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Examined:

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Commanding Officer.

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Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELL Saturday 1 April, 1944  
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Zone description 71

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	06° 26' 30" N	06° 38' 00" N	04° 55' 00" N
Long.	142° 01' 00" E	142° 57' 00" E	144° 07' 00" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

0000 to 0400

(WAR DIARY)

Steaming darkened in general company with TG 58.2 and in company with TG 58.1-ENTERPRISE(OTG-CTG 58.1) BELLEAU WOOD, COWPENS, CRUDIV 13 less BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND, DESRON 50, DESDIV 92, RADFORD, CONNER and COWELL in station #6 of formation 5-V, on course 090 T & pgc, & psc, with flt. axis 075 T, at spd. of 22 kts., with std. spd 20 kts. Material condition Baker and condition of readiness II M set, with boilers #2 & #4 steaming.

*Bowen Blair*

BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0600 Exercised crew at dawn general quarters. 0612 Surface contact reported bearing 183 T, distance 5 mi. Investigated by TG 58.2. 0634 Changed course to 065 T & pgc, 065 psc. 0646 Carriers commenced launching first strike on enemy held island of WOLEAI, CAROLINE ISLANDS. 0703 Completed launching first strike. 0717 Changed course to 110 T & pgc, 113 psc. 0723 Changed course to 130 T & pgc, 135 psc. 0729 Changed course to 060 T & pgc, 055 psc. 0731 Changed spd to 18 kts. 0753 Lighted ship. 0745 Changed course to 115 T & pgc, 119 psc. 0747 Changed speed to 20 kts. 0753 Secured from general quarters, set condition II M and material condition Baker.

*H. C. Shelton*  
H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0804 Changed course to 135 T & pgc, 145 psc. 0810 Surface units of TG 58.2 fired upon two small enemy surface vessels. 0830 Enemy vessels sank. 0840 Changed course to 055 T & pgc, 053 psc. 0855 TG recovered first air strike; launched second air strike. 0912 Changed course to 130 T & pgc, 135 psc. 0915 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 0936 Changed course to 090 T & pgc, 090 psc. 0941 Changed course to 055 T & pgc, 053 psc. 0944 Changed std. spd. and spd to 18 kts. 0945 Second air strike recovered, third air strike launched. 1055 Changed course to 110 T & pgc, 112 psc. 1114 Reported land bearing 062 32,000 yds. Identified as BAURIPAK ISLAND. 1132 Changed course to 060 T & pgc, 055 psc. Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal.

*Recovered fourth air strike & recovered third P.*

*L. B. EGG*  
L. B. EGG, Ens., USNR.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1209 Completed recovery of third strike. Changed course to 090 T & pgc, 088 psc. 1411 Changed course to 160 T & pgc, 165 psc. 1431 Changed spd. and std. spd. to 20 kts. Changed course to 060 T & pgc, 055 psc., to recover fourth air strike returning from WOLEAI. 1447 Recovery completed. Changed course to 162 T & pgc, 168 psc. COWPENS left formation to recover aircraft. 1503 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #6. Retiring towards rendezvous point with tanker unit.

*Bowen Blair*  
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1700 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #6. 1740 BELLEAU WOOD designated formation guide. 1745 Changed spd. to 21 kts. 1825 COWPENS rejoined formation. 1826 ENTERPRISE designated formation guide. 1856 Ceased zigzagging, changed course to 160 T & pgc, 1901 Commenced zigzagging plan #6, changed spd. to 20 kts.

Approved:

*H. T. Deutermann*  
H. T. DEUTERMANN, Comdr., USN.  
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

*R. N. Perley, Jr.*  
R. N. PERLEY, Jr., Lieut., USN.  
Navigator.

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Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	06° 26' 30" N	06° 38' 00" N	04° 55' 00" N
Long.	142° 01' 00" E	142° 57' 00" E	144° 07' 00" E

## OPERATIONAL REMARKS

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1600 to 2000 (cont'd)

1918 COWPENS left formation to recover aircraft. 1930 Darkened ship.  
1950 COWPENS rejoined formation.*H. C. Shelton*  
H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2030 Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course.

*D. E. Jagg*  
D. E. JAGG, Ens., USNR.

Approved:

*H. T. Deulaman*  
H. T. DEUTERMANN, Comdr., USN.  
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*R. N. Perley, Jr.*  
R. N. PERLEY, Jr., Lieut., USN.  
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Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	01° 12' 00" N	0° 16' 00" N	0° 12' 45" N
Long.	145° 32' 00" E	146° 02' 00" E	147° 10' 00" E

## OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000 to 0400

Steaming darkened with TF 58 in company with TG 58.1-ENTERPRISE (OTC-CTG 58.1), BEILEAU WOOD, COWPENS, OAKLAND, CRUDIV 13 less BIRMINGHAM, DESRON 50, DESDIV 92, COWELL, RADFORD and ~~BURNS~~ <sup>CONNOR</sup> in station #6 of formation 5-V on course 160 T & pgc, 162 psc, with flt. axis 075 T, at std. spd. of 20 kts. Ship in material condition Baker with condition of readiness II M set. Boilers #2 & #4 steaming. 0028 Changed spd. to 21 kts. 0343 Maneuvering on various courses at various spds. in searching for man overboard from ENTERPRISE.

*Bowen Blair*

BOWEN BLAIR, LIEUT., USNR.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before searching for man overboard from ENTERPRISE. 0450 Directed to rejoin formation; did not find man. Changed course to 160 T & pgc, changed spd. to 24 kts. 0515 Changed spd. to 25 kts. 0620 Exercised crew at dawn general quarters. 0653 Secured from general quarters set condition II M. 0722 Lighted ship. 0747 Changed course to 135 T & pgc, 0749 Changed spd. to 20 kts. Took station #6 of A's screen. Changed course to 150 T & pgc, 154 psc.

*H. C. Shelton*  
H. C. SHELTON, LIEUT., USNR.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0805 Changed course to 130 T & pgc, 134 psc. 0841 Changed course to 160 T & pgc, 162 psc. 0843 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan #6. 0900 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 0915 Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal. 1015 Ceased zigzagging, changed course to 130 T & pgc, 134 psc. 1040 Changed spd. to 15 kts. 1052 Sighted fueling unit bearing 140 T, distance 9 mi. 1101 Changed course to 120 T & pgc, 123 psc. 1123 Maneuvered and took formation 5-F in preparation for fueling exercise. Changed flt. axis and flt. course to 105 T & pgc, 105 psc. Changed spd. to 10 kts. Oakland designated guide. 1124 Maneuvering to take fueling station on stbd. side of SUWANNEE.

*L. B. GARDNER*  
L. B. GARDNER, ENS., USNR.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1201 Alongside SUWANNEE. 1204 Commenced fueling. 1254 Completed fueling, having received 71, 725 gals. at 60F. 1259 Cast off all lines. Took station # 10 in screen patrolling station on base course 105 T & pgc, 105 psc, at 10 kts.

*Bowen Blair*

BOWEN BLAIR, LIEUT., USNR.

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1730 Lighted fires under boiler #1. 1755 Formed cruising disp. 5-R. Fueling unit left formation. 1803 Changed std. spd. to 16 kts., flt. spd. to 12 kts., course 020 T & pgc, 012 psc. 1818 Changed course to 350 T & pgc, 342 psc. Cut boiler #1 in on main steam line, secured boiler #2. 1842 Changed spd. to 16 kts. 1845 Changed course to 100 T & pgc, 100 psc. 1908 Changed course to 070 T & pgc, 065 psc. 1912 Changed spd. to 20 kts. 1923 Changed course to 100 T & pgc, 099 psc. 1923 Darkened ship. 1931 Changed spd. to 16 kts. 1935 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #6.

*H. C. Shelton*  
H. C. SHELTON, LIEUT., USNR.

Approved:

Examined:

*H. T. Deitermann*  
H. T. DEITERMANN, Comdr., USN  
Commanding Officer.*R. N. Pearly, Jr.*  
R. N. PEARLY, Jr., Lieut., USN  
Navigator.

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Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	01° 12' 00" N	0° 16' 00" N	0° 12' 45" N
Long.	145° 32' 00" E	146° 02' 00" E	147° 10' 00" E

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2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2030 Lighted fires under boiler #3. 2125 Cut in boiler #3 on main steam line. 2135 Secured boiler #4. 2145 Surface contact reported bearing 310 T, Distance 12 miles, identified as friendly.

*[Signature]*, ENS., USNR.

