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OF THE

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COMMANDED BY

_____ A. H. ROCKS, _____, U. S. Navy,

_____ Division,

Attached to _____ Squadron,

_____ ASIATIC _____ Fleet,

Commencing _____ January 1 _____, 1942. ,

at _____ SEA _____,

and ending _____ JANUARY 31 _____, 1942. ,

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LIST OF OFFICERS

Attached to and on board of the U. S. S. HOUSTON **CONFIDENTIAL** commanded
 by A.H. ROOKS, U. S. N., during the period covered by this Log Book, with date of
 reporting for duty, detachment, transfer, or death, from January 1, 1942 to January 31, 1942.

NAME	RANK	DATE OF REPORT- ING FOR DUTY.	DETACHED.	DUTIES
			Date	
A.H. ROOKS	Captain	8/29/41		Commanding.
H.L. GROSSKOPF	Captain	7/3/40	1/30/42	Executive Officer. Damage Control & 1st. Lieut. Exec.
D.W. ROBERTS	Commander	10/2/39		Navigator. Gunnery Officer & Navigator.
J.A. HOLLOWELL, Jr.	Commander	9/6/41		Engineer Officer. Asst. Gunnery Off. Gunnery Officer.
A.L. MAHER	Commander	4/16/39		Temp. Duty CinCAF. Air defense off. S.W.O.
R.H. GINGRAS	Lt. Commander	5/24/40		W&D Officer.
S.L. SMITH	Lt. Commander	6/17/40		Sr. Aviator - W&D.
W.S. DENHAM	Lieutenant	11/6/41		Communication Off.
W.J. GALBRAITH	Lt. Commander	6/22/40		Sr. Asst. Eng. Off.
R.R. ROSS	Lieutenant	12/20/40		Aviator - JW&JD.
T.B. PAYNE	Lieutenant	7/29/40		W&D Officer.
R.D. HODGE	Lieutenant	8/29/41		W&D Officer.
R.B. FULTON II	Lieutenant	8/29/41		W&D Officer.
J.D. LAMADE	Lieutenant	12/20/40		Asst. 1st. Lt. WO.
G.E. DAVIS, Jr.	Lieutenant	11/19/39		Naval Aviator WO. Optical Officer.
H.G. KIRKPATRICK	Lieutenant	12/5/41		W&D Officer.
B.D. SKIDMORE	Lieutenant	11/20/40		W&D Officer.
J.C. PATTY, Jr.	Lieutenant	6/21/40		W&D Officer.
J.F. DALTON	Lieutenant	12/5/40		W&D Officer.
H.S. HAMLIN, Jr.	Lieut(jg)	7/3/40		W&D Officer.
L.W. ROGERS	Lieut(jg)	8/29/41		W&D Officer.
J.F. WOODRUFF	Lieut(jg)	11/13/40		W&D Officer.
W.G. WINSLOW	Lieut(jg)A-V(N)	8/19/41		W&D Officer.
F.B. WEILER	Lieut(jg)	6/19/39		W&D Officer.
K.L. KOLMYER	Lieut(jg)	6/20/39		W&D Officer.
F.R. NEWELL	Ensign DE-V(G)	6/15/41		Temp. duty, Manila.
F.F. MALLORY	Ensign	7/2/40		JW&JD Officer. Asst. Eng. Off.
J.M. HAMILL	Ensign	7/2/40		W&D Officer.
C. SELLERS, IV	Ensign	7/2/40		JW&JD Officer.
J.B. NELSON	Ensign	7/2/40		JW&JD Officer. Asst. Eng. Officer.
A.F. NETHKEN	Ensign	7/2/40		W&D Officer.

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UNITED STATES SHIP HOUSTON

Thursday 1 January 1942
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REMARKS

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00 to 04

Steaming on true course one zero eight,
Enroute Port Darwin to Torres Strait.
The standard compass reads one two three
(the degaussing increases the error you see).
ALDEN, WHIPPLE, and EDSALL; destroyers lean,
About us form an inner sound screen.
Seven, six, three, and two are the boilers we need
For fifteen knots, which is standard speed.
To keep from sinking (and that's no joke)
Material is in condition "Yoke".
The guns in condition of readiness TWO,
Are waiting to sink any ship named Maru.
While all is as dark as the ace of spades,
As a means of protection from enemy raids.

AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 145.3.

H.S. Hamlin Jr.
H.S. HAMLIN Jr.
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

04 to 08

Steaming as before. 0500 Lighted fires under boilers Nos. 1, 4, 5, and 8. 0525 Let fires die under boilers Nos. 1 and 8. 0537 Exercised at general quarters; set material condition "Zed". 0544 Let fires die under boilers Nos. 4 and 5. 0610 Catapulted plane No. 2 to port, pilot Lieutenant T.B. PAYNE, USN., passenger DALE, P.J., RM1c., USN. 0613 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan No. 6, base course 108 T and pgc, 123 psc. 0619 Lighted ship. Secured from general quarters and material condition "Zed". Set readiness condition III and material condition "Yoke" (modified). 0700 Shifted from starboard to port steering motor. 0725 Made various changes of course and speed to recover aircraft. 0738 Recovered plane No. 2, to port, "cast" method. 0740 Resumed course 108 T and pgc, 125 psc, and speed 15 knots (145 rpm). 0746 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan No. 6. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 144.4.

G.E. Davis Jr.
G.E. DAVIS Jr.,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

08 to 12

Steaming as before. 0900 Held quarters for muster and physical drill, no absentees. 1006 Changed speed to 21 knots (206 rpm). 1040 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal. Commenced semi-annual surveillance test of smokeless powder. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 174.5.

J.F. Woodruff
J.F. WOODRUFF,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

12 to 16

Steaming as before. 1248 Changed speed to 22 knots (216 rpm). 1305 Published the findings and sentence in the case of GLOVER, R.M., Sealc., tried by deck court for (1) direct disobedience of orders of Naval shore patrol (2) resisting arrest by shore patrol, FINDING: guilty, SENTENCE: deprivation of liberty on foreign station for a period of three months. Approved by Convening Authority and S.C.P. except sentence is mitigated to deprivation of liberty on shore on foreign stations for two months. 1402 Ceased zig-zagging. Changed course to 090 T and pgc, 105 psc. 1445 BUHLMANN, C.W., Sea2c., was injured by a rack of cups falling off serving table, starboard side of No. 1 mess hall, fragment of broken cup struck man on foot, causing wound, lacerated right foot; treated in sick bay and continued on duty. 1450 Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan No. 6, base course 090 T and pgc. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 213.6.

J.C. Pappy Jr.
J.C. PAPPY Jr.,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

Approved:

A.H. Rooks
A.H. ROOKS,
Captain, U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Examined:

J.A.
J.A.
Lieut

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U. S. S. HOUSTON

Date January 1, 1942.

16 to 20

Steaming as before. 1640 EDSALL reported sighting three strange aircraft. Sounded air-defense; set material condition "Zed". 1644 Lighted fires under boilers Nos. 1, 4, 5, and 8. 1647 Launched plane No. 2 to port, pilot N.A.P. HARRIS, L.H., AM1c., USN., passenger O'HAYRE, M.E., RM3c., USN. 1651 Let fires die under boilers Nos. 1, 4, 5, and 8, and secured them at 1653. 1724 Set condition of readiness II in A.A. battery. Set material condition "Yoke". 1822 On various courses at various speeds recovering aircraft. 1833 Recovered plane No. 2 to port, resumed full speed 22 knots (216 rpm) and base course 108 T and pgc; resumed zig-zagging. 1838 Set condition of readiness II throughout the ship. 1844 Darkened ship. 1914 Lighted fires under boiler No. 8 and cut in on main steam line at 1930. 1951 Lighted fires under boiler No. 5. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 213.4.

A. S. Hamlin Jr.
H.S. HAMLIN Jr.,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

20 to 24

Steaming as before. 2013 Let fires die under boiler No. 8. 2042 Lighted fires under boiler No. 4 and cut in on main steam line at 2100. 2103 Let fires die under boiler No. 5. 2108 Changed speed to 20 knots (196 rpm). 2115 Lighted fires under boilers No. 1 and cut in on main steam line at 2135. 2130 Let fires die under boiler No. 4. 2203 Let fires die under boiler No. 1. 2210 Lighted fires under boiler No. 5 and cut in on main steam line at 2220. 2305 Lighted fires under boiler No. 4 and let fires die out at 2320. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 200.3.

G. E. Davis Jr.
G.E. DAVIS Jr.,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

Approved:

A. H. ROOKS
A.H. ROOKS,
Captain, U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Examined:

G. A. H.
G.A. H.
Lieut-C

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UNITED STATES SHIP HOUSTON Friday 2 January 1942.
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REMARKS

00 to 04

Steaming under boilers Nos. 2, 3, 6, and 7, on base course 108 T and pgc, 127 psc, speed 20 knots (196 rpm), standard speed 15 knots, zig zagging according to plan No. 6, enroute to Torres Strait, with ALDEN, WHIPPLE, and EDSALL, in an inner anti submarine screen formation. Ship darkened and in-Condition II set, modified yoke, and Degaussing coil energized. 0020 Changed base course to 090 T and pgc, 093 psc. 0025 Changed speed to 15 knots (145 rpm). AVE STEAM 296. AVE RPM 150.7.

J. F. Woodruff
J. F. WOODRUFF,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

04 to 08

Steaming as before. 0502 Exercised at general quarters, set material condition zed. 0540 Lighted ship. 0548 Set condition of readiness III in A.A. battery, set condition yoke, and secured from general quarters. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 145.0.

H. S. Hamlin Jr.
H. S. HAMLIN Jr.,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

08 to 12

Steaming as before. 0814 Ceased zig zagging, steadied on course 070 T and pgc. 0815 Changed course right to 096 T and pgc, 117 psc. 0818 Commenced zig zagging in accordance with plan No. 6; base course 096 T and pgc, 117 psc; made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal. 0900 Held quarters for muster and physical drill. No absentees. 0913 Ceased zig zagging, resumed base course 096 T and pgc, 112 psc. 0946 Sighted Prince of Wales Island bearing 091.3 T, distant about 44 miles. 0956 Sighted BOOBEY ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE bearing 078.8 T, distant about 17 miles. Sighted STEWART and BULMER bearing 073 T, distant about 17 miles. 1000 Changed course left to 073 T and pgc, 087 psc. 1048 STEWART and BULMER joined formation. Destroyers fell in column astern; distance 1,000 yards; HOUSTON, STEWART, BULMER, WHIPPLE, EDSALL, ALDEN. 1113 Passed BOOLEY ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE abeam to starboard, distant 1.2 miles. 1122 Sighted GOODE LIGHT bearing 087.7 T, distant about 18 miles. 1155 Sighted Norwegian steamer and RMS CORVETE J172, bearing 068 T, distant about 18 miles. 1157 Changed course right to 086 T and pgc, 100 1/2 psc. Sighted HAMMOND ROCK LIGHT bearing 76.5 T, distant about 18 miles. Changed speed to 10 knots (94 rpm). AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 143.4.

G. E. Davis
G. E. DAVIS,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

12 to 16

Steaming as before. 1229 Stopped all engines; Pilot Lieut-Comdr., RALSTON, R.A.N.R., came on board. 1235 On various courses at various speeds approaching anchorage; Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge. 1244 Anchored Normanby Sound, Torres Strait, in 7 fathoms of water, with 45 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor; on the following bearings: GOODE ISLAND LIGHT 090.3 T, HAMMOND ROCK LIGHT 059.7 T; range to GOODE ISLAND LIGHT 2,870 yards. Boiler No. 3 steaming for auxiliary purposes. Draft of ship on anchoring: forward 21' 10", aft 21' 7". Ships present: HOUSTON (SOPA), WHIPPLE, STEWART, BULMER, ALDEN, EDSALL, HMS J-172, Hoeghs (Norwegian Merchantman). 1251 BULMER anchored. 1300 Secured main and steering engines; on one hours notice for getting underway. Secured boilers No. 2, 6, and 7. 1305 STEWART moored alongside to port for fueling. 1330 Set clocks ahead 1 1/2 hours to zone -11 time. 1500 Commenced fueling STEWART.

F. B. Weiler
F. B. WEILER
Ensign, U.S. Navy.

Approved:

A. H. Rocks
A. H. ROCKS,
Captain, U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

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J. A. Lieut
J. A.
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16 to 20

Anchored as before. 1600 Completed fueling STEWART, having discharged 31,880 gallons of bunker A fuel oil, at 92 degrees F. 1610 STEWART got underway and anchored at 1625. 1630 HMAS J-157 stood in to Normanby Sound and anchored at 1650. 1630 BULMER came alongside to port. 1639 Commenced fueling BULMER. 1755 Completed fueling BULMER, having discharged 39,929 gallons of bunker A fuel oil, at 92 degrees F. Delivered 3,000 gallons of fresh water to BULMER. 1830 S.S. Harry (Luckenback), stood in to Torres Strait. 1844 BULMER got underway from alongside, and anchored at 1903. 1957 Darkened Ship.

J. F. Woodruff
J. F. WOODRUFF,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

20 to 24

Anchored as before. 2005 Lieutenant E.D. HODGE, U.S.N., made boarding call to S.S. Harry Luckenback, anchored in Normanby Sound, Torres Strait.

J. C. Parry
J. C. PARRY,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

Approved:

W. A. T. Co. 1/2

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UNITED STATES SHIP HOUSTON

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January

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00 to 04

Anchored in Normanby Sound, Torres Strait, Australia, in 7 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following anchorage bearings: GOODE ISLAND LIGHT 090.3 T., HAMMON ROCK LIGHT 059.7 T. Boiler No. 3 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: HOUSTON (SOPA), ALDEN, BULMER, STEWART, EDSALL, WHIPPLE: H.M.A.S. J157, J172. Ship in modified condition "Yoke", darkened. Condition III set on the anti-aircraft battery. 0245 H.M.A.S. Westralia and S.S. Morella (Australian Transport) standing in.

B.D. Skidmore
B.D. SKIDMORE,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

04 to 08

Anchored as before. 0505 H.M.A.S. Westralia and Morella stood out.

H.S. Hamlin Jr.
H.S. HAMLIN JR.,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

08 to 12

Anchored as before. 0800 Sighted and identified PENSACOLA plane which came in and dropped message. 0850 EDSALL got underway and stood out through Torres Strait to contact PENSACOLA. 0900 Held quarters for muster and physical drill, no absentees. Made routine inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal. 1008 Lighted fires under boilers Nos. 2, 6, and 7. 1010 Sighted PENSACOLA and convoy standing in through Torres Strait. 1043 Ship ready for getting underway. 1114 PENSACOLA anchored. Convoy consisting of CHAUMONT, Bloemfontein (Dutch), and Holbrook (U.S.) stood in through the channel. 1135 BULMER underway. 1147 STEWART, ALDEN, WHIPPLE got underway - joined by EDSALL. 1159 PENSACOLA got underway. AVE STEAM 295.9. AVE RPM 130.9.

G.E. Davis Jr.
G.E. DAVIS Jr.,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

12 to 16

Anchored as before. 1204 Underway on various courses at various speeds, standing out of Normanby Sound, Torres Strait. Captain at the conn, Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 15 knots (145 rpm). Boilers Nos. 2, 3, 6, and 7 in use; main engine combination. In company with STEWART, BULMER, WHIPPLE, EDSALL, ALDEN, H.M.A.S. Toowoomba (J157), H.M.A.S. Wollongong (J172), and convoy consisting of CHAUMONT, U.S.A.T. Willard Holbrook, and (Dutch) Bloemfontein. 1225 Steadied on course 265 T and psc, 253 psc. 1300 Passed BOOBY ISLAND light abeam to starboard, distant 1.3 miles. 1305 Destroyers deployed in inner anti-submarine screen. 1307 Set speed 12 1/2 knots (120 rpm). Changed course to 253 T and psc, 234 psc. 1400 Set clocks back one-half hour to zone -10 1/2 time. 1347 Changed course to 270 T and psc, 249 psc. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 130.8.

F.B. Weiler
F.B. WEILER,
Ensign, U.S. Navy.

16 to 20

Steaming as before. 1600 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan No. 41. 1725 Made various courses and speed to to launch aircraft. 1728 Catapulted plane No. 1 to starboard, pilot Ensign J.B. STIVERS, USNR., passenger O'HAYRE, M.E., RM3c., USN. 1741 Rejoined formation. 1923 Made various courses and speeds to recover aircraft. 1927 Recovered plane No. 1 to port, "dog" method. 1934 Darkened ship. Set condition II. 1947 Rejoined formation. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 131.31.

J.F. Woodruff
J.F. WOODRUFF,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

20 to 24

Steaming as before. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 128.7.

H.S. Hamlin Jr.
H.S. HAMLIN JR.,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

Approved:

A.H. Rooks
A.H. ROOKS,
Captain, U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

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J.A. [Signature]
Lieut. [Signature] Navv.

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UNITED STATES SHIP HOUSTON Sunday 4 January, 1942.
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ZONE DESCRIPTION -10 $\frac{1}{2}$ REMARKS

00 to 04
Steaming enroute Normanby Sound, Torres Strait, Australia, to Port Darwin, Australia, on course 270 T and pgc, 246 psc. Zig-zagging in accordance with plan No. 41. Standard speed 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ knots (140 rpm). Steaming at 13 knots (125 rpm), with convoy in column astern: CHAUMONT, USAT Holbrook, Bloemfontein (Dutch), HMAS Toowoomba (J-157), HMAS Wollongong (J172), distance 1000 yards, and STEWART, BULLER, ALDEN, WHIPPLE, and EDSALL in close anti-submarine screen. Boilers Nos. 2, 3, 6, and 7 on main steam line. Ship darkened in readiness condition II. Material condition "Yoke" (modified) set. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 128.3.

G.E. Davis Jr.
G.E. DAVIS Jr.,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

04 to 08
Steaming as before. 0523 Lighted fires under boilers Nos. 1, 4, 5, and 8. 0545 Let fires die under boilers Nos. 1 and 4. Cut boilers Nos. 5 and 8 in on main steam line. 0547 Let fires die under boilers Nos. 6 and 7. 0615 Exercised at general quarters; set condition "Zed". 0638 Made various courses and various speeds to catapult aircraft. 0642 Catapulted plane No. 1 to port, pilot Lieutenant T.B. PAYNE, USN., passenger DALE, P.J., RMlc., USN. 0652 Re-joined formation. 0700 Lighted ship; set modified condition "Yoke", and condition III. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 131.6.

J.F. Woodruff
J.F. WOODRUFF,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

08 to 12
Steaming as before. 0800 Mustered crew on stations, no absentees. Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal. 1015 SCOTT, D.T., Sealc., was released from 5 days solitary confinement, on bread and water, by order of the Commanding Officer. 1045 Made various courses and various speeds, in launching and recovering aircraft and regaining station. 1053 Launched plane No. 4 to starboard, pilot NAP HARRIS, L.H. AMlc., passenger O'HAYRE, M.E., RM3c., USN., for anti-submarine patrol. 1059 Recovered plane No. 1 to starboard. 1132 Regained station, resumed zig-zagging. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 137.9.

H.S. Hamlin Jr.
H.S. HAMLIN Jr.,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

12 to 16
Steaming as before. 1214 Passed Cape Wessel, abeam to port, distant 21.5 miles. 1300 Changed speed to 5 knots (44 rpm). 1328 Changed speed to 13 knots (130 rpm). 1423 STEWART left formation to receive mail from Toowoomba, and Wollongong. 1456 STEWART received mail from Toowoomba and Wollongong, maneuvering to transfer mail to CHAUMONT and USAT Holbrook. 1519 HOUSTON left formation maneuvering to catapult and recover aircraft. Catapulted plane No. 3 to port, pilot Ensign J.B. STIVERS, USNR., passenger O'HAYRE, M.E., RM3c., USN. 1525 Recovered plane No. 4, "cast" method, to port. 1526 Maneuvering to rejoin formation on various courses and at various speeds. 1527 STEWART completed transfer of mail and resumed position in formation. 1552 Resumed position in formation, speed 13 knots (130 rpm); zig-zagging in accordance with plan No. 41, base course 270 T and pgc, 246 psc. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 132.7.

J.C. Parry Jr.
J.C. PARRY Jr.,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

16 to 20
Steaming as before. 1700 Sighted Australian medium bomber, bearing 350 T., distant about 10 miles, exchanged correct recognition signals. 1932 Maneuvered to recover aircraft. 1940 Plane No. 3 recovered to starboard, "dog" method. Maneuvered to regain position in formation. 1957 Resumed station in formation as before. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM.

