Task Force 57.18.14 present. (SOPA in U.S.S. DU PAGE).

8 - 20 August.

Moored to Pier #3 at Espiritu Santo Is., N.H. Ship Repair constructing CIC room, and putting in installations.

21 August.

At 1658 underway from Espiritu Santo to Banika Roads, Russell Is. in company with APD-81 U.S.S. CLEMSON.

22 August.

Steering various courses and speeds enroute to Russell Is. Zig-zag Plan #11.

23 August.

Arrived Banika Roads, Russell Is. at 1150. Anchored, awaiting pilot at 1160. Pilot, Ensign D.V. Ives, USNR aboard at 1203. Shifted ship to anchorage off entrance to Renard Sound in 46 fathoms of water with 105 fathoms of chain. Started loading combat gear at 1416.

24 August.

Finished loading troops and cargo at Banika Roads, Russell Is. at 0650. At 0800 underway to Macquette Bay to load Marine troops. Arrived at Baker 8 steel pier, Macquette Bay at 1005; starboard side to dock.

25 August.

Shifted from Baker 8 to Baker 2 anchorage in Macquette Bay, still taking troops.

26 August.

Underway at 1259 from Macquette Bay with various units of Task Force. (SOPA in U.S.S. DU PAGE).

27 August.

Set Condition 1-A at 0515; lying to in Transport Area off Cape Esperence in rehearsal maneuver for coming operations. At 0800 Commenced unloading troops and cargo for maneuver. All troops and cargo back aboard at 1540. At 1613 secured from Condition 1-A and set Condition 3. At 1931 anchored in anchorage 83, Tetere Beach, Guadalcanal.

28 August.

Anchored off Tetere Beach, Anchorage #83 in 21 fathoms of water with 115 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor. At 1630 trouble reported in anchor windlass due to burned out resistor coil, caused small delay in getting underway. At 1704 underway in company with units of Task Force 32.17.

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29 August.

At 0515 in Transport Area in rehearsal maneuver for coming operation. Set Condition 1-A. At 0715 commenced unloading troops and cargo. At 1208 commenced embarking and cargo. At 1550 secured from Condition 1-A, and set Condition 3. At 1610 underway troops to Tetere Anchorage #83. At 1836 anchored.

30 - 31 August.

Anchored as before. Troops going ashore at Orange Beach 1, Tetere for drill and recreation.



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1 - 5 September

Anchored as before off Tetera Beach, Guadalcanal Island in berth #83, in company with various units of Task Group 32.1. T.G.C. 32.3.1 Captain Brittain Transdiv 24, U.S.S. DU PAGE. C.T.G. 32 Rear Admiral Fort, Force flagship (AGC-7) Mount McKinley. Usual preparations for coming operation and ordinary port routine.

6 September

0613 Underway from Tetera Anchorage to Tulagi Harbor, Florida Islands, pursuant to order from C.T.G. 32.3, Transdiv 24, Serial 00015L8 for the purpose of taking fuel and provisions. Standard speed: 14 knots, steering various courses conforming to route. 0742 Anchored in Tulagi Harbor in assigned anchorage No. 1. 0825 YO-120 alongside to fuel ship. Received 5,700 gals of fuel oil. 1400 Standard Landing Craft Unit No. 32 aboard for transportation to Peleliu, 88 enlisted men and 7 officers.

7 September

0615 Underway from Tulagi Harbor to Tetera Anchorage with Transdiv 24. Standard speed 14 knots, steering various courses to conform to route. 0841 Anchored in Tetera Anchorage No. 83 with other ships of this unit.

8 September

Anchored as before. 0609 Underway from berth 83 to operation area, Peleliu Island. Standard speed 13 knots, base course 305 T, in company with Transdiv 24, C.T.G. 32 Rear Admiral Fort, (AGC-7) U.S.S. MOUNT MC KINLEY. 0750 Changed base course to 344 T. 1003 Changed base course to 036 T. 1135 Changed base course to 055 T. 1349 Changed base course to 020T. 1423 Changed base course to 340 T. Formed cruising disposition 3-Able Sail. 1535 Commenced z/z according to plan #6 USF-10A. 1639 Ceased z/z and resumed base course. 1651 Changed base course to 306 T. 1705 Executed emergency turn maneuvers. 1732 Resumed z/z according to original plan. 1900 Ceased z/z and resumed base course.

Positions	0800	Lat.	09-18 S
		Long.	160-00 E
	1200	Lat.	08-35 S
		Long.	160-06 E
	2000	Lat.	07-24 S
		Long.	159-39 E

9 September

Steaming as before on base course 306 T, standard speed 13 knots. 0000 Commenced z/z according to original plan. 0811 Changed base course to 310 T. 0935 Changed standard speed to 13.5 knots. 1555 Ceased z/z. 1611 Changed base course to 325 T. 1617 Commenced z/z according to original plan. 1700 Changed time from (-11) Love Time to (-10) King Time. 1617 Executed emergency turn drills. 1639 Commenced z/z according to original plan. 1646 Ceased z/z. 1700 Commenced z/z according to original plan. 1800 Ceased z/z.

Positions	0800	Lat.	06-08 S
		Long.	157-44 E
	1200	Lat.	05-35 S
		Long.	157-07 E
	2000	Lat.	04-10 S
		Long.	155-56 E

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10 September

Steaming as before on base course 325 T, standard speed 13.5 knots.
0000 Commenced z/z, original plan. 0300 Changed base course to 300 T.
0653 Ceased z/z. 0702 Changed standard speed to 14 knots. 0703 Changed base course to 290 T. 0707 Commenced z/z according to original plan. 0900 Conducted emergency turn maneuvers at various times throughout the day.

Positions	0800	Lat.	02-31 S
		Long.	154-06 E
	1200	Lat.	02-11 S
		Long.	153-19 E
	2000	Lat.	01-35 S
		Long.	151-41 E

11 September

Steaming as before on base course 290 T, standard speed 13.5 knots. 0100 Increased speed to 14 knots; commenced z/z according to original plan. 1100 Conducted emergency turn maneuvers. 1630 Changed base course to 285 T. 1700 Changed time from (-10) King Time to (-9) Item Time.

Positions	0800	Lat.	00-38 S
		Long.	149-12 E
	1200	Lat.	00-20 N
		Long.	148-17 E
	2000	Lat.	00-18 N
		Long.	146-20 E

12 September

Steaming as before on base course 285 T, standard speed 13.5 knots. 0215 Increased speed to 14 knots. 0701 Changed base course to 282 T, decreased speed to 13.5 knots. 1625 Conducted emergency turn maneuvers throughout remaining day.

Positions	0800	Lat.	00-53 N
		Long.	143-43 E
	1200	Lat.	01-06 N
		Long.	143-02 E
	2000	Lat.	01-28 N
		Long.	141-20 E

13 September

Steaming as before on base course 282 T, standard speed 13 knots. 0545 Executed emergency turn maneuvers. 1443 Changed standard speed to 13 knots. 1448 Commenced z/z according to Plan #7 USF 10A. 2130 Changed base course to 325 T.

Positions	0800	Lat.	01-53 N
		Long.	139-04 E
	1200	Lat.	02-07 N
		Long.	138-28 E
	2000	Lat.	02-33 N
		Long.	137-03 E

14 September

Steaming as before on base course 325 T, standard speed 11 knots. 0330 Commenced z/z according to plan 7, increased speed to 13 knots. 0520 Exercised at General Quarters. 0550 Secured from General Quarters. 1035 Changed course to 320 T. 2017 Changed base course to 322 T.

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Positions	0800	Lat.	04-09 N
		Long.	135-44 E
	1200	Lat.	04-47 N
		Long.	135-22 E
	2000	Lat.	05-55 N
		Long.	134-27 E

15 September

Steaming as before on base course 322 T, standard speed 10 knots. 0216 Steering various courses and speeds according to entrance plan to transport area off Peleliu Island. 0445 Exercised at General Quarters. 0500 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition 1-Able. 0508 Engines stopped, lying to in Transport Area. 0530 Commenced lowering boats. 0630 Commenced debarking troops and cargo. Steered various courses and speeds during day to maintain station on U.S.S. DU PAGE. Commander Transdiv 8: Captain Talbot, U.S.S. CRESENT CITY in command of group. 1200 Received first casualties from beach. 1803 Secured from Condition 1-Able, set Condition 3, steering various courses and speeds to leave Transport Area. 1845 Buried three Marine casualties at sea that died aboard of wounds received in battle.

16 September

0550 Entered Transport Area after night retirement, set Condition 1-Able, maintaining position on U.S.S. DU PAGE. 0650 Commenced unloading troops and cargo. 1735 Left Transport Area with ships of various units under Command of U.S.S. FAYETTE, Transdiv 6, for retirement. 1910 Two Marine casualties, died this date of wounds, were buried at sea.

17 September

0743 In Transport Area, set Condition 1-Able. 1044 Commenced unloading troops and cargo. 1330 LCI-82 alongside to get fuel, stores and water. 1735 Left Transport Area for retirement under Command of U.S.S. CRESENT CITY, Transdiv 8. 1902 Two Marine casualties died this date of wounds, were buried at sea.

18 September

0600 In transport Area, set Condition 1-Able, unloading troops and cargo, maintaining position on U.S.S. DU PAGE. 0917 LCI-78 alongside for fuel, water, and stores. 1415 Transferred 30 casualties to HH-10. 1635 Secured from Condition 1-Able, underway for retirement under Transdiv 6, U.S.S. CRESENT CITY. 1842 Two Marines who died this date of wounds were buried at sea. 1931 Air Flash RED, ship went to General Quarters. 2001 Air Flash White, secured from General Quarters.

19 September

0555 In Transport Area, set Condition 1-Able, maintaining station on U.S.S. DU PAGE. 0640 Commenced unloading troops and cargo. 0800 Transferred 25 Marines, former casualties to beach. 1540 LCI-928 alongside to take vehicle cargo. 1610 LCI-928 left ship's side. 1844 One Marine casualty died this date, and was buried at sea. 2000 Continuing in Condition 1-Able, in Transport Area all night.

20 September

Steaming as before in Transport Area, maintaining position on U.S.S. DU PAGE. 0600 Commenced unloading troops and cargo. 1145 135 casualties transferred to APH-1. 1410 SC-995 alongside for stores. 1450 Seaman USNR of U.S.S. WAYNE died of

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wounds aboard, and was buried at sea. 1635 SC-995 left ship's side. 1845 Air Flash Red, ship went to General Quarters. 1921 Air Flash White, secured from General Quarters. 2002 Two Marines died this date from wounds, and were buried at sea. 2000 Steaming as before in Condition 1-Able, in Transport Area all night.

21 September

Steaming as before in Transport Area, Peleliu Island, maintaining station on U.S.S. DU PAGE. 1050 122 casualties transferred to U.S.S. BOUNTIFUL. 1730 Left Transport Area for night under Command of Transdiv 8, U.S.S. CRESENT CITY. 1850 Two Marine casualties died this date, buried at sea.

22 September

0600 In Transport Area, steaming as before, maintaining station on U.S.S. DU PAGE. 0952 Standard Landing Craft Unit #32 transferred to beach with 2 LCM's and 5 LCVP's. 1658 Underway from Transport Area under C.T.U. 32.19.6 (Former Transdiv 8) Captain Talbot, U.S.S. CRESENT CITY. Standard speed 14 knots, base course 230 T. 1716 Changed base course to 200 T. 1755 Changed base course to 148 T, standard speed 13 knots. 1847 One Marine casualty died this date, buried at sea.

23 September

Steaming as before enroute to Hollandia from Peleliu on base course 148 T, standard speed 13 knots. C.T.U. U.S.S. CRESENT CITY. 0500 Increased standard speed to 13.5 knots, and commenced z/z according to Plan 6 USF 10A. 1200 Changed base course to 138 T, standard speed 12 knots.

Positions	0800	Lat.	04-14 N
		Long.	135-32 E
	1200	Lat.	03-20 N
		Long.	136-03 E
	2000	Lat.	02-07 N
		Long.	137-04 E

24 September

Steaming as before enroute to Hollandia, base course 138 T, standard speed 12 knots. 0500 Commenced z/z according to Plan #1 USF 10A.

Positions	0800	Lat.	00-16 N
		Long.	138-39 E
	1200	Lat.	00-05 S
		Long.	138-04 E
	2000	Lat.	01-02 S
		Long.	139-54 E

25 September

Steaming as before on base course 138 T, standard speed 11 knots. 0521 Increased standard speed to 12 knots. Steering various courses and speeds conforming to channel entering Humboldt Bay. 0845 Anchored in Berth M-13, Humboldt Bay, Hollandia.

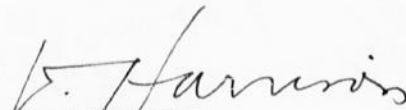
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26 September to 30 September

Order of 26th. of September, CTF 32, reported to CTF 31 for duty. Anchored as before in Berth M-13. Recreation parties being held, ordinary port routine.

The following Operation Orders were received for the Peleliu Landing.

- 8/19/44 OP Plan A 501-44, CTF 32.
- 8/24/44 Training Attack Order 504-44, CTG 32.1
- 8/24/44 Attack Order 502-44, CTG 31.1
- 8/24/44 Movement Order 503-44, CTF 32
- 8/25/44 Landing Attack Order 17-44, CTG 32.3
- 8/26/44 Training Order 18-44, CTG 32.3


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October 1944

1 - 4 October.

Anchored at Humboldt Bay, off the Northern Coast of New Guinea in 9 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following bearings: Sibir Island - 134.5° True, Mer Peak - 251° True, and Hamadi Island - 293.4° True. S.O.P.A: Rear Admiral Barbey, U.S.S. BLUE RIDGE (AGC-2), T.U. 78. Usual port routine, and preparation for coming operation.

5 October.

0817 Underway from anchorage, steering various courses and speeds to go alongside Pier #5, pilot aboard. 0920 Secured to dock. 1020 Commenced taking on cargo, all hatches. Transferred five Marine casualties and one seaman to Base Hospital #3115. 1430 Pursuant to orders of ComAdComPhibForPacFlt ltr: P 16-3/MM P7561-44 of 12 September 1944, 8 seamen were transferred to duty on new construction. 1732 Completed loading combat cargo. 1727 Underway from Pier #5 to anchorage. 1833 Anchored in 9 fathoms of water in Humboldt Bay, New Guinea, 45 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following true bearings: Signal Station - 003°, and Hamadi Island - 292°. 2000 The following officers reported aboard for duty this date:

Ens. Frank H. Miars, E-M, USNR.
Lt. Robert R. Girard, D-V(G), USNR.
Lt. Comdr. Martin H. Brenneke, E-M, USNR.
Lt.(jg) Corey L. Barnett, USN.
Lieut. William L. Gordy, I-V(S), USNR.

6 October.

0800 Shifted anchorage because of close distance of ships nearby. 0815 Anchored in Humboldt Bay, New Guinea on the following true bearings: East Tangent of Cape Caille - 005°, East Tangent of Madurau Island - 332°, and West Tangent of Bonplund Point - 109°. 1105 Exercised at Fire Drill. Received Operation Plan 13-44 CTF 77, Originated 9/26/44. Received Operation Plan 101-44, CTF 78, Originated 10/3/44.

7 October.

1115 Exercised at Fire Drill. 1830 Advanced detail of 3rd. Batt., 19th. Inf., 24th. Army Division reported aboard.

8 October, to 11 October.

Anchored in Humboldt Bay, New Guinea. Usual port routine. Loaded combat troops of 3rd. Batt, 24th. Division of U.S. Army. Received 10/10/44 Operation Plan 18-44 CTD 24 originated 10/9/44. Received 10/10/44 Attack Order 1-44, CTG 78.1, originated 10/7/44. Received Training Order 16-44, CTF 78 10/10/44, originated 10/7/44.

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12 October.

0556 Underway from anchorage in Humboldt Bay to maneuver area off Sko Beach pursuant to Training Order 16-44 CTF 78. Underway on Sortee Plan, Speed-Letter A16-3, Serial 00023 from CTG (TG 78.1 Temp.) Capt. T.B. Brittan. Standard speed 12 knots. 0626 Came to course 069° True. 0707 Set Condition 1-Able. 0745 Engines stopped in Transport Area off Sko Beach conducting operational maneuvers. 0800 Commenced lowering all boats. 0835 Commenced unloading troops and cargo. 0933 Secured from unloading. 1100 Commenced embarking troops. 1203 Secured from Condition 1-Able, set Condition 3. 1311 Commenced making smoke from ship, conducting smoke maneuvers. 1320 Secured from making smoke. 1415 Underway from Transport Area, standard speed 12 knots, course 276° True. 1523 Anchored in berth N-64 Humboldt Bay, New Guinea in 10 fathoms of water with 55 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor.

13 October.

1431 Underway from berth N-64, Humboldt Bay, New Guinea, according to Sortee Plan, Mailgram 122321 from CTU 78.1.3; originated 10/13/44. Standard speed 12 knots on course 050° True. 1600 Executed form Charlie-two. 1635 U.S.S. BLUE RIDGE (AGC-2) assumed formation guide.

Positions:	2000	Lat.	02-07 S
		Long.	140-27 E

14 October.

Steaming on base course 320° True, standard speed 9 knots, in company of various units of Task Force 78; U.S.S. BLUE RIDGE (AGC-2) S.O.P.A. Rear Adm. Barbey. 1315 Exercised at emergency drills. 1355 Secured from emergency drills.

Positions:	0800	Lat.	00-44 S
		Long.	139-17 E
	1200	Lat.	00-21 S
		Long.	138-43 E
	2000	Lat.	00-45 N
		Long.	138-09 E

15 October.

Steaming on course 320° True, standard speed 9 knots. 1058 Formed cruising disposition Charlie-one.

Positions:	0800	Lat.	02-00 N
		Long.	137-07 E
	1200	Lat.	02-19 N
		Long.	137-02 E
	2000	Lat.	03-10 N
		Long.	136-25 E

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16 October.

Steaming on base course 320° True, standard speed 9 knots.
1030 Conducted abandon ship drill for troops. 1054 Secured from abandon ship drill.

Positions:	0800	Lat.	04-32 N
		Long.	135-20 E
	1200	Lat.	04-56 N
		Long.	134-57 E
	2000	Lat.	05-43 N
		Long.	134-02 E

17 October.

Steaming on base course 310° True, standard speed 7 knots.

Positions:	0800	Lat.	06-31 N
		Long.	133-02 E
	1200	Lat.	06-48 N
		Long.	132-36 E
	2000	Lat.	07-13 N
		Long.	131-45 E

18 October.

Steaming on base course 296° True, standard speed 7.5 knots.
1110 Executed signal to take position 180° relative astern U.S.S. DU PAGE (APA-41).