Approved:

*[Signature]*  
H. T. DEUTERMAN, Comdr., USN.  
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

*[Signature]*  
R. N. PERLEY, Jr., Lieut., USN.  
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Lat.	0° 19' 15" N	0° 03' 00" S	01° 01' 00" S
Long.	150° 04' 30" E	151° 02' 00" E	153° 12' 00" E

## OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000 to 0400

Steaming darkened in company with TF58 as a unit of TG 58.1 - ENTERPRISE (OTC-CTG 58.1); BELLEAU WOOD, CRUDIV 13 less BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND, COWPENS DESRON 50, DESDIV 92, RADFORD, CONNER, and COWELL - in station #6 of formation 5-R, on base course 100 T & pgc, 103 psc, with flt. axis 075 T, zigzagging according to plan #6, at std. spd. of 16 kts. Material condition Baker and condition of readiness II Mike set, with boilers #1 & #3 steaming. 0300 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course.

*Bowen Blair*  
BOWEN BLAIR, LIEUT., USNR.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0600 Exercised crew at dawn general quarters. 0630 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #6. 0640 Secured from general quarters, set condition II M. 0650 The C.O. held mast this date and assigned the following punishment: RIZZO, J.A., F2c, USNR, OFFENSE: Failure and neglect to man his battle station during general quarters. PUNISHMENT: Deck Court. 0655 Lighted ship.

*H. C. Shelton*  
H. C. SHELTON, LIEUT., USNR.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0802 Changed spd. to 17 kts. 0830 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 0840 Changed spd. to 16 kts. 0950 Changed spd. to 17 kts. 0955 Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal. 1043 Changed spd. to 16 kts. 1155 Changed spd. to 16½ kts.

*L. B. Gray*  
L. B. GRAY, ENS., USNR.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1232 SANTA FE designated flt. guide.

*Bowen Blair*  
BOWEN BLAIR, LIEUT., USNR.

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1601 Passing through weather front, visibility 5000 yards. 1757 Std. spd. and spd. changed to 17 kts.

*J. M. Ginter*  
J. M. GINTER, Lt. (jg), USNR.

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2158 Changed formation speed to 17.5 kts.

*H. C. Shelton*  
H. C. SHELTON, LIEUT., USNR.

Approved:

*A. T. Deutermann*  
A. T. DEUTERMANN, Comdr., USN,  
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

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R. N. PERLEY, Jr., Lieut., USN,  
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELL Tuesday 4 April, 1944  
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Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	01° 35' 00" S	01° 37' 00" S	0° 37' 00" S
Long.	156° 30' 00" E	157° 34' 00" E	159° 19' 15" E

## OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000 to 0400

Steaming darkened in company with TG 58.1 and in general company with TF 58. ENTERPRISE (OTC-CTG 58.1) guide, flt. course 100 T & pgc, 099 T psc. Flt. axis 075 T, flt. spd. 17½ kts., in station #6 in formation 5-R. Condition of readiness II M, material condition Baker set, steaming on boilers #1 & #3. Ships in company: ENTERPRISE, BELLEAU WOOD, COWPENS, CRUDIV 13 less BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND, DESRON 50, DESDIV 92, RADFORD, CONNER and COWELL.

*L. E. Hines*  
L. E. HINES, ENS., USNR.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0403 Changed course to 090 T & pgc, 086 psc., and spd. to 17 kts. 0440 Changed course to 100 T & pgc, 099 psc. 0540 Exercised crew at general quarters. 0600 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #6. 0619 Secured from general quarters, set material condition Baker, and condition of readiness II M. 0632 Lighted ship. 0758 Changed spd. to 16.5 kts.

*Bowen Blair*  
BOWEN BLAIR, LIEUT., USNR.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0815 Mustered crew on stations, no absentees. 0839 Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course. 0845 Changed course to 090 T & pgc, 087 psc. 0906 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #6. 0955 BELLEAU WOOD designated formation guide. 1000 Paid crew regular semi-monthly monies. Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, condition normal.

*H. C. Shelton*  
H. C. SHELTON, LIEUT., USNR.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1200 Ceased zigzagging, changed course to 060 T & pgc, 054 psc. 1402 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #6.

*L. E. Hines*  
L. E. HINES, ENS., USNR.

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1646 Changed spd. to 17 kts. and std. spd. to 17 kts. 1833 Darkened ship. 1900 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. Changed spd. and std. spd. to 16.5 kts.

*Bowen Blair*  
BOWEN BLAIR, LIEUT., USNR.

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2238 Crossed equator, south to north at Long. 159° 22' 00" E.

*H. C. Shelton*  
H. C. SHELTON, LIEUT., USNR.

Approved:

*H. T. Deutermann*  
H. T. DEUTERMANN, Comdr., USN.

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

*R. N. Perley, Jr.*  
R. N. PERLEY, JR., Lieut., USN.

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UNITED STATES SHIP <u>COGSWELL</u>	Wednesday <u>5</u> April <u>1944</u>	
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Zone description <u>-11</u>		
Position 0800	1200	2000
Lat. <u>01° 06' 15" N</u>	<u>01° 39' 00" N</u>	<u>02° 50' 20" N</u>
Long. <u>162° 18' 00" E</u>	<u>163° 39' 00" E</u>	<u>165° 04' 15" E</u>
<b>OPERATIONAL REMARKS</b> (WAR DIARY)		
0000 to 0400	<p>Steaming darkened in company with TG 58.1 in general company with TF 58 on base course 060 T &amp; pgc, 054 psc., flt. axis 075 T, spd. 17 kts, in formation 5-R with BELLEAU WOOD as formation guide, in a/s screening station #6. Condition of readiness II M, material condition Baker set, steaming on boilers #1 and #2. Ships in company: ENTERPRISE (OTC-CTG 58.1) BELLEAU WOOD, COWPENS, CRUDIV 13 less BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND, DESRON 50, DESDIV 92, RADFORD, CONNER and COWELL.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>L. B. Grege</i> L. B. GREGE, ENS., USNR.</p>	
0400 to 0800	<p>Steaming as before. 0530 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 6. 0620 Lighted ship.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Bowen Blair</i> BOWEN BLAIR, LIEUT., USNR.</p>	
0800 to 1200	<p>Steaming as before. 0800 Mustered crew on stations, no absentees. Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>H. C. Shelton</i> H. C. SHELTON, LIEUT., USNR.</p>	
1200 to 1600	<p>Steaming as before. 1330 Exercised crew at general quarters, set condition <del>affirm</del>, affirm. 1408 Secured from general quarters, set condition II-M, set material condition Baker.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>L. B. Grege</i> L. B. GREGE, ENS., USNR.</p>	
1600 to 2000	<p>Steaming as before. 1735 BELLEAU WOOD and ENTERPRISE exchanged stations 1800 ENTERPRISE designated flt. guide. 1815 Darkened ship. 1832 Ceased zigzagging and changed course to 055 T &amp; pgc, 045 psc., changed speed and std. spd. to 16.5 kts.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Bowen Blair</i> BOWEN BLAIR, LIEUT., USNR.</p>	
2000 to 2400	<p>Steaming as before. 2055 Changed speed to 17 kts</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>H. C. Shelton</i> H. C. SHELTON, LIEUT., USNR.</p>	
Approved:	Examined:	
<i>H. Deul</i> H. DEULMANN, Comdr., USN. Commanding Officer.	<i>R. N. Perley, Jr.</i> R. N. PERLEY, Jr. Lieut., USN. Navigator.	

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Thursday 6 April changed to -  
 Wednesday 5 April 1944  
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Zone description -11 to +12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	04° 37' 15" N	05° 35' 00" N	07° 00' 00" N
Long.	167° 38' 00" E	167° 55' 15" E	167° 51' 00" E

## OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000 to 0400

Steaming darkened in company with TG 58.1 and in general company with TF 58 on base course 055 T & pgc, 045 psc, spd. 17 kts., flt. axis 075 in a/s screening station #6 on ENTERPRISE in formation 5-R. Condition of readiness II M, material condition Baker set. Ships in company: ENTERPRISE(OTC-CTG 58.1), BELLEAU WOOD, COWPENS, OAKLAND, CRUDIV 13, less BIRMINGHAM, DESRON 50, DESDIV 92, RADFORD, COWELL and CONNER. 0000 Set clocks ahead to zone plus 12 time, changed date to West Longitude date.

*L. B. Gregg*  
 L. B. GREGG, ENS., USNR.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0615 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #6. 0657 Lighted ship.

*Bowen Blair*  
 BOWEN BLAIR, LIEUT., USNR.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 0900 TG 58.1 proceeding independently for MAJURO, MARSHALL ISLANDS. 0920 Ceased zigzagging, changed course to 000 T & pgc, 350 psc. Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal.