G.E. Davis Jr.
G.E. DAVIS Jr.,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

Approved: *A.H. Rooks*
A.H. ROOKS,
Captain, U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Examined: *J.G. ...*
J.G. ...
Lieut

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20 to 24

Steaming as before. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 136.4.

J. Woodruff
J. WOODRUFF,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

Approved:

A.H. Rooks
A.H. ROOKS,
Captain, U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Examined:

J.A.
J.A.
Lieut

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UNITED STATES SHIP HOUSTON

Monday
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5
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January 1942
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ZONE DESCRIPTION -10 1/2

REMARKS

00 to 04

Steaming enroute Normanby Sound, Torres Strait, Australia, to Port Darwin, Australia, on course 270 T and pgc, 246 psc. Steaming at fleet speed 14 knots (135 rpm). Ship in column with CHAUMONT, USAT Holbrook, Bloemfontein. (Dutch Merchantman); STEWART, BULMER, EDSALL, WHIPPLE, and ALDEN forming anti-submarine screen ahead of convoy, HMAS Toowomba and Wollongong on either quarter of convoy. Base course 270 T and pgc, 246 psc. Boilers Nos. 2, 3, 5, and 8 in use. Ship darkened and in condition of readiness II; material condition "Yoke" set. De-gaussing system energized. All ship except HMAS Toowomba and Wollongong zig-zagging. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 135.9.

H.S. Hamlin Jr.
H.S. HAMLIN Jr.,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

04 to 08

Steaming as before. 0510 Sighted NEW YEARS ISLAND bearing 105 T., distant about 11 miles. 0600 Lighted fires under boilers Nos. 1, 4, 6, and 7. 0623 Let fires die under boilers Nos. 1, 4, 6, and 7. 0637 Exercised at general quarters; set material condition "Zed". 0710 Left formation and maneuvered to launch aircraft. 0715 Catapulted plane No. 4 to port, pilot Ensign W.G. WINSLOW, USNR., passenger TUBBS, R.L. RM2c., USN. 0719 Lighted ship; secured from general quarters and material condition "Zed". Set readiness condition III and material condition "Yoke" (modified). 0725 Resumed position in formation; speed 14 knots (135 rpm), course 270 T and pgc. Zig-zagging in accordance with plan No. 41. 0743 Shifted from starboard to port steering motor. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 138.2

G.E. Davis Jr.
G.E. DAVIS Jr.,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

08 to 12

Steaming as before. 0807 Sighted plane bearing 177 T., identified as an Australian. 0827 Ceased zig-zagging; changed base course to 239 T and pgc, 220 psc. 0858 BULMER came alongside port quarter for transfer of charts. 0906 BULMER cleared port quarter, transfer of charts completed. 0912 Left formation and commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds for recovery of aircraft. 0920 Recovered plane No. 4 "dog" method, to port. Commenced maneuvering to rejoin formation. 0930 Mustered the crew at quarters, no absentees. 0952 Took position in formation, speed 14 knots (135 rpm), base course 239 T and pgc, 220 psc; zig-zagging in accordance with plan No. 41. 1005 Published the findings and sentence in the case of CLINGINGSMITH, D., Sealc., tried by Summary Court Martial for leaving his battle station before being regularly relieved, FINDING: guilty, SENTENCE: (as mitigated) solitary confinement on bread and water for 15 days with full ration every fifth day, and to lose pay amounting to \$81. Approved by Convening Authority and I.S.I.C. January 4, 1942. 1043 Ceased zig-zagging and changed base course to 220 T and pgc. 1043 Sighted CAPE DON LIGHT bearing 180 T., distant about 19.5 miles. 1100 The Captain held mast and assigned punishments as follows: AWTREY, P.S., Sealc., shirking duty - 8 hours extra duty; BEDFORD, W.J., Sealc., drunkenness - 1 month restriction; MASSEY, A.O., Cox., A.O.L. from 1800 12/19/41 to 2020 12/19/41, a period of about 2 hours and 20 minutes - warning; REIDER, J.J., MM2c., A.O.L. from 1800 12/19/41 to 2245 12/19/41, a period of about 4 hours and 45 minutes - 2 weeks restriction; SMITH, C.F., Sealc., slow in setting the watch - warning; MARINOS, M.M., Sealc., failure to set the watch - warning; STEELE, E.W., Sea2c., disrespectful in language to O.O.D. - warning; QUICK, F.B. Jr., Pvt., sleeping on watch - warning; MC MULLIN, M.D., Sealc., A.O.L. from 2400 12/29/41 to 12/30/41, a period of about 6 hours and 25 minutes - 2 weeks restriction; BERGEN, J.T., Sea2c., direct disobedience to orders - 10 hours extra duty; BROYLES, R.L., Sea2c., (1) shirking duty (2) slow in obeying orders - 5 days bread and water. 1115 By order of the Captain, BROYLES, R.L., Sea2c., was placed in solitary confinement on bread and water for 5 days, with full ration on fifth day, in execution of punishment assigned at mast. 1117 Changed base course to 187 T and pgc, 183 psc. Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan No. 41. Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 147.2.

B.D. Skidmore
B.D. SKIDMORE,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

Approved:

A.H. ROOKS
A.H. ROOKS,
Captain, U.S. Navy,
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12 to 16

Steaming as before. 1214 EDSALL left formation to escort corvettes through strait. 1223 Ceased zig-zagging. 1239 Changed course to 140 T and pgc, 151 psc. 1305 Passed Cape Don Light abeam to port, distant approximately 8 miles. 1320 Changed course to 196 T and pgc, 189 psc. 1400 Changed speed to 14½ knots (140 rpm). 1430 Published finding and sentence in the case of WISECUP, J.H., Pfc., USMC, tried by Deck Court for absence over leave; FINDING: guilty, SENTENCE: to be reduced to next inferior rank. Approved by Convening Authority and SOP December 30, 1941. 1430 Published the finding and sentence in the case of BERNASEK, A.C., Pvt., USMC., tried by Deck Court for absence over leave, FINDING: guilty, SENTENCE: deprivation of liberty on shore on foreign station for a period of two months. Approved by Convening Authority and SOP on December 30, 1941. 1448 Sighted buoy No. 1 bearing 205 T., distant approximately 9.3 miles. 1528 Passed buoy No. 1 abeam to starboard, distant 300 yards. Changed course to 245 T and pgc, 227 psc. 1541 Sighted CAPE HOTHAM LIGHT bearing 226 T., distant approximately 15 miles. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 139.

F.B. Weiler
F.B. WEILER,
Ensign, U.S. Navy.

16 to 20

Steaming as before. 1620 Changed course to 222 T. Changed speed to 14 knots. 1643 Passed CAPE HOTHAM LIGHT abeam to port, distant 3.2 miles. 1702 Passed buoy No. 3 abeam to starboard, distant 275 yards. Changed course to 258 T. Entered HOWARD CHANNEL. 1716 Changed course to 278 T. 1719 Sighted Australian patrol bombers, which acted as anti-submarine airpatrol. 1725 Passed EAST VERNON ISLAND LIGHT abeam to starboard, distant 1.2 miles. 1800 Destroyers formed anti-submarine screen. 1803 Streamed paravanes. 1805 Passed buoy No. 6 abeam to port, distant 1000 yards. Passed through HOWARD CHANNEL. Changed course to 251 T. 1840 Changed course to 220 T. 1854 Sighted CHARLES POINT LIGHT bearing 218.5 T., distant 19.5 miles. 1939 Changed course to 234 T. 1940 Set material condition "Zed" throughout the ship, preparatory to entering mine fields. 1955 Changed course to 137 T. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 129.7.

J.F. Woodruff
J.F. WOODRUFF,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

20 to 24

Steaming as before. 2001 Slowed to 2/3 speed, 12 knots (114 rpm). 2003 Recovered paravanes. 2004 Changed speed to standard speed 15 knots (145 rpm). 2005 Slowed to 14 knots (135 rpm). 2006 Changed course to 142 T and pgc, 149 psc. Standing into Darwin Harbor, Australia, at various speeds on various courses conforming to Darwin Channel. Captain at conn, Navigator on the bridge. 2031 King's Harbor Master Lieutenant Bell, R.A.N.R. came on board. 2110 Anchored in Darwin Harbor, Australia, in 14 fathoms of water, with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following anchorage bearings: FORT POINT LIGHT 049 T., EMERY POINT LIGHT 313.3 T., JETTY LIGHT 059 T. Boiler No. 5 in use for auxiliary purposes. 2125 Set modified material condition "Yoke" and modified darken ship. 2125 Let fires die out under boilers Nos. 2, 3, and 8. 2132 WHIPPLE got underway and shifted berths. 2136 EDSALL anchored in berth assigned. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 53.9.

H.S. Hamlin Jr.
H.S. HAMLIN Jr.,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

Approved:

A.H. Rooks
A.H. ROOKS,
Captain, U.S. Navy,
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00 to 04

Anchored in Darwin Harbor, Australia, in 14 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor, on the following anchorage bearings: FORT POINT LIGHT 049 T., ELERY POINT LIGHT 313.3 T., JETTY LIGHT 059.7 T. Boiler No. 5 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ship darkened. Condition of readiness III set in A.A. battery. Material condition "Yoke" (modified) set throughout the ship. Ships present: MARBLEHEAD (SOPA), HOUSTON, OTUS, HOLLAND, PECOS, GOLD STAR, LANGLEY, W.M. B. PRESTON, CHAUMONT, USAT Holbrook, EDSALL, STEWART, BULLER, ALDEN, WHIPPLE, PEARY, FARROTT and various small craft.

J. J. Payne Sr.
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

04 to 08

Anchored as before. 0415 Commenced swinging stern to port, to a flood tide. 0455 Completed swinging ship, riding to a flood tide. 0715 WHIPPLE underway to shift berth. BULLER underway to shift berth. HMAS Wallongong stood in.

T. B. Payne
T. B. PAYNE,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

08 to 12

Anchored as before. 0805 STEWART got underway and shifted berth. 0813 EDSALL got underway and shifted berth. 0827 CHAUMONT got underway and shifted berth. 0900 Held quarters for muster and physical drill, no absentees. 0920 Holbrook got underway and went alongside dock. 0930 Pursuant to Commanding Officer's order CA30/P16-4/AM of January 6, 1942, LEDBETTER, A.V., Pvt., USMC., left the ship to proceed to the PECOS, to obtain SMITH, D.E., 274 08 86, BMlc., USN., a general court martial prisoner, from the Commanding Officer, and return him to this ship. 0930 ALDEN got underway and shifted berth. 0940 Completed listing ship 5° to port. 1005 ALLABAUGH, E.W., Sea2c., received a lacerated wound, right hand, while cleaning side of ship, hand cut by knife while rigging lines; treated in sick bay and returned to duty. 1017 LEDBETTER, A.V., Pvt., USMC., returned on board with general court martial prisoner SMITH, D.E., BMlc., USN., in custody. 1030 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal. Made weekly test of magazine flooding and sprinkling system, conditions normal.

J. B. Nelson
J. B. NELSON,
Ensign, U.S. Navy.

12 to 16

Anchored as before. 1213 BULLER got underway and moored alongside LANGLEY. 1300 The following men left the ship on temporary shore patrol duty in Port Darwin, Australia: CASEWIG, E.R., CM., BELGAN, S.J., CM., SMITH, A.J., BMlc., ROBERT, F.D., BMlc., SORENSON, D.R., BMlc., TUSAR, H., CM3c., and RANGER, J.W., BMlc. 1305 A general court martial, Lieutenant Commander J.W. HOLLOBLI Jr., USN., President, convened on board, by order of CinCPF, to try the case of SMITH, D.E., BMlc., USN. 1345 The general court martial, Lieutenant Commander J.W. HOLLOBLI Jr., USN., President, adjourned until 0830 following day. 1535 BOISE, BLACK HAWK, BARKER, POPE, and S.S. George G. Henry stood into the harbor.

C. D. Smith II
C. D. SMITH II,
Ensign, U.S. Navy.

16 to 20

Anchored as before. 1605 BOISE anchored. 1606 BLACK HAWK, POPE, BARKER anchored. 1715 CHAUMONT underway to shift berth. George G. Henry underway to shift berth. BLACK HAWK underway to shift berth. 1730 George G. Henry anchored. 1738 BLACK HAWK anchored. 1740 CHAUMONT moored alongside HOLLAND. 1807 POPE underway to shift berth. 1812 POPE anchored. 1900 BELIN, D.C., Sea2c., returned on board, drunk and was placed on the report and made a prisoner-at-large by order of the Commanding Officer.

H. G. Winslow
H. G. WINSLOW,
Ensign, U.S. Navy.

Approved:

V. E. Rocks
V. E. ROCKS,
Captain, U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Examined:

J. G. H.
J. G. H.
Lieut-C

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Date January 6, 1942.

20 to 24

anchored as before. 2015 Set modified Darken ship. 2335 The following men returned on board and resumed their regular duties, having completed temporary duty as shore patrol in Fort Darwin, Australia: CLSERIO, E.R., CM1., BERGAM, S.J., CMT., SMITH, A.J., LM1c., KOEPKEY, F.E., LM2c., SORENSON, E.R., EM2c., TEXAR, H., CM3c., RANGER, J.W., ALM2c.

B.D. Skidmore
B.D. SKIDMORE,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

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A.H. ROOKS,
Captain, U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

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J.A. H.
Lieut-

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UNITED STATES SHIP HOUSTON

Wednesday 7 January 1942
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ZONE DESCRIPTION -10¹

REMARKS

00 to 04

Anchored in Darwin Harbor, Australia, in 14 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following anchorage bearings: FORT POINT LIGHT 049 T., ELMERY POINT LIGHT 313.3 T., JETTY LIGHT 059.7 T. Boiler No. 5 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ship darkened. Condition of readiness III set in the A.A. BATTERY. Material condition "Yoke" (modified) set. Ships present: MARBLEHEAD (SOPA), OTUS, HOLLAND, PECOS, GOLD STAR, LANGLEY, WM. B. PRESTON, CHAUMONT, USAT Holbrook, EDSALL, STEWART, BULMER, WHIPPLE, ALDEN, PEARY, PARROTT, BOISE, BLACK HAWK, BARKER, POPE, S.S. Marechal Joffre (French), S.S. George G. Henry (Panama), Bloemfontein (Dutch), HMAS Platypus, HMAS Towoomba, HMAS Wollongong, and various small craft.

H.S. Hamlin Jr.
H.S. HAMLIN Jr.
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

04 to 08

Anchored as before. 0738 POPE underway.

J.F. Woodruff
J.F. WOODRUFF,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

08 to 12

Anchored as before. 0800 POPE anchored. 0855 A general court martial, Lieutenant Commander John A. Hollowell Jr., USN., President, convened on board, by order of CinCAF, to try the case of SMITH, D.H., BMlc., USN. 0900 Mustered crew on stations, no absentees. 0930 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal. 0940 Commenced swinging to an ebb tide, stern to port; completed swing at 1007. 0950 HERON stood in and anchored. 1009 British-Sailor (British oil tanker) moored alongside to starboard. 1010 POPE underway. 1040 POPE moored alongside British-Sailor, to fuel. 1105 BARKER underway. 1112 WHIPPLE underway from alongside BLACK HAWK. 1113 Commenced fueling ship. Draft of ship forward - 21' 0", aft - 20' 11". Draft of fuel ship forward - 21' 0", aft - 19' 0". 1125 The general court martial, of which Lieutenant Commander John A. HOLLOWELL Jr., USN., is President, adjourned to reconvene at 1300 this date. 1130 WHIPPLE anchored. The Commanding Officer delivered commissions as follows: to Captain, USN., - Commander H.L. GROSSKOPF, USN; to Commander, USN., Lieutenant Commander D.W. ROBERTS, USN., J.A. HOLLOWELL Jr., USN., A.L. MAHER, USN; to Lieutenant Commander - Lieutenant W.J. GALBRAITH, USN; to Lieutenant G.E. DAVIS Jr., USN., and H.G. KIRKPATRICK, USN; to Lieutenant (junior grade) - Ensign I.W. ROGERS, USN.

C. Sellers
C. SELLERS, IV,
Ensign, U.S. Navy.

12 to 16

Anchored as before. 1300 The general court martial, of which Commander John A. HOLLOWELL Jr., USN., is President, reconvened. Pursuant to Commanding Officer's order CA30/CL of January 7, 1942, the following named men left the ship to report to the Senior Patrol Officer, at Port Darwin, Australia, for temporary duty as shore patrol: WEAVER, D.O., CMM., LEO, N., CEM., NUNNELLEY, R.B., MMlc., CLARK, W.T., MMlc., WEAVER, C.T., EM2c., EDDY, M.V., CM2c., THOMPSON, R.B., SKlc. PEARY got underway to shift berth. 1320 PEARY moored alongside BLACK HAWK. 1330 HERON got underway to shift berth. 1350 HERON moored alongside PEARY. 1400 WM. B. PRESTON got underway and stood out. 1415 R.A.N.S. Deloraine stood in and anchored. 1445 Pursuant to Commanding Officer, CHAUMONT, orders of January 7, 1942, reference ltr ComBaseFor A.F., serial No. 1, dated January 6, 1942, the following named men reported on board for duty: ADAMS, C.B., 307367, Pvt., USMC., HARPER, D.J.S., 308809, Pvt., USMC., HADLEC, J., 308518, Pvt., USMC., KEIFER, K.C., 307365, Pvt., USMC., MARSH, W.L., 308081, Pvt., USMC., O'BRIEN, J.F., 308697, Pvt., USMC., SHOUSE, C.F., 307087, Pvt., USMC., WILLEY, L.V., 307067, Pvt., USMC., BARNEY, D.M., 263132, Sgt, USMC., records and accounts accompanying. 1445 Pursuant to Commanding Officer, CHAUMONT, order AP57P16-4/MM of January 7, 1942, reference ComTrain Ltr CT/P16-3/MM(6) of January 6, 1942, INGRAM, W. Jr., 337 63 22, Sea2c., USN., reported on board with bag and hammock, for duty; records and accounts in hand, 1450 Completed receiving aviation gaso-

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W.H. Rocks
W.H. ROCKS,
Captain, U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

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Date January 6

20 to 24

Anchored as before. 2015 Set modified Darken ship. 2335 The following men returned on board and resumed their regular duties, having completed temporary duty as shore patrol in Fort Darwin, Australia: CLSERIO, E.R., CM BERGAN, S.J., CWT., SMITH, A.J., MM1c., KOEPKEY, F.E., MM2c., SORENSON, E.R. EM2c., TEXAR, H., CM3c., RANGER, J.W., ALM2c.

B.D. Skidmore
B.D. SKIDMORE,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

Approved:

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UNITED STATES SHIP HOUSTON Thursday 8 January, 1942
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ZONE DESCRIPTION -101 REMARKS

00 to 04

Anchored in Port Darwin, Australia, in 14 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor, on the following anchorage bearings: FORT POINT LIGHT 049 T., EMERY POINT LIGHT 313.3 T., JETTY LIGHT 059.7 T. Boiler No. 5 in use for auxiliary purposes. Condition of readiness III set in the anti-aircraft battery. Modified material condition "Yoke" set. Modified darkened ship. Ships present: BOISE (SOFA), MARBLEHEAD, LANGLEY, HOLLAND, PECOS, OTUS, GOLD STAR, CLAMONT, HERON, BLACK HAWK, DESDIV 57, STEWART, PARROTT, PEARY, POPE, USAT Holbrook, S.S. Marechal Joffre (French), S.S. Bloenfontein (Dutch), S.S. British-Sailor (British), HMS Platypus, HMS Toowoomba, HMS Wollongong, HMS Deloraine, HMS Barrarat and various small craft. 0005 The following named men returned to the ship having completed temporary shore patrol duty in Port Darwin, Australia: NEEVER, D.C., CEM., ITC, M., CEM. 0045 GARWOOD, E.D., RM2c., USN., returned to the ship absent-over-leave since 2200 January 7, 1942, a period of 2 hours and 45 minutes; made a prisoner-at-large by order of the Commanding Officer.

F.B. Weiler
F.B. WEILER,
Ensign, U.S. Navy.

04 to 08

Anchored as before. 0445 Commenced swinging to a flood tide, stern to port. 0550 Completed swinging to a flood tide. 0712 STEWART underway and stood out. 0713 PARROTT underway and stood out. ALDEN underway to shift berth. 0715 BULKER underway and stood out. 0716 BULKER underway and standing out. EDSALL underway to shift berth. 0717 POPE underway and stood out. 0720 HMS Barrarat underway and stood out. 0735 S.S. Bloenfontein underway and stood out. 0736 MARBLEHEAD underway and stood out.