Positions:	0800	Lat.	07-57 N
		Long.	130-33 E
	1200	Lat.	08-11 N
		Long.	130-07 E
	2000	Lat.	08-47 N
		Long.	129-11 E

19 October.

Steaming enroute to Leyte, P.I. 0530 Exercised at routine General Quarters. 0616 Secured from routine General Quarters.

Positions:	0800	Lat.	09-31 N
		Long.	127-47 E
	1200	Lat.	09-38 N
		Long.	127-17 E
	2000	Lat.	10-10 N
		Long.	126-27 E

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20 October.

Arrived in Transport Area off Leyte Island in San Pedro Gulf. 0620 Enemy aircraft, unidentified type, overhead; stayed out of range of all guns, and disappeared in the direction of Samar. Ship held General Quarters, and secured after plane disappeared. 0727 Set condition 1-Able. 0807 Anchored in San Pedro Gulf. 0826 Commenced unloading troops and cargo. Ship following Attack Order 1-44 from 24 CTG 78.1. During the day the ship had 5 seamen injured, and one killed from mortar fire on the beach. 1520 Completed unloading. 1817 Underway to form up with various ships of TransDiv 32; S.O.P.A. in U.S.S. HARRIS (APA-2). 1835 Air Flash "Red"; ship went to General Quarters. 1928 Air Flash "White"; secured from General Quarters.

21 October.

Steaming in company with various units of TransDiv 32 enroute to Kossal Passage, Palau.

Positions:	0800	Lat.	10-05 N
		Long.	126-38 E
	1200	Lat.	09-35 N
		Long.	127-24 E
	2000	Lat.	08-58 N
		Long.	128-49 E

22 October.

Steaming enroute to Kossal Passage, Palau.

Positions:	0800	Lat.	07-57 N
		Long.	130-53 E
	1200	Lat.	07-38 N
		Long.	131-36 E
	2000	Lat.	07-11 N
		Long.	133-02 E

23 October.

Steaming enroute to Kossal Passage, Palau. 0930 Entered Eastern entrance of Kossal Passage. 1111 Anchored in berth #59 awaiting ships of various Trans-Divs to proceed to Guam.

24 October.

Ship went alongside AO-83 for fuel. 1059 Left AO-83 and re-anchored in berth #59, Kossal Passage.

25 October.

Anchored in berth #59, Kossal Passage. 1740 Air Flash "Red", all guns manned. 1743 Air Flash "White", all clear.

26 October, to 27 October.

Anchored in berth #59, Kossal Passage, Palau.

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28 October.

1217 Air Flash "Red", set Condition one. 1227 Air Flash "White", set condition three. 1457 Underway from Kossal Passage, Palau to Apra Harbor, Guam with various units of T,U. 78.2.1; O.T.C. U.S.S. HARRIS (APA-2). Set material Condition Baker.

Positions:	2000	Lat.	08-25 N
		Long.	134-57 E

29 October.

Steaming enroute to Apra Harbor, Guam, with various units of T,U. 78.2.1.

Positions:	0800	Lat.	10-11 N
		Long.	136-01 E
	1200	Lat.	10-30 N
		Long.	136-48 E
	2000	Lat.	11-07 N
		Long.	138-17 E

30 October.

Steaming enroute to Apra Harbor, Guam with various units of 78.2.1.

Positions:	0800	Lat.	11-48 N
		Long.	140-22 E
	1200	Lat.	12-04 N
		Long.	141-06 E
	2000	Lat.	12-40 N
		Long.	142-23 E

31 October.

1243 Enroute to mooring in Apra Harbor, Guam with pilot aboard.
1422 Moored to mooring buoys T-4 and T-5 in Apra Harbor.

The following operation orders were received during the month of October:

Op Plan 13-44, CTF 77; Received 10/6/44; Originated 9/26/44.

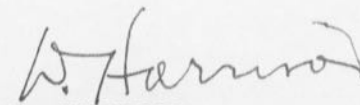
Op Plan 101-44, CTF 78; Received 10/6/44; Originated 10/3/44.

Op Plan 18-44, CTD 24; Received 10/10/44; Originated 10/9/44.

Attack Order 1-44, CTG 78.1; Received 10/10/44; Originated 10/7/44.

Training Order 16-44 CTF 78; Received 10/10/44; Originated 10/7/44.

Sortee Plan CTU 78.1.3; Received 10/13/44; Originated D.T. 12/12/32.


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1 - 2 November.

Moored to mooring buoys T-4 and T-5 in 20 fathoms of water in Apra Harbor, Guam, in company with various vessels of Task Unit 78.13 U.S.S. LEONARD WOOD (APA-12) S.O.P.A. Commodore Loomis. 0110 Advance party of 77th. Division, U.S. Army came aboard. 0630 Commenced receiving cargo of 77th. Division. Received Movement Order 1-44 C.T.G. 78.13, 11/2/44.

3 November.

0638 Underway from Apra Harbor, Guam. Steering various courses and speeds to carry out Sortee Plan of 11/2/44. Enroute to Noumea, New Caladonia. 1330 General Quarters. 1415 Secured from General Quarters. 1600 Changed from (-9) Item Time to (-10) King Time.

Positions	1200	Lat	13-08 N
		Long	144-46 E
	2000	Lat	13-00 N
		Long	146-04 E

4 November.

Underway, enroute to Noumea, New Caladonia. C.T.G. in U.S.S. LEONARD WOOD (APA-12) Commodore Loomis.

Positions	0800	Lat	12-52 N
		Long	148-04 E
	1200	Lat	12-49 N
		Long	148-54 E
	2000	Lat	12-42 N
		Long	150-20 E

5 November.

Steaming enroute to Noumea. 0100 Changed from (-10) King Time to (-10½) Love Time.

Positions	0800	Lat	12-24 N
		Long	152-17 E
	1200	Lat	12-16 N
		Long	153-11 E
	2000	Lat	12-03 N
		Long	154-28 E

6 November.

Steaming enroute to Noumea, New Caladonia.

Positions	0800	Lat	11-46 N
		Long	156-40 E
	1200	Lat	11-40 N
		Long	157-17 E
	2000	Lat	11-28 N
		Long	158-47 E

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7 November

Steaming enroute to Noumea, New Caladonia. 1428 Exercised at General Quarters for target practice. 1517 Secured from General Quarters.

Positions	0800	Lat	11-14 N
		Long	160-59 E
	1200	Lat	11-07 N
		Long	161-42 E
	2000	Lat	09-56 N
		Long	161-56 E

8 November

Steaming enroute to Noumea, New Caladonia.

Positions	0800	Lat	07-36 N
		Long	161-59 E
	1200	Lat	06-54 N
		Long	162-01 E
	2000	Lat	05-20 N
		Long	162-00 E

9 November

Steaming enroute to Noumea. 1633 Escort had underwater contact; ship maneuvering radically in emergency turns. 1722 Resumed base course. 1802 Maneuvered to pass destroyer with steering casualty.

Positions	0800	Lat	03-09 N
		Long	162-20 E
	1200	Lat	02-25 N
		Long	162-27 E
	2000	Lat	01-02 N
		Long	162-43 E

10 November

Steaming enroute to Noumea.

Positions	0800	Lat	01-24 S
		Long	162-57 E
	1200	Lat	02-09 S
		Long	162-59 E
	2000	Lat	03-47 S
		Long	163-14 E

11 November

Steaming enroute to Noumea. 0553 Ship began to execute various emergency turns due to underwater contact by destroyer. Depth charges were dropped off our port quarter. 1524 Ship's course changed to the west in accordance with CinPac Secret Message 11-02-39 which directed CTG 78.13 to proceed to Manus, Admiralty Islands.

Positions	0800	Lat	06-05 S
		Long	163-34 E
	1200	Lat	06-54 S
		Long	163-38 E
	2000	Lat	07-40 S
		Long	162-51 E

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12 November

Steaming enroute to Manus, Admiralty Islands.

Positions	0800	Lat	07-38 S
		Long	160-22 E
	1200	Lat	07-20 S
		Long	159-36 E
	2000	Lat	06-27 S
		Long	158-20 E

13 November

Steaming enroute to Manus, Admiralty Islands. 1700 Changed from-(11) Love Time to (-10) King Time.

Positions	0800	Lat	05-04 S
		Long	156-22 E
	1200	Lat	04-33 S
		Long	155-57 E
	2000	Lat	03-07 S
		Long	154-58 E

14 November

Steaming enroute to Manus, Admiralty Islands. 2213 Executed emergency turn due to underwater contact reported by destroyer escort.

Positions	0800	Lat	02-02 S
		Long	152-45 E
	1200	Lat	01-41 S
		Long	152-04 E
	2000	Lat	01-22 S
		Long	150-40 E

15 November

Steaming enroute to Manus, Admiralty Islands. 1100 All ship's clocks changed from-(10) King Time to (-9) Item Time. 1237 Steering various courses and speeds to proceed into Seeadler Harbor, Manus, to anchorage assignment. 1323 Anchored in Berth #19, Seeadler Harbor.

Positions	0800	Lat	01-27 S
		Long	148-18 E

16 November

Anchored in Berth #19, Seeadler Harbor, Manus. 1915 Smoke bomb stowed in cases forward of the bridge accidentally ignited during movies on deck. It was quickly cast over the side. Five enlisted men were admitted to Sick Bay for treatment, and seven men were treated and released. The injuries were due to panic and smoke inhalation.

17 November

Anchored in Berth #19, Seeadler Harbor, Manus. Received this date, Movement Order No. 2-44 C.T.G. 78.13, originated 11/17/44. 1530 Underway from Seeadler Harbor to Leyte, P.I. Steering various courses and using various speeds to carry out Sortee Plan in Movement Order 2-44 C.T.G. 78.13, Commodore Loomis on U.S.S. LEONARD WOOD (APA-12)

Positions	2000	Lat	01-24 S
		Long	146-49 E

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18 November

Steaming enroute to Leyte, P.I. 1130 DD-592 came up on port quarter and took mail aboard. 142 DD-592 pulled away from ship's stern. 1330 General Quarters. 1407 Secured from General Quarters.

Positions	0800	Lat	00-15 N
		Long	145-05 E
	1200	Lat	00-43 N
		Long	144-27 E
		Lat	01-35 N
		Long	143-03 E

19 November

Steaming enroute to Leyte Island, P.I. 1432 Executed emergency turn due to underwater contact picked up by escorts. 1457 Resumed base course.

Positions	0800	Lat	02-38 N
		Long	140-43 E
	1200	Lat	03-01 N
		Long	140-14 E
	2000	Lat	03-51 N
		Long	139-02 E

20 November

Steaming enroute to Leyte, P.I. 1207 Executed emergency turns, steering radically due to underwater contact of screen. Escorts dropped depth charges.

Positions	0800	Lat	04-48 N
		Long	137-07 E
	1200	Lat	05-12 N
		Long	136-32 E
	2000	Lat	06-02 N
		Long	135-10 E

21 November

Steaming enroute to Leyte, P.I.

Positions	0800	Lat	07-11 N
		Long	133-03 E
	1200	Lat	07-32 N
		Long	132-23 E
	2000	Lat	08-15 N
		Long	130-56 E

22 November

Steaming enroute to Leyte, P.I. 0746 Executed emergency turn due to underwater contact. 0757 Came to base course. 0847 General Quarters. 0912 Secured from General Quarters. 1304 General Quarters; air attack imminent. 1342 Secured from General Quarters. 1645 General Quarters. 1707 Secured from General Quarters. 1859 Com-menced maneuvering radically by various emergency turns due to enemy air attack. 2007 Resumed base course.

Positions	0800	Lat	09-20 N
		Long	128-34 E
	1200	Lat	09-38 N
		Long	127-49 E
	2000	Lat	10-05 N
		Long	126-36 E

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23 November

Steaming enroute to Leyte, P.I. 0127 Changed from Cruising Disposition Charlie 3 to Charlie 4. 0459 Ship went to Routine General Quarters. 0555 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition 1-Able. 0605 Steering various courses and speeds to come to anchorage in Area Dog. 0730 Anchored, 0750 Commenced debarking troops and unloading cargo. 1334 General Quarters, air attack imminent. 1413 Secured from General Quarters. 1523 Completed debarking troops and unloading cargo. 1845 Air Flash Red; General Quarters. 1905 Ship began to make smoke. 1912 Secured from making smoke. 1927 Underway to anchorage in Area Easy. 1931 Secured from General Quarters, set condition 3. 2030 Anchored in Area Easy.

24 November

Anchored in Area Easy in Leyte Gulf. 1108 General Quarters, air attack imminent. 1114 Japanese single engine plane, which had been set on fire by our P-38's, crash dived on the U.S.S. JAMES O'HARA (APA-90), which was anchored 800 yards from this ship. Lowered boat, and picked up two men who had jumped from the U.S.S. JAMES O'HARA to avoid plane, and returned them to their ship. 1150 Secured from General Quarters. 1423 General Quarters. Japanese single engine plane crossed ahead of ship, distance 2000 yards, altitude 1000 feet. 1438 One enemy plane, about 8000 yards to north, under attack by our P-38's, crashed into the sea. 1440 Underway, lying to. 1526 Re-anchored. 1528 Secured from General Quarters. 1615 Underway from Leyte to Hollandia, New Guinea. Formed cruising disposition Charlie 4. 1924 Executed emergency turn; air attack imminent. 1925 Ship went to General Quarters. 2000 Executed emergency turn to base course. 2013 Secured from General Quarters. Received Movement Order 3-44 from T.G. 78.13, originated 11/24/44.

Positions	2000	Lat	10-39 N
		Long	125-32 E

25 November

Steaming enroute to Hollandia, New Guinea with various units of Task Force 78.13, O.T.C. and Fleet Guide in U.S.S. LEONARD WOOD. 1851 Executed emergency turn due to underwater contact. 1906 Executed emergency turn to base course.

Positions	0800	Lat	09-26 N
		Long	127-35 E
	1200	Lat	09-05 N
		Long	128-16 E
	2000	Lat	08-25 N
		Long	129-33 E

26 November

Steaming enroute to Hollandia, New Guinea.

Positions	0800	Lat	07-25 N
		Long	131-41 E
	1200	Lat	07-08 N
		Long	132-24 E
	2000	Lat	06-12 N
		Long	133-28 E

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27 November

Steaming enroute to Hollandia, New Guinea.

Positions	0800	Lat	04-26 N
		Long	134-55 E
	1200	Lat	03-57 N
		Long	135-33 E
	2000	Lat	02-44 N
		Long	136-35 E

28 November

Steaming enroute to Hollandia, New Guinea.

Positions	0800	Lat	00-39 N
		Long	137-50 E
	1200	Lat	00-03 N
		Long	138-15 E
	2000	Lat	01-02 S
		Long	139-23 E

29 November

Steaming enroute to Hollandia, New Guinea. 0735 Steering various courses and speeds to carry out entrance plan into Humboldt Bay, Hollandia, New Guinea. 1055 Anchored in Humboldt Bay, in Berth N-64. 1528 Underway on various courses and speeds to go alongside AO-74 U.S.S. SARANAC, for fueling. 1855 Moored to AO-74. 2122 Finished fueling operation and returned to anchorage N-64 Humboldt Bay.

30 November

Anchored in Berth N-64, Humboldt Bay, New Guinea.

The following operation orders were received this month:

Movement Order 1-44 C.T.G. 78.13	Received 11/1/44
Secret Message 11-02-39 CINPAC	Received 11/11/44
Movement Order 2-44 C.T.G. 78.13.1	Received 11/17/44
Movement Order 3-44 C.T.G. 78.13	Received 11/24/44

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1 December.

Anchored in Humboldt Bay, New Guinea. C.T.G. 78.1 Admiral Barbey, Henry J. Allen (PA-15).

2 - 23 December.

Anchored in Humboldt Bay, New Guinea. 5th December, Exercised at collision, fir, rescue, boarding and salvage and steering casualty drills. 6th December, large swells and high winds were experienced in Humboldt Bay, causing one AGC to go aground. The ship let out 60 fathoms on anchor chain. 14th December, All drills mentioned above were held again to familiarize crew with individual tasks. During this period from 2nd December to 24th December the following orders were recieved:

- 12/7/44 C.S. Fleet. 7th Fleet Operation Orders 3-44 Serial 16-3 date of origin 12/1/44.
- 12/7/44 C.T.F. Operation Plan 103-44 Serial 00-15 Date of origin 12/3/44.
- 12/11/44 C.T.G. 78.5 Attack order 2-44 Serial 000-51 Date of origin 12/1/44
- 12/11/44 C.T.G. 78.1 Attack order 2-44 serial 000-168 Date of origin 12/9/44.
- 12/15/44 C.T.G. 78.5 Movement orders 2-44 Serial 000-52 Date of origin 12/1/44.
- 12/23/44 C.T.U. 78.5.4 Operation Plan A1-44 Serial 000-1 Date of origin 12/19/44
- 12/23/44 Speedletter - Com 7th Fleet Serial M-00121. Date of origin 12/23/44.

24 December.

Shifted from anchorage in Humboldt Bay, New Guinea to pier #9 Humboldt Bay. to lead troops and gear for coming operation. Combat Troops of First Army Corps, after completion of loading operation ship returned to assigned anchorage in the Bay.

25 December. to 26 December.

Anchored in Humboldt Bay, New Guinea.

27 December.

Underway to Aitape pursuant to speedletter M-00121 of 12/23/44 This ship O.T.C. in charge of U.S.S. ARNEB and U.S.S. SHADWELL to join C.T.F. 78 (U.S.S. BLUE RIDGE)

28 December.

Arrived at Aitape, New Guinea and anchored in Aitape Roads, Reported to U.S.S. BLUE RIDGE for duty, C.T.F. 78. 1402 Underway from Aitape, New Guinea. pursuant to C.T.F. 78 Operation plan no. 103-44 enroute to Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I. Received this date C.T.U. 78.1.2 Landing attack order A2-44 Serial 00-25 origin of 12/10/44

29 December.

Steaming enroute to Lingayen Gulf. Luzon, P.I. with various units of Task Force 78.

Positions	0800	Lat.	01-45 S
		Long.	140-47 E
	1200	Lat.	01-18 S
		Long.	140-28 E
	2000	Lat.	00-35 S
		Long.	140-47 E

30 December.

Steaming enroute to Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I.