*H. C. Shelton*  
 H. C. SHELTON, LIEUT., USNR.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1213 Changed spd. and std. spd. to 18 kts. 1218 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan #6. 1408 BELLEAU WOOD launched a/s patrol plans. 1450 Ceased zigzagging, changed course to 055 T & pgc, 048 psc, carriers launched aircraft in preparations for exercises. 1520 Carriers completed aircraft operations, changed course to 000 T & pgc, 351 psc. 1525 Changed speed to 20 kts, commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan #6. 1530 Commenced special exercise # 2

*L. B. Gregg*  
 L. B. GREGG, ENS., USNR.

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1659 Ceased zigzagging, changed course to 050 T & pgc, 041 psc. 1730 Changed course to 090 T & pgc, 082 psc. Changed spd. and std. spd. to 17 kts. 1803 Changed course to 110 T & pgc, 1806 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #6,

*J. M. Ginther*  
 J. M. GINTHER, LT.(JG), USNR.

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before.

*H. C. Shelton*  
 H. C. SHELTON, LIEUT., USNR.

Approved:

*H. T. Deutermann*  
 H. T. DEUTERMANN, Comdr., USN.  
 Commanding Officer.

Examined:

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 R. N. FERLEY, JR., Lieut., USN.  
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UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELLThursday 6 April, 1944  
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Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	07° 00' 00" N	07° 20' 00" N	
Long.	169° 44' 00" E	170° 45' 00" E	

## OPERATIONAL REMARKS

0000 to 0400

(WAR DIARY)

Steaming darkened in company with TG 58.1, ENTERPRISE guide, on base course 110 T & pgc, 111 psc., spd. 17 kts., flt. axis 075 T, in station #6 in formation 5-R. Condition of readiness II M, material condition Baker set, steaming on boilers #1 & #3. Ships in company: ENTERPRISE (TG 58.1), COWPENS, BELLEAU WOOD, OAKLAND, CRUDIV 13 less BIRMINGHAM, DESRON 50, DESDIV 92, COWELL, CONNER and RADFORD. 0000 Ceased zigzagging, changed course to 075 T & pgc, 065 psc. 0015 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan #6.

*L. B. GREGG*  
L. B. GREGG, ENS., USNR.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0605 ENTERPRISE launched aircraft. 0645 Lighted ship 0700 Ceased zigzagging and changed base course to 070 T & pgc, 065 psc. 0703 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #6. 0740 Changed spd. to 15 kts.

*Bowen Blair*  
BOWEN BLAIR, LIEUT., USNR.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 0823 Changed flt. speed and std. spd. to 17 kts. 0827 Commenced zigzagging plan #6. 0833 Left screen to take rake station astern of BELLEAU WOOD. 0845 Commenced scheduled exercises. 0923 Ceased zigzagging, changed course to 080 T & pgc, 070 psc. 0935 Plane crashed on deck of BELLEAU WOOD and caught fire. Called away fire and rescue party. 0943 Secured from fire and rescue. 1042 Changed course to 070 T & pgc, 060 psc. 1046 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #6. 1050 Completed scheduled exercises, took station #6 of a/s screen. Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal. Belleau Wood extinguished fire without assistance.

*H. C. Shelton*  
H. C. SHELTON, LIEUT., USNR.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1230 Ceased zigzagging, changed course to 055 T & 046 psc. Carriers commenced flight operations. 1247 Carriers completed flight operations, changed course to 070 T & pgc, 062 psc. 1248 Changed course to 070 T & pgc, changed spd. to 20 kts. 1322 Changed course 090 T & pgc, 089 psc. 1331 Changed course to 140 T & pgc, 140 psc. 1357 Received orders to proceed independently to Majuro Lagoon for anchorage. 1407 Changed spd. to 15 kts. 1408 Sighted Majuro Atoll bearing 075 T, distance 5 mi. 1413 Commenced patrolling outside of channel screening units of TG 58.1 during their entrance. 1442 Completed patrolling, proceeded to stand in to Callalan Channel. 1447 Secured from condition II M, set special sea detail. 1452 Passed seaward buoy #1 close aboard to port. Maneuvered to conform to channel, proceeding to anchorage.

*L. B. GREGG*  
L. B. GREGG, ENS., USNR.

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1632 Anchored in berth 28, Majuro Lagoon, Marshall Islands, with 65 fms. of chain to port anchor. 1640 Secured main engines, secured boiler #3, boiler #1 steaming for auxiliary purposes. Set port watch. 1650 Set special detail, out in #3 boiler on main steam line in preparation for getting underway to fuel. 1700 Underway from berth 28 proceeding to berth 126 to fuel from tanker. 1734 Moored port side to

Approved:

*R. T. Deutermann*  
R. T. DEUTERMANN, Comdr., USN.

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

*R. N. Perley, Jr.*  
R. N. PERLEY, Jr., Lieut., USN.

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELLThursday 6 April 1944  
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description #12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	07° 00' 00" N	07° 20' 00" N	
Long.	169° 44' 00" E	170° 45' 00" E	

## OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

1600 to 2000(cont'd)

U.S.S. SIGNAL in berth 126. 1745 Commenced fueling, dft. fwd. 11'6" dft. aft. 13'5". Secured from special sea detail, set port watch. 1830 Darkened ship topside. 1852 Secured from port watch, set special sea detail. 1910 Completed fueling having received 84,807 gals. Dft. fwd. 13'0" dft. aft. 14'6". 1925 Underway from alongside U.S.S. SIGNAL proceeding to anchorage. 1935 Anchored in 17 fms. of water with 75 fms. of chain on the port anchor, approx. 1500 yds. from U.S.S. SIGNAL in berth 126. 1943 Secured main engines, secured boiler #3, boiler #1 steaming for auxiliary purposes. 1949 Secured from special sea detail set port watch. Ships present: various units of Pacific Fleet with SOPA ComSeron 10 in PRAIRIE. *P*

*L.B. Grier*  
L.B. GRIER, ENS., USNR.

2000 to 2400

Anchored as before.

*Bowen Blair*  
BOWEN BLAIR, LIEUT., USNR.

Approved:

*H. T. Deutermann*  
H. T. DEUTERMANN, Comdr., USN.

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Friday

7

April

1944

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

Zone description F12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			06° 48' 00" N
Long.			171° 06' 00" E

## OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000 to 0400

Anchored in Majuro Lagoon, Marshall Islands, in 17 fms. of water, coral and sand bottom, with 75 fms. of chain to port anchor, approx. 1500 yds from USS SIGNAL in berth 126. Boiler #1 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: various units of the U.S. Pacific Flt., SOPA COMSERON TEN in U.S.S. PRAIRIE.

*R. T. Golder*  
R. T. GOLDER, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400 to 0800

Anchored as before. 0615 Lighted fires under #3 boiler. 0743 Cut in #1 and #3 boilers in on main steam line. 0758 Underway from anchorage. Proceeding on various courses at various speeds to moor alongside USS CAPERTON.

*J. K. Cogswell*  
J. K. COGSWELL, ENS., USNR.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0815 Mustered crew on stations, no absentees. 0820 Moored port side to USS CAPERTON with six lines in use, in berth 28, Majuro Lagoon, Marshall Is. 0832 Secured boiler #3. 0900 Ens. Charles E. Trygg, USNR, returned aboard for duty in accordance with Commanding Officer's, (USS RELIEF) Ltr. AHL/P16-4/00 of 23 Mar. 1944, having completed hospital treatment. Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal.

*Bowen Blair*  
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

1200 to 1600

Moored as before. 1502 CAPERTON hoisted her anchor. USS COGSWELL anchored in berth 28 in 25 fms. of water in coral and sand bottom with 60 fms. of chain to the port anchor. 1559 ComDesDiv 100 shifted his pennant to the USS CAPERTON, pursuant to verbal orders of COMDESRON 50.

*C. D. Pulver*  
C. D. PULVER, Lt.(jg), USN.

1600 to 2000

Anchored as before. 1608 USS CAPERTON anchored. 1612 Hoisted anchor. 1615 Underway for patrol duty and tracking exercises as directed by SOPA & CTG 58.1. Proceeding on various courses and speeds towards channel entrance. 1720 Secured from special sea detail; set condition of readiness II M, watch III. With EROJ is. bearing 158 T, took departure and set course 310 T & pgc, spd. 15 kts. 1737 Changed spd. to 20 kts. 1751 Changed course to 200 T & pgc, 1755 Surveyed one MK 6 depth charge 1800 Changed course to 180 T & pgc. 1841 Changed course to 105 T & pgc, changed spd. to 15 kts; commenced zigzagging according to plan #8. 1844 Darkened ship.

*C. E. Hughes, III.*  
C. E. HUGHES, III., Lt.(jg) USNR

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2005 Changed base course to 299 T & pgc, 289 psc. 2139 Changed base course to 105 T & pgc, 099 psc. 2303 Possible sound contact bearing 245 at 2500 yds. Commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds developing contact. 2305 Lost contact. Maneuvering on retiring search curve around point of original contact. 2355 Regained contact bearing 181 T at 700 yds. Proceeded to attack.