J.C. Fatty
J.C. FATTY, Jr.,
Lieut(1/2), U.S. Navy.

08 to 12

Anchored as before. 0857 The General Court Martial, Commander John A. HOLLOWELL, Jr., USN., President, reconvened on board, in the case of SMITH, D.H., BMlc, USN. 0915 Held quarters for muster and physical drill, no absentees. Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal. 1030 The Commanding Officer held mast and assigned the following punishments: GARWOOD, E.D., RM2c, A.O.L. from 2200 1/7/42 to 0045 1/8/42, a period of about 2 hours and 45 minutes - 1 week restriction; GEORGE, P.M., Sealc., late relieving the watch, 40 minutes - 3 hours extra duty; BALLEU, J.L., Sea2c., late relieving the watch, 40 minutes - 3 hours extra duty; WINDHART, A.E., Sea2c., returned to the ship unfit for liberty - warning; NEVY, T.V., Cox., returned to the ship unfit for liberty - 2 weeks restriction; BROWNES, R.L., Sea2c., (1) shirking duty (2) insolence to the master-at-arms (3) failure to muster (4) using profane and obscene language - Summary Court Martial; O'LEARY, B.L., Cox., (1) fighting patrol (2) resisting arrest (3) under influence of intoxicating liquor - reduced to the next inferior rating (Seaman first class). In accordance with AlNav 8, the Commanding Officer executed the acceptance and oath of office as follows: to Lieutenant - Lieutenant (jg) J.C. FATTY, USN., Lieutenant (jg) J.F. DALTON, USN., Lieutenant E.D. SHIDMORE, USN; to Lieutenant (jg) - Ensign F.B. WEILER, USN., Ensign R.L. HOLLMEYER, USN., and to Lieutenant (jg) U.S.N.R., Ensign W.G. WINSLOW, USNR.

E.G. Kirkpatrick
E.G. KIRKPATRICK,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

12 to 16

Anchored as before. 1300 Pursuant to Commanding Officer's ltr 0290/QL of January 8, 1941, the following men left the ship on temporary duty as shore patrol in Port Darwin, Australia: STRETCH, R.E., CMT., WIENERT, R.M., CEM., FURCELL, H.C., MSnthlc., ROY, J.T., RM2c., VILLHOOK, H.H., RM3c., BARRETT, N.S., SF3c., COOPER, L.R., AM2c. 1330 MARFAK, T.E., Sealc., was admitted to the Binnacle List, DIAGNOSIS: catarrhal fever, acute. 1400 The General Court Martial of which Commander John A. HOLLOWELL, Jr., USN., is President, reconvened on board in the case of SMITH, D.H., BMlc, USN. 1520 The General Court Martial of which Commander John A. HOLLOWELL, Jr., USN., is President, adjourned to await the action of the Convening Authority. 1535 CLAY, H.R., Pvt., USMC., left the

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Captain, U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Examined: *J.C. Fatty*
J.C. FATTY,
Lieutenant (jg), U.S. Navy.

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Date January 7, 1942.

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line from British-Sailor, having received 699 gallons. 1500 Pursuant to Commandant 14th Naval District's order LND/P16-4/00/KK, BARRETT, E.M., 2nd Lieutenant, USMC., of November 18, 1941, Second Lieutenant E.M. BARRETT, USMC., reported on board for duty. 1505 POPE got underway to shift berth. 1508 BARKER got underway to shift berth. 1520 BARKER moored alongside British-Sailor. 1545 POPE moored alongside BULMER.

L.W. Rogers
L.W. ROGERS,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

16 to 20

Anchored as before. 1600 The general court martial, of which Commander John A. HOLLOWELL Jr., USN., is President, adjourned to reconvene at 0800 January 8, 1942. 1610 RICE, W.L., Pvt.lc., USMC., left the ship to return SMITH, D.H., BMlc., USN., general court martial prisoner to the PECOS. 1654 Completed fueling ship, having received on board 7359 barrels of fuel oil. 1730 RICE, W.L., Pvt.lc., USMC., returned to the ship. 1837 BARKER got underway and shifted berth. 1850 British-Sailor got underway from alongside. 1900 Published the findings and sentences in the cases of BURGARD, C.N., Sea2c., tried by Summary Court Martial for (1) disrespect to a superior officer (2) failing to muster with prisoners-at-large; FINDINGS: 1st specification proved by plea; 2nd specification proved by plea; SENTENCE: solitary confinement on bread and water, for a period of twenty days, with a full ration every fifth day, and to lose pay amounting to \$20. Approved by Convening Authority December 12, 1941, but the period of solitary confinement, on bread and water, is reduced to ten days, with a full ration every fifth day. Approved by I.S.I.C. December 16, 1941. Published the finding and sentences in the case of DALTON, E.D., Sealc., tried by Summary Court Martial for (1) absent-over-leave for a period of about 15 hours, FINDING: guilty, proved by plea; SENTENCE: confinement for a period of 15 days and to lose pay amounting to \$50. Approved by Convening Authority and I.S.C., December 19, 1941. Published the finding and sentences in the case of GRANT, L.S., Cox., for absent-over-leave for a period of about 11 hours, FINDING: guilty, proved by plea, SENTENCE: confinement for a period of one month and to lose pay amounting to \$30. Approved by Convening Authority and I.S.C. December 19, 1941. Published the finding and sentence in the case of DONAHO, G.W., Bkrlc., tried by Summary Court Martial for absent-over-leave for a period of about 23 hours, FINDING: guilty, proved by plea, SENTENCE: confinement for a period of one month and to lose pay amounting to \$50. Approved by Convening Authority and I.S.C. December 19, 1941.

J.B. Nelson
J.B. NELSON,
Ensign, U.S. Navy.

20 to 24

Anchored as before. 2003 ALDEN got underway and moored alongside British-Sailor at 2016. 2015 EDSALL got underway and moored alongside British-Sailor at 2041. 2015 Set modified "Darken ship". 2220 Following men returned on board having completed temporary shore patrol duty in Port Darwin, Australia: NUNNELLY, R.B., MMlc., CLARK, W.T., MM2c., WEAVER, C.T., EM2c., EDDY, M.V., CM2c., THOMPSON, R.B., SKlc.

G.E. Davis Jr.
G.E. DAVIS Jr.,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

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ship with General Court Martial Prisoner SMITH, D.H., B11c., for the PECOS, where the prisoner is to be confined; records and accounts to remain on this vessel. 1550 Pursuant to Commanding Officer, FEARY, ltr DD226/P16-3 of January 8, 1942, WILLIAMS, J.A., CBM(PA), 392 54 29, reported on board for duty, with baggage and service record.

C. Sellers
C. SELLERS, IV,
Ensign, U.S. Navy.

16 to 20

Anchored as before. 1610 HMAS Delorine got underway and stood out. The following ships stood in and anchored in berths assigned at the following times: 1640 S.S. Hawaiian Planter (American), 1720 HMAS Warrego and Swan, 1840 HMAS Barrarat. 1615 British-Sailor got underway from alongside GOLD STAR and anchored in berth assigned. 1845 Pursuant to Commanding Officer, CHAUMONT, ltr AP5/P16-4/00 of January 8, 1942, reference ComBaseFor AF/AF ltr file FE2/FF6/P16-3/00 serial 9, dated January 7, 1942, Pay Clerk, K.L. SHAW, USMC., reported on board for duty.

C.D. Smith II
C.D. SMITH II,
Ensign, U.S. Navy.

20-to 24

Anchored as before. 2245 The following named men reported on board having completed shore patrol duty at Port Darwin, Australia: STRETCH, R.E., CWT., WIENERT, R.M., CEM., PURCELL, M.C., MSMth2c., ROTH, J.T., MM2c., VILLI-VOCK, H.H., EM3c., BARGETT, N.S., SF3c., HOOPER, L.R., AM2c., 2245 BRADFORD, J.W. Sealc., returned on board having been placed on report by the Senior Patrol Officer, at Port Darwin, Australia, for stealing a bicycle from under a girls dormitory, Esplanade, Port Darwin, Australia; made a prisoner-at-large by order of the Commanding Officer.

W.G. Winslow
W.G. WINSLOW,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

A.H. ROOKS
A.H. ROOKS,
Captain, U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Examined:

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Friday

9 January

1942.

ZONE DESCRIPTION -10 1/2

REMARKS

00 to 04

Anchored in Port Darwin, Australia, in 14 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following anchorage bearings: FORT POINT LIGHT 049 T., EMERY POINT LIGHT 313.3 T., JETTY LIGHT 059.7.T. Boiler No. 5 steaming for auxiliary purposes. Modified darkened ship. Condition of readiness III set in the A.A. battery. Material condition Yoke set throughout the ship. Ships present: HOLLAND (SOPA), HOUSTON, LANGLEY, BLACK HAWK, PECOS, OTUS, GOLD STAR, PEARY, CHAUMONT, S.S. Marechal Joffre (French), USAT Holbrook, WHIPPLE, ALDEN, EDSALL, HERON, HMAS Platypus, HMAS Toowoomba, HMAS Wollongong and HMAS Delorine, plus various small craft. 0100 Pursuant to Commanding Officer, CHAUMONT, ltr AP5/P15-4/MM dated January 8, 1942, the following men reported on board for duty with bag and hammocks, baggage, pay accounts and service records: BELL, J.R., 316 43 24, WT2c., USN., BOCK, D.C., 356 34 13, PhM3c., USN., BUSHNELL, E.W., 320 71 40, CSK(PA), USN., CURNUTTE, M.F., 265 88 65, MM2c., USN., DOUGLAS, G.L., 356 44 16, H.A.1c., USN., FERFUSON, J.A., 223 98 74, F2c., USN., FONTENOT, W.J., 274 43 58, F2c., USN., GALOWSKIE, L.H., 223 99 42, F2c., USN., GALUSHA, E.R., 372 25 08, H.A.1c., USN., GERKE, A.V. Jr., 328 78 29, H.A.2c., USN., GRIFFIN, E.P., 355 54 57, CPhM(AA), USN., HALL, R.F., 368 55 76, H.A.2c., USN., HILL, C.G., 262 33 65, MM2c., USN., HARRELL, J.A., 407-25 73, Y3c., USNR., KAISER, B.R., 603 02 37, Y2c., USNR., KOCHER, B.F., 311 56 04, Sealc., USN., KRASMIZEH, T. (n), 300 12 21, Flc., USN., LANN, C.J., 273 86 87, CBM(PA), USN., MARTIN, R.C., 250 46 49, MM2c., USN., MC CONNEL, H.E., 381 24 54, RMLc., USN., MC FARLANE, T.J., 311 31 71, PhM2c., USN., MC FEE, E.A., 291 63 32, Flc., USN., MICHAEL, A. (n), 311 38 44, Bmkr2c., USN., NEWTON, W.D., 321 37 33, Sealc., USN., OLIVER, W.M. Jr., 376 13 37, Sealc., USN., OVERTURF, J.G., 336 96 80, EMLc., USN., PITCHON, S. (n), 223 83 13, Sealc., USN., REED, N. (n), 287 31 54, Flc., USN., SAWYER, R.C., 382 26 87, Sealc., USN., SCHERTZ, J.W. Jr., 610 01 43, Sealc., USNR., SCHNITZLIUS, W.B., 300 32 41, Sealc., USN., SCHUFFENHAUER, L.O., 385 93 33, Sealc., USN., SMITH, C.W., 243 37 31, CMM(AA), USN., SNYDER, S.E., 368 12 37, Sealc., USN., SPRAYBERRY, J.G., 360 17 45, SC3c., USN., STEVENS, W.W. Jr., 356 14 09, EM2c., USN., STEWART, W.J., 342 31 05, Sealc., USN., VAN TILBURG, F.E., 283 36 19, Sealc., USN., WARD, F.C., 372 10 44, EM3c., USN., WHEELER, L.H., 376 19 72, Sea2c., USN., WHITE, W.C., 381 27 09, MM2c., USN., WILKINSON, E.T., 372 17 46, Sea2c., USN., WILLIAMS, E.D., 393 65 17, Sea2c., USN., WILSON, S.S., 321 53 05, H.A.1c., USN., WISE, R.H. Jr., 376 25 09, Sea2c., USN., WOLF, J.W., 376 27 48, Sea2c., USN., WOLFE, G.R., 291 66 74, Sea2c., USN., WOLFE, M.A. Jr., 405 10 82, Sea2c., USN., WOLOS, A.J., 300 15 77, Sea2c., USN., WOOD, S.W., 346 25 48, CWT(PA), USN., ZILBERMAN, L. (n), 266 13 08, Sea2c., USN. In accordance with Commanding Officer, HOLLAND, ltr dated January 9, 1942, to LOHRIG, C.W.W., 243 57 79, Flc., USN., the following named men reported on board for duty with bags and hammocks, records and accounts: LOHRIG, C.W.W., 243 57 79, Flc., USN., MIETH, W.C., 291 62 20, Flc., USN., NELSON, J.D., 311 56 42, F2c., USN., PETERS, I.E., 283 46 12, F2c., USN., ROBERTS, V.S., 360 25 84, F2c., USN., KIRINCICH, J.N., 300 10 57, F3c., USN., GRIMALDI, A.U., 212 62 50, Sea2c., USN., and GUY, J.A., 328 81 15, Sea2c., USN.

J.D. Lamade
J.D. LAMADE,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

04 to 08

Anchored as before. 0725 HMAS Swan got underway for fueling alongside S.S. British-Sailor (British). 0730 HMAS Warrego got underway for fueling alongside S.S. British-Sailor.

H.S. Hamlin Jr.
H.S. HAMLIN Jr.,
Lieut.(jg), U.S. Navy.

08 to 12

Anchored as before. 0900 A Summary Court Martial, Commander David W. Roberts, USN., Senior Member, met to try the case of BROYLES, R.L., Sea2c., USN., and adjourned at 0920, to await the action of the Convening Authority. 0915 Held quarters for muster and physical drill, no absentees. 0930 Lighted fires under boiler No. 3. 0935 Received garbage lighter, South Seaman, alongside port

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A.H. ROOKS,
Captain, U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Examined: *J.A. Comm*
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quarter. 0958 Cut boiler No. 3 in on main steam line. 1005 HMAS Delorine got underway and shifted berth. 1015 Let fires die under boiler No. 5. 1025 Garbage lighter, South Seaman, got underway from port quarter. 1040 SEAWOLF stood in. 1100 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal.

J.F. Woodruff
J.F. WOODRUFF,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

12 to 16

Anchored as before. 1202 HMAS Warrego got underway and shifted berth. 1253 HMAS Delorine and S.S. British-Sailor got underway; Delorine stood out to sea; British-Sailor moored alongside OTUS. 1300 Pursuant to Commanding Officer's order CA30/QL dated January 9, 1942, the following named men left the ship to report to the Senior Patrol Officer, Port Darwin, Australia; for temporary duty as shore patrol: BUSHELL, A., CMM., USN., TERRY, A.H., A.H., CWT., USN., WENHOLZ, R.A., MM2c., USN., BURGE, J.O., MM2c., USN., MOORE, H.L., MM2c., USN., CAMPBELL, J.F., CM2c., USN., and FRANTZ, H.M., SK3c., USN. 1305 A General Court Martial, Commander John A. Hollowell, junior, U.S. Navy, President, convened on board by order of CinCAF, to try the case of HARTER, J.M., Sea2c., USN. 1345 HMAS Swan got underway and stood out to sea.

J.B. Nelson
J.B. NELSON,
Ensign, U.S. Navy.

16 to 20

Anchored as before. 1615 S.S. British-Sailor got underway from alongside OTUS and anchored. 1616 The General Court Martial, of which Commander John A. Hollowell, junior, U.S. Navy, is President, adjourned to await the action of the Convening Authority. 1805 Pursuant to Commanding Officer's ltr CA30/P16-4/MM of January 9, 1942, FROELICH, R.W., 359 95 18, BM2c., USN., left the ship on temporary duty to return personal effects of HARTER, J.M., Sea2c., USN., General Court Martial prisoner, from the GOLD STAR, and to return SMITH, D.H., BM1c., 274 08 86, USN., General Court Martial prisoner, with his effects, from the PECOS, to this ship. 1810 HMAS Delorine stood in and anchored. 1825 O'LEARY, E.L., Sealc., USN., was returned on board in custody of shore patrol and placed in the brig for safe keeping, by order of the Commanding Officer; patrol report: breaking windows in Cashman's store, Port Darwin, Australia; intoxicated. 1900 FROELICH, R.W., 359 95 18, BM2c., USN., returned on board having completed temporary duty in connection with General Court Martial prisoners.

G.E. Davis Jr.
G.E. DAVIS Jr.,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

20 to 24

Anchored as before. 2035 Published the findings and sentence in the case of BROYLES, R.L., Sea2c., USN., tried by Summary Court Martial for disrespect to superior officers, FINDING: guilty, SENTENCE: to be discharged from the Naval Service with a bad conduct discharge. Approved by Convening Authority and Immediate Superior in Command this date. 2315 In accordance with Commanding Officer's ltr CA30/P16-4/MM of January 9, 1942, the following named prisoners were transferred to the CHAUMONT, with bags and hammocks, records and accounts, in charge of FROELICH, R.W., BM2c., USN., (M.A.A.), for further transfer to the United States: SMITH, D.H., 274 08 86, BM1c., USN., HARTER, J.M., 376 04 01, Sea2c., USN., BROYLES, R.L., 368 47 90, Sea2c., USN. 2315 In accordance with Commanding Officer's ltr CA30/P16-4/MM of January 9, 1942, the following named men were transferred to the HOLLAND for duty, with bags, hammocks, records, and accounts: STRETCH, R.E., 299 50 68, CWT., USN., SMITH, C.W., 243 37 31, CMM., USN., MICHAEL, A., 311 38 44, Bmkr2c., USN., MARTIN, R.C., 250 46 49, MM2c., USN., HENDERSON, C.D., 359 83 79, MM2c., USN., BUDRUNAS, J.F., 212 29 65, WT2c., USN., BUITING, H.J., 283 29 71, RM3c., USN., DUDLEY, R.C., 360 12 15, RM3c. 2315 The following named men returned to the ship having completed temporary

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A.H. ROOKS,
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shore patrol duty in Port Darwin, Australia: BUSHELL, A., CMM., USN., TERRY, A.H., CWT., USN., WENHOLZ, R.A., MM2c., USN., BURGE, J.O., MM2c., USN., MOORE, H.L., MM2c., USN., CAMPBELL, J.F., CM2c., USN., and FRANTZ, H.M., SK3c., USN.

F.B. Weiler

F.B. WEILER,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

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A.H. ROOKS,
Captain, U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Examined:

J.A. Comm

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UNITED STATES SHIP HOUSTON Saturday 10 January 1942.
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ZONE DESCRIPTION -10 1/2 REMARKS

00 to 04

Anchored in Darwin Harbor, Australia, in 14 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following anchorage bearings: FORT POINT LIGHT 049 T., EMERY POINT 313.3 T., JETTY LIGHT 059.7 T. Boiler No. 3 in use for auxiliary purposes. Condition of readiness III set in the A.A. battery. Material condition "Yoke" (modified) set. Modified darken ship. Ships present: HOLLAND (SOFA), HOUSTON, LANGLEY, BLACK HAWK, PECOS, OTUS, GOLD STAR, CHAUMONT, PEARY, WHIPPLE, ALDEN, EDSALL, SEAWOLF, HERON, USAT Holbrook, EMAS Platypus, EMAS Toowoomba, EMAS Wollongong, EMAS Warrego, EMAS Barrarat, EMAS Deloraine, S.S. Marechal Joffre (French), and various small craft. 0010 PROCELICE, R.W., BM2c., (M.A.A.), USN., returned on board after having transferred prisoners to the CHAUMONT.

F.F. Mallory
F.F. MALLORY,
Ensign, U.S. Navy.

04 to 08

Anchored as before.

J.B. Stivers
J.B. STIVERS,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

08 to 12

Anchored as before. 0800 Mustered crew on stations, no absentees. 0818 EMAS Wollongong got underway and stood out. 0835 EMAS Toowoomba got underway from alongside HOLLAND, to shift berth. 0904 SEAWOLF got underway from alongside HOLLAND, to shift berth. 0910 SEAWOLF moored alongside HOLLAND. 0920 By order of the Commanding Officer, O'LEARY, E.L., Sealc., USN., was released from confinement and restored to duty, having been confined for safe-keeping. 0920 CHAUMONT anchored in berth assigned. 0953 Fired a no-load shot on the port catapult. 1006 Fired a no-load shot on the starboard catapult. DANIELS, T.D., Sea2c., USN., received a fracture of teeth Nos. 7 and 8, caused by his chin striking a box after being hit by a boom, while handling stores. Patient treated and restored to duty. Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal. 1100 By order of the Commanding Officer, CLINGINGSMITH, D., Sealc., USN., was placed in solitary confinement on bread and water for fifteen days, with full ration every fifth day, in execution of sentence of S.C.M. 1110 EMAS Wato underway and standing out.