Position	0800	Lat.	00-21 N
		Long.	138-54 E
	1200	Lat.	00-40 N
		Long.	138-32 E
	2000	Lat.	01-22 N
		Long.	137-34 E

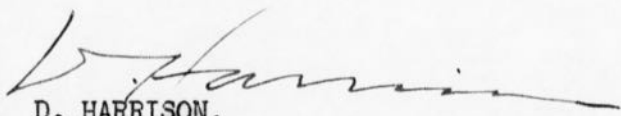
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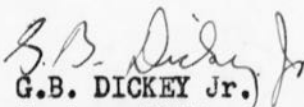
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Position	0800	Lat.	02-22 N
		Long.	136-12 E
	1200	Lat.	02-43 N
		Long.	135-53 E
	2000	Lat.	03-33 N
		Long.	135-19 E

The following orders were received during the month of December 1944.

12/7/44 C.S.F. 7th Fleet Operation Orders 3-44 Serial 16-3 Origin 12/1/44.
 12/7/44 C.T.F. Operation Plan 103-44 Serial 00-15 Origin 12/3/44.
 12/11/44 C.T.G. 78.5 Attack Orders 2-44 Serial 000-51 Origin 12/1/44.
 12/11/44 C.T.G. 78.1 Attack Orders 2-44 Serial 000-52 Origin 12/1/44.
 12/23/44 C.T.U. 78.5.4 Operation Plan A1-44 Serial 000-1 Origin 12/19/44.
 12/23/44 Speedletter Com. 7th Fleet Serial M-00121 Origin 12/23/44.
 12/28/44 C.T.U. 78.1.2 Landing Attack Orders A2-44 Serial 00-25 Origin 12/10/44.


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Steaming enroute to Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I. from Aitape, N.G. in company with various units of task force 78.5 Admiral Barbey. U.S.S. Blue Ridge (AGC-2) O.T.C. and Fleet Guide.

POSITIONS	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	04-36 N	04-58 N	05-41 N
Longitude	134-42 E	134-26 E	133-31 E

2 January.

Steaming enroute to Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I. from Aitape, N.G. 1100 General Quarters, air attack imminent. 1117 Secured from General Quarters.

POSITIONS	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	06-33 N	06-46 N	07-20 N
Longitude	132-01 E	131-34 E	130-36 E

3 January.

Steaming enroute to Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I. from Aitape, N.G. 0908 General Quarters, Air flash red. 0934 Secured from general quarters. 1330 Exercised at General Quarters, Fire drill and Abandon ship drill. 1421 Secured from all drills.

POSITIONS	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	08-14 N	08-30 N	09-00 N
Longitude	129-12 E	128-49 E	127-54 E

4 January.

Steaming enroute to Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I. from Aitape, N.G.

POSITIONS	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	09-47 N	10-04 N	10-31 N
Longitude	126-37 E	126-17 E	125-24 E

5 January.

Steaming enroute to Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I. from Aitape, N.G. 0557 General Quarters to repel air attack. 0659 Secured from general Quarters. 0641 Tested steering emergency alarm, test satisfactory.

POSITIONS	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	09-19 N	09-05 N	08-55 N
Longitude	124-24 E	123-53 E	122-51 E

6 January.

Steaming enroute to Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I. from Aitape, N.G. 0555 General Quarters. 0711 Secured from general quarters. 1404 General Quarters to repel air attack. 1421 Secured from general quarters.

POSITIONS	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	09-50 N	10-20 N	11-42 N
Longitude	121-56 E	121-47 E	121-29 E

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7 January.

Steaming enroute to Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I. from Aitape, N.G. 0625 Routine general quarters. 0721 Secured from routine general quarters. 0839 General Quarters to repel enemy air attack. 0847 Secured from general quarters 1743 General Quarters to repel enemy air attack. 1756 Secured from General Quarters. 1810 General Quarters to repel enemy air attack. 1839 Secured from general quarters.

POSITIONS	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	12-39 N	13-01 N	13-46 N
Longitude	120-42 E	120-18 E	119-34 E

8 January.

Steaming enroute to Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I. from Aitape, N.G. 0620 Routine general quarters. 0731 Secured from general quarters. 0747 General Quarters to repel air attack. 0822 Secured from General Quarters.

POSITIONS	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	15-30 N	16-01 N	16-51 N
Longitude	119-08 E	119-06 E	119-37 E

9 January.

Steaming enroute to Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I. from Aitape, N.G. 0630 General Quarters, air flash red. 0645 Secured from general quarters, set condition 1-Able. 0720 Anchored in white transport area. 1305 General Quarters air attack eminent. 1314 Secured from general Quarters, set condition 1-Able 1740 General Quarters to repel enemy air attack. 1800 Secured from general quarters having expended 69 rounds of 20mm and 1 round 5 inch MK 32 at unidentified type of enemy aircraft. 1841 General Quarters to repel enemy air attack. 1849 Secured from general quarters, set condition 1-Able. Received this date C.T.F. 78 M-1 Reinforcement and Com 7th Phib M-3 Op. Plan 1-45. Date of origin 1/6/45 Serial FFO002.

10 January.

Anchored in Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I. in white transport area, in condition 1-Able. 0605 General Quarters to repel enemy air attack. 0707 Secured from general quarters, set condition 1-Able. 0745 Commenced debarking troops and unloading cargo. 0806 Shifted anchorage closer to beach to facilitate unloading. 0850 Re-anchored. 1811 Underway forming sortie plan leaving Lingayen Gulf. 1829 Flare back in #1 and #2 boilers, no damage, very little lost in speed. 1852 General Quarters to repel enemy air attack. 1909 Secured from general quarters. 1915 General Quarters to repel enemy air attack. 1916 Enemy plane of un-identified type crash dived on #4 hatch port side of U.S.S. Du Page (APA-41) about 3000 yards directly ahead of this vessel causing fire on deck of Du Page. 1941 Secured from general quarters.

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11 January.

Steaming enroute to Leyte, P.I. from Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I. in company with various ships fo task force 79.1.4.12 U.S.S. Cavalier O.T.C. and U.S.S. Du Page fleet guide. 0959 Convoy stopped in order to transfer personnel pick up by other ships to the U.S.S. Du Page. These men were picked up after the enemy plane crashed on the U.S.S. Du Page. 1008 General Quarters to repel enemy air attack. 1020 Secured from general quarters. 1026 Underway as before.

POSITIONS	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	15-18 N	14-30 N	10-59 N
Longitude	119-11 E	119-24 E	120-04 E

12 January.

Steaming enroute to Leyte, P.I. from Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I. 1825 General Quarters, air attack eminent. 1902 Secured from general quarters.

POSITIONS	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	10-52 N	10-15 N	09-47 N
Longitude	121-37 E	121-52 E	125-16 E

13 January.

Steaming enroute from Lingayen Gulf, P.I. to Leyte, P.I. 1444 Anchored off shore of Abuyog Town, Leyte, P.I. in berth 15. U.S.S. Appalachian (AGC-1) SOPA

POSITIONS	2000
Latitude	8-50 N
Longitude	122-49 E

14 January.

Anchored off Abuyog Town, Leyte, P.I. in berth 15.

15 January.

Anchored off Abuyog Town, Leyte, P.I. in berth 15. 1414 General Quarters, air flash red. 1434 Secured from general quarters.

16 January.

Anchored off Abuyog Town, Leyte, P.I. in berth 15. Received this date C.A.N.F.S.W.P.A. Op. plan 18-44 Serial 000219 12/30/44.

17 January.

Anchored off Abuyog Town, Leyte, P.I. in berth 15. 2025 Flash red, General Quarters. 2028 Ship made smoke. 2111 Secured from making smoke. 2114 Secured from general quarters.

18 January.

Anchored off Abuyog Town, Leyte, P.I. in berth 15. 0600 Flash red, general quarters. 0707 Secured from general quarters.

19 January.

Anchored off Abuyog Town, Leyte, P.I. in berth 15. 1044 Underway to go along side S.S. E.J. Henry (Tanker) to receive fuel. 1415 Re-anchored in berth 15. 2052 General Quarters, air flash red. 2112 Secured from general quarters. 2203 General Quarters, air flash red. 2239 Secured from general quarters.

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20 January.

Anchored off Abuyog Town, Leyte, P.I. in berth 15. 0701 Underway to shift anchorage to yellow beach for combat loading. 1217 Anchored off San Jose, Leyte, P.I. (Off yellow beach) Began to load troops and cargo of 38 division U.S. Army.

21 January.

Anchored off San Jose, Leyte, P.I., loading troops and cargo. 1929 Flash Red, general quarters. 1842 Secured from general quarters. Received this date T.A. to ComPhib Group 9 Op plan 1-45 Serial 001. No origin date.

22 January.

Anchored off San Jose, Leyte, P.I.

23 January.

Anchored off San Jose, Leyte, P.I. U.S.S. Cavalier (PA-37) SOPA. 0540 Flash Red, general quarters. 0602 Secured from general quarters. 1842 Shifted anchorage to berth 270, San Pedro Bay to receive stores from supply ship. Received this date C.T.F. 78 Op Plan 2-45 Serial FF004. Date of origin 1/20/45.

24 January.

Anchored in berth 270, San Pedro Bay, Leyte, P.I. 0630 Underway to shift anchorage to yellow beach. 0838 Anchored off San Jose, Leyte, P.I. 2055 General Quarters, air flash red. 2128 Secured from general quarters. Received this date Op Plan 1-45 C.T.G. 78.3 Serial 00078. Date of origin 1/20/45.

25 January.

Anchored off San Jose, Leyte, P.I. 1330 Set condition 1-Able to hold rehearsal maneuvers for coming operation. 1345 Commenced debarking troops in practice exercise. 1603 Secured from condition 1-Able, set condition 3. 1845 General Quarters to repel enemy air attack. 1851 Secured from general quarters. Received this date Com Trans Div 38 Operation Plan 1-45 serial 0001. Date of origin 1/24/45.

26 January.

Anchored off San Jose, Leyte, P.I. 1025 Underway from Leyte Gulf, P.I. with various units of task force 78.3 to proceed to San Felipe, Luzon, P.I. O.T.C. Mount McKinley (AGC-7) Admiral Struble. U.S.S. Harris (APA-2) Fleet Guide, sortie and movement pursuant to operation plan 1-45 of 1/20/45. 1332 Held general drills for crew and troops. 1435 Secured from general drills.

POSITIONS	0800	1200	2000
Latitude		10-54 N	09-33 N
Longitude		125-13 E	124-50 E

27 January.

Steaming enroute from Leyte Gulf to San Felipe, Luzon, P.I. 1249 Flash red, general quarters. 1302 Secured from general quarters. 1521 General quarters to repel enemy air attack. 1523 Secured from general quarters.

POSITIONS	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	08-57 N	09-24 N	10-31 N
Longitude	122-40 E	122-22 E	121-42 E

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28 January.

Steaming enroute to San Felipe, Luzon, P.I. from Leyte Gulf.

POSITIONS	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	12-14 N	12-50 N	13-50 N
Longitude	120-55 E	120-34 E	119-27 E

29 January.

Steaming enroute to San Felipe, Luzon, P.I. from Leyte Gulf. 0509 Routine general quarters. 0525 Secured from general quarters, set condition 1-Able. 0617 Anchored off San Felipe, Luzon, P.I. 0631 Commenced debarking troops and unloading cargo. 0921 Shifted anchorage closer to beach to facilitate unloading. 1525 Ship unloaded. 1725 Secured from condition 1-Able, set condition three. 1730 Shifted anchorage to outer transport area to form for sortie Dan. 2051 Underway from San Felipe with various ships of task unit 78.3.20. O.T.C. on U.S.S. Cavalier (PA-37) Fleet Guide U.S.S. Custer (PA-40).

30 January.

Steaming enroute from San Felipe, Luzon, P.I. to Leyte Gulf, P.I. 0140 Underwater explosion off port bow, 3000 yards away, near U.S.S. Cavalier (PA-37) 0145 U.S.S. Cavalier showed break down lights and dropped out of formation. 0147 U.S.S. Winged Arrow (PA-170) standing by to tow U.S.S. Cavalier. 0150 O.T.C. Shifted to U.S.S. Custer.

POSITIONS	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	13-54 N	13-21 N	12-22 N
Longitude	119-18 E	119-37 E	120-47 E

31 January.

Steaming enroute to Leyte Gulf, P.I. from San Felipe, Luzon, P.I.

POSITIONS	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	10-14 N	09-33 N	08-49 N
Longitude	121-43 E	122-04 E	123-13 E

D. Harrison
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The following orders were received this month;

- 1/9/45 C.T.F. 78 M-1 Reinforcement and Com 7th Phib M-3 Operation plan 1-45.
- 1/16/45 C.A.N.F. S.W.P.A. Operation plan 18-44 Serial 000 219 12/30/44.
- 1/21/45 T.A. to Com Phib Group 9 Operation plan 1-45 Serial 001 No origin date.
- 1/23/45 C.T.F. 78 Operation plan 2-45 Serial FFO04 Date of origin 1/20/45.
- 1/24/45 C.T.G. 78.3 Operation plan 1-45 Serial 00078 Date of origin 1/20/45.
- 1/25/45 Com Trans Div 38 Operation plan 1-45 Serial 0001 Date of origin 1/24/45.

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1 February - Keeping item (-9) time

Steaming enroute to Leyte Gulf from San Felipe, Luzon, P.I.
1730 Anchored in berth number 465 San Pedro Bay, Leyte, P.I.
POSITION 0800 1200
Latitude 09-45 N 10-21 N
Longitude 125-12 E 125-26 E

2 February to 8 February 1300 - Anchored in berth #465 San Pedro Bay. CTF 75 (Rear Admiral James L. KAUFFMAN, USN) SOPA. 3 February - 2255 General Quarters, air flash red. 2301 Secured from General Quarters. 5 February - Went alongside the S.S. Flagship Sinco., After fueling returned to anchorage #465. 6 February - Exercised at all general drills. 8 February - At 1300 Captain John L. Reynolds relieved Captain Drayton Harrison as commanding officer of this vessel.

D. Harrison
D. HARRISON,
Captain, U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

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1300 - 8 February - Keeping Item (-9) time. Anchored for logistics, upkeep and repairs, in San Pedro Bay, Leyte, P.I., in berth 465, with the Flag of ComTransDiv 38 aboard this vessel. In company with ComTransRon 13 (USS HARRIS APA-2) and units of this squadron. CTF 75 (Rear Admiral James L. KAUFFMAN, USN) SOPA. 2024 Flash Red, General Quarters. 2026 Secured from General Quarters.

9 February to 13th February

Anchored in San Pedro Bay, Leyte, P.I., in berth 465. 9th February at 0440 Flash Red, General Quarters. 0445 Secured from General Quarters. 13th February Exercised at fire and abandon ship drills beginning at 0800 securing at 0823.

14 February

Anchored in San Pedro Bay, Leyte, P.I., in berth 465. 0755 Underway to shift anchorage to berth 995, Bito area, Leyte on visual order of ComTransRon 13 (USS HARRIS APA-2) to act as Mother Ship for Navy Boat Pool LCM's; and unloading merchant vessels in that area. 0945 Anchored in berth 995 Bito area Leyte, P.I.

15 February to 26 February

Anchored in Bito area, Leyte, P.I., in berth 995. 22 February Captain Phillip P. WELCH, USN, ComTransDiv 38 transferred his staff and his flag to the USS BARNSTABLE (APA-93). 23 February Material Inspection Board from USS BARNSTABLE with Captain Harvey O. WALSH, USN, assistant inspection officer, made a material inspection of this vessel. On 24 February received ComGen 7th Inf. Tentative Embarkation Plan, date of origin 2/21/45. On 25 February ship was released from mother ship and unloading duties by order of ComTransRon 13. At 2125 Air flash red, General Quarters. 2225 Secured from General Quarters.

27 February

Anchored in Bito area, Leyte, P.I., in berth 995. 0646 Sent Fire and Rescue Party to USS BARNSTABLE (APA-93) to help put out fire on fantail. 0657 Party returned to ship, fire under control. 0900 Underway to shift anchorage to berth 1022 Bito

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area on visual orders of ComTransRon 13. 0915 Tested emergency steering, test satisfactory. 1012 Anchored in berth 1022 Bito area, Leyte, P.I.

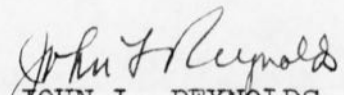
28 February

Anchored in berth 1022, Bito area, Leyte, P.I. Received this date ComTransRon 13 OP Plan (loading) A3-45 Ser 0004 date of origin 2/24/45. 2341 Flash Red, General Quarters. 2350 Secured from General Quarters. Upkeep, repair and logistics continued from 8 February to 28 February inclusive in addition to other requirements noted above.

The following orders were received this month:

2/24/45 ComGen 7th Inf.
Tentative Embarkation Plan
Date of origin 2/21/45

2/28/45 ComTransRon 13 OP Plan (loading)
A3-45 Ser 0004 date of origin
2/24/45


JOHN L. REYNOLDS
Captain, U. S. Navy,
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WAR DIARY For March - Keeping (-9) Item Time

March 1 to March 12 - 1945

Logistics, Upkeep, Repairs and loading - Leyte, P. I.

March 1 -

Anchored off Bito Beach, Leyte, P.I., in berth 1022, in company with ComTransDiv 38 (USS BARNSTABLE (APA-93), ComTransRon 13 (USS HARRIS APA-2) and units of this squadron; CSF 7th Fleet (Rear Admiral R. O. GLOVER, USN) SOPA, on the USS SAN CLEMENTE (AG-79). 0800 Exercised at General Quarters, and carried out simulated damage control problem. At 2242 Flash Red, General Quarters, and at 2330 Flash White, securing from General Quarters. Received this date the following order: Commander Fifth Fleet, Operation Plan 1-45, Serial 0003, date of origin 1/3/45.

March 3 -

0031 Flash Red, General Quarters, securing with Flash White at 0040. Received this date the following order: Commander Task Force 51 operation Plan A1-45, Serial 000125, date of origin 2/16/45.

March 5 -

0418 Flash Red, General Quarters, securing with Flash White at 0428.

March 6 -

Loading period began pursuant to operation plan (loading) of ComTransRon 13 No. A3-45 of 24 February 1945, consisting of supplies and equipment of the 17th Infantry Regiment of the 7th Infantry Division.

March 8 -

0340 Flash Red, General Quarters, securing with Flash White at 0345.

March 9 -

Shifted to San Pedro Bay, berth 119 to permit an LSM to come alongside and unload cargo under more favorable sea conditions, returning same day to berth 1022 after cargo was aboard.

March 11 -

Completed loading schedule this date. Received the following orders this date: Commander Amphibious Group Twelve Training Order A1204-45 Serial 00022 Date of origin 3/5/45

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March 12 -

Began embarking personnel of the 17th Infantry Regiment of 7th Infantry Division, pursuant to Operation Plan (loading) of ComTransRon 13 No. A3-45 of 24 February 1945. 1001 Exercised at General Quarters with simulated damage control problem, securing at 1045.