*Bowen Blair*  
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

Approved:

Examined:

*H. T. Deutermann*  
H. T. DEUTERMANN, Comdr., USN.

Commanding Officer.

*R. W. Perley, Jr.*  
R. W. PERLEY, Jr., Lieut., USN.

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELLSaturday 8 April, 1944  
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description +12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			07° 23' 30" N
Long.			171° 25' 50" E

## OPERATIONAL REMARKS

0000 to 0400

(WAR DIARY)

Steaming independently on patrol duty 10 mi. <sup>South of</sup> ~~north~~ of Majuro Atoll in accordance with orders of CTG 58.1. Boilers #1 & #3 in use. Condition of readiness II M, watch II, material condition Baker and darkened. Developing sound contact on course 190 T spd. 15 kts. 0000 Dropped pattern of five depth charges. Sounded general quarters and set material condition Able. Continued to develop contact. 0020 Changed course to 258 T & pgc, spd. 10 kts. 0023 Changed course to 265 T & pgc. 0035 Changed course to 355 T & pgc. 0040 Secured from general quarters, set condition II M watch II. 0043 Changed course to 085 T & pgc. 0115 Developing of contact completed, contact not regained, changed course to 120 T & pgc, spd. 15 kts. to resume regular patrol. Commenced zigzagging according to plan #8. Changed spd. to 15 kts. 0118 Changed course to 195 T & pgc, 193 psc. Changed course to 299 T & pgc, 287 psc. 0135 Changed course to 195 T & pgc, 193 psc. 0314 Radar contact bearing 210 T distance 37,000 yds. 0328 Ceased zigzagging, changed course to 092 T & pgc 084 psc. 0332 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #8.

*J. M. Ginter*  
J. M. GINTER, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0410 Changed course to 290 T & pgc, 280 psc. to investigate surface target bearing 310 T distance 21 mi. 0510 Target identified as friendly. 0515 Changed course to 092 T & pgc, 084 psc. 0517 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #8. 0540 Changed course to 105 T & pgc, 099 psc. 0600 Changed course to 285 T & pgc, 275 psc. 0640 Lighted ship. 0645 Ceased zigzagging, changed course to 330 T & pgc, 330 psc., changed speed to 20 kts., proceeded to vicinity of channel entrance. Changed course to 000 T & pgc, 350 psc. Changed course to 030 T & pgc, 021 psc. 0727 Changed course to 040 T & pgc, 030 psc. 0739 Changed course to 070 T & pgc, 061 psc. 0745 Changed course to 090 T & pgc, 082 psc. 0756 Changed speed to 15 kts.

*H. C. Shelton*  
H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 0807 Changed spd. to 10 kts. 0815 Changed course to 200 T & pgc, changed spd. to 15 kts. 0817 Relieved U.S.S. FRAZIER of northern patrol duty. 0821 Changed course to 090 T & pgc. changed <sup>to</sup> 15 kts. 0850 Commenced tracking exercises, acting as target on various courses and speeds, north and east of Majuro Atoll. Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal; made weekly inspection of magazine sprinkling system; condition satisfactory.

*C. E. Hughes, III*  
C. E. HUGHES, III, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before, acting as target <sup>for tracking of</sup> on various courses and speeds North and East of Majuro Atoll.

*Bowen Blair*  
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1620 Completed tracking exercises, changed course to 280 T & pgc, changed spd. to 20 kts., proceeded to station for night patrol. Steaming on various courses and speeds.

Approved:

*F. T. Deitermann*  
F. T. DEITERMANN, Comdr., USN.  
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

*R. N. Perley, Jr.*  
R. N. PERLEY, JR., Lieut., USN.  
Navigator.

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## OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

1600 to 2000 (cont'd)

1805 Changed course to 040 T & pgc, and commenced night patrol north of Majuro. 1812 Changed course to 071 T & pgc. Commenced zigzagging according to plan #17. 1843 Darkened ship. 1917 Changed course to 210 T & pgc. 1952 Radar surface contact bearing 315 T, distance 25,000 yds. Identified as friendly. 1957 Changed course to 071 T & pgc.

*J. M. Ginter*  
J. M. GINTER, Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2107 Changed course to 230 T & pgc, 222 psc. 2140 Changed course to 030 T & pgc, 024 psc. 2211 Changed course to 270 T & pgc, 260 psc. 2326 Changed course to 071 T & pgc, 063 psc.

*H. C. Shelton*  
H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.

Approved:

*H. T. Deutermann*  
H. T. DEUTERMANN, Comdr., USN.

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

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R. N. PERLEY, Jr., Lieut., USN.

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UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELL Sunday 9 April, 1944  
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description plus 12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

## OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000 to 0400

Steaming independently on base course 071 T & pgc, at std. spd. 15 kts zigzagging according to plan #17. Conducting patrol north and east of Majuro Atoll, Marshall Is. Material condition Baker and condition of readiness II M set, with boilers #1 & #3 steaming. 0035 Changed base course to 210 T & pgc, 0120 Changed base course to 071 T & pgc. 0222 Changed base course to 230 T & pgc. 0255 Changed base course to 030 T & pgc. 0326 Changed base course to 270 T & pgc.

*C. E. Hughes, 3rd.*  
C. E. HUGHES, III, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0441 Changed base course to 071 T & pgc, 063 psc. 0547 Changed base course to 210 T & pgc, 203 psc. 0627 Changed base course to 071 T & pgc, 063 psc. 0631 Lighted ship. 0645 Changed base course to 251 T & pgc, 243 psc. 0730 Ceased zigzagging and changed course to 270 T & pgc, 262 psc. 0742 Relieved of North patrol by Gatling. Steaming on various courses at various speeds while entering Majuro Lagoon, Marshall Is. 0758 Passed buoy # 1 abeam to port.

*Bowen Blair*  
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0813 Anchored inside Majuro Lagoon, Marshall Is. on the following true bearings Calallan Is. 005 T, tower of Eroj Is. 300 T, left tangent Entamagetto Is. 053 T in 20 fms. water with 60 fms chain to port anchor. 0815 Secured from special sea detail, set port watch. 0840 Mustered crew at quarters for Captain's inspection, no absentees. 0850 Commanding Officer made personnel and topside inspection. 0915 Secured from Captain's inspection. 0940 Secured from port watch, set special sea detail. 0954 Underway proceeding to USS GEMSBOK to fuel. 1037 Moored port side to USS GEMSBOK in berth 170. 1053 Commenced fueling. Draft fwd. 12'6", draft aft. 14'3". 1054 Secured from special sea detail, set port watch. 1123 Completed fueling having received 22,266 gals. Draft fwd. 12'10", aft. 14'6". 1124 Secured port watch, set special sea detail. 1136 Underway from alongside USS GEMSBOK, proceeding to berth 28 for anchorage. Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal.

*L. B. Spang*  
L. B. SPANG, Ens., USNR.

1200 to 1600

Underway as before. 1201 Anchored in berth 28 Majuro Lagoon, Marshall Is., in 26 fms of water, sand and coral bottom with 75 fms of chain to the port anchor. Ships present: various units of the Pacific Flt. with SOPA COMSERON, in USS PRAIRIE. 1208 Secured main engines and boiler #3 Boiler #1 steaming for auxiliary purposes. 1422 ComDesDiv 100 shifted his flag from USS INGERSOLL to USS COGSWELL. 1525 Ens. Moyer P. Hendrik D-V(G), USNR, reported aboard for duty in accordance with orders of the Bureau of Naval Personnel.

*D. A. Graybill*  
D. A. GRAYBILL, Ens., USNR.

1600 to 2000

Moored as before. 1715 USS ALBERT W. GRANT moored to port side.

*H. C. Shelton*  
H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.

2000 to 2400

Moored as before.

*T. M. Reavley*  
T. M. REAVLEY, Ens., USNR.

Approved:

Examined:

*H. T. Deitersmann*  
H. T. DEITERSMANN, Comdr., USN.  
Commanding Officer.

*R. N. Perley, Jr.*  
R. N. PERLEY, Jr., Lieut., USN.  
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELL Monday 10 April, 1944  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description T12

Position	0800	1200	2000
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Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000 to 0400

Anchored in berth 28, Majuro Lagoon, Marshall Islands, in 26 fms. of water, sand and coral bottom with 75 fms. of chain ~~to~~ port anchor. U.S.S. GRANT moored alongside to port. Ships present: various units of the U.S. PACIFIC FLT. SOPA COMSERON 10 in U.S.S. PRAIRIE. Boiler #1 steaming for auxiliary purposes.