J.C. Falty, Jr.
J.C. FALTY, Jr.,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

12 to 16

Anchored as before. 1213 EMAS Worrego got underway and stood out. 1330 The following men left the ship for temporary duty as shore patrol at Fort Darwin, Australia: STONE, I.F., CM1., USN., DURLER, C.J., CM1., USN., BYRNE, D.J., WTlc., USN., UDRISKY, S.L., WTlc., USN., MC GEEHEE, L.V., EM3C., SCHWABLE, T., SF2c., USN., RAMBER, J.W., AM2c., USN. 1505 EMAS Deloraine stood in and anchored.

J.F. Woodruff
J.F. WOODRUFF,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

16 to 20

Anchored as before. 1850 PECOS underway. 1905 PECOS moored alongside S.S. George G. Henry (Panamanian tanker). 1905 EMAS Toowoomba underway to shift berth.

C. Sellers IV
C. SELLERS IV,
Ensign, U.S. Navy.

20 to 24

Anchored as before. 2145 The following named men returned on board out of uniform; were made prisoner-at-large by order of the Commanding Officer:

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A.H. ROCKS,
Captain, U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Examined: *J.A. Colma*
J.A. COLMA,
Commanding.

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BAILEY, I.W., Cox., USN., DYKES, R.V., FC3c., USN., COLLITION, D.C., MM1c., USN.
 2230 The following named men returned on board having completed temporary
 shore patrol duty at Port Darwin, Australia: STORIE, I.T., CMM., USN., DURLER,
 O.J., CMM., USN., BYRNE, J.D., WT1c., USN., UDTISKY, S.L., WT1c., USN., MC GE-
 HEE, L.V., EM3c., USN., SCHWANLE, T., SF2c., USN., RANGER, J.W., AMM2c., USN.
 2320 QUICK, F.B. Jr., Pvt., USMC., ANDERSON, C.B., WT2c., USN., returned on
 board, absent over leave since 2240, January 10, 1942, a period of about 40
 minutes, and were made prisoners at large by order of the Commanding Officer.

C. D. Smith II
 C.D. SMITH, II,
 Ensign, U.S. Navy.

Approved:

A.H. Rocks
 A.H. ROCKS,
 Captain, U.S. Navy,
 Commanding.

Examined:

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 J.C.
 Comm.

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UNITED STATES SHIP HOUSTON

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1942

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ZONE DESCRIPTION -101

REMARKS

00 to 04

Anchored in Port Darwin Harbor, Australia, in 14 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following anchorage bearings: FORT POINT LIGHT 049 T., EMERY POINT LIGHT 313.3 T., JETTY LIGHT 059.7 T. Boiler No. 3 in use for auxiliary purposes. Readiness condition III set in the anti-aircraft battery. Modified darken ship and modified condition "Yoke" set. Ships present: HOLLAND (SOPA), HOUSTON, LANGLEY, PECOS, OTUS, GOLD STAR, S.S. Marechal Joffre (French), USAT Holbrook, PEARY, WHIPPLE, ALDEN, EDSALL, HERON, SEAWOLF, HMAS Platypus, HMAS Toowoomba, Wollongong, HMAS Deloraine, HMAS Lolga, HMAS Wato, HMAS Cuckabuo, HMAS Kangaroo, HMAS Koal, HMAS Baslacratt. 0005 WHIPPLE got underway and stood out. 0010 BOWLER, R.B., WT1c., returned on board absent over leave since 2200 January 10, 1942, a period of 2 hours and 10 minutes; placed on report and made a prisoner at large by order of the Commanding Officer.

W.G. Winslow
W.G. WINSLOW,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Naval Reserve.

04 to 08

Anchored as before. 0745 HMAS Toowoomba, Baslacratt, and Wollongong got underway and stood out of the harbor. 0750 Six airplanes of VP-22 took off and stood out.

J.D. Lamade
J.D. LAMADE,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

08 to 12

Anchored as before. 0800 Mustered the crew on stations, no absentees. 0855 PECOS got underway from alongside S.S. George Henry and anchored in berth assigned. 0930 Held divine services. 1115 PECOS got underway and moored alongside OTUS. Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal.

B.D. Skidmore
B.D. SKIDMORE,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

12 to 16

Anchored as before. 1300 The following men left the ship for temporary duty as shore patrol in Port Darwin, Australia: KING, J.W., CMM., USN., ELLIS, F.D., CWT., USN., WESTERFIELD, D.H., EM1c., USN., POLK, F.G., WT1c., USN., LEVDANSKI, J. (n), WT2c., USN., SMITH, S.D., SK2c., USN., BACK, C.A., SK3c., USN. 1314 Commenced swinging to an ebb tide, stern to starboard, completing swing at 1412. 1420 WHIPPLE and TARPON stood in and anchored. 1530 TARPON got underway and moored alongside HOLLAND.

G.E. Davis Jr.
G.E. DAVIS Jr.,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

16 to 20

Anchored as before. 1640 PECOS got underway from alongside OTUS and moored alongside HOLLAND. 1755 HMAS Warrego stood into the harbor with small sailing craft in tow. 1815 HMAS Warrego stood out to sea. 1900 In accordance with Commanding Officer's ltr CA30/P16-4/MM of January 11, 1942, the following named men were transferred with bags and hammocks, to the LANGLEY for duty: MC CONNELL, H.E., 381 24 54, RM1c., USN., GRIMALDI, A.V., 212 62 50, Sea2c., USN; records and accounts will be forwarded via registered guard mail. 1930 HMAS Kulu got underway and stood out to sea.

F.B. Weiler
F.B. WEILER,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

20 to 24

Anchored as before. 2024 Darkened ship (modified). 2130 ALDEN got underway and stood out. 2155 EDSALL got underway and stood out. 2215 The following men returned on board after having completed duty as temporary shore

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A.H. ROOKS,
Captain, U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Examined: *J.A. Comm*
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USN., POLK, F.G., WTlc., USN., SMITH, S.D., SK2c., USN., and BACK, C.A. Jr.,
SF3c., USN.

F.F. Mallory
F.F. MALLORY,
Ensign, U.S. Navy.

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A.H. Rooks
A.H. ROOKS,
Captain, U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Examined:

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J.A.)
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UNITED STATES SHIP HOUSTON Monday 12 January, 1942.
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ZONE DESCRIPTION -10¹

REMARKS

00 to 04

Anchored in Fort Darwin Harbor, Australia, in 14 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following anchorage bearings: FORT POINT LIGHT 049 T., EMERY POINT LIGHT 313.3 T., JETTY LIGHT 059.7 T. Boiler No. 3 in use for auxiliary purposes. Readiness condition III set in the anti-aircraft battery. Modified darken ship and modified condition "Yoke" set. Ships present: HOLLAND (SCPA), HOUSTON, LANGLEY, PECOS, BLACK HAWK, OTUS, GOLD STAR, CHAUMONT, WHIPPLE, FEARY, SEAWOLF, TARPON, USAT Holbrook, HMAS Flatypus, HMAS Deloraine, HMAS Lolga, HMAS Terka, HMAS Cuckabuuu, HMAS Kangaroo, HMAS Koala, S.S. Marechal Joffre (French), and various small craft.

J.B. Stivers
J.B. STIVERS,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

04 to 08

Anchored as before. 0643 WHIPPLE got underway and stood out. 0649 Hoisted out plane No. 1, pilot Lieutenant T.B. FAYNE, U.S.N., passenger DALE, P.J., RMlc., U.S.N. 0655 Hoisted out plane No. 3, pilot Lt(jg). W.G. WINSLOW, U.S.N.R., passenger CUMMINGS, G.H., ACM., U.S.N.

J.C. Patty, Jr.
J.C. PATTY, Jr.,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

08 to 12

Anchored as before. 0825 HMAS Koala got underway and stood out. 0832 PECOS got underway from alongside the HOLLAND and anchored in berth assigned. 0840 Commenced swinging to a flood tide, stern to starboard. 0843 S.S. British-Sailor got underway and moored alongside the CHAUMONT. 0915 Quarters for muster and physical drill, no absentees. 1000 Completed swinging to a flood tide. Held flight quarters. 1008 Hoisted out plane No. 2, to starboard; pilot Lieutenant J.D. LAMADE, U.S.N., passenger TUBBS, R.L., RM2c., U.S.N. 1011 Hoisted out plane No. 4, to port; pilot Ensign J.B. STIVERS, U.S.N.R., passenger O'FAYRE, M.E., RM3c., U.S.N. 1020 Recovered plane No. 3 to port. 1027 Recovered plane No. 1 to port. 1034 Secured from flight quarters. 1045 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples; conditions normal. 1135 S.S. British-Sailor got underway from alongside CHAUMONT.

J.S. Nelson
J.S. NELSON,
Ensign, U.S. Navy.

12 to 16

Anchored as before. 1230 Lighted fires under boilers Nos. 2, 5, and 8. 1315 S.S. British-Sailor moored alongside BLACK HAWK. Made all preparations for getting underway. 1350 Hoisted in planes Nos. 2 and 4. 1412 HERON got underway from alongside BLACK HAWK. 1436 Underway on various courses at various speeds standing out of harbor. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 15 knots (145 rpm). 1438 Sighted DesDiv 57 standing in. 1509 Passed through submarine net entrance. 1520 WHIPPLE and ALDEN took stations in anti-submarine screen. EDSALL proceeding to port to pick up men from BLACK HAWK. 1555 Streamed paravanes. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RM 72.4.

B.D. Skidmore
B.D. SKIDMORE,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

16 to 18

Steaming as before. 1600 Set all clocks back one hour to zone -9¹/₂ time. 1515 Sighted small vessel bearing 313 T., distant about 12 miles. 1535 ALDEN tested machine guns, completing test at 1540. 1545 EDSALL rejoined formation. 1556 Catapulted plane No. 4 to port, pilot NAP HARRIS, L.H., AMlc., U.S.N., passenger ALBERS, H.S., AMlc., U.S.N. 1645 Set Condition II in the A.A. battery. 1702 HMAS Warrego turned to starboard and left formation. Changed course left to

Approved:

A.E. ROOKS
A.E. ROOKS,
Captain, U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Examined:

J.A. Combs
J.A. COMBS,
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16 to 18 Continued.

288 T., and pgc, 246 psc. 1705 Changed speed to 15 knots (145 rpm). WHIPPLE, ALDEN, and EDSALL took stations in close anti-submarine screen 1C. 1750 Sighted Dutch commercial plane (4 motored), bearing 230 T, distant 8 miles, apparently bound for Port Darwin; did not reply to challenge. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 117.

G.E. Davis Jr.
G.E. DAVIS, Jr.,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

18 to 20

Steaming as before. 1849 Sounded flight quarters; made all preparations for recovering one aircraft to port "Dog" method. 1857 Changed course to 210 T and pgc, 201 psc. 1858 Slowed to 7 knots (64 rpm). 1900 Recovered plane No. 4. Changed course to 288 T and pgc, 264 psc; changed speed to 15 knots (145 rpm). Secured from flight quarters. 1920 Darkened ship. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 141.7.

J.F. Woodruff
J.F. WOODRUFF,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

20 to 24

Steaming as before. 2135 Changed course to 325 T and pgc, 305 psc. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 144.8.

F.B. Weiler
F.B. WEILER,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION -92

REMARKS

00 to 04

Steaming on course 325 T and pgc, 305 psc, at standard speed 15 knots (145 rpm), with boilers Nos. 2, 3, 5, and 8 in use. DesDiv 57 less BARKER formed as an anti-submarine screen 1-C, with radius of 2000 yards. Paravanes streamed. Ship darkened. Material condition "Yoke" set. Condition II set in A.A. Battery and condition III set in main battery. SOPA and OTC in this vessel. 0000 WHIPPLE left formation and returned to Port Darwin; ALDEN and EDSALL formed anti-submarine screen 1-B. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 144.5.

J.C. Patty Jr.
J.C. PATTY Jr.,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

04 to 08

Steaming as before. 0500 Lighted fires under boilers Nos. 1, 4, 6, and 7, and let them die out at 0537. 0548 Exercised at general quarters. 0620 Changed speed to 20 knots (196 rpm) to launch aircraft. 0624 Launched plane No. 2 to starboard, pilot Lieutenant T.B. PAYNE, USN., passenger DALE, P.J., RM1c., USN. 0625 Launched plane No. 4 to port, pilot Ensign J.B. STIVERS, USNR., passenger O'HAYRE, M.E., RM3c., USN. Changed speed to 15 knots (145 rpm). 0645 Lighted ship. 0649 Secured from general quarters. Set condition of readiness II in A.A. battery; material condition "Yoke" (modified). 0654 Changed course to 342 T and pgc, 329 psc. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 145.7.

H.S. Hamlin Jr.
H.S. HAMLIN Jr.,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

08 to 12

Steaming as before. 0800 Changed speed to 12 knots (114 rpm). 0806 Recovered port and starboard paravanes. 0807 Changed speed to 15 knots (145 rpm). 0833 Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan No. 6. 0902 Recovered plane No. 2 to starboard "dog" method. 0910 Mustered the crew at quarters, no absentees. 0930 Sighted POINT SEWIRAWA, TIMOR, bearing 327 T., distant about 60 miles. 1027 Catapulted plane No. 3 to starboard, pilot Lieutenant J.D. LAMADE, USN., passenger TUBBS, R.L., RM2c., USN. 1030 Slowed to 7 knots and recovered plane No. 2, to port, "dog" method. 1033 Changed speed to 15 knots (145 rpm). 1159 Ceased zig-zagging and steadied on course 002 T., and pgc, 357 psc. Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 143.4.

B.D. Skidmore
B.D. SKIDMORE,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

12 to 16

Steaming as before. 1203 Changed formation course to 002 T and pgc, 357 psc. Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan No. 6. 1327 Ceased zig-zagging; resumed base course 002 T and pgc, 357 psc. 1330 Changed formation course to 342 T and pgc, 338 psc. 1334 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan No. 6. 1452 Ceased zig-zagging, made various changes of course and speed to recover and launch aircraft. 1456 Catapulted plane No. 2, to starboard, pilot Lieut(jg) W.G. WINSLOW, USNR., passenger DALE, P.J., RM1c., USN. 1503 Recovered plane No. 3 to starboard, "dog" method. Resumed course 342 T and pgc, 338 psc, and speed 15 knots (145 rpm). 1508 Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan No. 6. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 143.6.

G.E. Davis Jr.
G.E. DAVIS Jr.,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

16 to 18

Steaming as before. 1622 Changed base course to 296 T and pgc, 290 psc. 1730 Changed base course to 338 T and pgc, 335 psc. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 144.9.

J.E. Woodruff
J.E. WOODRUFF,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

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18 to 20

Steaming as before. 1905 Lighted fires under boiler No. 4. 1907 Held flight quarters. 1915 Changed speed to 7 knots (64 rpm). 1918 Recovered plane No. 2 to port, "dog" method. 1919 Changed speed to 15 knots (145 rpm). 1929 Tested safety valves on boiler No. 4. 1931 Cut in boiler No. 4 on main steam line. 1932 Secured boiler No. 2. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 142.5.

F. B. Weiler
F. B. WEILER,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

20 to 24

Steaming as before. 2002 Let fires die out under boiler No. 4. 2015 Ceased zig-zagging; resumed base course 338 T and psc, 335 psc. 2055 Changed course to 270 T and psc, 259 psc. 2056 Slowed to 12 knots (114 rpm). AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 121.7.

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J. C. PATTY, Jr.,
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Wednesday 14 January 1942
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ZONE DESCRIPTION -93

REMARKS

00 to 04

Steaming on course 270 T and pgc, 259 psc, at 12 knots (114 rpm), in company with EDSALL and ALDEN forming anti-submarine screen 1-B, at 2000 yards. Standard speed 15 knots (145 rpm). Boilers Nos. 2, 3, 5, and 8 on the main steam line. Engines in main engine combination. Material condition "Yoke" (modified) set throughout the ship. Condition of readiness II set in the A.A. battery. SOPA and OTC in HOUSTON. 0130 Changed course to 090 T and pgc, 090 psc. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 113.9.

H.S. Hamlin, Jr.
H.S. HAMLIN, JR.,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

04 to 08

Steaming as before. 0530 Lighted fires under boilers Nos. 1, 4, 6, and 7. 0614 Let fires die out under under boilers Nos. 1, 4, 6, and 7. 0615 Exercised at general quarters. Set material condition "Zed". 0626 Changed speed to 15 knots (145 rpm). 0635 Changed speed to 20 knots (196 rpm). 0636 Catapulted plane No. 2 to port, pilot Lieut(jg) W.G. WINSLOW, USNR., passenger BUSH, E.A., AOM3c., USN. Changed speed to 15 knots (145 rpm). 0640 Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan No. 6. 0658 Secured from general quarters. Set condition II in the A.A. battery. Set material condition "Yoke" (modified). Set condition III in the main battery. AVE STEAM 295, AVE RPM 127.4.

B.D. Skidmore
B.D. SKIDMORE,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

08 to 12

Steaming as before. 0900 Held quarters for muster and physical drill, no absentees. 1045 Ceased zig-zagging; resumed base course 090 T and pgc. 1046 Changed speed to 20 knots (196 rpm). 1047 Catapulted plane No. 1 to port, pilot Lieutenant T.B. PAYNE, USN., passenger DALE, P.J., RM1c., USN. 1047 Changed speed to 15 knots (145 rpm). 1048 Changed speed to 7 knots (64 rpm). 1051 Recovered plane No. 2 to port, "dog" method. 1052 Changed speed to 15 knots (145 rpm). Changed course to 000 T and pgc, 355 psc. 1100 Sighted unidentified vessel bearing 340 T, distant 14 miles, sent plane No. 1 to investigate. 1105 Changed course to 270 T and pgc, 260 psc. Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal. 1115 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan No. 6, on base course 270 T and pgc, 260 psc. 1140 Plane reports vessel sighted at 1105 to be a sinking ship. 1145 ALDEN left formation to investigate this ship. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 144.6.

G.E. Davis, Jr.
G.E. DAVIS, Jr.,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

12 to 16

Steaming as before. 1259 Changed base course to 090 T and pgc, 090 psc. 1346 Changed base course to 270 T and pgc, 260 psc. 1347 ALDEN rejoined formation. ALDEN reported wreck investigated in latitude 6-51 S, longitude 127-50 E, to be small Dutch motor ship Poigar; bridge only part of ship that remained floating, no signs of casualties or survivors. Believed ship had been torpedoed or shelled, not more than a few hours previously. 1512 Catapulted plane No. 2 to port, pilot N.A.P. HARRIS, L.H., AM1c., USN., passenger O'HAYRE, E.P., RM3c., USN. 1516 Recovered plane No. 1 to port, "dog" method. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 144.3.

J.F. Woodruff
J.F. WOODRUFF,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

16 to 18

Steaming as before. 1609 Ceased zig-zagging; resumed base course. 1611 Changed course to 225 T and pgc, 213 psc. 1614 Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan No. 6. 1627 Held flight quarters and catapulted plane No. 1 to proceed to Kisar Island for purpose of initiating radio despatch, pilot Lieutenant T.B. PAYNE, USN., passenger Lieutenant J.D. LAMADE, USN. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 145.1.

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16 to 18 Continued.

*F. B. Weiler*F. B. WEILER,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

18 to 20

Steaming as before. 1821 Held flight quarters. 1824 Stopped all engines. 1826 Hoisted plane No. 1 on board to port. All engines ahead 15 knots (145 rpm). 1830 Secured from flight quarters. 1857 Ceased zig-zagging; steadied on base course. 1900 Changed course to 270 T and pgo, 259 psc. 1904 Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan No. 6. 1909 Held flight quarters. 1918 Slowed to 7 knots (64 rpm). 1921 Hoisted plane No. 2 on board, to port; resumed standard speed 15 knots (145 rpm). 1924 Secured from flight quarters. 1929 Darkened ship. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 144.

*J. C. Pamy, Jr.*J. C. PAMY, Jr.,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

20 to 24

Steaming as before. 2030 Ceased zig-zagging; changed course to 315 T and pgc, 314 psc. Changed speed to 12 knots (114 rpm). 2200 Changed course to 259 T and pgc, 246 psc. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 117.7.