March 13 -

Shifted anchorage to vicinity of Tarraguna Beach, berth 902 to facilitate loading of troops. Received the following orders this date: (1) Commander Transport Group Dog, Task Group 55.1 (CTS 13) Landing Attack 0006 order A4-45, Annex Charlie to Commander Southern Attack Force Attack Order A1202-45, date of origin 3/10/45. (2) Commander Transport Squadron 13 Training Order A5-45, Serial 0007, date of origin 3/10/45.

March 14 to March 19 -

Rehearsal period - Leyte, P.I.

March 14 -

Underway from Tarraguna anchorage 902 to carry out Commander Amphibious Group Twelve Training Order A1204-45, serial 00022 of 3/5/45. Enroute to Dog-1 Transport Area, maneuvering exercises were carried out. 1550 Anchored in assigned anchorage in Dog-1 Transport Area.

March 15 -

0550 Underway from Dog-1 Transport Area to Dog Transport Area to carry out rehearsal maneuvers; in company with ComTransDiv 38 (USS BARNSTABLE APA-93), ComTransRon 13 (USS HARRIS APA-2) Fleet Guide, and OTC Rear Admiral J. L. HALL, Jr., USN (USS TETON AGC-14). 1100 Routine General Quarters to simulate firing at planes, secured 1110. 1130 In Transport Area Dog, steering various courses and speeds to maintain station. 1225 Underway from Transport Area Dog to berth 103 San Pedro Bay to await permission to go alongside the USS NECHES (AO-47) for fuel, anchoring in the berth at 1501. 1615 Alongside tanker for fuel. 1945 Underway from tanker to return to Transport Area Dog-1, anchoring at 2340, the entire route from San Pedro Bay to Transport Area Dog-1 made in frequent and heavy rain squalls necessitating all Navigation by radar.

March 16 -

0545 Underway to Transport Area Dog steering various courses and speeds to carry out rehearsal exercises. 1139 Anchored in Transport Area Dog. 1433 Underway to Transport Area Dog-1, anchoring at 1736.

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March 17 -

0104 Underway to Transport Area Dog. 0520 Routine General Quarters, securing at 0530. 0615 In Transport Area Dog began to debark troops carrying out rehearsal plan. 0805 Anchored in Transport Area Dog. 1234 Underway to shift anchorage closer to the beach to facilitate reembarment of troops, anchoring in berth 843, Tarraguna Area at 1412.

March 18 -

0530 - Underway to firing area to conduct gunnery exercises. 0820 General Quarters to conduct AA practices, beginning at 0848. Secured at 1005, having expended ammunition as follows: 5"/38 Mk-18, 3 projectiles, 3 powder cases, 235 rounds of 1.1/75, 1,318 rounds of 20mm and 142 rounds of 30 calibre. 1017 Held General Drills, securing at 1050. 1400 Reanchored in Transport Area Dog-1.

March 19 -

0123 Underway to Transport Area Dog to carry out rehearsal exercises. 0540 In Transport Area Dog, steering various courses and speeds to maintain station. 0641 Commenced debarking troops. 1555 Shifted to Tarraguna Area anchoring in berth 843 at 1720 to reembarment troops.

March 20 to March 26 -

Logistics period.

March 20 -

Shifted to berth #42 San Pedro Bay anchorage to assist in servicing tractor groups. Received the following order this date: Commander Amphibious Group Twelve OP-Order Al202-45 00027 - 00029 inclusive, date of origin 3/16/45.

March 21 -

Shifted anchorage to berth 323, berth 42 being fouled by a carrier.

March 22 -

Went alongside (IX-116) for fuel, reanchoring in berth 323 at 1034. Received the following order this date: Commander Amphibious Group Twelve Sortie and Cruising Order Al205-45, Serial 00031, date of origin 3/20/45.

March 25 -

Shifted anchorage to berth 833, Tarraguna Area, anchoring at 1835. 2030 Carried out Smoke Boat drill in rehearsal for coming operation, under direction of CTD 39, securing at 2058

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March 26 -

Received the following orders this date: (1) Commander Transport Division 39, Division Landing Order C-45, serial 0003, date of origin 3/23/45. (2) Commander Transport Division 38 Landing Attack Order A2-45, serial 0003, date of origin 3/25/45.

March 27 to March 31 -

Enroute to Okinawa Shima.

March 27 -

1035 Underway from Leyte, P.I., enroute to Okinawa Shima pursuant to CTS 51 OP-Plan A1-45, serial 000125 of 2/16/45 in company with CTU 55.1.2 (Captain Philip P. WELCH, USN, CTD 38) USS BARNSTABLE (APA*93) CTG 55.1 (Commodore M. O. CARLSON, USN, CTS 13) USS HARRIS (APA-2) Fleet Guide; CTF 55 (Rear Admiral J. L. HALL, USN; Commander Amphibious Group 12 and Commander Southern Attack Force) USS TETON (AGC-14) OTC. Steering various courses and speeds to carry out Commander Amphibious Group 12 Sortie and Cruising Order A1205-45, serial 00031 of 3/20/45. 1410 General Quarters to conduct AA practice, securing at 1649, expending the following ammunition: 5"/38 - 16 rounds, Mk-18, 2135 rounds of 20mm, 358 rounds of 1.1/75. 1700 Took departuer from Leyte Gulf.

Position	2000
Latitude	10 48 N
Longitude	126 28 E

March 28 -

Steaming enroute to Okinawa Shima. 0830 - 1000 Tactical exercises for all ships conducted by the OTC. 1000 - 1130 Simulated attack by own aircraft for tracking drill was called off because of heavy overcast. 1330 - 1600 A paravane drill was held but a short time before the drill a riveted link in the uphaul-downhaul chain gave way, without any strain on the chain necessitating the tacking on deck of the entire chain. This prevented the ship from participating in the drill but the casualty was later repaired at the objective. 1900 - 1945 Tactical exercises were held for all ships conducted by OTC:

Position	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	12 47 N	13 24 N	14 44 N
	127 32 E	127 46 E	128 22 E

March 29 -

Ship held dawn and dusk General Quarters. Steaming enroute to Okinawa Shima.

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0830 - 1000 Tactical exercises for all ships conducted by ComTransDiv 38 and 41. 1000 - 1130 Aircraft tracking drill conducted and ships guns tracked on air targets. 1330 - 1500 Tactical exercises for all ships conducted by ComTransDiv 39 and 42. 1500 - 1630 Tracking drill called off because of heavy weather. 1900 - 1945 Tactical exercises for all ships conducted by OTC.

Position	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	16 19 N	16 55 N	18 03 N
Longitude	130 02 E	130 19 E	131 26 E

March 30 -

Steaming enroute to Okinawa Shima. Held dawn and dusk General Quarters, one hour before sunrise, held radar drill, using a destroyer of the screen as target ship. 0830 - 1000 Tactical exercises for all ships conducted by ComTransDiv 13 and 14. 1000 - 1130 Radar reporting drill. 1330 - 1500 Tactical exercises for all ships conducted by OTC. 1500 to 1630 RCM exercises for ships so fitted, this ship having no RCM equipment. 1544 Maneuvered to miss sighted mine. 1900 - 1945 Tactical exercises for all ships conducted by ComTransDiv 37 and 40

Position	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	20 08 N	20 51 N	21 59 N
Longitude	132 03 E	131 28 E	130 35 E

March 31 -

Steaming enroute to Okinawa Shima, held dawn and dusk General Quarters. One hour before sunrise held radar drills, using a destroyer of the screen as target ship.

Position	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	23 49 N	23 51 N	24 47 N
Longitude	128 58 E	128 50 E	127 35 E

Received the following Orders during the month of March.

<u>ORIGINATOR</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SERIAL</u>	<u>DATE OF ORIGIN</u>	<u>DATE REC'D</u>
Commander Fifth Fleet	OP-Plan 1-45	0003	1/3/45	3/1/45
Commander Task Force 51 (Commander Amphibious Force U.S. Pacific Fleet	OP-Plan A1-45	000125	2/16/45	3/3/45
Commander Transport Group Dog, Task Group 55.1 (CTS 13)	Landing Attack Order A4-45, Annex Charlie to Commander Southern Attack Force Attack Order A1202-45	0006	3/10/45	3/13/45

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Commander Transport Squadron 13	Training Order A5-45	0007	3/10/45	3/13/45
Commander Amphibious Group Twelve	OP-Order A1202-45	00027 00029 inc.	3/16/45	3/20/45
Commander Amphibious Group Twelve	Sortie and Cruising Order A1205-45	00031	3/20/45	3/22/45
Commander Transport Division 39	Division landing order C-45	0003	3/23/45	3/26/45
Commander Transport Division 38	Landing Attack order A2-45	0003	3/25/45	3/26/45

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WAR DIARY for April - Keeping -9 (Item) Time

1 April 1945

Steaming enroute to Okinawa Shima in company with CTU 55.1.2 (Captain Philip P. WELCH, USN, CTD 38) USS BARNSTABLE (APA-93); CTG 55.1 (Commodore M. C. CARLSON USN, CTS 13) USS HARRIS (APA-2), Fleet Guide. CTF 55 (Rear Admiral J. L. HALL, Jr., USN, Commander Amphibious Group 12, and Commander Southern Attack Force) USS TETON (AGC-14). Ship in material condition BAKER. Steaming various courses and speeds to enter outer transport Area Dog, Okinawa Shima. 0149 Shell fire observed at 049 true. 0152 General Quarters to repel enemy air attack. 0409 Secured from General Quarters. 0449 Exercised at routine General Quarters. 0500 Secured from General Quarters, set condition 1-ABLE. 0540 In Transport Area Dog, started using engines to maintain station. 0605 Commenced debarking troops. 0640 Commenced unloading cargo. 1715 All hands to fire quarters, fire reported in steering engine room, securing at 1720 fire having been caused by defective wiring, no damage. 1727 Anchored in Inner Transport Area Dog. 1855 Underway to carry out retirement plan for the night. 1909 General Quarters to repel enemy air attack. 1910 Enemy plan dropped bomb on the USS ALPINE (APA92), distance 800 yards from this ship. 2015 Secured from General Quarters.

2 April

Steaming in retirement area off Okinawa Shima. 0530 Exercised at routine General Quarters. 0630 Secured from General Quarters. 0637 Entering Inner Transport Area Dog, set condition 1-ABLE. 0800 Anchored in assigned anchorage in Inner Transport Area. Began unloading cargo and troops. 1657 Secured from condition 1-ABLE. 1703 Underway to carry out retirement plan for the night.

3 April

Steaming in retirement area off Okinawa Shima. 0542 Exercised at routine General Quarters. 0619 Secured from General Quarters. 0900 Set condition 1-ABLE 0954 Anchored off Western Coast Okinawa Shima in berth H-108, began unloading troops and cargo. 1610 Completed unloading troops and cargo. 1650 Secured from condition 1-ABLE, set condition 3. 1753 General Quarters to repel enemy air attack. 1810 Secured from General Quarters. 1843 Exercised at routine General Quarters. 1905 Commenced making smoke with smoke generators and smoke boats. 1932 Secured from General Quarters, set material condition ABLE. 2005 General Quarters to repel enemy air attack. 2015 Secured from General Quarters, remaining in berth for the night.

4 April

Anchored in berth H-108 Okinawa Shima. 0255 General Quarters, ship began to make smoke. 0303 Secured from General Quarters. 0433 General Quarters. 0530 Secured from General Quarters. 1638 Underway from berth H-108 to shift anchorage to berth H-180, anchored at 1717.

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5 April

Anchored in H-180 off Western Coast Okinawa Shima. 0530 Exercised at routine General Quarters. 0555 Port anchor chain parted, engine room ordered to remove jacking gear and to steam at 2/3 ahead. Ship got underway almost instantly and remained underway until ordered to form up to leave Okinawa Shima. Investigation showed that the riveted link at 45 fathoms had parted due to strain from high wind and seas during the previous 12 hours. 0617 Secured from General Quarters. 0800 Began to form up in cruising disposition to leave Transport Area Dog, underway from Okinawa Shima enroute to Guam, Marianas, pursuant to CTF 51 Secret dispatch 041350 of April 1945, action to ComTransDiv 42, in company with ComTransDiv 38 (USS BARNSTABLE APA-93); CTU 51.29.5. Captain Edwin T. SHORT, USN (USS NESHOPA APA-216). 1119 General Quarters to repel enemy air attack. 1148 Secured from General Quarters. 1830 Exercised at routine General Quarters. 1922 Secured from General Quarters.

POSITION	1200	2000
Latitude	25 48 N	24 24 N
Longitude	127 37 E	128 39 E

6 April

Steaming enroute to Guam from Okinawa Shima. Held dawn and dusk General Quarters.

POSITION	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	22 09 N	21 36 N	20 13 N
Longitude	130 22 E	130 55 E	131 59 E

7 April

Steaming enroute to Guam from Okinawa Shima. Held dawn and dusk General Quarters. At 0100 changed time from -9 (Item) to -10 (King) time. Ordered to hold flag hoist drills by CTU 51.29.5 at 1400. Ship had Radar Guard Charlie from 0800 this date to 0800 8th April.

POSITION	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	18 43 N	18 27 N	17 39 N
Longitude	133 57 E	134 39 E	136 04 E

8 April

Steaming enroute to Guam from Okinawa Shima. Held dawn and dusk General Quarters. Tracking drill for Radar Plot held from 0530 to 0630, with a unit of the screen as target ship. 0800 Secured from Radar guard Charlie.

POSITION	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	16 11 N	15 47 N	14 50 N
Longitude	138 29 E	139 13 E	140 43 E

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9 April

Steaming enroute to Guam from Okinawa Shima. 1435 Steering various courses and speeds to enter Apra Harbor, Guam. 1745 Pilot aboard. 1841 Moored alongside starboard side of USS LA PORTE (APA-151) in berth 8 Apra Harbor, Guam. 1920 USS R. H. SMITH (DM-23) moored to our starboard side.

POSITION	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	13 29 N	13 31 N	
Longitude	143 03 E	143 58 E	

10 April

Moored port side to the USS LA PORTE (APA-151) in berth 8, Apra Harbor, Guam. 0640 Transferred all casualties aboard, to hospital at Guam, total 11 USMCR, 10 U.S. ARMY and 3 USN.. 1126 Underway from Apra Harbor Guam enroute to Pearl Harbor, Hawaiian Islands, in company with ComTransDiv 38 (USS BARNSTABLE APA-93): Captain Andrew R. MACK, USN, ComTransDiv 42 (USS NESHOPA APA-216) OTC.

Position	2000
Latitude	12 58 N
Longitude	145 38 E

11 April

Steaming enroute to Pearl Harbor from Guam. 0100 Changed time from -10 (King) to -11 (Love) time. 1330 Held emergency drills, (fire and abandon ship) securing at 1352. Ship assigned Radar Guard Charlie from 0800 this date till 0800 12 April.

POSITION	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	12 50 N	12 45 N	12 35 N
Longitude	147 47 E	148 35 E	150 14 E

12 April

Steaming enroute to Pearl Harbor from Guam. 0800 Secured from Radar Guard Charlie. 1354 Exercised at General Quarters for Gunnery exercise as directed by CTD 38. 1431 Secured from General Quarters having expended the following ammunition; 5"/38, 5 rounds, 1.1/75, 256 rounds, 20mm, 1119 rounds.

POSITION	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	12 18 N	12 07 N	11 49 N
Longitude	153 02 E	154 01 E	155 49 E

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13 April

Steaming enroute to Pearl Harbor from Guam. 1400 Commenced gunnery exercises as directed by CTD 38. 1445 Secured from gunnery exercises having expended ammunition as follows; 5 rounds 5"/38, 1.1/75, 900 rounds, 20mm. CTD 38 ordered by visual dispatch that all officers other than Engineering, stand either one 4 hour watch or 2 two hour watches in the Engine Room; proceeded to carry out same.

POSITION	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	11 31 N	11 19 N	11 08 N
Longitude	158 34 E	159 27 E	161 06 E

14 April

Steaming enroute to Pearl Harbor from Guam. 0100 Changed time from -11 (love) zone to -12 (Mike) time. 0800 Ship hoisted colors at half-mast and to be kept at half-mast for 30 days in accordance with ALNAV 69. CTD 38 ordered all ships in Div 38 to have two enlisted men from small boat crews assigned to each signal watch to give them training in signalling. In addition CTD 38 ordered all line officers, all deck Petty Officers, and all Slc, regardless of assignment, to stand a short trick at the wheel. This vessel carried out these orders.

POSITION	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	11 06 N	11 03 N	10 56 N
Longitude	163 19 E	163 59 E	165 26 E

15 April

Steaming enroute to Pearl Harbor from Guam. Ship had Radar Guard Charlie from 0800 this date to last until 0800 16th April.

POSITION	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	10 55 N	10 55 N	10 55 N
Longitude	167 49 E	168 33 E	170 12 E

16 April

Steaming enroute to Pearl Harbor from Guam. CTC ordered all vessels under this command to hold Flag Hoist Signal drillstat 1000 daily, except Sundays, beginning with CTD 42 conducting, then 41, then 38 and to be continued in that order. CTD 38 ordered all vessels this division to have two deck officers, other than signal officers, attend Flag Hoist drills and interpret signals in General Signal Book and other books as necessary. This vessel carried out these orders. CTD 38 ordered all Deck Line Officers, all Slc to learn to tie all the knots on page 96 Blue Jackets Manual, and in addition, to learn to make Eye Splices, short splices, whippings and servings.

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A class was started immediately to carry out instructions for the officer and men.

POSITION	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	11 29 N	11 39 N	11 59 N
Longitude	172 25 E	173 16 E	174 44 E

16 April

MERIDIAN DAY

Steaming enroute to Pearl Harbor from Guam. 0100 Changed from -12 (Mike) zone to Plus 11 (X) time. Ship carrying out designated drills ordered by OTC and CTD 38, covering knot tying, engine room watches and signal watches.

POSITION	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	12 51 N	13 11 N	13 52 N
Longitude	176 40 E	177 25 E	178 55 E

17 April

Steaming enroute to Pearl Harbor from Guam. Ship carrying out designated drills ordered by OTC and CTD 38.

POSITION	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	14 40 N	14 56 N	15 31 N
Longitude	178 48 W	178 11 W	176 39 W

18 April

Steaming enroute to Pearl Harbor from Guam. Ship had radar Guard Charlie from 0800 this date to 0800 19th April. Ship carrying out designated drills ordered by OTC and CTD 38. 1330 Ship exercised at Emergency drills. 1402 Secured from all emergency drills.