*D. A. Graybill*  
D. A. GRAYBILL, Ens., USNR.

0400 to 0800

Anchored as before. 0730 U.S.S. INGERSOLL moored to port side of nest.

*H. C. Shelton*  
H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.

0800 to 1200

Moored as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal. 1015 A deck court Lieut. R. N. Perley, Jr., USN., met to try the case of RIZZO, J. A., F2c, USNR., and adjourned at 1025.

*T. M. Reavley*  
T. M. REAVLEY, Ens., USNR.

1200 to 1600

Anchored as before. 1500 Pursuant to Commanding Officer's orders of 10 April 1944, the following named men were transferred with baggage records and accounts as ~~directed~~ <sup>indicated</sup>: HIERLING, Edward J. Jr., 647 28 57, SK2c, USNR; O'NEAL, Booker T. Jr., 832 06 75, StMlc, USNR., to the U.S.S. LST 179 FFT to a RS in the U.S., for assignment by ComSerFor to new construction. Auth: ComDesPac ltr. Pl6-3, serial 1004 of 2 March 1944.

*J. K. Cogswell*  
J. K. COGSWELL, Ens., USNR.

1600 to 2000

Anchored as before. 1640 Pursuant to orders of Commanding Officer as directed by ComDesPac ltr. Serial No. 1408 of 12 March 1944, the following named men were transferred to LST 179 FFT to Watertender reclassification school, R.S. San Francisco, Calif. with all effects, records and accounts: BRANTLEY, Warren G., 657 26 69, WT3c, USNR., and MEIER, Carl N., 409 50 08, WT3c, USNR.

*H. C. Shelton*  
H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.

2000 to 2400

Anchored as before. 2230 Received from U.S.S. LESSEN 50 rounds 5"38 cal. AA Common projectiles.

*R. T. Golder*  
R. T. GOLDER, Lt. (jg), USNR.

Approved:

*H. T. Deutermann*  
H. T. DEUTERMANN, Comdr., USN.  
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

*R. N. Perley, Jr.*  
R. N. PERLEY, Jr., Lieut., USN.  
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELL

Tuesday

11

April

1944

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

Zone description #12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

## OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000 to 0400

Anchored in berth 28, Majuro Lagoon, Marshall Islands, in 26 fms. of water with 75 fms of chain to port anchor. Boiler #1 steaming for auxiliary purposes. U.S.S. ALBERT W. GRANT moored to port side, with U.S.S. INGERSOLL moored to port side of GRANT. Ships present: various units of U.S. PAC. Flt. with SOPA COMSERON 10 in U.S.S. PRAIRIE. 0200 Received from U.S.S. LESSEN 50 rounds 5"38 flashless powder.

*J. K. Cogswell*  
J. K. COGSWELL, Ens., USNR.

0400 to 0800

Anchored as before. 0615 Received from U.S.S. LESSEN 300 boxes (4800 rounds) of 40 mm projectiles in exchange for the same amount. 0745 U.S.S. CAPERTON moored alongside to starboard.

*Bowen Blair*  
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

0800 to 1200

Anchored as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal.

*R. T. Golder*  
R. T. GOLDER, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200 to 1600

Anchored as before. 1215 Received from U.S.S. PRAIRIE 3 mark 7, and 3 mark 6 depth charges, complete with pistols, boosters and booster extenders; 3 #1 impulse charges; and 3 mark 2 arbors.

*C. E. Hughes, III*  
C. E. HUGHES, III, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600 to 2000

Anchored as before. 1730 Pursuant to orders Commanding Officer of the U.S.S. RELIEF, Mitteer, C. E., 310 92 59, CGM(PA), USN., reported aboard with baggage, records and transfer papers, having completed treatment.

*C. D. Pulver*  
C. D. PULVER, Lt.(jg), USN.

2000 to 2400

Anchored as before. 2240 Ammunition lighter alongside. Commenced loading and transfer of ammunition. 2345 Completed receiving and transfer of ammunition having received 379 rounds of 5" AA common projectiles and having transferred 359 rounds of 5" AA Common projectiles to USS RANIER. Exchange of MK-32 proj.

*L. B. Gregg*  
L. B. GREGG, Ens., USNR.

Approved:

*H. T. Deutermann*  
H. T. DEUTERMANN, Comdr., USN.  
Commanding Officer.

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UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELLWEDNESDAY 12 April, 1944

(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description 712

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

## OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000 to 0400

Anchored in berth 28, Majuro Lagoon, Marshall Islands, in 26 fms. of water, sand and coral bottom, with 75 fms. of chain to port anchor. U.S.S. CAPERTON moored alongside to starboard; U.S.S. GRANT moored alongside to port; U.S.S. INGERSOLL moored to port side of U.S.S. GRANT. Ships present: various units of the U.S. PAC. FLT. with SOPA COMSERON 10 in U.S.S. PRAIRIE. Boiler #1 steaming for auxiliary purposes.

*C.E. Hughes, III*  
C.E. HUGHES, III., Lt.(jg), USNR

0400 to 0800

Anchored as before.

*S.D. Pulver*  
S. D. PULVER, Lt.(jg), USN.

0800 to 1200

Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 1115 Commenced fueling from INGERSOLL. Draft fwd. 12'10", aft. 14'6". 1130 Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal.

*H.B. Clegg*  
H. B. CLEGG, Ens., USNR.

1200 to 1600

1201 Fires lighted under #3 boiler. 1203 Completed fueling, having received 9842 gallons. Draft fwd. 13'0", aft. 14'6". 1435 #3 boiler cut in on auxiliary steam line. 1440 Let fires die out under boiler #1, and secured same.

*T.M. Reavley*  
T. M. REAVLEY, Ens., USNR.

1600 to 2000

Anchored as before.

*D.A. Graybill*  
D. A. GRAYBILL, Ens., USNR.

2000 to 2400

Anchored as before.

*Bowen Blair*  
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

Approved:

*H.T. Deutermann*  
H. T. DEUTERMANN, Comdr., USN.  
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

*R.N. Perley, Jr.*  
R. N. PERLEY, Jr., Lieut., USN.  
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELLThursday 13 April, 1944  
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description +12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	07° 09' 00" N	07° 15' 00" N	07° 08' 00" N
Long.	171° 22' 00" E	171° 20' 00" E	170° 55' 00" E

## OPERATIONAL REMARKS

0000 to 0400

(WAR DIARY)

Anchored in berth 28, Majuro Lagoon, Marshall Is., in 26 fms. of water sand and coral bottom, with 75 fms. of chain to port anchor. USS CAPERTON moored alongside to stbd., USS GRANT moored alongside to port, USS INGERSOLL moored to port of USS GRANT. Ships present: various units of U.S. PAC. FLT., with SOPA COMSERON 10 in USS PRAIRIE. Boiler #3 steaming for auxiliary purposes.

*T. M. Reavley*  
T. M. REAVLEY, Ens., USNR.

0400 to 0800

Anchored as before. 0645 Pursuant to orders of the Commanding Officer and in accordance with provisions of para. 9(B) of Bur. Pers. Circ. Ltr. 236-43 of Nov. 15, 1943, Machinist Kenneth F. Lindley, USN., File # 342483 was detached from this vessel and ordered to a port in the continental limits of the U.S. to proceed to the Commandant of the nearest Nav. Dist. for temporary duty pending further assignment by the Bur. of Nav. Pers. 0706 USS INGERSOLL got underway from alongside.

*D. A. Graybill*  
D. A. GRAYBILL, Ens., USNR.

0800 to 1200

Anchored as before. 0800 Mustered crew on stations, no absentees. 0910 Lighted fires under boiler #2. 0950 Secured boiler #2. 0950 Lighted fires under boiler #1. 1030 USS GRANT underway from alongside. 1040 Made all preparations for getting underway. 1042 Cut in boiler #1 on main steam line. 1051 CAPERTON underway from alongside. 1100 Underway from berth 28, Majuro Lagoon, in accordance with CTG 58.3 sec. spd ltr. ser. 0070 of 11 April 1944, standing out of harbor to join TG 58.3 for operations. Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal.

*H. C. Shelton*  
H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.