*B. D. Skidmore*B. D. SKIDMORE,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

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Thursday 15 January, 1942.
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ZONE DESCRIPTION -9 1/2

REMARKS

00 to 04

Steaming on course 259 T and pgc, 246 psc, at 12 knots (114 rpm). Standard speed 15 knots (145 rpm). Boilers Nos. 2, 3, 5, and 8 on main steam line; main engine combination. EDSALL and ALDEN on inner anti-submarine screen 1-B, distance 2000 yards. OTC in HOUSTON. Ship darkened. Modified material condition "Yoke" set. A.A. battery in condition of readiness II. Main battery in condition of readiness III. 0025 Changed course to 067 T and pgc, 062 psc; changed speed to 15 knots (145 rpm). AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 141.6.

G.E. Davis, Jr.
G.E. DAVIS, Jr.,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

04 to 08

Steaming as before. 0525 Passed GUNUNG API ISLAND abeam to port, distant 8.2 miles. 0614 Exercised at general quarters; set condition "Zed". 0638 Catapulted plane No. 3 to starboard, pilot Ensign J.B. STIVERS, USNR., passenger CULLINGS, G.H. Jr., ACMM., USN. 0639 Changed course to 090 T and pgc, 089 psc. Changed speed to 18 knots (176 rpm). 0642 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan No. 6. 0656 Lighted ship. 0707 Secured from general quarters; set condition of readiness II in A.A. battery; set condition of readiness III in main battery. Set modified condition "Yoke" throughout the ship. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 155.4.

J.F. Woodruff
J.F. WOODRUFF,
Lieutenant(jg), U.S. Navy.

08 to 12

Steaming as before. 0900 Held quarters for muster and physical drill, no absentees. 1030 Changed base course to 107 T and pgc, 111 psc; changed speed to 20 knots (196 rpm). 1033 Held flight quarters; catapulted plane No. 2, for anti-submarine patrol, pilot N.A.P. HARRIS, L.H., AMMLc., USN., passenger TUBBS, R.L., RM2c., USN. 1044 Recovered plane No. 3 to port, "dog" method. - 1050 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal. Made weekly test of magazine flooding and sprinkling systems, test satisfactory. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 181.5.

F.B. Weiler
F.B. WEILER,
Lieutenant(jg), U.S. Navy.

12 to 16

Steaming as before. 1230 Changed base course to 127 T and pgc, 134 psc. 1300 Passed TEUN ISLAND abeam to starboard, distant 11 miles. 1303 Changed speed to 22 1/2 knots (222 rpm). 1335 Changed base course to 162 T and pgc, 166 psc. 1340 Passed DAMAR ISLAND abeam to port, distant 13.5 miles. 1458 Catapulted plane No. 4 to starboard, pilot Lieutenant J.D. LAMADE, USN., passenger O'HAYRE, M.E., RM3c., USN. 1459 Changed speed to 15 knots (145 rpm); maneuvering to recover one plane. 1503 Recovered plane No. 2 to starboard. 1504 Changed speed to 22 1/2 knots (222 rpm). AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 200.9.

J.C. Patty, Jr.
J.C. PATTY, Jr.,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

16 to 18

Steaming as before. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 218.5.

B.D. Skidmore
B.D. SKIDMORE,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

18 to 20

Steaming as before. 1859 Changed speed to 15 knots (145 rpm). 1900 Changed speed to 7 knots (64 rpm). 1902 Recovered plane No. 4 to port, "dog" method. 1904 Changed speed to 15 knots. 1918 Darkened ship. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 199.1.

G.E. Davis, Jr.
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Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

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20 to 24

Steaming as before. 2030 Ceased zig-zagging; resumed base course 162 T and pgc, 166 psc. 2130 Energized degaussing system; new psc 165. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 145.3.

J.F. Woodruff
J. F. WOODRUFF,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

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UNITED STATES SHIP HOUSTON

Friday
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January, 1942
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ZONE DESCRIPTION -9 1/2

REMARKS

00 to 04

Steaming enroute Port Darwin, Australia, on course 162 T and pgc, 165 psc at standard speed 15 knots (145 rpm), in company with ALDEN and EDSALL forming anti-submarine screen 1-B, at 2000 yards. Boilers Nos. 2, 3, 5, and 8 on the main steam line, on main engine combination. Ship darkened and in material condition "Yoke" modified. Condition of readiness II set in the A.A. battery. Condition of readiness III set in main battery. 0000 Changed course to 215 T and pgc, 204 psc. 0300 Changed course to 180 T and pgc, 176 psc. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 144.9.

F.B. Weiler
F.B. WEILER,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

04 to 08

Steaming as before. 0515 Lighted fires under boilers Nos. 1, 4, 6, and 7. 0548 Let fires die under boilers Nos. 1, 4, 6, and 7. 0550 Exercised at general quarters. Set material condition "Zed". 0600 Changed course to 147 T and pgc, 152 psc. 0610 Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan No. 6. 0621 Unidentified submarine sighted bearing 216 T, distant about 20000 yards. 0623 Changed course to 200 T and pgc, 190 psc. Ceased zig-zagging. 0624 Submarine submerged. 0626 Changed course to 147 T and pgc, 152 psc. 0627 Catapulted plane No. 2 to starboard, pilot Lieut(jg) W.G. WINSLOW, USNR., passenger TUBBS, R.L., RM2c., USN. 0629 Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan No. 6; base course 147 T and pgc, 152 psc. 0633 Changed speed to 25 knots (248 rpm). 0653 Changed speed to 15 knots (145 rpm). 0654 Secured from general quarters. Set condition of readiness II in the A.A. battery. Set condition of readiness III in the main battery. Set material condition "Yoke" (modified) throughout the ship. 0655 Changed speed to 7 knots (64 rpm). 0659 Changed speed to 12 knots (114 rpm). 0708 Streamed port and starboard paravanes. 0709 Changed speed to 15 knots (145 rpm). AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 150.8.

J.C. Patty, Jr.
J.C. PATTY, Jr.,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

08 to 12

Steaming as before. 0805 Sighted CAFE FOURCROY bearing 100 T, distant about 20 miles. 0847 Ceased zig-zagging and commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds for handling aircraft. EDSALL left formation and proceeded independently to search for enemy submarines. 0906 Catapulted plane No. 1 to starboard, pilot N.A.P. HARRIS, L.H., AM2lc., USN., passenger O'HAYRE, E.F., RM3c., USN. 0910 Recovered plane No. 2 to starboard "dog" method. 0911 Set course 270 T and pgc, 254 psc. Changed speed to 21 knots (210 rpm). 0915 Mustered the crew at quarters, no absentees. 0919 Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan No. 6. Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal. Made fortnightly inspection of smokeless powder samples, conditions normal. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 188.5.

B.D. Skidmore
B.D. SKIDMORE,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

12 to 16

Steaming as before. 1202 Changed base course to 315 T and pgc, 293 psc. 1328 Changed course to 005 T and pgc, 357 psc, to avoid discolored water believed to be a shoal. 1352 Resumed zig-zagging on base course 315 T and pgc, 293 psc. 1400 Made various courses and speed to launch and recover aircraft. 1404 Catapulted plane No. 2 to starboard, pilot Lieutenant J.D. LAMADE, USN., passenger DALE, P.J., RM1c., USN. 1407 Recovered plane No. 1 to starboard, "cast" method. 1408 Changed speed to 20 knots (198 rpm). 1411 Changed course to 345 T and pgc, 331 psc. 1414 Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan No. 6, base course 345 T. 1427 Changed speed to 12 knots (114 rpm). 1431 Recovered port and starboard paravanes. Changed speed to 20 knots (196 rpm). 1435 Sighted EDSALL bearing 358 T, distant about 15 miles. 1458 EDSALL rejoined formation taking station on port bow in inner anti-submarine screen 1-B, ALDEN took station on starboard bow. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 201.1.

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Captain, U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

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G.E. DAVIS, Jr.
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

16 to 18

Steaming as before. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 201.1.

J.F. WOODRUFF,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

18 to 20

Steaming as before. 1900 Held flight quarters and recovered plane No. 2 to port, "dog" method. 1930 Darkened ship. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 197.9.

F.B. WEILER,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

20 to 24

Steaming as before. 2030 Ceased zig-zagging; resumed base course 345 T and pgc, 332 psc. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 196.8.

J.C. PATTY, Jr.,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

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UNITED STATES SHIP HOUSTON Saturday 17 January 1942

ZONE DESCRIPTION -9 1/2 REMARKS

00 to 04

Steaming on course 345 T and pgc, 332 psc, at full speed 20 knots (196 rpm), on boilers Nos. 2, 3, 5, and 8. Standard speed 15 knots (145 rpm). ALDEN and EDSALL in anti-submarine screen, screening interval 2000 yards. Condition of readiness II set in the A.A. battery. Condition of readiness III set in the main battery. Modified condition "Yoke" set. Ship darkened. 0000 Sighted TIMOR ISLAND bearing 287 T., distant about 17 miles. 0030 Changed course to 310 T and pgc, 284 psc. 0032 Passed LETI ISLAND abeam to starboard, distant about 15 miles. 0105 Changed course to 275 T and pgc, 266 psc. 0112 Sighted KISAR ISLAND bearing 319 T., distant about 15 miles. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 198.4.

B. D. Skidmore
B.D. SKIDMORE,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

04 to 08

Steaming as before. 0530 Sighted WETAR ISLAND bearing 300 T., distant about 12 miles. 0535 Sighted KAMBING ISLAND bearing 250 T., distant about 13 miles. 0608 Sighted lights on KAMBING ISLAND bearing 218 T. 0609 Exercised at general quarters. Set material condition "Zed". 0625 Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan No. 6, on base course 275 T. 0641 Catapulted plane No. 1 to starboard, pilot Lieutenant T.P. FAYNE, USN., passenger SMITH, G., AM2c., USN. 0700 Lighted ship. 0709 Secured from general quarters and material condition "Zed". Set material condition "Yoke" (modified). Set condition of readiness II in the A.A. battery. Set condition of readiness III in the main battery. 0730 Set all clocks back 1 hour to zone -8 1/2 time. 0722 Shifted from port to starboard steering motor. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM. 154.4.

G. E. Davis, Jr.
G.E. DAVIS, Jr.,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

08 to 12

Steaming as before. 0842 Ceased zig-zagging; steadied on course 255 T and pgc. 0842 Changed course to 218 T and pgc. 0900 Held quarters for muster and physical drill, no absentees. 0904 ALDEN and EDSALL formed column astern of HOUSTON. 0913 Changed speed to 15 knots. Changed course to 198 T and pgc. 0939 Steaming on various courses at 15 knots conforming to channel. At 1640 January 16, 1942, AIRHART, A.E., Sea2c., USN., was admitted to Sick Bay; DIAGNOSIS wound, lacerated, 3rd and 4th fingers, right hand; injury received while slicing bread with slicer. 1052 Moored starboard side to TRINITY in Kebola Bay, Alor, in 24 fathoms of water. Ships present: BOISE (ComTaskFor 5 - SOPA), WHIFFLE, ALDEN, EDSALL, PAUL JONES, FILLBURY, JOHN D. EDWARDS, TRINITY. 1105 Let fires die under boilers Nos. 2, 5, and 8. Boiler No. 3 in use for auxiliary purposes. 1115 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal. 1125 Commenced receiving fuel from TRINITY. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 102.5.

J. F. Woodruff
J.F. WOODRUFF,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

12 to 16

Moored as before. 1200 Pursuant to Commanding Officer's order CA30/Fl6-4/17 dated January 17, 1942, reference ComTaskFor 5 order 170343 of January 17, 1942, LEUNG, M.S., 498 51 44, Mattle., USN., was transferred with bag and hammock to BOISE for duty; records and accounts forwarded via registered guard mail. 1300 Set clocks back one hour, to conform to zone -7 1/2 time. 1315 Lighted fires under boilers Nos. 2, 5, and 8. 1322 Cut boilers Nos 2, 5, and 8 in on main steam line. 1330 Completed receiving fuel, having received 232116 gallons at 60° C. 1335 Made all preparations for getting underway. 1347 JOHN D. EDWARDS got underway. 1405 WHIFFLE and BOISE got underway and stood out to sea. 1408 FILLBURY got underway and stood out to sea. 1411 Got underway; on various courses and at various speeds conforming to channel, standing out of harbor. Executive Officer at conn, Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 15 knots (145 rpm). Boilers Nos. 2, 3, 5, and 8 in use for steaming purposes. 1442 Slowed to 10 knots (94 rpm). 1503 Changed standard speed to 17 knots

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Date January 17, 1942.

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(165 rpm). Secured degaussing circuit. 1537 Changed standard speed to 15 knots (145 rpm). Changed speed to 18 knots (176 rpm). 1545 Steadied on course 030 T and pgc, 023 psc. 1550 Changed course to 065 T and pgc. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 129.7.

J. B. Nelson
J. B. NELSON,
Ensign, U.S. Navy.

16 to 18

Steaming as before. 1600 Held flight quarters and catapulted plane No. 1 to starboard, for anti-submarine patrol; pilot Ensign J.B. STIVERS, USNR., passenger DE WALD, W.C., AM2c., USN. 1636 Changed course to 095 T and pgc, 096 psc. 1638 Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan No. 6. 1700 Set clocks ahead one hour to zone -8½ time. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 166.7.

F. B. Weller
F. B. WELLER,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

18 to 20

Steaming as before. 1808 Held flight quarters. Made various courses and speeds to recover one plane, 1817 Ceased zig-zagging; steadied up on course 300 T and pgc. 1820 Changed speed to 7 knots (64 rpm). 1825 Recovered plane No. 1 to starboard, "dog" method. Changed course to 095 T and pgc, 096 psc; changed speed to 18 knots (176 rpm). 1828 Secured from flight quarters. 1830 Resumed zig-zagging on base course 095 T and pgc, 096 psc. 1840 Darkened ship. Ceased zig-zagging; resumed base course. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 175.8.

J. C. Fatty, Jr.
J. C. FATTY, Jr.,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

20 to 24

Steaming as before. 2020 Sighted KAMBING ISLAND bearing 130 T., distant about 10 miles. 2047 Sighted LIRAN ISLAND bearing 076 T., distant about 8 miles. 2053 Changed course to 110 T and pgc, 113 psc. 2115 Passed KAMBING ISLAND abeam to starboard, distant about 2 miles and LUAN ISLAND to port, distant about 4 miles. 2114 Changed course to 095 T and pgc, 096 psc. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 175.7.

B. D. Spidmore
B. D. SPIDMORE,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION -8 1/2

REMARKS

00 to 04

Steaming enroute Kebola Bay, Alor Island, N.E.I., to Torres Strait, on course 095 T and pgc, 093 psc, at 18 knots (176 rpm). Standard speed 15 knots (145 rpm). Boilers Nos. 2, 3, 5, and 8 on main steam line. In company with WEIFFLE and JOHN D. EDWARDS forming inner anti-submarine screen 1-B, distance 1500 yards. SOPA-OTC in HOUSTON. Ship darkened. Ship in material condition "Yoke" (modified). A.A. battery in condition of readiness II. Main battery in condition of readiness III. 0300 Entered rain squall, visibility 1000 yards. 0303 Changed course to 105 T and pgc, 108 psc. 0318 Visibility increased to 8000 yards. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 176.1.

G.E. Davis, Jr.
G.E. DAVIS, Jr.,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

04 to 08

Steaming as before. 0501 Exercised at general quarters. Set condition "ZED". 0517 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan No. 6. 0524 Catapulted plane No. 4 to port, pilot Lieutenant J.D. LAMADE, USN., passenger RANGER, J.W., AM2c., USN. 0538 Sighted MORAU LIGHT bearing 050 T, distant about 22 miles. 0551 Lighted ship. 0554 Secured from general quarters. Set condition of readiness II in the A.A. Battery. Set condition of readiness III in the main battery. Set material condition "Yoke" (modified). AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 173.3.

J.F. Woodruff
J.F. WOODRUFF,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

08 to 12

Steaming as before. 0800 Mustered crew on stations, no absentees. 0834 Held flight quarters and recovered plane No. 4 to starboard, "cast" method. 0930 Held divine services. 0935 Sighted BAPAR ISLAND bearing 029 T., distant 52 miles. 1002 Changed speed to 19 knots (186 rpm). 1009 Sighted ship bearing 142 T., identified as the FERON on course 000, speed 12 knots. 1015 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal. 1103 Changed speed to 12 knots (114 rpm). 1125 Changed speed to 19 knots (186 rpm). AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 162.4.

F.B. Weiler
F.B. WEILER,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

12 to 16

Steaming as before. 1508 Energized degaussing system. 1557 Catapulted plane No. 1 to port, pilot Lieut(jg) W.G. WINSLOW, USNR., passenger O'HAYRE, M.B., RM3c., USN. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 185.9.

J.C. Patty, Jr.
J.C. PATTY, Jr.,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

16 to 18

Steaming as before. 1700 Set clocks ahead one hour to zone -9 1/2 time. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 185.

B.D. Skidmore
B.D. SKIDMORE,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

18 to 20

Steaming as before. 1857 Ceased zig-zagging; returned to base course 105 T and pgc, and made various courses and speeds to recover aircraft. 1908 Recovered plane No. 1 to starboard, "cast" method. 1908 Changed course to 105 T and pgc, 118 psc. Changed speed to 19 knots (186 rpm). 1910 Darkened ship. 1913 Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan No. 6. 1945 Set readiness condition III in the A.A. battery. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 189.4.

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G.E. DAVIS, Jr.,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

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20 to 24

Steaming as before. 2000 Ceased zig-zagging. Steadied on base course.
AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 185.9.

J. F. Woodruff
J. F. WOODRUFF,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

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UNITED STATES SHIP HOUSTON Monday 19 January, 1942
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ZONE DESCRIPTION -9 1/2

REMARKS

00 to 04

Steaming enroute Kebola Bay, Alor Island, to Thursday Island, Torres Strait, on course 105 T and pgc., 118 psc., at 19 knots (186 rpm). Standard speed 15 knots (145 rpm). Boilers No. 2, 3, 5, and 8 in use for steaming purposes. In company with WHIPPLE, AND JOHN D. EDWARDS in an anti-submarine screen 1-B, screening interval 2,000 yards. Ship darkened, in modified material condition "Yoke". Condition of readiness III set in the main and anti-aircraft battery. Degaussing system out in. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 186.

F. B. Weiler
F. B. WEILER,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

04 to 08

Steaming as before. 0500 Lighted fires under boilers No. 1, 4, and 7. 0525 Exercised at general quarters. Set material condition "Zed". 0535 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan No. 6; base course 105 T and pgc., 118 psc. 0535 Let fires die out under boiler No. 6. 0541 Ceased zigzagging. Changed course to 002 T and pgc., 0544 Let fires die out under boiler No. 4. 0545 Catapulted plane No. 1 to port, pilot: Lieutenant T.B. PAYNE, U.S.N., passenger RANGER, J.W., AMM2c., U.S.N., for anti-submarine patrol. 1546 Changed course to 105 T and pgc., 118 psc. 0548 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan No. 6. 0551 Let fires die under boiler No. 1. 0553 Let fire die under boiler No. 7. 0620 JOHN D. EDWARDS left position in anti-submarine screen to investigate floating object bearing 086 T, distant about 6 miles. 0632 Secured from general quarters. Set condition III in the main and anti-aircraft battery. Set material condition (modified) "Yoke". AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 185.8.

J. C. Patty Jr.
J. C. PATTY Jr.,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

08 to 12

Steaming as before. 0812 Ceased zigzagging; on various courses at various speeds to recover one plane "cast" method. 0817 Recovered plane No. 1 to starboard. Changed course to 105 T and pgc., 118 psc., changed speed to 20 knots (196 rpm). 0822 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan No. 6; base course 105 T and pgc. 0833 Changed speed to 19 knots (186 rpm). 0900 Mustered the crew at quarters, no absentees. 1024 Changed speed to 18 knots (176 rpm). 1100 By order of the Commanding Officer, AUST, R.J., Pvt., USMC, was released from confinement and restored to duty, the period of confinement imposed on him by S.M.C. having expired. 1100 By order of the Commanding Officer, BURGUARD, C.N., Sea2c., U.S.N., was placed in solitary confinement on bread and water for a period of 10 days, with full ration every 5th day, in execution of sentence of S.C.M. Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 181.5.

B. D. Skidmore
B. D. SKIDMORE,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

12 to 16

Steaming as before. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 178.0.