POSITION	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	16 24 N	16 37 N	17 03 N
Longitude	174 21 W	173 29 W	171 51 W

19 April

Steaming enroute to Pearl Harbor from Guam, ship carrying out drills designated by OTC and CTD 38. 0100 Changed from Plus 11 (X) time to Plus 10 (W) time.

POSITION	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	17 39 N	17 49 N	18 14 N
Longitude	169 32 W	168 40 W	167 04 W

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20 April

Steaming enroute to Pearl Harbor from Guam. Ship carrying out drills designated by OTC and CTD 38.

POSITION	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	18 48 N	18 53 N	19 12 N
Longitude	164 39 W	163 56 W	162 31 W

21 April

Steaming enroute to Pearl Harbor from Guam. Ship carrying out drills designated by OTC and CTD 38, securing from all designated drills at 1600 this date. 1507 Held small arms practice on the fantail, firing 30 calibre carbines, 30 calibre Springfield, and 45 automatic pistols.

POSITION	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	19 40 N	19 47 W	19 56 W
Longitude	160 15 W	159 34 W	158 30 W

22 April

Steaming enroute to Pearl Harbor from Guam. 0100 Changed from plus 10 (W) time to Plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ (Victor-William) time. 0800 Steering various courses and speeds to enter Pearl Harbor channel. 0953 Harbor Pilot Aboard. 1133 Moored alongside starboard side of USS SHERIDAN (APA-51) in berth X-6 at Pearl Harbor. 1740 YO-123 tied up along starboard side to give ship fuel, casting off at 2002. Ship began to receive provisions and dry stores.

23 April

Moored port side to the USS SHERIDAN (APA-51), Pearl Harbor, in berth X-6 0820 Underway from Pearl Harbor enroute to Portland, Oregon for a yard overhaul period taking departure from the harbor at 0925. Steering various courses to conform to assigned course.

POSITION	0800	1200	2000
Latitude		21 22 N	22 48 N
Longitude		157 27 W	156 05 W

24 April

Steaming enroute to Portland, Oregon from Pearl Harbor.

POSITION	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	24 48 N	25 32 N	26 46 N
Longitude	154 01 W	153 20 W	151 53 W

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25 April

Steaming enroute to Portland, Oregon from Pearl Harbor. 0100 Changed from plus 9½ (Victor-William) to plus 9 (Victor) true zone. 1315 Instruction held in firing of all types of pyrotechnics, securing at 1345. 2333 In accordance with Confidential Despatch 252339 from Navy Yard Puget Sound, changed destination to Seattle, Washington, course changed accordingly.

POSITION	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	28 31 N	29 23 N	30 31 N
Longitude	149 44 W	148 51 W	147 36 W

26 April

Steaming enroute to Seattle, Washington from Pearl Harbor. 1330 Exercised at emergency drills, securing at 1408.

POSITION	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	32 17 N	33 19 N	34 32 N
Longitude	145 44 W	144 44 W	143 29 W

27 April

Steaming enroute to Seattle, Washington from Pearl Harbor. 0100 Changed from plus 9 (V) to plus 8 (U) time.

POSITION	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	36 12 N	36 48 N	38 19 N
Longitude	141 43 W	141 05 W	139 21 W

28 April

Steaming enroute to Seattle, Washington from Pearl Harbor. 1330 Commenced anti-aircraft firing drill for all condition three and condition 1-ABLE gun crews; secured from drill at 1404 having expended the following amount of ammunition: 980 rounds of 20mm, 6 - 5" Star shells and 8 - 5" AA with mark 32 fuses.

POSITION	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	40 37 N	41 17 N	42 44 N
Longitude	136 43 W	135 43 W	133 51 W

29 April

Steaming enroute to Seattle, Washington from Pearl Harbor. 0100 Changed from plus 8 (U) to plus 7 (T) time.

POSITION	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	44 43 N	45 27 N	46 39 N
Longitude	131 06 W	130 06 W	127 55 W

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30 April

Steaming enroute to Seattle, Washington from Pearl Harbor. 0720 Steering various courses and using various speeds to enter strait of Juan De Fuca and Puget Sound. 1642 Moored starboard side to Pier #90 in berth #7 Seattle, Washington. 1817 Ammunition barge tied up along port side, unloading of ammunition commenced at 1820.

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WAR DIARY FOR MAY---KEEPING 1 7 (Tare) TIME

1 May 1945 --

Moored starboard side to Pier #90, in berth #7, Seattle, Washington. 0300 Completed unloading all this ship's ammunition, barge shoving off from port side at 0320. 0835 Underway from Seattle, Washington, steering various courses and using various speeds to proceed to Everett Pacific Shipyard, Everett, Washington for overhaul period. 1058 Moored port side to Pier E, Everett Pacific Shipyard, Everett, Washington.

2 May --

Moored port side to Pier E, Everett Pacific Shipyard, Everett, Washington. 0900 Fifty per cent of the officers and men of this vessel left on leave and leave of absence for a period of 22 days.

3 May ----21 May

Moored port side to Pier E, Everett Pacific Shipyard, Everett, Washington. Ship undergoing overhaul period.

22 May --

Moored port side to Pier E, Everett Pacific Shipyard, Everett, Washington. Ship undergoing overhaul period. At 1800 members of the 104th Boilermakers Union, ship-fitters, boilermakers, burners and riggers, working on this vessel, called a strike and stopped work. Cause: Members of the 104th Boilermakers Union stated that all pneumatic instruments being used in overhaul work belonged to them, and that yard painters, non-members of subject Union, were using pneumatic chipping hammers to chip deck rust and paint.

23 May --

Moored port side to Pier E, Everett Pacific Shipyard, Everett, Washington. Ship continuing overhaul period. Strike called by the 104th Boilermakers Union continuing.

24 May --

Moored Port side to Pier E, Everett Pacific Shipyard, Everett Washington. Ship continuing overhaul period. Strike called by the 104th Boilermakers Union continuing. 1200 -- Officers and men of the first leave party returned aboard ship.

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25 May --

Moored port side to Pier E, Everett Pacific Shipyard, Everett, Washington. Ship continuing in overhaul period. Strike called by the 104th Boilermakers Union continuing.

26 May --

Moored port side to Pier E, Everett Pacific Shipyard, Everett, Washington. Ship undergoing overhaul period. Strike called by the 104th Boilermakers Union continuing. 0900 Officers and men of the second leave party, comprising 50% of the complement, left on leave and leave of absence for a period of 23 days. 1000 Exercised at fire drills. 1024 Secured from fire drills.

27 May -- 31 May

Moored port side to Pier E, Everett Pacific Shipyard, Everett, Washington. Ship undergoing overhaul period. Strike called by the 104th Boilermakers Union continuing.

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JOHN L. REYNOLDS,
Captain, U.S. Navy,
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1 June - 2 June

Moored portside to Pier "E", The Everett Pacific Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, Everett, Washington, ship undergoing overhaul period. On 1 June at 1630 strike started by the 104th Boilermaker's Union on 22 May officially ended, and workmen returned to the job.

3 June

Moored portside to Pier "E", The Everett Pacific Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, Everett, Washington, ship undergoing overhaul period. 1000 pursuant to orders of the Commandant, THIRTEENTH Naval District, Seattle, Washington, Captain John L. REYNOLDS, U.S. Navy, left this vessel for temporary duty at Naval Training School, San Francisco, California, for a course in Damage Control, and was relieved as Commanding Officer of this vessel by Lieutenant Milton H. SHAW, DM, USNR. A training program was started this date in which officers and men were sent to various courses available in this area consisting of Tactics, Ammunition Handling, C.I.C. Training, Fire Fighting, Fire Control Training, Loran Training, Refrigeration, 20mm and 40mm Anti-Aircraft School, Communication Training, Quartermaster Refresher Courses, Damage Control Courses, Night Lookout and Recognition, and Shallow Water Diving Training.

4 June - 20 June

Moored portside to Pier "E", The Everett Pacific Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, Everett, Washington, ship undergoing overhaul period. On 7 June at 0817 exercised at Fire Drills securing at 0830. On 10 June at 0020 Captain John L. REYNOLDS, U.S. Navy, file 34732 returned aboard having completed temporary duty at Naval School, San Francisco, California, and resumed command. On 14 June at 0740 Fire Quarters, fire on forecastle. Yard Fire Department called and arrived at scene of fire at 0742. 0750 secured from Fire Quarters. Cause of fire determined to be canvas on a scaffold set afire by welding on the forward Mk51 director, damage done to paint work only. On 15 June received the dispatch 150513 of June 1945 from Commander Service Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet to Puget Sound Navy Yard, information ELMORE which extended the RFS date to 7 July. On 18 June second leave party returned to ship.

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21 June - 30 June

Moored portside to Pier "E", Everett Pacific Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, Everett Washington. On 21 June at 1802 ship shifted berth with aid of tugs, to drydock YFD-23 Everett Pacific Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, Everett, Washington, and at 1930 was sitting clear of the water in drydock. On 22 June the Engineering Officer and the First Lieutenant made the routine drydock inspection and reported their findings. On 24 June at 1710 Fire Quarters; fire in the evaporator room, securing from fire quarters at 1713. Cause of fire determined to be canvas scrap lying on deck ignited by sparks from welding, damage, none. On 26 June at 1814 shifted from drydock with aid of tugs to portside Pier "E", Everett Pacific Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, Everett, Washington. On 28 June at 1036 held dock trial, turning over main engines 30 turns ahead for one hour securing at 1151. On 29 June received the dispatch 290503 of June 1945 from Commander Service Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, to Navy Yard Puget Sound, information ELMORE which extended the RFS date to 16 July.


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1 July to 7 July

Moored port side to pier "E", Everett Pacific Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, Everett, Washington; ship continuing in yard overhaul period and training of ship's personnel through facilities available in this district. On 1 July at 1100, ship's inspection party from Amphibious Training Command, Pacific, with Captain C. DeV. HEADLEE, USN, Senior Member, made an inspection. On 5 July at 1300 ship exercised at fire quarters, securing at 1310. At 1535 fire quarters, fire in number one Medical Storeroom. 1553 Secured from fire quarters; cause of fire determined to be blankets and medical stores set afire by welding; 15 blankets and a small amount of medical stores burned. On 5 July received the dispatch 050353 of July 1945, from Commander Service Force, Pacific, to Assistant Naval Industrial Manager (AIM) Seattle, Washington, information to U.S.S. ELMORE (APA-42) which extended the RFS date to 20 July, 1945.

7 July to 14 July

Moored port side to pier "E", Everett Pacific Shipbuilding and drydock Company, Everett, Washington, ship continuing in yard overhaul period and training of ship's personnel through facilities available in this district. On 13 July at 1300 ship exercised at fire quarters, securing at 1307.

14 July to 16 July

Moored port side to pier "E" Everett Pacific Shipbuilding and drydock Company, Everett, Washington. Ship continuing in overhaul and training period.

16 July

0832 Underway from pier "E" Everett Pacific Shipbuilding and drydock Company, Everett, Washington for speed trial, running degaussing range, and compensating compasses to be conducted enroute to Seattle, Washington. 1015 Commenced running north and south runs on degaussing range. Check showed that degaussing charts settings were incorrect and so degaussing station changed settings and corrected charts, securing from degaussing at 1202. 1235 Compass adjusters aboard to compensate compasses, securing at 1602. 1632 Began full power trial, securing at 1832. 1910 Moored starboard side to pier #91 Naval Supply Depot, Seattle, Washington.

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17 July to 19 July

Moored starboard side to pier #91, Naval Supply Depot, Seattle, Washington. Ship loading ammunition, stores and diesel oil. Shipyard workers aboard finishing up work not completed in yard.

20 July to 22 July

0040 Underway from pier #91, Naval Supply Depot, Seattle, Washington enroute to San Francisco, California pursuant to Confidential despatch 142246 of May from Commander Western Sea Frontier to U.S.S. ELMORE (APA-42) on 21 July at 1300. Ship Exercised at emergency drills covering General Quarters, 1-ABLE, Collision, Fire drill, and Gunnery exercises, expending 132 rounds of 40MM, 476 of 20MM, and 4 rounds of 5"/38.

20th POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
0800	48 22 N	124 16 W
1200	48 24 N	125 21 W
2000	47 11 N	125 14 W
21st POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
0800	45 10 N	125 03 W
1200	44 42 N	124 48.5 W
2000	43 09 N	125 12 W
22nd POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
0800	40 44 N	125 15 W
1200	39 53 N	125 01 W
2000	38 33 N	124 29 W

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23 July

0756 Anchored in anchorage area #7, San Francisco Bay, San Francisco, California. 0938 Underway to shift anchorage to area #12, anchoring at 1009. 1120 The Staff of Commander Transport Division 33 reported on board this vessel. 1906 Underway to proceed to San Diego, California pursuant to Confidential dispatch 142246 of May from Commander Western Sea Frontier to U.S.S. ELMORE (APA-42).

24 July

Steaming enroute to San Diego, California from San Francisco, California. 1300 Exercised at Emergency Drills, covering General Quarters, Abandon Ship, Fire and Rescue, and Boarding and Salvage, securing at 1400.

24th POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
0800	35 10 N	122 19 W
1200	34 32 N	121 45 W
2000	33 06 N	120 06 W

25 July

0730 Moored to buoys #40 and #41 South San Diego Bay, San Diego, California. 0915 Inspection Board from Commander Amphibious Training, Pacific, came aboard and made a material inspection of the ship, securing at 1200. 1215 The Flag of Commander Transport Division 33 came aboard this vessel. 1315 Inspection Board from Commander Operational Training Command, Pacific, San Diego Shakedown Group came aboard and made a material inspection of the ship securing at 1420.

26 July

Moored to buoys #40 and #41 in South San Diego Bay, San Diego, California. The Flag of Commander Transport Division 33 aboard this vessel. 0700 Underway from San Diego Harbor to Transport Area anchorage X-10 to conduct Refresher Training exercises. 0755 Routine General Quarters. 0801 Secured from General Quarters set condition 1-ABLE. Commenced conducting exercise T-4 (Ship to Shore movement). 0857 Anchored in berth X-10. 1617 Secured from condition 1-ABLE set condition three.

27 July

0753 Routine General Quarters. 0804 Fire Quarters to carry out simulated Battle Damage Problem. 0807 Secured from General Quarters set condition 1-ABLE. Commenced exercise T-4 (Ship to Shore movement). 1151 Secured from 1-ABLE set condition three. 1150 Conducted Steering Casualty Instruction, securing at 1205. 1405 Exercised at making smoke with smoke generators, securing at 1420.

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28 July

0625 Underway for berth #206 San Diego Harbor, San Diego, California anchoring at 0733. 1231 Underway to proceed to port side U.S.S. BEAVER (ARG-19) at pier #1 U. S. Naval Repair Base, San Diego, California for the purpose of replacing a thirty ton boom, port side #3 hatch, that was found to be too short for proper operation. 1346 Moored to U.S.S. BEAVER (ARG-19). 1824 Underway to shift to berth #24 South Side of pier #2, U. S. Naval Repair Base, San Diego, California with engines dead. Ship shifted with tugs.

29 July to 31 July

Moored in berth #24 to south side of pier #2, U. S. Naval Repair Base, San Diego, California. Ship undergoing emergency repairs and replacing of a thirty ton boom.

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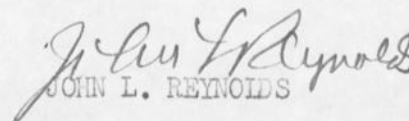
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WAR DIARY for the month of August 1945
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1 August

Moored port side to, south side of pier #2, berth 24, United States Naval Repair Base, San Diego, California. Ship undergoing emergency repairs and installation of new thirty ton boom on port side of number 3 hatch because present installation was too short. The Flag of Commander Transport Division 33 aboard this vessel. 0630 Underway pursuant to Secret Dispatch 202306 of July 1945 from Commander Western Sea Frontier to U.S.S. ELMORE (APA-42) and Secret Dispatch 312100 of July 1945 from Commander San Diego Shakedown Group, Fleet Operational Training Command, Pacific to U.S.S. ELMORE (APA-42), enroute to San Pedro, California for loading. 0838 Routine General Quarters, securing at 0934. 1100 Joined the U.S.S. CUSTER (APA-40) with U.S.S. CUSTER (APA-40) as OTC and begun gunnery exercises according to Commander Operational Training Command, Pacific drill #166. 1100 General Quarters for anti-aircraft firing drills at towed sleeve. Ship steering in areas MM-9 and MM-10. Secured from General Quarters at 1216. 1446 General Quarters for anti-aircraft firing drills at drone. Ship steaming in areas MM-5 and MM-6. 1525 Secured from General Quarters and firing drills having expended the following amount of ammunition: 5,225 rounds of 20MM, 838 rounds 40MM, and 32 rounds of 5"/38. 1835 Moored starboard side to berth #231 port of Los Angeles, San Pedro, California.

2 August to 4 August

On 3 and 4 August, ship loaded troops. Ammunition, fuel, and stores were also loaded during the period from 2 August to 4 August.

5 August

1103 Underway pursuant to Secret Movement Order #531-45 of 4 August 1945, from Commander Western Sea Frontier to U.S.S. ELMORE (APA-42) enroute to Pearl Harbor, Territory of Hawaii

POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
2000	33 33 N	120 38 W

6 August to 9 August

Steaming enroute from San Pedro, California to Pearl Harbor, Territory of Hawaii. On 6 August at 1300 ship held Emergency drills, covering Fire and Abandon Ship, securing at 1325. 1900 Changed from plus 7 (Tare) time to plus 8 (Uncle) time. On 7 August at 1300 ship held General Quarters and carried out a Damage Control Problem securing at 1355.

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On 8 August at 1400 ship held Tactical Exercises as ordered by Commander Transport Division 33. Vessel maneuvered as Division Flagship with Commander Transport Division 33 acting as Squadron Commander, securing at 1514. 1900 Changed from plus 8 (Uncle) time to plus 9 (Victor) time. On 9 August at 1300 ship held General Quarters and carried out a Damage Control Problem securing at 1345. 1400 Ship held Tactical Exercises as ordered by Commander Transport Division 33, vessel maneuvered as Division Flagship with Commander Transport Division 33 acting as Squadron Commander, securing at 1520.

6 August	POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
	0800	33 00 N	124 27 W
	1200	32 28 N	125 43 W
	2000	32 00 N	128 28 W
7 August	0800	31 18 N	132 14 W
	1200	30 56 N	133 23 W
	2000	30 19 N	135 42 W
8 August	0800	29 20 N	139 18 W
	1200	28 58 N	140 19 W
	2000	28 07 N	142 48 W
9 August	0800	26 57 N	146 09 W
	1200	26 30 N	147 15 W
	2000	25 43 N	149 23 W

10 August

Steaming enroute from San Pedro, California to Pearl Harbor, Territory of Hawaii. 1900 Changed from plus nine (Victor) time to plus 9½ (Victor William) time.

POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
0800	24 05 N	152 33 W
1200	23 37 N	153 34 W
2000	22 36 N	155 49 W

11 August

Steaming enroute from San Pedro, California to Pearl Harbor, Territory of Hawaii. 0904 Moored starboard side to U.S.S. VEGA (AK-17) in berth Xray six Pearl Harbor, Territory of Hawaii. 1110 U.S.S. VEGA (AK-17) cast off from our starboard side. 1240 Commenced receiving fuel and stores. 1736 U.S.S. CLERMONT (APA-143) moored to our starboard side.

12 August and 13 August

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Moored fore and aft to buoys in berth Xray 6 Pearl Harbor, Territory of Hawaii with the U.S.S. CLEFMONT (APA-143) moored to our starboard side. On 13th August at 0810 underway pursuant to Confidential routing instructions serial 10246 of 12 August, 1945, from Commander Hawaiian Sea Frontier to the Commanding Officer U.S.S. ELMORE (APA-42) enroute from Pearl Harbor, Territory of Hawaii, to Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands. 0955 Exercised at General Quarters and anti-aircraft practice, securing at 1137, having expended the following amount of ammunition: 19 rounds of 5"/38, 5,533 rounds of 20MM, and 665 rounds of 40MM. 1900 Changed from plus 9½ (Victor William) time to plus 10 (William) time.

13 August	POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
	1200	20 21 N	156 12 W
	2000	19 48.5 N	157 41 W

14 August and 15 August

Steaming enroute from Pearl Harbor, Territory of Hawaii, to Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands. On 15 August at 1900 changed from plus 10 (William) time to plus 11 (Xray) time.

14 August	POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
	0800	19 38 N	162 47 W
	1200	19 33 N	163 54 W
	2000	19 14 N	166 03 W
15 August	0800	18 30.5 N	169 33 W
	1200	18 27 N	170 28 W
	2000	17 59 N	172 56 W

16 August

Steaming enroute from Pearl Harbor, Territory of Hawaii, to Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands. 2151 Crossed the International date line at 16 28 N latitude.

POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
0800	17 21 N	176 14 W
1200	17 03 N	177 16 W
2000	16 34 N	179 32 W

17 August

Meridian Day.

18 August to 20 August

Steaming enroute from Pearl Harbor, Territory of Hawaii, to Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands. On August 20 at 1125 Anchored in Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands

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in berth Dog #4, anchorage able.

18 August	POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
	0800	15 47 N	177 15 E
	1200	15 27 N	176 08 E
	2000	14 48 N	173 32 E
19 August	0800	13 51 N	170 04 E
	1200	13 30 N	168 54 E
	2000	12 47 N	166 37 E
20 August	0800	11 37 N	163 10 E

21 August

Anchored in Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands in berth Dog #4 anchorage ABLE. 0908 Underway from berth Dog #4 anchorage ABLE to proceed alongside U.S.S. MEREDOSIA (IX-193) in berth King #3 to receive fuel. 1428 Cast off from U.S.S. MEREDOSIA (IX-193) in berth King #3. Underway pursuant to Confidential sailing order from office of Port Director, Navy 3237, to Commanding Officer U.S.S. ELMORE (APA-42) enroute from Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands to Ulithi Atoll, Western Caroline Islands in convoy with escort. Captain S. M. HAIGHT, USN, (Commander Transport Division 33 in ELMORE) convoy Commodore; the commanding officer of the U.S.S. ELSNER, (DE-192) escort Commander designated as Task Unit 96.3.75. 1900 Changed from minus 12 (Yoke) time to minus 11 (Love) time.

POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
2000	10 50 N	161 21.5 E

22 August to 25 August

Steaming in convoy enroute from Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands to Ulithi Atoll, Western Caroline Islands. On 22 August at 1330 exercised at emergency drills, covering Fire and Abandon Ship, securing at 1404. On 23 August at 0900 exercised at Flag Hoist Drill, securing at 0945. 0947 Commenced Tactical Exercises conducted by the Convoy Commodore, Captain S. M. HAIGHT, USN, Commander Transport Division 33 in ELMORE, securing at 1045. 1900 Changed from minus 11 (Love) time to minus 10 (King) time. On 25 August at 0806 anchored in Ulithi Atoll, Western Caroline Islands where berth #19 and 453 join.

22 August	POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
	0800	10 26 N	158 08 E
	1200	10 30 N	157 06 E
	2000	10 21 N	154 58 E

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23 August	POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
	0800	10 14 N	151 46 E
	1200	10 13.5 N	150 57 E
	2000	10 13.5 N	148 45 E
24 August	0800	10 14 N	145 48 E
	1200	10 09.5 N	144 48.5 E
	2000	10 07 N	142 42 E

26 August and 27 August

Anchored in Ulithi Atoll, Western Caroline Islands where berth #19 and #453 join. On 26 August at 0655 underway from present berth to new berth 850 yards bearing 335 true from the center of berth #7. Anchoring in new berth at 0734. On 27 August at 1658 underway pursuant to Confidential routing instructions of 27 August 1945, from Office of the Port Director, Navy 3011 to the Commanding Officer U.S.S. ELMORE (APA-42) enroute from Ulithi Atoll, Western Caroline Islands to Leyte, Philippine Islands in convoy with escort, Captain S. M. HAIGHT, USN, (Commander Transport Division 33 in ELMORE) convoy Commodore, and Commander Escort Division 35 in U.S.S. OLSON (DE-765) escort Commander.

28 August and 29 August

Steaming in convoy enroute from Ulithi Atoll, Western Caroline Islands to Leyte, Philippine Islands. On 28 August at 1330 exercised at General Quarters for surface and anti-aircraft firing practice securing at 1541 having expended the following amount of ammunition: 45 rounds of 5"/38, 1,654 rounds of 20MM, and 348 rounds of 40MM. On 29 August at 1000 changed from minus 10 (King) time to minus 9 (Item) time. 1125 Went to General Quarters due to reported submarine contact securing at 1137. 1300 Exercised at fire drill securing at 1310.

28 August	POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
	0800	10 28 N	136 47 E
	1200	10 28.5 N	135 37 E
	2000	10 31.5 N	133 50.5 E
29 August	0800	10 35 N	130 47 E
	1200	10 29.5 N	129 42 E
	2000	10 33 N	127 39.5 E

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30 August

Steaming in convoy enroute from Ulithi Atoll, Western Caroline Islands to Leyte, Philippine Islands. 0957 Anchored in berth #235 San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands. 1320 Commenced debarking troops and cargo of an Army Replacement draft of companies 29, 30, and 98 consisting of 42 officer's and 623 enlisted men, securing at 1700.

31 August

Anchored in berth #235 in San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands. 0950 Commenced embarking a draft of Army Casuals from the Fourth Replacement Depot, consisting of 37 officer's and 471 enlisted men, securing at 1100. 1229 Underway from berth #235 San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands to proceed alongside YO-164 in berth #74 San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands to receive fuel. 1348 Moored starboard side to YO-164 in berth #74 San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands. 1627 Underway from alongside YO-164 in berth #74 San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands pursuant to Secret Routing Instructions, serial #1106 of the 31st of August 1945 from the office of Port Director, Navy 3964 to the Commanding Officer, U.S.S. ELMORE (APA-42) enroute from San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands to Batangas, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

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1 September

Steaming enroute from San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands to Batangas Harbor, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
0800	08 55 N	123 09 E
1200	09 24 N	122 23 E
2000	11 16 N	121 48 E

2 September

Steaming enroute from San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands to Batangas Harbor, Luzon, Philippine Islands. 0907 Anchored in Batangas Harbor on the following true bearings: Bauen Church Dome, 330 , Batangas Church Dome 100.5 Signal Tower 108.3 . 1057 Shifted to different anchorage in Batangas Harbor anchoring on the following true bearings: Bauen Church Dome 334.5 , Batangas Church Dome 096 , and Signal Tower 100 . 1115 Commenced debarking Army troops and cargo of the Casual draft from the 4th Replacement Depot consisting of 37 officer's and 471 enlisted men and the 28th Tank Battalion consisting of 41 officer's and 693 enlisted men securing at 1900.

3 September

Underway pursuant to Secret routing instruction of 2 September, 1945 from the office of the Port Director, Batangas, Luzon, Philippine Islands to the Commanding Officer, U.S.S. ELMORE (APA-42) enroute from Batangas Harbor, Luzon, Philippine Islands to Manila, Luzon, Philippine Islands. 0922 Anchored in berth #570 Manila Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

4 September

Anchored in berth #570 Manila Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands. 1128 Underway from berth #570 Manila Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands to shift anchorage. 1155 Anchored in berth #63, Manila Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

5 September to 7 September

Anchored in berth #63 Manila Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands. At 1300 on 7 September exercised at fire drill securing at 1309. Ship received fuel and stores during period 5 September to 7 September.

8 September

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Anchored in berth #63 Manila Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands. 0730 Underway from berth #63 Manila Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands to go alongside U.S.S. SILVER CLOUD (IX-143) for fuel. 0905 Moored port side to the U.S.S. SILVER CLOUD (IX-143) in berth #594, Manila Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands. 1125 Underway from alongside U.S.S. SILVER CLOUD (IX-143) to return to anchorage. 1150 Anchored in berth #63, Manila Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

9 September and 10 September

Anchored in berth #63 Manila Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands. 1240 Underway Pursuant to visual dispatch of 9th of September from Commander Transport Division 56 (temporary) enroute to Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, Philippine Islands, stopping in at Subic Bay enroute. In company with various ships of Transport Squadron 14 (temporary), comprising of Transport Division 56 (temporary), Transport Division 38 (temporary), Transport Division 33 (temporary) and Transport Division 40 (temporary). OTC Captain W. S. HEARD in U.S.S. OKANOGAN (APA-220). 1754 Lying to in Subic Bay to disembark LCM's and crews pursuant to orders from Commander Transport Squadron confidential letter A65/572 serial 6246 of the 8th of September 1945. 1840 Underway from Subic Bay, enroute to Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
2000	14 41 N	120 07 E

10 September

Steaming in convoy enroute from Manila Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands to Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, Philippine Islands. 1030 U.S.S. OKANOGAN (APA-220) left the formation designating Captain WELCH in U.S.S. BARNSTABLE (APA-93) as OTC. 1138 Anchored off Aringay Point, Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
0800	16 36 N	119 56 E

11 September to 14 September

Anchored off Aringay Point, Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, Philippine Islands. At 0755 on 11 September received advance detail of the 33rd Army Division.

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15 September

Anchored off Aringay Point, Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, Philippine Island. 0100 Commenced loading cargo, elements of the 33rd U.S. Army Division. 0815 Exercised at fire drill, securing at 0823. 1315 Commenced receiving various element of 33rd U.S. Army Division. 1905 Completed loading troops and cargo.

16 September

Anchored off Aringay Point, Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, Philippine Island. 0820 Underway to shift anchorage off Bauang Point, Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, Philippine Islands. 0916 Anchored off Bauang Point, Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

17 September

Anchored off Bauang Point, Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, Philippine Islands. 0643 Underway pursuant to secret, rehearsal landing order. Commander Transport Squadron 14 number A2-45, Serial number 0030 of 15 September, 1945 to conduct rehearsal landing exercise. One of six ships of task unit 54.6.12 and in company with other units of Transport Squadron 14 (Temporary). Commander Transport Group 54.6.1 OTC, Fleet Guide. Commander Transport Squadron 14, Commodore Ryan, USN, in U.S.S. GEORGE CLYMER (APA-27). 0903 Set condition 1 Able. 0948 Anchored in outer transport area able and commenced lowering boats. 1030 "H" hour. 1135 Underway from outer transport area able to inner transport area charlie. Anchored in inner transport area charlie off Bauang Point, Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, Philippine Islands. 1315 Secured from condition 1 able. 1511 Underway from inner transport area charlie off Bauang Point, Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, Philippine Islands, to new anchorage off Aringay Point, Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, Philippine Islands. 1716 Anchored off Aringay Point, Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

18 September

Anchored off Aringay Point, Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

19 September

Anchored off Aringay Point, Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, Philippine Islands. 1400 Held abandon ship drill for troops, securing at 1409.

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20 September

Anchored off Aringay Point, Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, Philippine Islands. 0630 Underway pursuant to secret movement order Commander Amphibious Group #8, number A804-45, Serial 001000 of 14 September, 1945, enroute to Wakayama, Honshu, Japan One of six ships of task unit 54.6.12 and in company with other units of task force 54.5, O.T.C., Fleet Guide, Commander Transport Squadron 14 (Temporary), Commodore Ryan, USN, Commander Transport Squadron 54.6.1. 1330 Exercised at fire drill, securing at 1338. 1345 Exercised at abandon ship drill, securing at 1352.

POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
1200	17° 30.5 N	119° 59 E
2000	19° 13.5 N	120° 41 E

21 September to 24 September

Steaming in convoy enroute from Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, Philippine Island, to Wakayama, Honshu, Japan. At 1300 on 21 September commenced tactical exercises as ordered by Commander Transport Squadron 14, securing at 1353. At 1445 on the 21 September held debarkation drills for troops, securing at 1512. At 0900 on the 22 September exercised at flaghoist drills conducted by Commander Transport Squadron 14 securing at 1010. At 1300 on 22 September commenced tactical exercises conducted by Commander Transport Squadron 14, securing at 1419. At 1455 on 22 September held debarkation drill for troops, securing at 1510. At 0900 on the 24 September exercised at flaghoist drills, conducted by Commander Transport Division 33, Captain S.M. Haight, USN, aboard this vessel, securing at 1007. At 1305 on the 24 September commenced tactical exercises, conducted by Commander Transport Division 38, Captain Welch, USN, securing at 1359. At 1410 on the 24 September exercised at general quarters followed by condition one able, securing at 1431. At 1432 on the 24 September commenced debarkation drills for troops, securing at 1450.

21 September

POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
0800	20° 27 N	122° 52 E
1200	21° 05 N	123° 33 E
2000	22° 15 N	124° 51 E

22 September

POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
0800	23° 51 N	127° 01 E
1200	24° 29 N	127° 57 E
2000	25° 34.5 N	129° 16.5 E

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23 September

POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
0800	27° 14 N	131° 16 E
1200	27° 45.5 N	131° 57 E
2000	28° 44 N	133° 09 E

24 September

POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
0800	30° 33 N	134° 34 E
1200	31° 11 N	134° 49 E
2000	32° 45 N	134° 52 E

25 September

Steaming in convoy enroute from Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, Philippine Islands to Wakayama, Honshu, Japan. 0520 Exercised at general quarters, followed by condition one able at 0532. 0617 Anchored in outer transport area able off Wakayama, Honshu, Japan and commenced lowering boats. 0653 Commenced debarking occupation toops element of the 33rd U.S. Army Division. 0830 "H" hour. 0930 Underway from outer transport area able to inner transport area charlie. 1013 Anchored in inner transport area charlie off Wakayama, Honshu, Japan. 1030 Commenced unloading cargo of elements of the 33rd U.S. Army Division. 2020 Secured from condition one able set condition three. 2205 Set condition one able.

26 September

Anchored in inner transport area charlie off Wakayama Honshu, Japan. Ship in condition one able unloading cargo of elements of the 33rd U.S. Army Division. 0655 Completed unloading all cargo. 0745 Secured from condition one able. 1214 All hands to fire quarters, fire in the incinerator securing at 1226 with fire extinguished. 1520 Completed debarking all troops. 1714 Underway pursuant to visual dispatch of 26 September from Commander Transport Squadron 14, enroute to Leyte, Philippine Islands, stopping at Subic Bay enroute in company with various ship of transport squadron 14 (Temporary) consisting of Transport Divisions 40, 56, 33, and 38 (Temporary). O.T.C. Fleet Guide, Commander Transport Squadron 14, Commodore Ryan, USN in U.S.S. GEORGE CLYMER (APA-27).

POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
2000	33° 49.5 N	134° 52 E

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27 September to 30 September

Steaming in convoy enroute to Leyte, Philippine Islands, stopping at Subic Bay, Luzon, Philippine Island enroute with various ships of Transport Squadron 14 (Temporary), consisting of Transport Divisions 40, 56, 33, and 38 (Temporary). O.T.C., Fleet Guide, Commander Transport Squadron 14, Commodore Ryan, USN, in U.S.S. GEORGE CLYMER (APA-27).

27 September	POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
	0800	31° 19 N	134° 11 E
	1200	30° 28.5 N	134° 13 E
	2000	28° 41 N	133° 33.5 E

28 September	POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
	0800	25° 53 N	132° 19 E
	1200	35° 22 N	131° 17 E
	2000	24° 43.5 N	129° 12 E

29 September	POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
	0800	23° 16 N	126° 27 E
	1200	22° 38 N	125° 37 E
	2000	21° 22 N	123° 47 E

30 September	POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
	0800	19° 53 N	121° 24.5 E
	1200	19° 21 N	120° 50 E
	2000	17° 55.5 N	119° 40 E

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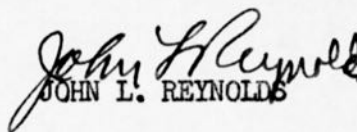
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1 October 1945

Steaming in convoy enroute to Leyte, Philippine Islands, stopping at Subic Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands, enroute with various ships of Transport Squadron 14 (Temporary), consisting of Transport Divisions 56, 40, 33 and 38 (Temporary). OTC, Fleet Guide, Commander Transport Squadron 14, Commodore Ryan, USN, in U.S.S. GEORGE CLYMER (APA-27). 1356 Anchored in berth 182 Subic Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands. 1736 Underway pursuant to convoy routing instructions from the port director, Subic Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands, to Commander Transport Squadron 14 enroute to Leyte, Philippine Islands.

POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
0800	15° 27 N	119° 26 E

2 October

Steaming in convoy with various ships of Transport Squadron 14 (Temporary) Consisting of Transport Divisions 40, 56, 33, and 38 (Temporary) enroute to Leyte, Philippine Islands. OTC, Fleet Guide Commander Transport Squadron 14, Commodore Ryan, USN in U.S.S. GEORGE CLYMER (APA-27). 1330 Exercised at emergency drills, securing at 1515.

POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
0800	12° 57 N	122° 24 E
1200	12° 37 N	123° 23 E
2000	12° 46 N	125° 03 E

3 October

Steaming in convoy with various ships of Transport Squadron 14 (Temporary) Consisting of Transport Divisions 40, 56, 33 and 38 (Temporary) enroute to Leyte, Philippine Islands. OTC, Fleet Guide, Commander Transport Squadron 14, Commodore Ryan, USN in U.S.S. GEORGE CLYMER (APA-27). 1250 Moored port side to U.S.S. WHIPPET (IX-129) in berth 91 San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands to receive fuel. 1443 YO-173 came alongside on starboard quarter. 1457 Commenced receiving diesel oil from YO-173. 1600 YO-173 Cast off from alongside our starboard quarter. 1616 Underway from alongside the U.S.S. WHIPPET (IX-129) in berth 91 San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands to proceed to anchorage assignment in berth 234, San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands. Anchoring at 1719.

4-6 October

Anchored in berth 234 San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands. Received stores during period 4 to 6 October.

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7 October

Anchored in berth 234 San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands. 0711 Underway pursuant to secret movement order Commander Transport Squadron 14, No. 3-45 Serial 0032 enroute to Toloma, Davao Gulf, Mindanao, Philippine Islands in company with various ships of Transport Squadron 14 (Temporary) consisting of Transport Divisions 40, 56, 33 and 38 (Temporary). OTC, Fleet Guide, Commander Transport Squadron 14, Commodore Ryan, USN, in U.S.S. GEORGE CLYMER (APA-27).

POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
1200	10° 34 N	125° 42 E
2000	09° 04 N	126° 46 E

8 October

Steaming in convoy with various ships of Transport Squadron 14 (Temporary) consisting of Transport Divisions 40, 56, 33 and 38 (Temporary) enroute to Toloma, Davao Gulf, Mindanao, Philippine Islands. OTC, Fleet Guide Commander Transport Squadron 14, Commodore Ryan, USN in U.S.S. GEORGE CLYMER (APA-27). 1332 Anchored of Daliao, Davao Gulf, Mindanao, Philippine Islands on the following true bearings: Left tangent of Talikud Island 091°, Right tangent of Talikud Island 108°, Toloma, light 006.5°, Daliao light 032.5°. 1920 Underway to shift anchorage off Pohun Point, Davao Gulf, Mindanao, Philippine Islands anchoring at 2050 on the following true bearings: Right tangent Samal Island 159°, left tangent Samal Island 141°, left tangent of Talikud Island 195°.

9 October

Anchored off Pohun Point, Davao Gulf, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, on the following true bearings: Left tangent of Talikud Island 195°, left Tangent Samal Island 141°, right tangent of Samal Island 159°. 1200 Underway from Pohun Point, Davao Gulf, Mindanao, Philippine Islands to shift anchorage off Lanang Point, Pakiputan Strait, Davao Gulf, Mindanao, Philippine Islands. Anchoring at 1242 on the following true bearings: Left tangent of docks 232°, Arboles Island 020 3/4°, 1330 Exercised at emergency drills fire, collision, and man overboard, securing at 1410. 1552 Received the advanced detail of the 3rd Battalion, 19th Regiment, 24th U.S. Army Division and commenced loading cargo.

10-14 October

Anchored off Lanang Point, Pakiputan Strait, Davao Gulf, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, on the following true bearings: Left tangent of docks 232°, Arboles Island 020 3/4°. At 2005 on the 11th of October completed loading all troops and cargo of 3rd Battalion, 19th Regiment, 24th U.S. Army Division. Number of troops embarked: 61 Officers and 920 enlisted men.

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15 October

Anchored off Lanang Point, Pakiputan Strait, Davao Gulf, Mindanao, Philippine Islands. On the following true bearings: Left Tangent of Docks 232°, Arboles Island 020°. 0833 Underway pursuant to Commander Transport Squadron 14 Secret movement order number A2-45 serial 0033 of 13 October 1945 enroute to Matsuyama, Shikoku, Japan. One of five ships of Task Unit 54.13.22 and in company with other units of Task Force 54.13, OTC, Fleet Guide Commander Transport Squadron 14 (Temporary) Commodore RYAN, USN. 1330 Exercised at emergency drills, Fire, Collision and Abandon Ship, securing at 1400

POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
1200	06° 42' N	125° 42.5' E
2000	06° 59' N	126° 33' E

16-20 October

Steaming in convoy enroute from Pakiputan Strait, Davao Gulf, Mindanao, Philippine Islands to Matsuyama, Shikoku, Japan. At 1900 on 18 October Exercised at night fire drill, securing at 1909.

16 October	POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
	0800	09° 13.5' N	126° 49' E
	1200	09° 59.5' N	126° 50' E
	2000	11° 28' N	126° 59' E
17 October	POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
	0800	13° 50' N	127° 57' E
	1200	14° 50.5' N	128° 17' E
	2000	16° 30.5' N	128° 59.5' E
18 October	POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
	0800	19° 02.5' N	129° 46.5' E
	1200	19° 47' N	130° 10' E
	2000	21° 25.5' N	130° 24' E
19 October	POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
	0800	24° 03' N	130° 25' E
	1200	24° 54' N	130° 30' E
	2000	26° 32' N	130° 41' E
20 October	POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
	0800	28° 49.5' N	131° 14.5' E
	1200	29° 34' N	131° 35.5' E
	2000	31° 09.5' N	132° 04' E

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21 October

Steaming in convoy enroute from Pakiputan Strait, Davao Gulf, Mindanao, Philippine Islands to Matsuyama, Shikoku, Japan. 1637 Anchored in berth 43 off Mitsugahama, Hakuchi, Matsuyama, Shikoku, Japan.

22 October

Anchored in berth 43 off Mitsugahama, Hakuchi, Matsuyama, Shikoku Japan. 0645 Commenced lowering boats followed by condition 1-Able, 0738 Commenced debarking occupation troops of the 3rd Battalion 19th Infantry Regiment of the 24th Army Division and attached units. 0830 "H" hour. 0839 Commenced unloading cargo.

23 October

Anchored in berth 43 off Mitsugahama, Hakuchi, Matsuyama, Shikoku, Japan, continuing in condition 1-Able. 1600 Completed unloading cargo. 1819 Secured from condition 1-Able.

24-26 October

Anchored in berth 43 off Mitsugahama, Hakuchi, Matsuyama, Shikoku, Japan. At 1010 on the 24 October completed debarkation of Army Personnel.

27 October

Anchored in berth 43 off Mitsugahama, Hakuchi, Matsuyama, Shikoku, Japan. 0903 Underway pursuant to Confidential routing instructions from the Port Director, Matsuyama to the Commanding Officer U.S.S. ELMORE enroute to Buckner Bay, Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands. Steaming in company with the U.S.S. OKANOGAN (APA-220) and U.S.S. MIFFLIN (APA-207), OTC, Fleet Guide Captain W.S. HEARD, USN, in the U.S.S. OKANOGAN (APA-220)

POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
2000	32° 27' N	132° 08' E

28 October

Steaming in convoy enroute from Matsuyama, Shikoku, Japan to Buckner Bay, Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands.

POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
0800	29° 58' N	131° 17' E
1200	29° 08.5' N	130° 57' E
2000	27° 39' N	130° 00' E

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29 October

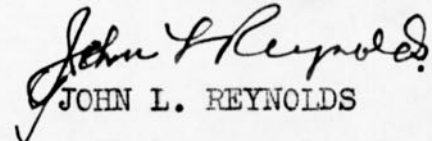
Steaming in convoy enroute from Matsuyama, Shikoku, Japan to Buckner Bay, Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands. 0947 Anchored in berth B-67 Buckner Bay, Okinawa Ryukyu Islands. 1310 Exercised at emergency drills: Fire, and Fire and Rescue, securing at 1358.

30 October

Anchored in berth B-67 Buckner Bay, Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands. 1217 Underway from anchorage to go alongside U.S.S. CHIWAWA (AO-68) in berth B-56 to receive fuel. 1312 Moored port side to the U.S.S. CHIWAWA (AO-68). 1713 Underway from alongside the U.S.S. CHIWAWA (AO-68) proceeding to anchorage in berth B-76, Anchoring at 1735.

31 October

Anchored in berth B-76 Buckner Bay, Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands. 1830 Forty five (45) Naval Enlisted personnel reported on board for further transfer to Receiving Station San Francisco, California.


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War Diary

November, 1945

APA42/A12-1
Serial (0571)

U. S. S. ELMORE (APA-42)
c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, Calif.

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11 December, 1945

From: Commanding Officer.
To: Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet, Navy Department,
Washington 25, D.C.

Subject: War Diary for the month of November, 1945 - Submitting
of.

Reference: (a) U.S. Navy Regulations, 1920, Art. 712, 874 (6).

Enclosure: (A) Subject War Diary.

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (A) is
submitted herewith.

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1 November

Anchored in berth B-76 in Buckner Bay, Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands. 1500 Commenced embarking Naval Personnel for further transfer to Receiving Station, San Francisco, California. 1700 Completed embarking Naval Personnel having embarked 99 officers and 1,648 enlisted personnel. 1730 Underway pursuant to Confidential Routing Instructions of 29 October, 1945 from the Port Director, Navy 3256 to the Commanding Officer, U.S.S. ELMORE (APA-42) enroute to San Francisco, California.

POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
2000	26° 06.5 N	128° 26.5 E

2-3 November

Steaming singly enroute from Buckner Bay, Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands to San Francisco, California.

POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
0800	26° 55 N	131° 33 E
1200	27° 09 N	132° 26 E
2000	27° 41.5 N	134° 40 E

3 November

0800	28° 24 N	137° 57.5 E
1200	28° 47 N	139° 12 E
2000	29° 09 N	141° 23 E

4 November

Steaming singly enroute from Buckner Bay, Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands to San Francisco, California. 0100 Set all ships clocks ahead one hour from minus 9 item zone time to minus 10 King time. 1903 Changed course to investigate reported flare, sighted bearing 215° True. 2010 Resumed base course. Results of search negative.

0800	29° 43.5 N	144° 40.5 E
1200	29° 56.5 N	145° 52 E
2000	30° 25 N	147° 50 E

5 November

Steaming singly enroute from Buckner Bay, Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands to San Francisco, California. 0848 Sighted horned type mine off port bow, all hands to general quarters. 0912 Sank horn type mine by gun fire at Latitude 31° 53 N Longitude 151° 20 E. 0914 Secured from general quarters. 1547 Sighted horned type mine off the port beam, all hands to general quarters. 1557 Sank horn type mine by gun fire at Latitude 32° 44 N Longitude 153° 42 E. 1559 Secured from general quarters.

0800	31° 46 N	151° 05 E
1200	32° 11.5 N	152° 13 E
2000	33° 02 N	155° 11 E

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Keeping Minus 10 King Time.

6-7 November

Steaming singly enroute from Buckner Bay, Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands to San Francisco, California. 0100 Set all ships clocks ahead one hour from Minus 10 King time to Minus 11 Love time. At 1227 Pursuant to Commander Western Sea Frontier despatch 070010 of November, destination changed to Seattle, Washington. At 1330 November 7th, 1945 Exercised at emergency drills, fire, collision and fire and rescue, securing at 1400.

6 November	POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
	0800	34° 10 N	157° 21.5 E
	1200	34° 48 N	158° 58.5 E
	2000	35° 12.5 N	161° 00 E
7 November	0800	36° 11 N	164° 41 E
	1200	36° 30 N	165° 56 E
	2000	37° 40 N	168° 04 E

8 November

Steaming singly enroute from Buckner Bay, Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands to Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. 0100 Set all ship clocks ahead one hour from minus 11 Love time to plus 12 Yoke time.

POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
0800	39° 25 .5 N	171° 09 E
1200	40° 06.5 N	172° 17 E
2000	41° 15 N	174° 31 E

9 November

Steaming singly enroute from Buckner Bay, Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands to Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. 1620 Crossed the Inter-National date line at 43° 33 N latitude,

POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
0800	42° 41 N	177° 48 E
1200	43° 18 N	179° 07 E
2000	43° 55 N	178° 57 W

9 November Meridian Day

Steaming singly enroute from Buckner Bay, Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands to Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. 0100 Set all ship clocks ahead one hour from plus 12 Yoke time to Plus 11 Xray time.

POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
0800	44° 47.5 N	175° 33 W
1200	45° 09 N	174° 00 W
2000	45° 45 N	171° 16 .5 W

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Keeping Plus 11 Xray Time.

10-11 November

Steaming singly enroute from Buckner Bay, Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands to Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. At 0100 on 11 November set all ships clocks ahead one hour, from plus 11 Xray time to plus 10 William time.

10 November	POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
	0800	46° 42.5 N	166° 55 W
	1200	48° 08 N	165° 25 W
	2000	48° 23 N	162° 02 W
11 November	POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
	0800	49° 08 N	156° 46 W
	1200	49° 15 N	154° 58 W
	2000	49° 21 N	151° 26 W

12-13 November

Steaming singly enroute from Buckner Bay, Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands to Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. At 0100 on 13 November set all ships clocks ahead one hour, from plus 10 William time to plus 9 Victor time. At 1337, 13 November Exercised at emergency drills: Fire, collision and fire and rescue, securing at 1415.

12 November	POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
	0800	49° 28 N	146° 11 W
	1200	49° 28 N	144° 19 W
	2000	49° 20 N	140° 47.5 W
13 November	POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
	0800	49° 10 N	135° 59 W
	1200	48° 50 N	134° 49 W
	2000	48° 45 N	131° 35 W

14 November

Steaming singly enroute from Buckner Bay, Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands to Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. At 0100 Set all ships clocks ahead one hour from plus 9 Victor time to plus 8 Uncle time. 1350 Entered straits of Juan de Fuca. 1800 Arrived off port Angeles, Pilot Lt.Comdr., F.J. JOHNSON, USCGR came aboard. 1805 With Pilot at Conn, Captain, Executive officer, and Navigator on the bridge proceeding to Elliott Bay, Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. Anchored in berth Jig at 2300.

15 November

Anchored in berth Jig, Elliott Bay, Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. 1209 Underway from berth Jig, Elliott Bay, to proceed to port side Pier 91, Naval Station, Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. 1428 Moored port side to Pier 91, Naval Station, Seattle, Washington.

16 November

Moored port side to Pier 91, Naval Station, Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. 0730 Commenced receiving fuel from the dock, securing at 1115 having received 222,000 gallons of fuel oil. 1340 Commenced debarking Naval Passenger Personnel. 1845 Completed debarking Naval Passenger Personnel.

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War Diary for the month of November,
Keeping Plus 8 Uncle Time.

17 November

Moored port side Pier 91, Naval Station, Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. 0630 Pilot Arthur C. Friend, Lt.Comdr., USNR came aboard. 0739 Underway from Pier 91, Naval Station, Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. proceeding to Everett Pacific Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, Everett, Washington, U.S.A. 1022 Moored port side to S.S. WAIPIO, Pier "E" Everett Pacific Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, Everett, Washington, U.S.A.

18-26 November

Moored port side to S.S. WAIPIO, Pier "E", Everett Pacific Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, Everett, Washington, U.S.A. Ship undergoing minor voyage repairs. Loaded stores during period 23 November to 26 November.

27 November

Moored port side to S.S. WAIPIO, Pier "E", Everett Pacific Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, Everett, Washington, U.S.A. 0745 Pilot Lt.Comdr., C.B. CHRISTENSEN, came aboard. 0845 With Pilot at Conn, Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge, underway from port side S.S. WAIPIO, Pier "E", Everett Pacific Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, Everett, Washington, U.S.A. to proceed to pier 91, Naval Station, Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. 1134 Moored starboard side Pier 91, Naval Station, Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. 1300 Commenced receiving fuel from the dock. 1310 Commenced pumping diesel oil to barge. 1330 Commenced loading stores. 1440 Secured from fueling having received 38,890 gallons. 1845 Secured from pumping diesel oil, having pumped 14,000 bbls.

28 November

Moored starboard side Pier 91, Naval Station, Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. Continued loading stores.

29 November

Moored starboard side Pier 91, Naval Station, Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. At 0135 Secured from loading stores. At 1800 Pilot Lt.Comdr., Erak ARNSTEN, came aboard.

30 November

Moored Starboard side Pier 91, Naval Station, Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. 0027 Underway pursuant to movement order number 200-45C-R A14-1/A4-3 Serial 362 of 22 November 1945, From Commander Western Sea Frontier to Commanding Officer U.S.S. ELMORE (APA-42). Enroute from Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. to Tacloban, Leyte, Philippine Islands. 0545 Arrived of Port Angeles. Pilot Lt.Comdr., Erak ARNSTEN left the ship. 0945 Departed Straits of Juan de Fuca.

POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
0800	48° 22 N	124° 16.5 W
1200	47° 59 N	125° 16 W
2000	46° 15 N	126° 29 W

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War Diary

December, 1945

APA42/A12-1
Serial (0588)

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4 January, 1946

From: Commanding Officer.
To: Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet, Navy Department,
Washington 25, D.C.

Subject: War Diary for the month of December, 1945 - Submission
of.

Reference: (a) U.S. Navy Regulations, 1920, Art. 712, 874 (6).

Enclosure: (A) Subject War Diary.

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1-2 December

Steaming singly enroute from Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. to Tacloban, Leyte, Philippine Islands pursuant to movement order number 200-450-R 114-1/A4-3 Serial 362 of 22 November, 1945 from Commander Western Sea Frontier to the Commanding Officer U.S.S. ELMORE (APA-42). At 1330 on 1 December, Exercised at general drills: including general quarters, fire, collision and abandon Ship, securing at 1438. At 1900 on 1 December, set all ships clocks back one hour from plus 8 Uncle time to plus 9 Victor time.

1 December	POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
	0800	44° 22 N	130° 17 W
	1200	43° 51 N	131° 28 W
	2000	42° 38.5 N	133° 57 W
2 December	0800	40° 34 N	135° 00.5 W
	1200	40° 01 N	135° 53 W
	2000	39° 57.5 N	138° 28 W

3-4 December

Steaming singly at reduced speed due to excessive pounding caused by strong wind and heavy sea, enroute from Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. to Tacloban, Leyte, Philippine Islands. At 1900 on 3 December set all ships clocks back one hour, from plus 9 Victor time to plus 10 William time.

3 December	POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
	0800	39° 57.5 N	142° 22.5 W
	1200	39° 49 N	143° 47 W
	2000	39° 57.5 N	145° 08.5 W
4 December	0800	40° 12.5 N	147° 10.5 W
	1200	40° 15.5 N	148° 05 W
	2000	40° 37 N	149° 10.5 W

5 December

Steaming singly at reduced speed due to excessive pounding caused by strong wind and heavy sea, enroute from Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. to Tacloban, Leyte, Philippine Islands.

POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
0800	40° 54.5 N	150° 46 W
1200	40° 52 N	151° 22 W
2000	40° 42 N	153° 48 W

6 December

Steaming singly enroute from Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. to Tacloban, Leyte, Philippine Islands. At 1900 Set all ships clocks back one hour from plus 10 William time to plus 11 Xray time.

POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
0800	40° 28 N	157° 33 W
1200	39° 39 N	157° 33 W
2000	37° 18 N	157° 41 W

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7-8 December

Steaming singly enroute from Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. to Tacloban, Leyte, Philippine Islands. At 1336 on 8 December exercised at general drills including fire, abandon ship and fire and rescue, securing at 1413. At 1900 on 8 December, set all ships clocks back one hour from Plus 11 Xray Time to Plus 12 Yoke Time.

7 December	POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
	0800	34° 24.5 N	158° 42.5 W
	1200	34° 29 N	160° 02 W
	2000	34° 21.5 N	162° 50.5 W

8 December	0800	34° 10 N	166° 39 W
	1200	34° 07 N	167° 44 W
	2000	33° 57 N	169° 53.5 W

9 December

Steaming singly at reduced speed due to excessive pounding caused by strong wind and heavy sea, enroute from Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. to Tacloban, Leyte, Philippine Islands.

POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
0800	33° 44 N	173° 52 W
1200	33° 41.5 N	175° 07 W
2000	33° 37 N	176° 42 W

10 December

Meridian Day

11 December

Steaming singly at reduced speed due to excessive pounding caused by strong winds and heavy sea, enroute from Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. to Tacloban, Leyte, Philippine Islands. At 0742 sighted what appeared to be a floating mine, 3 points of the port bow. 0753 All hands to general quarters, object identified as a net float. 1238 Crossed the International Date Line at 33° 35.5 N Latitude. Entered minus 12 time zone.

POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
0800	33° 31.5 N	178° 51 W
1200	33° 36 N	179° 51 W
2000	33° 23 N	178° 04 E

12 December

Steaming singly enroute from Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. to Tacloban, Leyte, Philippine Islands. 1900 Set all ships clocks back one hour from minus 12 Mike time to minus 11 Love time.

POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
0800	33° 09 N	174° 35 E
1200	33° 00 N	173° 23.5 E
2000	31° 45 N	171° 19 E

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Keeping Minus 11 Love Time.

13 December

Steaming singly at reduced speed due to excessive pounding caused by strong winds and heavy sea, enroute from Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. to Tacloban, Leyte, Philippine Islands.

POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
0800	31° 31.5 N	167° 45.5 E
1200	31° 37 N	167° 06 E
2000	31° 48 N	165° 27 E

14 December

Steaming singly enroute from Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. to Tacloban, Leyte, Philippine Islands. 0700 Increased speed to standard due to the weather abating. 1900 Set all ships clocks back one hour from minus 11 Love time to minus 10 King time.

0800	31° 45 N	162° 51 E
1200	31° 43 N	161° 31.5 E
2000	31° 06 N	158° 50 E

15-16 December

Steaming singly enroute from Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. to Tacloban, Leyte, Philippine Islands. At 1330 on 15 December Exercised at general drills including collision, fire and abandon ship, securing at 1411. On 16 December, Destination changed to Guiuan, Samar, Philippine Islands.

15 December

0800	29° 28.5 N	155° 42 E
1200	28° 57 N	154° 41.5 E
2000	27° 45 N	152° 44 E

16 December

0800	26° 06.5 N	149° 57 E
1200	25° 30 N	148° 55 E
2000	25° 00 N	146° 32 E

17-18 December,

Steaming singly enroute from Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. to Guiuan, Samar, Philippine Islands. At 1900 on the 17 December set all ships clocks back one hour from minus 10 King time to minus 9 Item time.

17 December

0800	24° 08.5 N	143° 04 E
1200	23° 11 N	142° 13.5 E
2000	21° 14.5 N	140° 27.5 E

18 December

0800	19° 03 N	137° 46 E
1200	18° 19 N	136° 48 E
2000	16° 56 N	134° 55 E

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Keeping Minus 9 Item Time.

19 December

Steaming singly enroute from Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. to Guiuan, Samar, Philippine Islands.

POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
0800	14° 51 N	132° 08 E
1200	14° 07 N	131° 15 E
2000	12° 46 N	129° 17.5 E

20 December

Steaming singly enroute from Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. to Guiuan, Samar, Philippine Islands. 1440 Anchored in berth 40, Guiuan, Samar, Philippine Islands. 1900 Set all ships clocks back one hour from minus 9 Item time to minus 8 How time.

0800	10° 56 N	126° 28 E
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21-22 December

Anchored in berth 40, Guiuan, Samar, Philippine Islands.

23 December

Anchored in berth 40, Guiuan, Samar, Philippine Islands. 0849 Underway from berth 40, Guiuan, Samar, Philippine Islands to proceed to Lipata, Samar to refuel. 1243 Anchored in berth 125, San Pedro Bay awaiting orders to go along side tanker for fuel. 1557 Underway from berth 125, San Pedro Bay to go along side YO-162 to receive fuel. 1645 Moored port side to YO-162 in berth 93, San Pedro Bay. 2130 Underway from YO-162 in berth 93, San Pedro Bay to anchor in berth 76, San Pedro Bay. Anchored at 2153.

24 December

Anchored in berth 76, San Pedro Bay, Philippine Islands. 0547 Underway to shift anchorage to berth 9, San Pedro Bay, Philippine Islands. 0642 Anchored between berth 10 and 13, San Pedro Bay, Philippine Islands. At 0900 Commenced loading Army and Navy Passenger Personnel for transportation to the United States. 1100 Secured from loading Passenger Personnel having received 26 Naval Personnel, 45 Army Officers and 1,564 Army Enlisted Personnel. 1454 Underway pursuant to routing instruction serial 1993 from the port director Navy 3964 to the Commanding Officer U.S.S. ELMORE (APA-42) enroute from San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands to San Francisco, California, U.S.A.

25-26 December

Steaming singly enroute from Leyte Gulf, Philippine Islands to San Francisco, California, U.S.A. 1437 on 26 December exercised at general drills including fire and collision securing at 1502. At 1504 on 26 December held abandon ship drill for passengers securing at 1515. At 0100 on 26 December set all ships clocks ahead one hour from minus 8 How time to minus 9 Item time.

25 December.	POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
	0800	11° 54.5 N	129° 00 E
	1200	12° 27 N	130° 02 E
	2000	13° 23 N	132° 07 E

26 December

0800	14° 45 N	134° 50 E
1200	15° 11 N	135° 50 E
2000	16° 10 N	137° 54 E

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27 December

Steaming singly enroute from Leyte Gulf, Philippine Islands to San Francisco, Calif. U.S.A.

POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
0800	17° 30 N	141° 06 E
1200	17° 56 N	142° 09 E
2000	18° 50 N	144° 23 E

28 December

Steaming singly enroute from Leyte Gulf, Philippine Islands to San Francisco, California, U.S.A. 0100 Set all ships clocks ahead one hour from minus 9 Item time zone to minus 10 King Zone time. 1000 Exercised at steering casualty drill. 1030 Secured from steering casualty drills.

POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
0800	20° 40 N	147° 28.5 E
1200	20° 26.5 N	148° 39 E
2000	21° 13 N	150° 51 E

29 December

Steaming singly enroute from Leyte Gulf, Philippine Islands to San Francisco, California, U.S.A. 1005 Exercised at steering casualty drill. 1035 Secured from steering casualty drill. 1400 Exercised at routine General Quarters Drill. 1440 Secured from routine General Quarters Drill.

POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
0800	22° 28 N	154° 21 E
1200	22° 54 N	155° 29 E
2000	23° 38 N	157° 38.5 E

30 December

Steaming singly enroute from Leyte Gulf, Philippine Islands to San Francisco, California, U.S.A. 0100 Set all ships clocks ahead one hour from minus 10 King Zone time to minus 11 Love Zone Time.

POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
0800	24° 45 N	161° 04 E
1200	25° 02 N	162° 20 E
2000	25° 36 N	164° 54 E

31 December

Steaming singly enroute from Leyte Gulf, Philippine Islands to San Francisco, California, U.S.A.

POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
0800	26° 25 N	168° 33 E
1200	26° 40 N	169° 46.5 E
2000	27° 15 N	172° 23.5 E

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To: Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet, Navy Department,
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Subject: War Diary for the month of January, 1946 -
Submission of.

Reference: (a) U.S. Navy Regulations, 1920, Art. 712, 874
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War Diary for the month of January
Keeping Minus 11 Love Time.

1 January

Steaming singly enroute from Leyte Gulf, Philippine Islands to San Francisco, California, U.S.A. 0100 Set all ship clocks ahead one hour from minus 11 Love time zone to minus 12 Mike time zone. 2330 Crossed the International Date line at Latitude 28° 47 N. Entered plus 12 Yoke time zone.

POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
0800	27° 49.5 N	175° 32.5 E
1200	28° 03 N	176° 42 E
2000	28° 34 N	179° 01 E

1 January (Meridian Day)

Steaming singly enroute from Leyte Gulf, Philippine Islands to San Francisco, California, U.S.A.

0800	29° 07 N	177° 28.5 W
1200	29° 06 N	176° 17 W
2000	28° 55 N	173° 56 W

2 January

Steaming singly enroute from Leyte Gulf, Philippine Islands to San Francisco, California, U.S.A. 0100 Set all ships clocks ahead one hour from plus 12 Yoke time zone to plus 11 Xray time zone.

0800	28° 52 N	170° 39 W
1200	28° 54 N	169° 30 W
2000	29° 05N	167° 10.5 W

3 January

Steaming singly enroute from Leyte Gulf, Philippine Islands to San Francisco, California, U.S.A. 1330 Commenced exercising at Damage Control Problem, all hands to general quarters. 1405 Secured from Damage Control Problem and general quarters. 1412 Exercised at fire drill, 1421 Secured from all drills.

0800	29° 01 N	163° 44 W
1200	29° 01 N	162° 32.5 W
2000	29° 02 N	160° 15.5 W

4 January

Steaming singly enroute from Leyte Gulf, Philippine Islands to San Francisco, California, U.S.A. 0100 Set all ships clocks ahead one hour from plus 11 Xray time zone to plus 10 William time zone.

0800	29° 09 N	157° 06 W
1200	29° 30.5N	155° 53 W
2000	30° 19 N	153° 33 W

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5 January

Steaming singly enroute from Leyte Gulf, Philippine Islands to San Francisco, California, U.S.A. 0800 Published Articles for the Government of the Navy.

POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
0800	31° 28 N	150° 03 W
1200	31° 52 N	148° 51 W
2000	32° 42 N	146° 34 W

6 January

Steaming singly enroute from Leyte Gulf, Philippine Islands to San Francisco, California, U.S.A. 0100 Set all ships clocks ahead one hour from Plus 10 William time zone to plus 9 Victor time zone. 0703 Pursuant to orders contained in Commander Hawaii Sea Frontier dispatch of 061426 proceeded to establish rendezvous with S.S. CARL G. BARTH in position 34° 35 N and 154° 54 W to render Medical Assistance.

0800	33° 38.5 N	143° 50 W
1200	33° 40 N	145° 04 W
2000	33° 38 N	147° 18 W

7 January

Steaming singly enroute from Leyte Gulf, Philippine Islands to San Francisco, California, U.S.A. diverted to course 280° True and Pgc, 274° Pstgc to rendezvous with S.S. CARL G. BARTH to render Medical Assistance. 0634 Steering various courses and using various speeds in order to station ship in a favorable position for lowering boat to pick up patient from the S.S. CARL G. BARTH. 0919 Patient aboard and mission of rendering Medical Assistance to S.S. CARL G. BARTH completed, Underway to San Francisco, California, U.S.A.

0800	34° 05 N	149° 29 W
1200	34° 14.5 N	148° 38 W
2000	34° 48 N	145° 57 W

8 January

Steaming singly enroute from Leyte Gulf, Philippine Islands to San Francisco, California, U.S.A. 1330 Commenced exercising at general drills including, general quarters, fire, collision, and fire and rescue. 1414 Secured from all general drills.

0800	35° 37 N	142° 01 W
1200	35° 53 N	140° 35 W
2000	36° 31 N	137° 50 W

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9 January

Steaming singly enroute from Leyte Gulf, Philippine Island to San Francisco, California, U.S.A.

POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
0800	36° 48 N	133° 37 W
1200	36° 54.5 N	132° 06 W
2000	37° 10 N	129° 11 W

10 January

Steaming singly enroute from Leyte Gulf, Philippine Island to San Francisco, California, U.S.A. 0100 Set all ships clocks ahead one hour from minus 9 Victor time zone to minus 8 Uncle time zone. 1512 arrived off San Francisco, light ship. Pilot A.H. Westerberg came aboard. 1525 Underway proceeding into San Francisco Bay, San Francisco, California. 1709 Anchored in anchorage 7 San Francisco Bay, San Francisco, California. 1718 Pilot A.H. Westerberg left the ship.

POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
0800	37° 26 N	125° 10 W
1200	37° 27 N	123° 44 W

11 January

Anchored anchorage 7 San Francisco Bay, San Francisco, California. 0745 Pilot H.C. Lent came aboard. 0803 Underway from anchorage 7 San Francisco Bay, San Francisco, California to go alongside pier 45 "C" to discharge passengers. 0845 Moored starboard side to pier 45 "C" San Francisco, California. 0910 Pilot H.C. Lent left the ship. 0935 Commence debarking Army and Navy passengers. 1100 Completed debarking all Army and Navy passengers.

12 January

Moored starboard side to Pier 45 "C" San Francisco, California. 0755 Pilot H.W. Anderson came aboard. 0800 Underway from Pier 45 "C" San Francisco, California, to proceed to anchorage 9 berth 68 San Francisco Bay anchoring at 0842. 0850 Pilot H.W. Anderson left the ship. 1302 commenced receiving fuel oil from fuel barge. 1520 completed taking fuel, having received 140,000 gallons. 1530 commenced taking fresh provisions aboard securing at 1647.

13 and 14 January

Anchored in anchorage 9 berth 68 San Francisco Bay, California.

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15 January

Anchored in berth 68, anchorage 9, San Francisco Bay, California, U.S.A.

16 January

Anchored in berth 68, anchorage 9, San Francisco Bay, California, U.S.A.

1305 Underway to shift anchorage. 1317 Anchored in berth 103, anchorage 9, San Francisco Bay, California., U.S.A.

17-18 January

Anchored in berth 103, anchorage 9, San Francisco Bay, California, U.S.A.

19 January

Anchored in berth 103, anchorage 9, San Francisco Bay, California, U.S.A.

1310 Underway enroute to Balboa Panama pursuant to movement order number 77, dated 17 January, 1946 from the Commander Western Sea Frontier to Commanding Officer, U.S.S. ELMORE (APA-42)

POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
2000	36° 18.5 N	122° 19 W

20 January,

Steaming singly enroute from San Francisco, California, U.S.A. to Balboa Panama.

0800	33° 26.5 N	120° 27 W
1200	32° 35 N	119° 33 W
2000	30° 58 N	118° 12 W

21 January

Steaming singly enroute from San Francisco, California, U.S.A. to Balboa Panama. 1045 U.S.S. BARNSTABLE (APA-93) enroute from San Francisco, California U.S.A. to Balboa Panama now steaming in company with this ship.

0800	28° 33 N	116° 05 W
1200	27° 45.5 N	115° 30 W
2000	26° 07 N	114° 09 W

22 January

Steaming in company with U.S.S. BARNSTABLE (APA-93) enroute from San Francisco California, U.S.A. to Balboa Panama. 0100 Set all ships clocks ahead one hour from plus 8 Uncle time to plus 7 Tare time. 0810 Exercised at emergency drills, including fire and abandon ship. 0830 Secured from all emergency drills.

0800	23° 56 N	112° 20 W
1200	23° 03 N	111° 41 W
2000	21° 45 N	109° 57 W

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23-24 January

Steaming singly enroute from San Francisco, California, U.S.A. to Balboa, Panama Canal Zone.

23 January	POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
	0800	23° 06 N	112° 20 W
	1200	23° 03 N	111° 41 W
	2000	21° 45 N	109° 57 W

24 January

	0800	16° 44 N	101° 03 W
	1200	16° 18 N	99° 57 W
	2000	15° 21 N	97° 45 W

25 January

Steaming singly enroute from San Francisco, California, U.S.A. to Balboa, Panama Canal Zone. 0030 Commenced steaming at reduced speed due to excessive pounding. 1730 Resumed standard speed. 0100 Set all ships clocks ahead one hour from Plus 7 Tare Zone Time to Plus 6 Sugar Zone Time.

	0800	14° 10 N	95° 23 W
	1200	13° 51.5 N	95° 21 W
	2000	13° 36 N	93° 33 W

26 January

Steaming singly enroute from San Francisco, California, U.S.A. to Balboa, Panama Canal Zone.

	0800	12° 10 N	90° 38 W
	1200	11° 27 N	89° 29 W
	2000	10° 19 N	87° 35 W

27 January

Steaming singly enroute from San Francisco, California, U.S.A. to Balboa, Panama Canal Zone. 0350 Steering various courses in order to effect a rendezvous with U.S.S. RENO (CL-96) and S.S. BONESS PARK pursuant to Commander Panama Sea Frontier dispatch #270807. 0640 Patient George R. NEWELL, Master of S.S. BONESS PARK brought aboard suffering from Bronchial Pneumonia.

	0800	18° 41 N	84° 44 W
	1200	07° 59 N	83° 28.5 W
	2000	07° 02 N	81° 24 W

28 January

Steaming singly enroute from San Francisco, California, U.S.A. to Balboa, Panama Canal Zone. 0100 Set all ships clocks ahead one hour from plus 6 Sugar time zone to plus 5 Roger time zone. 1032 Anchored in Panama Bay. 1627 Underway to transit Panama Canal, enroute to Cristobal Panama Canal Zone with Pilot at the Conn, Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. 2351 Anchored in Anchorage Basin south of Gatun locks awaiting clearance of locks.

	0800	48° 22.5 N	79° 32 W
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29 January

Anchored as before, in anchorage Basin south of Gatun locks. 0129 Underway to complete transit of Panama Canal. 0457 Anchored in berth 205 Limon Bay, Panama Canal Zone.

30 January

Anchored in berth 205 Limon Bay, Panama Canal Zone. 2355 Underway to Mobile, Alabama, U.S.A. from Cristobal, Panama Canal Zone pursuant to orders received in Commander Panama Sea Frontier dispatch #290508.

31 January

Steaming singly enroute to Mobile, Alabama, U.S.A. from Cristobal, Panama Canal Zone.

POSITION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
0800	11° 18 N	80° 11 W
1200	12° 25 N	80° 22 W
2000	14° 42 N	80° 48 W.

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