1200 to 1600

Ships in company:  
ENTERPRISE (OTC)  
LEXINGTON,  
LANGLEY,  
PRINCETON,  
BatDivs 8 & 9,  
LOUISVILLE,  
PORTLAND,  
CAMBERRA,  
Desron 23 +  
Desron 50

Steaming as before. 1203 Took departure with Eroj Is. bearing 195 T at 1.5 mi. 1207 Set condition of readiness II M. 1215 Changed spd. to 14 kts. Commenced patrolling to east of channel on various courses during sortie of capital ships. 1400 Took station #12 in formation 5-R with TG 58.3 on base course 060 T & pgc, 050 psc. Changed spd. and std. spd. to 18 kts. LANGLEY designated formation guide. 1436 Changed course to 265 T & pgc, 256 psc., and formed in general company with TF 58. 1454 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #6. 1456 General quarters for AA firing practice. 1514 Commenced firing machine gun battery at sleeve towed by plane in "Tare" runs. 1523 Ceased firing. Ammunition expended: 492 rds. 40 mm projectiles and 365 rds. 20 mm projectiles. 1524 Secured from general quarters. Set condition of readiness II M. 1533 Changed spd. and std. spd. to 17 kts. 1545 Ceased zigzagging and changed course to 220 T & pgc, 216 psc.

*Bowen Blair*  
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1600 Changed course to 250 T & pgc, 242 psc. 1615 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #2. 1618 LEXINGTON designated formation guide. 1630 Ceased zigzagging, changed course to 255 T & pgc. Changed spd. to 18 kts. 1635 Commenced zigzagging according to plan 7.

Approved:

*H. T. Deutermann*  
H. T. DEUTERMANN, Comdr., USN.

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

*R. N. Perley, Jr.*  
R. N. PERLEY, Jr., Lieut., USN.

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELLThursday 13 April, 1944  
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description t12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	07° 09' 00" N	07° 15' 00" N	07° 08' 00" N
Long.	171° 22' 00" E	171° 20' 00" E	170° 55' 00" E

## OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

1600 to 2000 (cont'd)

1646 ENTERPRISE designated formation guide. 1849 Darkened ship. 1900 Ceased zigzagging, changed course to 250 T & ppc, 242 psc. 1915 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #7.

*H. C. Shelton*  
H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before.

*L. B. Fegg*  
L. B. FEGG, Ens., USNR.

Approved:

*H. T. Deutermann*  
H. T. DEUTERMANN, Comdr., USN.  
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

*R. N. Perley, Jr.*  
R. N. PERLEY, Jr., Lieut., USN..  
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UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELL Friday 14 April, 1944  
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description +12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	05° 38' 30" N	05° 12' 50" N	04° 01' 15" N
Long.	167° 10' 30" E	166° 46' 00" E	165° 12' 00" E

## OPERATIONAL REMARKS

0000 to 0400

(WAR DIARY)

Steaming darkened in company with TG 58.3 -ENTERPRISE(OTC-CTG 58.3), LEXINGTON, PRINCETON, LANGLEY, BATDIVS 8 & 9, LOUISVILLE, PORTLAND, CANNON, BERRA, DESRON 23, and DESRON 50 - as a part of TF 58, in station #12 of formation 5-R, on base course 250 T & pgc, 243 psc., with flt., axis 075 T, at std. spd. of 18 kts, zigzagging according to plan #7. Material con. Baker and cond. of read. II M. set with boilers #1 & #3 steaming. 0310 Ceased zigzagging and changed base course to 230 T & pgc, 221 psc. 0330 Resumed zigzagging according to plan #7. 0350 DORTCH and THATCHER left formation for tracking exercise.

*Bowen Blair*

BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0540 Exercised crew at dawn general quarters. 0629 Secured from general quarters, set cond. II M. 0638 Lighted ship.

*H. C. Shelton*  
H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 0816 Ceased zigzagging, c/o to 190 T & pgc, 0834 c/o to 230 T & pgc, 226 psc. 0852 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #7. 0916 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. 0921 c/o to 060 T & pgc, 049 psc., for flight operations. 1001 Completed flight operations; c/o to 230 T & pgc, 226 psc. 1012 c/o to 060 T & pgc, 049 psc. 1017 c/o to 240 T & pgc, 234 psc. 1038 c/o to 225 T & pgc, 220 psc. 1042 c/s and std. spd. to 20 kts. 1054 c/s to 15 kts. formation took cruising disp. 5-V. 1102 c/s to 20 kts. Steering on various courses exercising on emergency turns. 1135 Completed exercises. 1148 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #6. 1155 Ceased zigzagging, c/o to 055 T & pgc, 047 psc., for flight operations. Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal. Made weekly inspection of magazine sprinkling system, cond. satisfactory.

*C. E. Hughes, III*  
C. E. HUGHES, III, Lt.(jg), USNR

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1202 c/s to 17 kts. 1250 Carriers completed flight operations. Changed to formation 5-R. 1252 c/o to 235 T & pgc, 228 psc. 1300 c/s and std. spd. to 20 kts. 1315 c/s and std. spd. to 22 kts. 1437 c/o to 070 T & pgc, 060 psc. 1449 c/o to 235 T & pgc, 228 psc.

*E. B. Gregg*  
E. B. GREGG, Ens., USNR.

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1716 c/o to 230 T & pgc, 222 psc. c/s and std. spd. to 18 kts., commenced zigzagging according to plan #7. 1800 c/s and std. spd. to 17 kts. 1907 Darkened ship. 1950 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course.

*Bowen Blair*

BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2030 ENTERPRISE lost a man overboard. SPENCE designated to search. 2020 Lighted fires under #2 boiler. 2100 Changed zone time to plus 13. 2025 SPENCE reported recovery of man overboard, rejoining formation. 2040 Boiler #2 cut in on main line. 2046 Secured boiler #1. 2400 Changed date to 16 Feb. 1944 and zone minus 11.

Approved:  
*H. T. Deutermann*  
H. T. DEUTERMANN, Comdr., USN.  
Commanding Officer.Examined:  
*R. N. Perley, Jr.*  
R. N. PERLEY, Jr., Lieut., USN.  
Navigator.

J. M. GINTHER, Lt.(jg), USNR.

R. N. PERLEY, Jr., Lieut., USN.  
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UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELL Sunday 16 April 1944  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	05° 38' 00" N	00° 58' 45" N	00° 09' 00" N
Long.	167° 10' 00" E	162° 12' 00" E	160° 33' 00" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

0000 to 0400

(WAR DIARY)

Steaming in company with TG 58.3 as part of TF 58 in accordance with CTF 58 sec. op. order No. R-1-44 of 11 April 1944. In station #12 of a/s screen in formation 5-R. ENTERPRISE flt. guide and center, on course #3 with ship darkened and material cond. Baker, and cond. of readiness II M. Ships in company ENTERPRISE(OTC-CTG 58.3), LEXINGTON, PRINCETON, LANGLEY, BATDIVS 8 & 9, CANBERRA, PORTLAND, LOUISVILLE, DESRON 23 and DESRON 50. 0300 Converse and GATLING left formation for tracking drill. 0315 Commenced zigzag plan #6.

*H. C. Shelton*  
H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0607 Lighted ship. 0745 Formation took cruising disposition 5-V. 0758 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course.

*C. E. Hughes, III*  
C. E. HUGHES, III, Lt.(jg), USNR

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0825 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. c/s and std. spd. to 22 kts. 0828 c/c to 130 T & pgc, 129 psc., for flight operations. 0844 Operations completed. c/c to 235 T & pgc, 239 psc. 0856 c/s and std. spd. to 18 kts. 1000 Exchanged stations with INGERSOLL, Held semi-monthly pay day. 1053 c/c to 130 T & pgc, 129 psc. 1117 c/s and std. spd. to 18 kts., and course to 240 T & pgc, 234 psc. 1140 c/c to 130 T & pgc, 129 psc., for flight operations. Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal.

*Bowen Blair*  
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1201 Took a/s station #11. 1217 c/c to 260 T & pgc 252 psc. 1223 Formed cruising disposition 5-R., c/s to 18 kts. 1231 Changed flt. spd. and std. spd. to 21 kts. 1337 Exercised crew at drill general quarters. 1435 Secured from general quarters, set cond. II M. 1443 c/s to 24 kts. 1448 c/c to 085 T & pgc, 080 psc., for flight operations. 1544 Completed flight operations, c/c to 280 T & pgc, 270 psc. 1541 c/s to 21 kts.

*H. C. Shelton*  
H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1653 c/c to 250 T & pgc, 241 psc. 1705 c/c to 180 T & pgc, 193 psc. c/s and std. spd. to 17 kts. 1708 c/c to 230 T & pgc, 223 psc. 1721 Commenced zigzag plan #6. 1819 Darkened ship. 1905 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course.

*L. H. EGG*  
L. H. EGG, Ens., USNR.

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before.