J. F. Woodruff
J. F. WOODRUFF,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

18 to 20

Steaming as before. 1800 Set clocks ahead one hour to Zone -10 1/2 time. 1945 Darkened ship. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 176.9

F. B. Weiler
F. B. WEILER,
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20 to 24

Steaming as before. 2000 Ceased zigzagging; steadied on base course 090 T and psc., 107 psc. 2000 Changed speed to 16 knots (155 rpm). AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 154.7.

J.C. PATTY Jr.
J.C. PATTY Jr.,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION -104

REMARKS

00 to 04

Steaming on course 090 T and pgc, 104 psc, enroute Kebola Bay, to Torres Strait, on boilers Nos. 2, 3, 5, and 8 at 16 knots (155 rpm). Standard speed 15 knots (145 rpm). WHIFFLE and JOHN D. EDWARDS forming anti-submarine screen. Condition III and modified condition "Yoke" set. Ship darkened. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 155.2.

B.D. Spidmore
B.D. SPIDMORE,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

04 to 08

Steaming as before. 0555 Exercised at general quarters, set material condition "Zed". 0647 Secured from general quarters and material condition "Zed". Set readiness condition III. Set material condition "Yoke" (modified). 0650 Lighted ship. 0653 Shifted from starboard to port steering motor. 0702 Sighted BOOBY ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE bearing 058 T, distant 23 miles. 0704 Sighted Prince of Wales Island bearing 091 T, distant 34 miles. 0720 Changed speed to 20 knots (196 rpm). 0731 Changed course to 070 T and pgc, 082 psc. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 161.7.

G.E. Davis, Jr.
G.E. DAVIS, Jr.,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

08 to 12

Steaming as before. 0805 Changed course to 080 T and pgc, 092 psc. 0813 Changed course to 084 T and pgc, 096 psc. 0819 Passed BOOBY ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE abeam to starboard, distant 3.4 miles. 0828 Changed speed to 15 knots (145 rpm). 0845 Mustered crew on stations; no absentees. 0845 On various courses and at various speeds approaching anchorage. 0908 Anchored in Normanby Sound, Torres Strait, Australia, in 7½ fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor, on the following anchorage bearings: GOODE ISLAND LIGHT 103.4 T; HAMMOND ROCK 061.7; BUOY 018.3 T. Boiler No. 2 in use for auxiliary purposes. 0918 JOHN D. EDWARDS anchored. 0930 WHIFFLE moored alongside to port. 0945 Commenced fueling WHIFFLE. 1027 Set material condition "Xray". 1120 Completed fueling WHIFFLE, having delivered 859 barrels at 60 degrees F. 1123 WHIFFLE got underway from alongside. 1123 JOHN D. EDWARDS underway to come alongside. 1134 WHIFFLE anchored in assigned berth. 1142 JOHN D. EDWARDS moored alongside to port. 1145 Commenced fueling JOHN D. EDWARDS.

J.B. Stivers
J.B. STIVERS,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

12 to 16

Anchored as before. Delivered 15 gallons of aviation gasoline to the JOHN D. EDWARDS. 1255 Completed fueling JOHN D. EDWARDS, having delivered 751 barrels of fuel oil at 60 degrees F. 1330 Paid the crew semi-monthly money. 1345 Pursuant to Commanding Officer JOHN D. EDWARDS, orders, hospital ticket form "G" dated January 20, 1942, the following named men came on board with bag and hammock for treatment, SIKHEM, R.D., SM2c., 299-84-40, U.S.N., EAVES, D.T., Sealc., 287-33-37, U.S.N. 1350 JOHN D. EDWARDS got underway from alongside. 1408 JOHN D. EDWARDS anchored. 1415 Fired a no-load shot on the starboard catapult. 1430 Fired a no-load shot on the port catapult. 1500 HMAS Karangi stood in.

W.G. Winslow
W.G. WINSLOW,
Lieut(jg), U.S.N.R.

16 to 20

Anchored as before. HMAS Karangi got underway and stood out to the westward. 1750 Pursuant to Commanding Officer's ltr., CA30/F16-4/17, of January 20, 1942, OLIVER, W.M., Jr., Sealc., 376-13-37, U.S.N., was transferred to the WHIFFLE

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J. Lamade
J.D. LAMADE,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

20 to 24

Anchored as before.

B.D. Skidmore
B.D. SKIDMORE,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

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A.E. ROCKS,
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UNITED STATES SHIP HOUSTON Wednesday 21 January 1942
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ZONE DESCRIPTION -104 REMARKS

00 to 04

Anchored in Normanby Sound, Torres Strait, in 7½ fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor, on the following anchorage bearings: GOODE ISLAND LIGHT 103.4 T, HAMMOND ROCK 061.7 T, BUOY 018.3 T. Boiler No. 2 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: HOUSTON (SOFA), WHIPPLE, JOHN D. EDWARDS, and HMAS KARANGI. Ship darkened. Condition of readiness III set in main and anti-aircraft battery. 0027 Lighted fires under boiler No. 3. 0039 Let fires die under boiler No. 2. Boiler No. 3 in use for auxiliary purposes.

J.F. Woodruff
J.F. WOODRUFF,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

04 to 08

Anchored as before. 0500 Lighted fires under boilers Nos. 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8. Let fires die out under boilers, after steam had been formed, as follows: No. 8 at 0507; No. 5 at 0510; No. 7 at 0518; Nos. 2 and 6 at 0530; No. 1 at 0534. 0730 S.S. President Polk (United States), standing in through Torres Strait. 0740 Made all preparations for getting underway.

C. Sellers, IV
C. SELLERS, IV,
Ensign, U.S. Navy.

08 to 12

Anchored as before. 0815 Lighted fires under boilers Nos. 2, 5, and 8. 0825 Cut in boilers Nos. 5 and 8 on main steam line. 0830 Tested main and steering engines, tests satisfactory. 0850 Mustered crew on stations; no absentees. 0900 Made preparations for getting underway. 0928 S.S. President Polk underway. 0930 WHIPPLE and JOHN D. EDWARDS got underway. 0932 Underway in accordance with ComTaskFor FIVE instructions. On various courses at various speeds, clearing anchorage. Captain at the conn, Navigator on the bridge. Standard speed 15 knots. 0937 Steadied on course 263 T and pgc, 239 psc, at speed 17½ knots (171 rpm). Destroyers formed inner anti-submarine screen 1-B. S.S. President Polk took station in column astern of this vessel, distant 1000 yards. 1006 Changed course to 266 T and pgc, 242 psc. 1015 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal. 1026 Passed BOOBY ISLAND LIGHT abeam to port, distant 2960 yards. 1029 Changed course to 255 T and pgc, 233 psc. 1032 Changed speed to 17 knots (165 rpm). AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 125.8.

F.B. Weiler
F.B. WEILER,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

12 to 16

Steaming as before. 1255 Changed course to 270 T and pgc, 245 psc. 1305 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan No. 41. 1313 Ceased zigzagging; resumed base course. 1323 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan No. 41. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 165.0.

J.C. Patty, Jr.
J.C. PATTY, Jr.,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

16 to 18

Steaming as before. 1800 Set all clocks back one hour to zone -9½ time. 1704 Changed speed to 16 knots (155 rpm). AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 165.0.

B.D. Skidmore
B.D. SKIDMORE,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

18 to 20

Steaming as before. 1842 Darkened ship. 1900 Ceased zigzagging and

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returned to base course 270 T and pgo, 245 psc., changed speed to 15 knots (145 rpm). AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 150.2.

G.E. Davis Jr.
G.E. DAVIS, Jr.,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

20 to 24

Steaming as before. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 144.8.

J.F. Woodruff
J.F. WOODRUFF,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

A.H. Rocks

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UNITED STATES SHIP HOUSTON Thursday 22 January, 1942.
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ZONE DESCRIPTION -9 1/2

REMARKS

00 to 04

Steaming under boilers Nos. 2, 3, 5, and 8, on course 270 T and pgc, 245 psc, at standard speed 15 knots (145 rpm), enroute Thursday Island to Surabaya, Java, N.E.I. In company with WHIPPLE, JOHN D. EDWARDS and S.S. President Polk; destroyers in anti-submarine screen 1-B, S.S. President Polk in column astern of HOUSTON, (SOPA and OTC) in this vessel. 0318 Lighted fires under boiler No. 7. 0343 Cut boiler No. 7 in on main steam line. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 145.0.

F. B. Weiler
F. B. WEILER,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

04 to 08

Steaming as before. 0455 Lighted fires under boilers Nos. 1 and 4. 0517 Exercised at general quarters. Set material condition "Zed". 0521 Let fires die out under boilers Nos. 1 and 4. 0605 Changed speed to 16 knots (155 rpm). 0605 Lighted fires under boilers Nos. 5 and 6. 0609 Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan No. 41, (FTP 189), on base course 270 T. 0609 Cut in boiler No. 5 on the main steam line. 0611 Let fires die out under boiler No. 7. 0613 Secured from general quarters. Set condition of readiness III in the main and anti-aircraft battery. Set material condition "Yoke" (modified). 0620 Let fires die out under boiler No. 6. 0655 Held flight quarters and commenced steering various courses while preparing to launch aircraft. 0653 Sighted HMAS KARANGI, bearing 320 T, distant 15 miles. 0703 Catapulted plane No. 3 to port with Lieutenant J.D. LAMADE, U.S.N., as pilot, DALE, P.J., RMlc., U.S.N., as passenger. 0717 Took position in formation and resumed zigzagging on base course 270 T. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 151.8.

J. C. Patty, Jr.
J. C. PATTY, Jr.,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

08 to 12

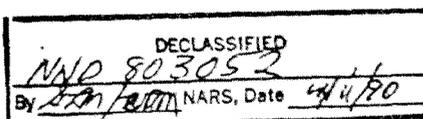
Steaming as before. 0829 Left formation on various courses and speeds recovering one plane. 0844 Recovered plane No. 3 "cast" method to port. On various courses and speeds rejoining formation. 0900 Mustered crew on stations, no absentees. 0905 Regained position in formation, and commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan No. 41, (FTP 189), on base course 270 T and pgc, 248 psc, at speed 16 knots (155 rpm). 0930 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal. 1030 The Commanding Officer held mast and assigned punishments as follows: LACHMAN, J.F., Sea2c., U.S.N., lost liberty card - lose 2 liberties; BRAIN, D.C., Sea2c., U.S.N., returned to ship unfit for liberty - warning; ELLIOT, L.L., Cox., U.S.N., lost liberty card - lose 2 liberties; BAILEY, I.W., Cox., U.S.N., out of uniform - warning; HYSER, W.H., Sealc., U.S.N., (1) direct disobedience of orders (2) having clothing adrift in starboard hanger (3) falsehood (4) disrespectful to a petty officer (CMAA) - S.C.M.; GANDY, C.W., Sealc., U.S.N., dirty uniform - warning; O'LEARY, E.L., Sealc., U.S.N., (1) breaking windows (2) intoxicated - D.C.; KENNEDY, A.E., Flc., U.S.N., absent-over-leave about 35 minutes - warning; PYE, G.E., GM3c., U.S.N., absent-over-leave about 35 minutes - warning; JOHNSON, J.C., F2c., U.S.N., absent-over-leave about 35 minutes - warning; COLLITON, L.D., Mlc., U.S.N., out of uniform - warning; ANDERSON, C.B., WT2c., U.S.N., absent-over-leave about 1 hour and 20 minutes - 1 weeks restriction; BOWLER, M.R., WTlc., U.S.N., absent-over-leave 2 hours and 10 minutes - 2 weeks restriction; QUICK, F.B., Jr., Pvt., USMC, absent-over-leave about 1 hour and 20 minutes - warning; ROBE, W., WTlc., U.S.N., (1) unauthorized possession and use of intoxicating liquor (denatured alcohol) on board ship (2) endangering safety of ship by wilful negligence in starting fire in No. 4 uptake - excused; MARTIN, P., WT2c., U.S.N., (1) unauthorized possession and use of intoxicating liquor (denatured alcohol) on board ship (2) endangering safety of ship by wilful negligence in starting fire in No. 4 uptake - S.C.M.; QUIGLEY, R.A., Flc., U.S.N., unauthorized possession and use of intoxicating liquor (denatured alcohol) on board ship (2) endangering safety of ship by wilful negligence in starting fire in No. 4 uptake - S.C.M. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 161.4.

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B. D. Skidmore
B. D. SKIDMORE,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

12 to 16

Steaming as before. 1255 Sighted smoke on horizon, bearing 225 T. 1331 Ceased zigzagging; resumed base course 270 T and pgc, 248 psc. 1336 Changed course to 275 T and pgc, 250 psc. 1340 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan No. 41. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 155.

G. E. Davis Jr.
G. E. DAVIS, Jr.,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

16 to 18

steaming as before. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 155.

J. F. Woodruff
J. F. WOODRUFF,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

18 to 20

Steaming as before. 1910 Darkened ship. 1940 Ceased zigzagging; resumed base course 275 T and pgc, 250 psc. 1940 Changed speed to 15 knots (145 rpm). AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 154.4.

F. B. Weiler
F. B. WEILER,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

20 to 24

Steaming as before. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 145.

J. C. Patten Jr.
J. C. PATTEN, Jr.,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

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REMARKS

00 to 04

Steaming on course 275 T and pgc, 250 psc, enroute Torres Strait to Surabaya, Java, N.E.I., on boilers Nos. 2, 3, 5, and 8, at standard speed 15 knots (145 rpm). S.S. President Polk in column 1000 yards astern, WHIPPLE and JOHN D. EDWARDS forming anti-submarine screen. Ship darkened. Material condition modified "Yoke" and condition of readiness III set. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 145.

B. D. Skidmore
B.D. SKIDMORE,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

04 to 08

Steaming as before. 0530 Changed course to 225 T and pgc, 210 psc. 0555 Exercised at general quarters; set material condition "Zed". 0610 Changed speed to 16 knots (155 rpm); commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan No. 41. 0637 Lighted ship. 0648 Secured from general quarters and material condition "Zed". Set condition of readiness III and material condition modified "Yoke". 0650 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 225 T and pgc, 210 psc. 0656 Changed course to 180 T and pgc, 178 psc. 0704 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan No. 41. 0707 Shifted from starboard to port steering motor. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 149.2.

G. E. Davis, Jr.
G.E. DAVIS, Jr.,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

08 to 12

Steaming as before. 0843 Catapulted plane No. 3 to port, pilot Lieut(jg) W.G. WINSLOW, USNR., passenger TUBBS, R.L., RM2c., USN. 0855 Sighted R.A.A.F. patrol bomber bearing 220 T., distant about 8 miles. 0900 Held quarters for muster and physical drill, no absentees. 0931 Changed base course to 210 T. Ceased zigzagging. 0947 Changed course to 270 T. 1000 Changed course to 330 T. 1015 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan No. 41. 1027 Changed base course to 310 T. 1030 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal. 1110 Sighted PECOS, ALDEN, and S.S. Hawaiian Planter (U.S.) bearing 324 T., distant about 15 miles. 1125 Ceased zigzagging. Steadied on course 310 T. 1136 Changed course to 330 T. 1142 Changed speed to 10 knots. ALDEN proceeded on duty assigned. 1147 Changed course to 280 T. 1155 PECOS and S.S. Hawaiian Planter formed column astern of S.S. President Polk. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 150.9.

E. F. Woodruff
E.F. WOODRUFF,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

12 to 16

Steaming as before. 1201 Changed speed to 12 knots (114 rpm). 1210 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan No. 41, base course 280 T and pgc, 255 psc. 1245 Ceased zigzagging; resumed base course. 1245 Held flight quarters and catapulted plane No. 2 to starboard, pilot N.A.P. HARRIS, L.H., AM1c., USN., passenger O'HAYRE, E.P., RM3c., USN. 1252 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan No. 46. 1303 Recovered plane No. 3 to starboard, "cast" method. 1325 Changed speed to 11.5 knots (104 rpm). AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 116.3.

F. B. Weiler
F.B. WELLER,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

16 to 18

Steaming as before. 1603 Maneuvering on various courses preparing to catapult one plane. 1606 Catapulted plane No. 3 to starboard, to investigate possible presence of submarine, pilot Ensign J.B. STIVERS, USNR., passenger DALE, P.J., RM1c., USN. 1607 Changed speed to 20 knots (196 rpm). 1611 Resumed position in formation. Changed speed to 11.5 knots (104 rpm); zigzagging in accordance with plan No. 46. 1625 Changed speed to 15 knots (145 rpm); maneuvering to recover one aircraft "cast" method to starboard. 1632 Recovered plane No. 2. 1632 Changed speed to 20 knots (196 rpm); maneuvering to rejoin formation. 1643 Changed speed to 11.5 knots (104 rpm). Resumed position in

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16 to 18 Continued.

formation. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 117.4.

J.G. Patten
 J.G. PATTEN, Jr.,
 Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

18 to 20

Steaming as before. 1916 Left formation and commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds to recover aircraft. 1924 Recovered plane No. 3 to starboard "cast" method. 1929 Darkened ship. 1944 Regained position in formation and resumed speed 11.5 knots; zigzagging in accordance with plan No. 46, base course 280 T and pgo, 255 psc. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 115.

B.D. Skidmore
 B.D. SKIDMORE,
 Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

20 to 24

Steaming as before. 2000 Ceased zigzagging and steadied on course 280 T and pgo, 255 psc. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 108.9.

H.S. Hamlin Jr.
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UNITED STATES SHIP HOUSTON Saturday 24 January 1942
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ZONE DESCRIPTION -9 1/2

REMARKS

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00 to 04

Steaming enroute Torres Strait to Surabaya, Java, N.E.I., on course 280 T and pgc, 255 psc, at 11.5 knots (109 rpm), standard speed 15 knots (145 rpm), in company with S.S. President Polk, FECOS, S.S. Hawaiian Planter in column astern, and WHIPPLE and JOHN D. EDWARDS in inner anti-submarine screen 1-B. HOUSTON formation guide. SOPA and OTC in HOUSTON. Boilers Nos. 2, 3, 5, and 8 in use for steaming purposes, engines in main engine combination. Ship darkened. Material condition "Yoke" (modified), and readiness condition III set. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 109.0.

G.E. Davis, Jr.
G.E. DAVIS, Jr.,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

04 to 08

Steaming as before. 0600 Exercised at general quarters. Set condition "Zed". 0630 Commenced zigzagging according to plan No. 46. 0647 On various courses at various speeds to launch aircraft. 0650 Catapulted plane No. 3 to starboard, pilot Lieutenant T.B. PAYNE, USN., passenger DALE, P.J., RM1c., USN. 0656 Rejoined formation. 0700 Secured from general quarters and material condition "Zed". Set condition of readiness III and material condition "Yoke" (modified). AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 111.4.

J.F. Woodruff
J.F. WOODRUFF,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

08 to 12

Steaming as before. 0821 Sighted plane bearing 157 T., distant 14,500 yards, altitude 4500 feet, tentatively identified as Australian patrol plane (Lockheed Hudson). 0826 Sighted ROMELACE MT. on Timor Island bearing 356 T., distant approximately 120 miles. 0830 Secured degaussing system. 0844 Sighted low-wing, twin-engine, single-tail plane bearing 034 T., distant 16,000 yards, altitude 14,000 feet, unidentified. 0900 Held quarters for muster and physical drill, no absentees. Published Articles for the Government of the Navy at quarters. 0900 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal. 0908 Sighted two planes bearing 200 T., distant about 20,000 and 30,000 yards respectively, altitude 10,000 feet, proceeding in approximate opposite directions; unidentified. 0930 Held gunnery drills, in all batteries. 1054 Held flight quarters and catapulted plane No. 2 to starboard, pilot Ensign J.B. STIVERS, USNR., passenger O'HAYRE, E.P., RM3c., USN. 1100 On various courses at various speeds to recover aircraft. 1107 Recovered plane No. 3 to starboard, "cast" method. 1110 President Polk reported submarine sighted in zone 2; formation scattered. Plane and John D. EDWARDS investigated area; found no trace. 1133 Convoy reformed; set base course 280 T and pgc, speed 11.5 knots (109 rpm). 1155 Resumed zigzag plan No. 46. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 109.

F.B. Weiler
F.B. WEILER,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

12 to 16

Steaming as before. 1300 Sighted one Lockheed Hudson bomber bearing 160 T., distant about 20,000 yards, altitude about 1500 feet. Identified as friendly. Plane began antisubmarine patrol for convoy. 1314 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 280 T and pgc, 261 psc. 1317 Changed base course to 279 T and pgc, 261 psc. 1320 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan No. 46. 1443 John D. EDWARDS rejoined formation in antisubmarine screen, on port bow. 1514 Changed speed to 15 knots (145 rpm). 1517 Changed course to 100 T and pgc. 1519 Changed speed to 7 knots (64 rpm). 1526 Hoisted in plane No. 2, to starboard. 1526 Changed speed to 25 knots (248 rpm). Changed course to 290 T and pgc. 1545 Changed course to 240 T and pgc. Changed speed to 11.5 knots (109 rpm). Resumed position in convoy; zigzagging in accordance with plan No. 46, base course 270 T and pgc. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 118.3.