*J. M. Ginther*  
J. M. GINTHER, Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

*H. T. Deutermann*  
H. T. DEUTERMANN, *omdr.*, USN.  
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

*R. N. Perley, Jr.*  
R. N. PERLEY, Jr., Lieut., USN.  
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELL Monday 17 April, 19 44  
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description -11 & -10

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	01° 17' 00" S	01° 23' 00" S	00° 46' 00" S
Long.	157° 47' 00" E	156° 46' 00" E	154° 46' 00" E

## OPERATIONAL REMARKS

0000 to 0400

(WAR DIARY)

Steaming darkened in company with TG 58.3-ENTERPRISE(OTC-CTG 58.3), LEXINGTON, PRINCETON, LANGLEY, BATDIVS 8 & 9, LOUISVILLE, PORTLAND, GAMBERRA, DESRON 23 and DESRON 50- as a part of TF 58 in station #12 of formation 5-R, on base course 230 T & pgc, 223 psc, with flt. axis 075 T, at std. spd of 17 kts. Material cond. Baker and cond. of readiness II M set, with boilers #2 and #3 steaming. 0100 Commenced zigzag plan 6

*Bowen Blair*  
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0515 Ceased zigzagging, c/c to 280 T & pgc, 270psc. 0521 LEXINGTON designated formation guide. 0530 Commenced zigzag plan #6. 0545 Exercised crew at dawn general quarters. 0610 Secured from general quarters, set cond. II M. 0625 Lighted ship. 0638 ENTERPRISE designated formation guide.

*H. C. Shelton*  
H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 0847 Formed cruising disposition 5-V, for gunnery exercise. Took screening station #18 on ENTERPRISE. 0856 LANGLEY designated formation guide. 0915 Heavy ships commenced gunnery exercises 12 Able. 0925 Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal. 1001 Ceased zigzagging, c/c to 250 T & pgc, 240 psc. 1015 Commenced zigzag plan #7. 1020 ENTERPRISE designated formation guide. 1100 Heavy ships completed gunnery exercise. 1121 Forming cruising disposition 5-R. Took station #12 on ENTERPRISE.

*L. B. Gentry*  
L. B. GENTRY, Ens., USNR.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1501 Ceased zigzagging, c/c to 310 T & pgc, 301 psc. 1506 Formation took cruising disposition 5-V. 1515 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #7.

*C. E. Hughes, III*  
C. E. HUGHES, III, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1742 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. 1743 Formation took cruising disposition 5-R. 1758 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #7. 1830 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. Set all clocks back one (1) hour to zone time minus ten (10). 1840 Resumed zigzagging according to plan #7. Darkened ship. 1842 Lighted off boiler #4. 1900 Ceased zigzagging and changed course to 280 T & pgc 269 psc.

*Bowen Blair*  
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2050 Man overboard from ship of task group 58.1. 2128 Maneuvered to allow DYSON to conduct search. 2140 Resumed normal station. 2143 Boiler #4 cut in on main line. 2148 Secured boiler #3.

*J. M. Gintner*  
J. M. GINTNER, Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:

*H. T. Deutermann*  
H. T. DEUTERMANN, Comdr., USN  
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

*R. N. Perley, Jr.*  
R. N. PERLEY, Jr., Lieut., USN.  
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELL Tuesday 18 April, 1944  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -10

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	00° 07' 55" S	01° 21' 00" N	01° 47' 30" N
Long.	151° 33' 00" E	143° 08' 00" E	140° 43' 15" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

1600 to 2000 (cont'd)

1643 C/S to 15 kts. NEOSHO, NESHANIC and LACKAWANA joined formation.  
1649 NEOSHO designated guide of formation. 1807 Darkened ship.

*H. C. Shelton*  
H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2010 Passing through heavy rain squall, visibility 150 yds. 2022 Lighted fires under #1 boiler. 2108 #1 boiler cut in on main line. 2109 Secured #2 boiler.

*J. M. Ginter*  
J. M. GINTER, Lt. (jg), USNR.

Approved:

*H. T. Deutermann*  
H. T. DEUTERMANN, Comdr., USN.  
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UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELL Tuesday 18 April, 1944  
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description -10

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	00° 07' 55" S	01° 21' 00" N	01° 47' 30" N
Long.	151° 33' 00" E	143° 08' 00" E	140° 43' 15" E

## OPERATIONAL REMARKS

0000 to 0400

(WAR DIARY)

Steaming in company with TG 58.3 as a unit of TF 58 in formation 5-R on base course 280 T & pgc, 270 psc, flt. axis 075 T, ENTERPRISE formation center and guide. Std. spd. 17 kts. Steaming on boilers #2 & #4 with cond. II M and material cond. Baker set. Ships present: ENTERPRISE (OTC-CTG 58.3), LEXINGTON, LANGLEY, PRINCETON, BATDIYS 8 & 9, LOUISVILLE, CANBERRA, PORTLAND, DESRON 23 and DESRON 50. 0125 Commenced zigzag #7.

*H. C. Shelton*  
H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0555 Lighted ship. 0650 General quarters for machine gun practice. 0712 Commenced firing at sleeve towed by plane on "Tare" runs. 0721 Ceased firing, ammunition expended: 321 rds. 40mm and 325 rds 20mm projectiles. 0722 Secured from general quarters. Set conditions of readiness II M.

*Bowen Blair*  
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0825 So. Dakota designated formation guide. 0830 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 0830 Carriers commenced flight operations. 0915 McCall Joined formation. 0945 Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, condition normal. 1125 MC CALL left formation proceeding independently. 1145 Carriers completed morning flight operations.

*I. B. Gregg*  
I. B. GREGG, Ens., USNR.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1225 ENTERPRISE designated formation guide. 1315 Exercised crew at general quarters and set material cond. "A" for damage control problem. 1351 Set material cond. "B". 1355 Secured from general quarters and set cond. of readiness II M. Watch I. 1400 Tanker unit joined formation. 1425 The Commanding Officer held mast this date and awarded the following punishments: ALLEN, W., 291 56 65, Cox, Off. Leaving area in which his watch is stood; Playing cards while on watch. Not manning the phones while on watch. Awarded: 10 hrs. extra duty. NOLAN, Harry L. Jr., 256 40 92, Slc, LONG, Frank G., 409 87 64, EM3c, GREEN, Ervin E., 622 91 18, Slc, PEREIRA, Joseph, 708 42 18, S2c, BRADLEY, Guy, 850 16 80, Slc, PERNO, Howard J., 725 58 07, S2c, Offense WASTING FOOD: Awarded: 10 hrs. extra duty. RANDOLPH, Thomas C., 295 82 56 Cox, Offense: Wasting Food, Awarded: Deck Court. THELAN, Harry R., 311 52 32, EMlc, Offense: Failure to carry out orders as compartment MA. Awarded: Warning, 3 mos probation in rate. LITTLETON, James D., 707 95 37, Slc, Offense: Failure to report to Mess Hall after GQ. Sleeping in another man's bunk. Possession of another man's clothing. Awarded: Deck Court. RIZZO, Joseph A., 708 41 27, S2c, Offense: Filthy clothing adrift. Unauthorized possession of officer's personal gear. Awarded: Deck Court. 1432 So. Dakota designated formation guide. 1434 C/S to 12 kts. 1535 C/S to 15 kts. 1558 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course.

*C. E. Hughes, III*  
C. E. HUGHES, III., Lt. (jg), USNR.

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1623 C/S to 22 kts. 1633 C/S & std. spd. to 16 kts

Approved:

*W. T. Deutermann*  
W. T. DEUTERMANN, Comdr., USN.

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

*R. N. Perley, Jr.*  
R. N. PERLEY, Jr., Lieut., USN.

Navigator.

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Wednesday 19 April, 1944

(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -10

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	00° 52' 00" N	00° 52' 00" N	01° 02' 30" N
Long.	146° 22' 00" E	142° 00' 00" E	146° 34' 00" E

## OPERATIONAL REMARKS

0000 to 0400

(WAR DIARY)

Steaming darkened in company with TG 58.3-ENTERPRISE(OTC-CTG 58.3), LEXINGTON, PRINCETON, LANGLEY, BATDIVS 8 & 9, LOUISVILLE, CANBERRA, PORTLAND, DESRONS 23 and 50. - as a part of TF 58 in station #12 of formation 5-F on base course 280 T & pgc, 269 psc., with flt. axis 075 T, at std. spd of 15 kts. Material cond. Baker and cond. of readiness II M set with boilers #1 and #4 steaming. 0245 Commenced zigzagging to plan #6. 0345 Three (3) unidentified aircraft reported by CTG 58.1 bearing 333 T at 60 miles. 0355 General quarters.

NEOSHO,  
NESKANIG,  
LACKAWANA

Bowen Blair

BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. Sighted possible gun fire to stbd., bearing 330 T, distance 9 mi. 0435 Set condition of readiness I Easy. 0435 Area clear, of unidentified planes. 0550 Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course. 0555 Set material cond. Baker. 0600 C/C to 180 T & pgc, 183 psc., C/S to 10 kts. 0602 Secured from condition of readiness I Easy, set cond. of readiness II M. 0610 C/C to 090 T & pgc, 089 psc. 0610 Maneuvering to take station in formation 5-F in preparation for fueling. 0630 Took station astern of formation, units commenced fueling. 0745 Maneuvered and took a/s station #3 ahead of formation, patrolling on station. Mustered crew on station, no absentees.