J.C. Payne, Jr.
J.C. PAYNE, Jr.,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

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16 to 18

Steaming as before. 1645 WHIPPLE left formation to go alongside PECOS for transfer of spare parts. John D. EDWARDS took antisubmarine patrol position ahead of formation. 1650 Commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds for launching aircraft. 1658 Catapulted plane No. 1 to port, pilot Lieutenant J.D. LAMADE, USN., passenger TUBBS, R.L., RM2c., USN. 1710 WHIPPLE rejoined formation on starboard bow, John D. EDWARDS took position on port bow. 1715 Regained position in formation and commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan No. 46, at speed 11.5 knots (109 rpm). 1740 Sighted ROTI ISLAND bearing 257 T., distant about 39 miles. 1800 Set all clocks back one hour to zone -8½ time. 1718 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. 1720 Changed course to 283 T and pgc, 277 psc. 1723 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan No. 46. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 118.4.

B.D. Skidmore
B.D. SKIDMORE,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

18 to 20

Steaming as before. 1829 Left formation; on various courses at various speeds to recover aircraft. 1837 Recovered plane No. 1 to starboard. Steaming rejoin formation. 1846 Darkened ship. 1853 In position, in formation, which had ceased zigzagging at 1830. 1912 Changed course to 288 T and pgc, 264 psc. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 121.4.

H.S. Hamlin Jr.
H.S. HAMLIN, Jr.,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

20 to 24

Steaming as before. 2005 Changed course to 295 T and pgc, 272 psc. 2022 Changed course to 300 T and pgc, 277 psc. 2034 Changed course to 285 T and pgc, 257 psc. 2138 Secured degaussing circuit. 2147 Changed course to 247 T and pgc, 234 psc. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 109.

G.E. Davis Jr.
G.E. DAVIS, Jr.,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

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UNITED STATES SHIP HOUSTON Sunday 25 January 1942.
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ZONE DESCRIPTION -8 1/2 REMARKS

00 to 04
Steaming under boilers Nos. 2, 3, 5, and 8, on course 247 T and pgc, 234 psc, at 11.5 knots (109 rpm). Standard speed 15 knots (145 rpm), enroute Torres Strait to Surabaya, Java, N.E.I. Ship darkened and modified condition "Yoke" set. Condition of readiness III set in main and anti-aircraft batteries. Order of ships in column: HOUSTON (SOPA and convoy escort commander), S.S. President Polk, PECOS, (convoy commander), and S.S. Hawaiian Planter. WHIPPLE and JOHN D. EDWARDS in inner anti-submarine screen 1-B. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 108.9.

J.F. Woodruff
J.F. WOODRUFF,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

04 to 08
Steaming as before. 0430 Lighted fires under boilers Nos. 1, 4, 6, and 7. 0435 Lifted safety valves by hand on boilers Nos. 1, 4, 6, and 7. 0457 Secured boiler No. 4. 0458 Cut in boilers Nos. 6 and 7 on main steam line. 0459 Secured boilers Nos. 5 and 8. 0510 Secured boiler No. 1. 0527 Exercised at general quarters; set material condition "Zed". 0615 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan No. 46. 0618 Lighted ship. 0627 Secured from general quarters; set condition of readiness III in the anti-aircraft battery; set modified material condition "Yoke". 0700 Sighted PILLSBURY bearing 060 T, hull down over the horizon. 0715 Ceased zigzagging; resumed base course. 0717 Changed course to 290 T and pgc, 287 psc. 0725 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan No. 46. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 109.1.

F.B. Weiler
F.B. WEILER,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

08 to 12
Steaming as before. 0800 Mustered crew on stations, no absentees. 0815 PILLSBURY joined formation. Destroyers formed anti-submarine screen on following distances and bearings from the HOUSTON: JOHN D. EDWARDS 300 degrees relative; distance 2000 yards; WHIPPLE 000 degrees relative, distance 1500 yards; PILLSBURY 060 degrees relative, distance 2000 yards. 1115 By order of the Commanding Officer, CLINGINGSMITH, D., Sealc., U.S.N., was released from solitary confinement on bread and water and restored to duty, the period of confinement imposed on him by Summary Court Martial having expired. 1118 Sighted SUMBA ISLAND bearing 320 T, distant 33 miles. Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 109.

J.C. Patty, Jr.
J.C. PATTY, Jr.,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

12 to 16
Steaming as before. 1500 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 290 T and pgc, 287 psc. 1503 Changed course to 270 T and pgc, 260 psc. 1510 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan No. 46. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 109.

B.D. Skidmore
B.D. SKIDMORE,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

16 to 18
Steaming as before. 1655 Entered heavy rain squall, visibility 1000 yards. 1700 JOHN D. EDWARDS reported submarine in zone II (port quarter), changed course to 335 T, and increased speed to 20 knots (196 rpm), followed by the convoy. JOHN D. EDWARDS remained in suspicious area. 1703 Changed speed to 11.5 knots (109 rpm). 1704 Changed course to 270 T and pgc, 260 psc. Convoy maneuvering to form column astern of this ship. 1710 Passed through rain squall. 1719 Convoy completed forming column astern. 1719 Resumed zigzagging on base course 270 T in accordance with plan No. 46. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 109.

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A.H. ROCKS,
Captain, U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

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UNITED STATES SHIP HOUSTON Monday 26 January 1942.
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ZONE DESCRIPTION -8 1/2 REMARKS

00 to 04

Steaming on course 270 T and pgo, 260 psc, under boilers Nos. 2, 3, 6, and 7, at 11.5 knots (109 rpm), enroute Torres Strait to Surabaya, Java, N.E.I. JOHN D. EDWARDS, WHIPPLE, and PILLSBURY forming antisubmarine screen, S.S. President Polk, PECOS, S.S. Hawaiian Planter in column astern of this vessel, in the above order from front to rear. SOPA and escort commander in HOUSTON, convoy commander in PECOS. Ship darkened; in condition of readiness II; material condition "Yoke" (modified) set. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 109.

H.S. Hamlin Jr.
H.S. HAMLIN, Jr.,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

04 to 08

Steaming as before. 0500 Lighted fires under boilers Nos. 1, 4, 5, and 8. 0545 Let fires die out under boilers Nos. 1, 4, 5, and 8. 0550 Exercised at general quarters, set material condition "Zed". 0600 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan No. 46. 0633 Lighted ship. 0635 Secured from general quarters and material condition "Zed". Readiness condition III and material condition "Yoke" (modified) set. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 109.5.

G.E. Davis Jr.
G.E. DAVIS, Jr.,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

08 to 12

Steaming as before. 0900 Held quarters for muster and physical drill, no absentees. 0930 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal. 0945 The following named man was treated at sick bay and restored to duty, CONNER, W.A., Flo., U.S.N., diagnosis: wound, lacerated, lower left forearm. Obtained wound while greasing propeller shaft in after engine room, slipped and fell against platform. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 109.0.

J.F. Woodruff
J.F. WOODRUFF,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

12 to 16

Steaming as before. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 109.

F.B. Weiler
F.B. WEILER,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

16 to 20

Steaming as before. 1800 Set all clocks back 1 hour to zone -7 1/2 time. 1800 Set condition of readiness II throughout the ship. 1812 Darkened ship. 1830 Ceased zigzagging, steadied on base course. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 109.

H.S. Hamlin Jr.
H.S. HAMLIN, Jr.,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

20 to 24

Steaming as before. 2030 Changed course to 356 T and pgo, 350 psc. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 109.

G.E. Davis Jr.
G.E. DAVIS, Jr.,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

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16 to 18 Continued.

H. S. Hamlin, Jr.
H.S. HAMLIN, Jr.,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

18 to 20

Steaming as before. 1820 JOHN D. EDWARDS resumed station in formation.
1845 Set condition of readiness II throughout the ship. 1903 Darkened ship.
1930 Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course 270 T and pgc, 260 psc. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 109.

G. E. Davis, Jr.
G.E. DAVIS, Jr.
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

20 to 24

Steaming as before. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 109.

J. F. Woodruff
J.F. WOODRUFF,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

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UNITED STATES SHIP HOUSTON

Tuesday
(Day)27
(Date)January 1942
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ZONE DESCRIPTION -7½

REMARKS

00 to 04

Steaming under boilers Nos. 2, 3, 6, and 7 on course 356 T., and pgc., 250 psc., at 11.5 knots (109 rpm). Standard speed 15 knots (145 rpm), enroute Torres Strait to Surabaya, Java, N.E.I. Ship darkened and in condition of readiness II. Material condition modified "Yoke" set. Order of ships in column: HOUSTON (SOFA and Convoy Escort Commander), S.S. Polk, PECOS (Convoy Commander) and S.S. Hawaiian Planter; WHIPPLE, JOHN D. EDWARDS, and PILLSBURY in inner antisubmarine screen 1-C. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 109.

J.F. Woodruff
J.F. WOODRUFF,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

04 to 08

Steaming as before. 0400 Lighted fires under boilers Nos. 1, 4, 5, and 8; raised steam and let fires die at 0452. 0510 Exercised at general quarters. Set material condition "Zed". 0530 Commenced zigzagging according to plan No. 46. Sighted TAFEL HOEK, bearing 015 T., distant about 15 miles. 0538 Launched plane No. 3 to port, pilot Lieut(jg), W.G. WINSLOW, USNR., passenger O'HAYRE, E.P., RM3c., USN. 0550 Changed base course to 330 T., and pgc., 324 psc. 0552 Lighted ship. Set material condition modified "Yoke" and condition of readiness II in the antiaircraft battery. 0637 Cut in de-gaussing system. 0716 Changed base course to 320 T., and pgc., 300 psc. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 108.9.

H.S. Hamlin Jr.
H.S. HAMLIN, Jr.,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

08 to 12

Steaming as before. 0900 Held quarters for muster and physical drill, no absentees. Sighted TG. PENEAMBENGAN LIGHT bearing 312 T., distant 16 miles. 0927 Ceased zigzagging. 0930 Changed course to 285 T., and pgc., 262 psc. 0935 Made various courses and speeds to catapult and recover aircraft. 0945 Catapulted plane No. 1 to starboard, pilot Lieutenant T.B. PAYNE, USN., passenger TUBBS, R.L., RM2c., USN. 0946 Catapulted plane No. 4 to port, pilot Ensign J.B. STIVERS, USNR., passenger DALE, P.J., RM1c., USN. 0954 Recovered plane No. 3 to port "dog" method. 1000 Resumed former position in formation at head of column; speed 11.5 knots (109 rpm), course 285 T., and pgc., 262 psc. Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal. Made weekly test of magazine flooding and sprinkling systems, conditions normal. 1004 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan No. 46. 1045 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 285 T., and pgc., 262 psc. 1047 Changed course to 331 T., and pgc., 316 psc. CHERRY, C.M., F.C.2c., USN., received lacerated wounds of the face, head, and left eye, while handling sheet metal in plotting room. Treated by Commander W.A. EPSTEIN, (MC) USN., and restored to duty. 1115 Sighted BANYUANCI LIGHT bearing 335 T., distant 10 miles. 1124 Changed course to 358 T., and pgc., 354 psc. 1130 Left formation and made various courses and speeds to recover aircraft. 1133 Recovered plane No. 1 to port, "dog" method. 1142 Regained position in formation, at head of column; speed 11.5 knots (109 rpm); course 358 T., and pgc., 354 psc. 1148 WHIPPLE, PILLSBURY, and JOHN D. EDWARDS formed column in order named ahead of HOUSTON. 1149 Made various courses conforming to channel in Bali Strait. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 113.6.

G.E. Davis Jr.
G.E. DAVIS, Jr.,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

12 to 16

Steaming as before. 1208 Changed course to 340 T., and pgc., 326 psc. 1214 Changed course to 000 T., and pgc.; steaming on various courses conforming to channel. 1219 Sighted DUIVEN LIGHT bearing 030.5 T. 1240 Cleared Bali Strait. Changed course to 048 T., and pgc. 1246 Destroyers formed antisubmarine screen 1-C on convoy. 1247 Changed course to 055 T., and pgc., 060 psc. 1257 Passed DUIVEN LIGHT abeam to port, distant 1.2 miles. 1257 Changed course to 065 T., and pgc., 081 psc. 1311 Changed course to 021 T., and pgc., 025 psc. 1323 Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan NO. 46; base course 021 T., and pgc., 025 psc. 1351 Catapulted plane No. 1 to port,

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pilot Lieutenant J.D. LAMADE, USN., passenger O'HAYRE, E.P. RM3c., USN. 1353 Changed speed to 15 knots (145 rpm). 1401 Changed speed to 7 knots (64 rpm). Maneuvering on various courses to recover aircraft. 1402 Recovered plane No. 4 to port, "cast" method. 1403 Changed speed to 20 knots (196 rpm), maneuvering to take position in convoy. 1415 In position in convoy. Changed speed to 11.5 knots (109 rpm). Resumed zigzagging in accordance with plan No. 46, base course 021 T., and pgo. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 113.4.

J.C. PATII, Jr.
J.C. PATII, Jr.,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

16 to 20

Steaming as before. 1610 Energized degaussing coils. 1736 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. 1740 Changed course to 000 T., and pgo. 1755 Made various courses and speeds to recover aircraft. 1803 Recovered plane No. 1 to port, "cast" method. 1807 Rejoined formation. 1810 Commenced zigzagging according to plan No. 46. 1813 Set condition of readiness II. 1818 Darkened ship. 1830 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. 1850 JOHN D. EDWARDS left formation to investigate object believed to be ship, and returned at 1915. 1910 Changed base course to 300 T., and pgo., 277 psc. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 113.6.

J.F. WOODRUFF
J.F. WOODRUFF,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

20 to 24

Steaming as before. 2120 Changed course to 279 T., and pgo., 256 psc. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 109.1.

H.S. Hamlin, Jr.
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ZONE DESCRIPTION -7 1/2

REMARKS

00 to 04

Steaming enroute Torres Strait to Surabaya, Java, N.E.I., on course 279 T., and pgc., 256 psc., at 11.5 knots (109 rpm). Standard speed 15 knots (145 rpm), in company with JOHN D. EDWARDS, WHIFFLE, FILLSBURY in inner anti-submarine screen I-C and the S.S. President Polk, PECOS, S.S. Hawaiian Planter in column astern. HOUSTON formation guide, SOPA and CTC. Boilers Nos. 2, 3, 6, and 7 in use for steaming purposes. Main engine combination. Degaussing system cut in. Ship darkened. Material condition modified "Yoke" and condition of readiness II set. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 108.9.

G.E. Davis, Jr.
G.E. DAVIS, Jr.
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

04 to 08

Steaming as before. 0511 Exercised at general quarters. Set material condition "Zed". 0512 JOHN D. EDWARDS left formation to investigate ship and rejoined formation at 0545, having identified ship as a sailing vessel. 0520 Changed course to 270 T and pgc, 246 psc. 0530 Commenced zigzagging according to plan No. 46. 0534 On various courses at various speeds to launch aircraft. 0536 Catapulted plane No. 2 to starboard, pilot Lieut(jg) W.G. WINSLOW, USNR., passenger DALE, P.J., RM1c., USN. 0552 Rejoined formation. 0554 Secured from general quarters; set material condition modified "Yoke" and condition of readiness II in the A.A. battery and condition of readiness III in the main battery. 0557 Streamed paravanes. 0559 Lighted ship. 0604 Sighted Dutch patrol plane bearing 180 T; challenged plane several times and received different incorrect reply each time. 0605 Sighted PEY bearing 270 T. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 111.1.

J.F. Woodruff
J.F. WOODRUFF,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

08 to 12

Steaming as before. 0814 Changed base course to 255 T and pgc, 233 psc. 0830 Steaming on various courses at various speeds recovering aircraft and regaining station. 0846 Hoisted in plane No. 2 to port. 0850 Ceased zigzagging; resumed base course. 0854 Regained station. 0855 Changed course to 180 T and pgc, 175 psc. 0900 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal. 0905 Recovered starboard paravane. Steaming on various courses at various speeds in conforming to channel. 0939 Entered rain squall, visibility 2000 yards. 1000 Rain squall passed. 1033 Stopped all engines. 1042 Surabaya Pilot V.D. Wedden came on board. 1050 Recovered port paravane. Made various courses at various speeds conforming to Surabaya channel. Pilot at the conn, Captain and Navigator on the bridge. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 101.8.

H.S. Hamlin, Jr.
H.S. HAMLIN, Jr.
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

12 to 16

Steaming as before. 1257 Docking pilot came on board and took the conn. 1309 Lighted fires under No. 8 boiler. 1314 Moored starboard side to Rotterdamkade pier, Surabaya, Java, N.E.I., in 7 fathoms of water with the following manila lines: bowline, 8"; forward and after bow springs, and forward and after quarter springs, 7"; stern line, 8". Ships present: MARBLEHEAD (SOPA), PECOS, WHIFFLE, JOHN D. EDWARDS, PARROTT, BULMER, POPE, JOHN D. FORD, FILLSBURY, PAUL JONES, CHILDS, STEWART, BARKER, LARK; Dutch Men-O-War present: Fiet-Hein, Bah-gxert, Biet-Hein, Krakatau, Soerabaja, Tromp, Sumatra, De Ruyter, 1336 Let fires die under boilers Nos. 2, 3, 6, and 7. Boiler No. 8 in use for auxiliary purposes. 1415 Pursuant to Commanding Officer's orders of January 28, 1942, the following men left the ship for temporary shore patrol duty in Surabaya, Java, N.E.I.: POOL, W.E., CMM(PA), USN., BURNS, F.V., CMM(AA), USN., BUNYARD, B.C., EM1c., USN., STAHL, J.C., EM2c., USN., WHITE, W.C., MM2c., USN., HAROLD, W.R., CM3c., USN., ARNISON, R., AMM3c., USN. 1425 E.N.M.S. Tromp stood in and moored alongside pier assigned. 1450 Commenced receiving fuel from pier.

Approved:

A.H. Rocks
A.H. ROCKS,
Captain, U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Examined:

J.A. Comm
J.A. COMM
Commanding

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12 to 16 Continued.
AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 65.8.

E. D. Skidmore
E.D. SKIDMORE,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

16 to 20

Moored as before. 1632 H.M.S. Jupiter got underway and stood out.
1849 H.N.M.S. De Ruyter got underway and stood out.

W. G. Winslow
W.G. WINSLOW,
Lieut (jg), U.S.N.R.

20 to 24

Moored as before. 2105 BEDFORD, W.J., Sealc., USN., returned on board without liberty and identification cards; was placed on the report and made a prisoner-at-large by order of the Commanding Officer. 2215 Stopped taking fuel oil due to a break in supply lines from the dock. 2220 GIBBON, L.A., Sea2c., USN., returned on board without liberty and identification cards; was placed on the report and made a prisoner-at-large by order of the Commanding Officer. 2240 ALLABOUGH, E.W., Sea2c., USN., returned on board without liberty and identification cards; was placed on the report and made a prisoner-at-large by order of the Commanding Officer. 2300 GALUSHA, E.R., Halc., USN., was placed on the report and made a prisoner-at-large by order of the Commanding Officer, OFFENSE: direct disobedience of orders. 2305 HOFFMAN, J.W., Cox., USN., returned on board without liberty and identification cards; was placed on the report and made a prisoner-at-large by order of the Commanding Officer. 2315 HOSTIC, E.B., GM3c., USN., was placed on the report by the Officer of the Deck and placed in solitary confinement for safe keeping, by order of the Commanding Officer, OFFENSE: creating a disturbance, fighting on board ship. 2335 The following named men returned on board having been absent over leave from 2300 this date, a period of 35 minutes: DANIELS, T.D., Sea2c., USN., GANDY, C.W., Sealc., USN., HOUSTON, D.A., GM2c., USN., PETERSON, L.C., GM2c., USN., ROSE, J.J., Sealc., USN., the above named men were placed on the report and made prisoners-at-large by order of the Commanding Officer. 2345 The following named men returned on board having been overleave since 2300 this date, a period of 45 minutes., placed on the report and made prisoners-at-large by order of the Commanding Officer: MOORE, H.L., MM2c., USN., WALLINGS, N.C., Flc., USN. 2345 The following named men returned on board having completed temporary duty with the U.S. Naval Shore Patrol in Surabaya, Java, N.E.I.: POOL, W.E., CMM., UAN., BURNS, F.V., CMM., BUNYARD, B.C., EM1c., USN., STAHL, J.C., EM2c., USN., WHITE, W.E., MM2c., USN., HAROLD, W.R., CM3c., USN., and ARNESON, R., AM3c., USN.

J. D. Lamade
J.D. LAMADE,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

Approved:

A. H. Rocks
A.H. ROCKS,
Captain, U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Examined:

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UNITED STATES SHIP HOUSTON Thursday 29 January 1942

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REMARKS

00 to 04

Moored starboard side to Rotterdamkade pier, Surabaya, Java, N.E.I., in 7 fathoms of water with the following manila lines: bowline, 8"; forward and after bow springs, and forward and after quarter springs, 7"; stern line, 8". Boiler No. 8 in use for auxiliary purposes. Condition of readiness III in the A.A. battery. Ships present: MARBLEHEAD (SOPA), PECCS, WEIPPLE, JOHN D. EDWARDS, PARROTT, POPE, PILLSBURY, JOHN D. FORD, BULMER, STEWART, BARKER, PAUL JONES, CHILDS; Dutch Men-O-War present: Piet-Hein, Bangxert, Biet-Heim, Krakatau, Soerabaja, Tromp, and various yard and district craft. The following named men returned on board at the times listed, absent over leave since 2300 January 28, 1942: 0010 GUYER, F.G., Sea2c., USN., absent over leave a period of 1 hour and 10 minutes; 0022 BROWN, H.G., BM1c., USN., absent over leave a period of 1 hour and 22 minutes; 0140 NEWTON, W.A., Sealc., USN., WILLIAMS, D.M., Sealc., USN., absent over leave a period of 2 hours and 40 minutes. All were made prisoners-at-large by order of the Commanding Officer.

H.S. Hamlin Jr.
H.S. HAMLIN Jr.,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

04 to 08

Moored as before. 0502 Commenced fueling from dock. 0655 CHILDS got underway and stood out. 0718 H.N.M.S. Tromp got underway and moored.

J.F. Woodruff
J.F. WOODRUFF,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

08 to 12

Moored as before. 0825 Pursuant to CinCAF ltr FF/00/Levitt, H.A., of January 28, 1942, Ensign E.A. LEVITT, USNR., reported on board for duty. 0900 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 0905 H.N.M.S. Abraham Krusen and H.N.M.S. Eland Dubois stood in and moored. 1005 Completed fueling from dock. Draft: forward 23' 3", aft 21' 10". 1015 BULMER got underway and shifted berths. 1020 POPE got underway and shifted berths. 1040 JOHN D. FORD got underway and shifted berths. 1045 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal. 1100 The Deck Court of which Lieutenant Commander S.L. SMITH, USN is the Deck Court Officer, met to try the case of C'LEARY, E.L., Sealc., USN., and adjourned at 1120. 1100 The Commanding Officer held mast and assigned the following punishments: ALBERS, A.M., SF2c., continually late for general quarters (5 - 20 minutes) - 10 hours extra duty; TARRENCE, E.L., Sea2c., (1) failure to obey general quarters alarm (2) insolence to a P.O. after being called for (3) failure to muster at morning quarters - 5 days bread and water; WIDMEYER, H.C., Sealc., absence unauthorized from general quarters station - 10 hours extra duty; DITTOE, T.P., Sea2c., careless handling of government property (breaking battle telephone) - 3 days bread and water; FYSER, W.B., Sealc., (1) direct disobedience of orders (2) having clothing adrift in starboard hangar (3) falsehood (4) disrespectful language to a petty officer (C.M.A.A.) - 5 days bread and water; PETERSON, L.O., GM2c., A.O.L. about 35 minutes - warned; HUFFMAN, J.W., Cox., lost liberty card - lose 2 liberties; NEWTON, W.A., Sealc., A.O.L. about 2 hours and 40 minutes - 1 week restriction; BROWN, H.F., BM1c., A.O.L. about 1 hour and 22 minutes - excused; ROSE, J.J., Sealc., A.O.L. about 35 minutes - warned; GANDY, C.W., Sealc., A.O.L. about 35 minutes - warned; HOSTICK, E.B., GM3c., creating a disturbance (fighting on board ship - 2 weeks restriction; ROZELL, L.T., Sea2c., A.O.L. about 1 hour and 10 minutes - warned; GUYER, F.G., Sealc., A.O.L. about 1 hour and 10 minutes - warned; BEDFORD, W.J., Sealc., lost liberty card - lose 2 liberties; WILLIAM, D.M., Sealc., A.O.L. about 2 hours and 40 minutes - warned; HOUSTON, D.A., GM2c., A.O.L. about 35 minutes - warned; ALLABAUGH, E.W., Sea2c., lost liberty card - lose 2 liberties; GIBBON, L.A., Sealc., lost liberty card - lose 2 liberties; ROTH, J.T., MM2c., lost liberty card - lose 2 liberties; MOORE, H.L., MM2c., (1) lost liberty card (2) A.O.L. about 45 minutes - lose 2 liberties; WALLING, N.C., Flo., A.O.L. about 45 minutes - warned; GALUSHA, E.R., H.A.1C., (1) direct disobedience of orders (this man was directed by the O.O.D. to place package on quarter deck, he attempted to run forward) (2) falsehood. - Deck Court; BRAATHEN, J.S., Sea2c., failure to pay debt - 10 hours extra duty;

Approved:

A.H. Roops
A.H. ROOPS,
Captain, U.S. Navy,
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BEATTY, P.E., Sea2c., failure to pay debt - 10 hours extra duty; FORRESTER, J.C., Sea2c., failure to pay debt - 10 hours extra duty; INGRAM, W.J., Sea2c., creating a disturbance ashore - warned. 1100 The Commanding Officer administered oaths of acceptance to commissions as follows: C.D. BURROUGHS (MC) USN., with rank of Lieutenant; J.K. CRISHOLM (SC) USN., with rank of Lieutenant Commander. 1115 By order of the Commanding Officer, BURGARD, C.N., Sea2c., USN., was released from solitary confinement and restored to duty. 1135 Lighted fires under boiler No. 1. 1145 By order of the Commanding Officer the following men were placed in solitary confinement in execution of punishment assigned at mast this date: DITTOE, T.P., Sea2c., - 3 days on bread and water; TARRENCE, E.L., Sea2c., - 5 days on bread and water.

C. Sellers
C. SELLERS, IV,
Ensign, U.S. Navy.

12 to 16

Moored as before. 1218 Lifted safety valves by hand, on boiler No. 1. 1235 Cut No. 1 boiler in on the main steam line. 1235 Let fires die out under boiler No. 8 and secured it at 1245. 1300 SPEARFISH and PICKEREL stood in and anchored. 1300 Pursuant to CinCAF order FF6/00/CONNERY, J.F., Ensign J.F. CONNERY D-V(G) USNR., was transferred to the Staff of CinCAF for duty as Communication Watch Officer. 1345 Commenced pumping aviation gasoline on board.

J.B. Stivers
J.B. STIVERS,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

16 to 20

Moored as before. 1640 PICKEREL and SPEARFISH got underway to shift berths. 1655 Commenced receiving diesel oil from the dock. Received 3145 gallons of aviation gasoline and 1304 gallons of diesel oil. 1705 Pursuant to Commanding Officer's orders CA30/QL of January 29, 1942, the following named men left the ship for temporary duty as shore patrol in Surabaya, Java, N.E.I.: TERRY, A.H., CWT., USN., DEMOEN, A.R., CEM., USN., STEVENS, W.W. Jr., EM2c., USN., BELL, J.R., WT2c., USN., SMITH, W.Q., MM2c., USN., SCHULZE, F.B., SF1c., USN., and MARTIN, A.M., SK3c., USN. 1705 The Paymaster came on board with \$78,300.00. 1745 SCULPIN stood in and moored. 1825 Set modified darken ship.

J.C. PATTY, Jr.
J.C. PATTY, Jr.,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

20 to 24

Moored as before. 2015 FAUGE, A.M., 328 57 63, MM2c., USN., stationed on board WHIPPLE, was transferred to Surabaya Naval Hospital, Surabaya, Java, upon recommendation of Lieutenant C.D. BURROUGHS, (MC) USN., with bag and hammock on hospital ticket, DIAGNOSIS: Pleurisy. 2330 TERRY, A.H., CWT., USN., returned on board after having completed duty as shore patrol in Surabaya, Java.

J.B. Nelson
J.B. NELSON,
Ensign, U.S. Navy.

Approved:

A.H. Rocks
A.H. ROCKS,
Captain, U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Examined:

J.C. PATTY, Jr.
J.C. PATTY,
Comm.

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REMARKS

00 to 04

Moored port side to Rotterdamkade pier, Surabaya, Java, N.E.I., with the following lines out to the dock: bow and stern lines (8" manila), forward and after bow springs (7" manila), forward and after quarter springs and quarter breast (7" manila). Boiler No. 1 in use for auxiliary purposes. Readiness condition III set in the A.A. battery. Modified darkened ship. Ships present: MARBLEHEAD (SOPA), HOUSTON, WHIPPLE, FILLSBURY, JOHN D. EDWARDS, JOHN D. FORD, PECOS, PARROTT, BULMER, POPE, CHILDS, PAUL JONES, STEWART, BARKER, LARK, PICKEREL, SPEARFISH, SCULPIN, H.N.M.S. Peit-Hein, Beit-Heim, Krakatau, Bangxert, Soerabaja, Sumatra, and various yard craft. 0030 The following men returned on board having completed temporary duty as shore patrol in Surabaya, Java: BELL, J.R., WT2c., USN., MARTIN, A.M., SK3c., USN., TERRY, A.E., CWT., USN., DEMOEN, A.R., CEM., USN., STEVENS, W.W., EM2c., USN., SMITH, W.Q., MM2c., USN., SCHULZE, F.B., SFlc., USN. 0030 The following men returned on board absent over leave since 2330 January 29, 1942 and were made prisoners at large by order of the Commanding Officer: BARRINGER, E.F., FC2c., USN., BEVEL, V.B., Cox., USN., THEW, H.P., FC1c., USN., CHILDERS, M.K., Sea2c., USN. 0145 DWIGHT, M.B., Sgt(QM), USMC., returned on board absent over leave since 2330 January 29, 1942, and was made a prisoner at large by order of the Commanding Officer. 0245 DOWELL, T.A., Cox., USN., returned on board, absent over leave since 2330 January 29, 1942, and was made a prisoner at large by order of the Commanding Officer.

G.E. Davis, Jr.
G.E. DAVIS, Jr.,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

04 to 08

Moored as before. 0500 LIEBLE, S.S., EM1c., USN., returned on board absent over leave since 2330 January 29, 1942, a period of 5 hours and 30 minutes; made a prisoner at large by order of the Commanding Officer. 0715 Tug spotted lighter alongside port quarter to load provisions for MARBLEHEAD.

F.B. Weiler
F.B. WEILER,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

08 to 12

Moored as before. 0810 BARKER got underway and anchored in the stream at 0825. 0828 STEWART got underway and anchored in the stream at 0842. 0845 Mustered crew on stations, absentees: DALTON, C.E., Sealc., USN., and REISINGER, R.R., Sealc., USN. 0923 JOHN D. EDWARDS got underway and anchored in the stream at 0942. 1030 DALTON, C.E., Sealc., USN., and REISINGER, R.R., Sealc., USN., returned on board absent over leave since 2330 January 29, 1942. 1045 Pursuant to Commanding Officer, PAUL JONES, ltr of January 30, 1942, GILLIAN, L.O., 380 74 35, CM1c., USN., was received on board with bag, hammock, and records for medical treatment. GRAHAM, V.B., F2c., USN., was treated for a 1" lacerated wound on chin sustained while on liberty at about 2300 on January 29, 1942; wound caused by blow from shipmate. FOSTICK, E.B., GM3c., USN., was treated for a simple fracture of nasal septum sustained while on liberty, at about 2330 January 29, 1942; fracture caused by being attacked by unknown person. 1050 H.N.M.S. K-11 stood in and moored at 1105. 1125 PICKEREL got underway and moored at 1155. 1155 H.N.M.S. Piet-Hein got underway. Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal.

F.F. Mallory
F.F. MALLORY,
Ensign, U.S. Navy.

12 to 16

Moored as before. 1200 JOHN D. FORD got underway and stood out. 1200 Pursuant to Commanding Officer's ltr CA30/F16-4/AM of January 30, 1942, the following men left the ship to report to the office of ComTaskFor FIVE, for duty, with baggage, records and accounts: PITTMAN, J.W., 268 11 10, RM1c., USN., BITTLE, G.F., 346 55 97, RM2c., USN., MAWBY, K.E., 380 99 19, RM2c., USN. 1230 MARBLEHEAD got underway and stood out. 1230 JOHN D. EDWARDS,

Approved:

A.H. Rocks
A.H. ROCKS,
Captain, U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

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J.A. COMM,
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STEWART, BULMER, POPE, and BARKER underway and stood out. 1310 SCULPIN underway and shifted berth. 1327 H.N.M.S. Sardang got underway and stood out. 1400 H.N.M.S. Arend got underway and stood out. 1458 H.N.M.S. Valk got underway and stood out. 1500 SAURY stood in and anchored. 1525 Pursuant to CinCAF ltr FF6/F16-4/00 of January 30, 1942, Captain E.L. GROSSKOPF, U.S. Navy left the ship to report to ComTaskFor FIVE for temporary duty awaiting further assignment.



C. SELLERS, IV,
Ensign, U.S. Navy.

16 to 20

Moored as before. 1645 Pursuant to Commanding Officer's ltr CA30/QL dated January 30, 1942, the following men left the ship for duty as shore patrol in Surabaya, Java: CASERIO, E.R., CMM., USN., COMER, J.G., CEM., USN., OVERTUEF, J.G., EMlc., USN., ROBE, W., WTlc., USN., MC MASTER, S.T., BMlc., USN., and RANGER, J.W., AMM2c., USN. 1825 Darkened ship. Received the following stores for general mess, inspected as to quantity by Lt-Cdr. J.K. CHISHOLM (SC) USN., and as to quality by Lieutenant C.D. BURROUGHS (MC) USN., from Intendant der Marine Te Soerabaya, 13,000 lbs rice, 15,000 lbs sugar, 13,338 lbs wheat, flour, 476 lbs oranges. Received cognac, TST af4 1 qt bottles, from Central Inkoop Bureau der Marine, inspected as to quantity by Commander W.A. EPSTEIN (MC) USN.



C.D. SMITH, II,
Ensign, U.S. Navy.

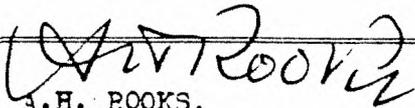
20 to 24

Moored as before. 2050 Pursuant to Commanding Officer's ltr CA30/QL/F16-4/00 of January 30, 1942, Lieut(jg) W.G. WINSLOW, USNR., left the ship for temporary duty as senior shore patrol officer in Surabaya, Java, N.E.I. 2145 Completed taking fresh water from dock. 2300 MARSH, S.J., Sea2c., USN., returned on board without liberty and identification card and was made a prisoner at large by order of the Commanding Officer. 2330 CLARK, E.R., MMlc., USN., returned on board without liberty and identification card and was made a prisoner at large by order of the Commanding Officer.



J.W. WOODRUFF,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

Approved:


A.H. ROOKS,
Captain, U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Examined:


J.A.
Comm

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ZONE DESCRIPTION -7 1/2

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00 to 04

Moored starboard side to Rotterdamkade pier, Surabaya, N.E.I., in 7 fathoms of water with the following lines in use for mooring: bowline (8" manila) forward and after bowsprings (7" manila) forward and after quarter springs and quarter breast (7" manila) stern line (8" manila). Receiving telephone service from the pier. Boiler No. 1 in use for auxiliary purposes. Condition of readiness III set in the A.A. battery. Modified darkened ship set. Ships present: HOUSTON (SOFA), WHIFFLE, FILLSBURY, PECOS, PAUL JONES, PICKEREL, SPEARFISH, SCULPIN, SAURY; H.N.M.S. Piet Hien, Krakatau, Soerabaja, Tromp, Sumatra, K-11, and Van-Gheut. 0005 Lieut(jg) W.G. WINSLOW, USNR., reported on board having completed temporary shore patrol duty as Senior Patrol Officer in Surabaya, with the following named men: CASERIO, E.R., CMM., USN., COMER, J.G., CEM., USN., OVERTURF, J.G., EM1c., USN., ROBE, W., WT1c., USN., CURNETTE, M.F., MM2c., USN., MC MASTER, S.T., BM1c., USN., RANGER, J.W., AMM2c., USN. 0010 The following named men reported on board having been absent over leave since 2330 January 30, 1942, a period of 40 minutes: BROTHERS, F.W., Sealc., LEE, R., Sealc., JOHNSON, R.R., Sea2c., SMITH, G.C., FC2c., KUNKE, C.J., GM2c., they were placed on the report and made prisoners at large by order of the Commanding Officer. 0030 KROSS, R.G., BMkr2c., USN., O'BRIEN, J.F., Pvt., USMC., and MARSK, W.L., Pvt., USMC., returned on board having been absent over leave since 2330 January 30, 1942, a period of one hour; they were placed on the report and made prisoners at large by order of the Commanding Officer. 0045 BURGARD, C.N., Sealc., and SCOTT, D.T., Sealc., returned on board having been absent over leave since 2330 January 30, 1942, a period of one hour and fifteen minutes; they were placed on the report and made prisoners at large by order of the Commanding Officer. 0300 GEORGE, M.E., Pfc., USMC., and BAKOWSKY, E.G., Pvt., USMC., returned on board via unauthorized means having been absent over leave since 2330 January 30, 1942, a period of three hours and thirty minutes; they were placed on the report and made prisoners at large by order of the Commanding Officer. 0325 LEE, G.L., Aeroglc., USN., returned on board having been absent over leave since 2330 January 30, 1942, a period of three hours and fifty-five minutes; he was placed on the report and made a prisoner at large by order of the Commanding Officer.

J. Lamade
J.D. LAMADE,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

04 to 08

Moored as before. 0715 Lighted fires under boilers Nos. 3, 5, and 8. LARK and WHIPPOORWILL got underway and stood out.

B.D. Skidmore
B.D. SKIDMORE,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

08 to 12

Moored as before. 0824 Cut in boilers Nos. 3, 5, and 8 on main steam line. 0835 Set material condition "Yoke" (modified). Tested main engines, test satisfactory. Made all preparations for getting underway. 0840 Harbor Pilot Van Fandvliet and Sea Pilot W.G. Jansen came on board. 0901 Underway from Rotterdamkade pier. Harbor Pilot at conn, Captain and Navigator on the bridge. 0915 Sea Pilot took the conn. Harbor Pilot Van Fandvliet left the ship. Steaming on various courses at various speeds conforming to harbor and channel regulations, and clearing Surabaya Strait. 0945 Stopped all engines, prepared to anchor. 0948 Resumed standard speed, 15 knots (145 rpm). 1024 Slowed to 10 knots (94 rpm). 1117 Sea Pilot W.G. Jansen left the ship. 1118 Went ahead on various courses at various speeds conforming to mine channel. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 101.1.

H.S. Hamlin, Jr.
H.S. HAMLIN, Jr.,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

12 to 16

Steaming as before. 1219 Cleared mine field. Set course 000 T and pzo, 341 pzo, at standard speed 15 knots (145 rpm). 1222 Streamed paravanes. 1223 Set condition of readiness II in the A.A. battery. 1300 in company.

Approved:

A.H. Rocks
A.H. ROCKS,
Captain, U.S. Navy,
Captain, U.S. Navy.

Examined:

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WHIPPLE and PAUL JONES, formed inner antisubmarine screen 1-B on this vessel. 1308 Changed course to 070 T and pgc, 093 psc. 1340 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan No. 6. 1516 Rigged in paravanes. 1519 Changed course to 084 T and pgc, 097 psc. Changed speed to 14.5 knots (140 rpm). AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 137.8.

F.B. Weiler
F.B. WEILER,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

16 to 20

Steaming as before. 1819 Darkened ship. Set readiness condition II throughout the ship. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 140.

G.E. Davis, Jr.
G.E. DAVIS, Jr.,
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

20 to 24

Steaming as before. AVE STEAM 295. AVE RPM 140.

J.F. Woodruff
J.F. WOODRUFF,
Lieut(jg), U.S. Navy.

Approved:

A.H. Rocks
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