*E. B. Clegg*  
E. B. CLEGG, Ens., USNR.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0917 Received mail from DORTCH. 0933 Left screen to go alongside NEOSHO to fuel. Steaming various courses and speeds. 0950 Tow line secured. 0952 Commenced fueling ship. 1032 Completed fueling, received 71,694 gals at 60 F. 1036 All lines clear. Cleared side of NEOSHO took station in a/s screen. 1100 Relieved CAPERTON in after patrol station. 1120 Delivered spare part to CAPERTON. 1125 Cleared CAPERTON, patrolling station astern of formation. Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal.

*H. C. Shelton*  
H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.

1200 to 1600

1327-Tanker  
unit left  
formation

Steaming as before. 1211 C/C to 090 T & pgc, 081 psc., and axis to 075 T. 1243 C/S and std. spd. to 15 kts. 1327 Commenced drill battle operation "Able". Took station #6 in formation 5-R on carrier group with course and axis 090 T & pgc, 081 psc. C/S and std. spd. to 18 kts. 1453 Completed battle problem. Took station #12 in formation 5-R with TG 58.3 on base course 090 T & pgc, 081 psc., with axis 075 T. 1544 C/C to 275 T & pgc, 267 psc.

Bowen Blair

BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1605 Commenced zigzagging to plan #6. 1900 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course.

*E. B. Clegg*  
E. B. CLEGG, Ens., USNR.

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before.

*H. C. Shelton*  
H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.

Approved:

*H. T. Deutermann*  
H. T. DEUTERMANN, Comdr., USN.  
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Zone description <u>-10</u>					
Position	0800	1200	2000		
Lat.	01° 16' 10" N	01° 21' 00" N	01° 47' 30" N		
Long.	143° 48' 30" E	143° 08' 00" E	140° 43' 15" E		
<b>OPERATIONAL REMARKS</b>					
0000 to 0400 (WAR DIARY) Steaming darkened in company with TG 58.3-ENTERPRISE(OTC-CTG 58.3), LEXINGTON, LANGLEY, PRINCETON, BATDIVS 8 & 9, LOUISVILLE, CANBERRA, PORTLAND, DESRON 23 and DESRON 50- as a part of TF 58 in station #12 of formation 5-R, on base course 275 T & pgc, 267 psc., with flt. axis 075 T, at std. spd. of 18 kts. Material cond. Baker and cond. of readiness II M set, with boilers #1 & #4 steaming. 0350 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #6. <i>Bowen Blair</i> BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.					
0400 to 0800 Steaming as before. 0530 Exercised crew at general quarters. Set material cond. Afirm. 0600 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. C/S to 10 kts. 0602 Maneuvering and patrolling station for fueling. 0609 Set material cond. Baker. 0614 Secured from general quarters, set cond of readiness II M. 0712 Maneuvered to take station on stbd. quarter of So. Dakota for fueling. 0726 Alongside So. Dakota. 0736 Commenced fueling. <i>L. B. Cragg</i> L. B. CRAGG, Ens., USNR.					
0800 to 1200 Steaming as before. 0803 Completed fueling, having received 14,752 gals at 60°F. 0808 Let go all lines, cleared So. Dakota, proceeded to station in a/s screen. 0815 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 0900 Completed fueling operations. 0908 Formed cruising disposition 5-R on axis 000 T. 0925 Left formation screening LANGLEY in flight operations. 0943 LANGLEY completed flight operations, rejoined formation. Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, condition normal. 1055 Lighted fires under boilers #1 and #3. 1150 Cut boilers #1 and #3 in on main steam line. <i>H. C. Shelton</i> H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.					
1200 to 1600 Steaming as before. 1200 Ceased zigzagging and changed course to 285 T & pgc, 277 psc. 1210 Commenced zigzagging to plan #6. 1345 ENTERPRISE and PRINCETON changed stations with latter designated formation guide. <i>Bowen Blair</i> BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.					
1600 to 2000 Steaming as before. 1752 Left screening station to screen LEXINGTON during flight operations. 1813 Returned to screening station #12. LEXINGTON completed flight operations. 1818 Left screening station to screen LEXINGTON during flight operations. 1829 LEXINGTON completed flight operations. 1839 Darkened ship. 1900 Returned to screen with LEXINGTON Took station #12. 1930 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. 1940 C/C to 185 T & pgc, 180 psc. <i>L. B. Cragg</i> L. B. CRAGG, Ens., USNR.					
2000 to 2400 Steaming as before. 2130 C/C to 180 T & pgc, 187 psc. C/S to 19 kts. 2213 Went to general quarters. 2225 Secured from general quarters, set Cond. II M. <del>WENT TO Gen. Quarters on report of contact, unidentified plane. Proved false.</del> <i>H. C. Shelton</i> H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.					
Approved: <i>H. T. Deutermaan</i> H. T. DEUTERMANN, Comdr., USN. Commanding Officer.		Examined: <i>R. N. Perley, Jr.</i> R. N. PERLEY, Jr., Lieut., USN. Navigator.			

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Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	01° 33' 00" S	01° 50' 00" S	01° 34' 00" S
Long.	140° 31' 00" E	140° 50' 00" E	140° 51' 00" E

## OPERATIONAL REMARKS

0000 to 0400

(WAR DIARY)

Steaming darkened in company with TG 58.3-ENTERPRISE(OTC-CTG 58.3), LEXINGTON, PRINCETON, LANGLEY, BATDIVS 8 & 9, LOUISVILLE, PORTLAND, CANNBERRA, DESRON 23 and DESRON 50- as a part of TF 58 in station #12 of formation 5-R on base course 180 T & pgc, 181 psc., with flt. axis 000T at 19 kts, with std. spd. 20 kts. Material cond. Baker and cond. of readiness II M set with four (4) boilers steaming.

*Bowen Blair*  
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0530 Exercised crew at general quarters. Set material cond. afirm. 0530 C/C to 240 T & pgc, 237 psc. 0557 C/S to 25 kts. 0618 Set cond. of readiness I Easy. 0620 Set material cond. Baker. 0630 Carriers commenced launching aircraft for first air strike on HOLLANDIA, NEW GUINEA. 0633 Secured from cond. of readiness I Easy, set cond. of readiness II M. 0703 Carriers completed first launching. 0706 C/C to 090 T & pgc, 088 psc. 0726 C/S and std. spd. to 23 kts. 0733 C/C to 120 T & pgc, 123 psc. 0755 C/C to 090 T & pgc, 088 psc.

*L. B. Grogg*  
L. B. GROGG, Ens., USNR.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0809 C/S and Std. spd. to 25 kts. 0815 Launched 2nd air strike. 0829 C/C to 180 T & pgc, 187 psc. 0835 Sighted land bearing 190 T approx. 30 mi. Identified as Cape TANAMERA, NEW GUINEA. 0840 ENTERPRISE designated formation guide. 0846 C/C to 060 T & pgc, 055 psc. recovered first strike. 0852 C/C to 075 T & pgc, 072 psc. 0932 C/C to 290 T & pgc, 282 psc. 0953 C/C to 110 T & pgc, 114 psc. 1001 C/C to 260 T & pgc, 252 psc. 1029 C/C to 105 T & pgc, . Launched third strike, recovered second strike. 1040 Secured boilers #1 & #3. from main steam line. 1053 Secured boilers #1 & #3. 1106 C/C to 280 T & pgc, 271 psc. 1120 C/S to 21 kts. std. spd. 1148 C/C to 080 T & pgc, 076 psc. 1150 ENTERPRISE took flt. center. Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal.

*H. C. Shelton*  
H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1216 C/C to 075 T & pgc, 073 psc. to launch planes of 4th strike. 1227 C/S to 24 kts. to recover planes of 3rd strike. 1313 C/S and std. spd. to 20 kts. 1315 Recovery completed. C/C to 260 T & pgc, 254 psc. 1410 C/C to 095 T & pgc, 094 psc. to launch planes of 5th strike. 1416 C/S to 23 kts. to recover planes of 4th strike. 1500 Recovery completed. C/C to 260 T & pgc, 259 psc., and spd. to 20 kts. 1554 C/C to 075 T & pgc, 074 psc., and spd. to 23 kts. to recover planes of 5th strike and launch those of sixth.

*Bowen Blair*  
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR,

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1631 C/C to 280 T & pgc, 271 psc. Carriers completed launching seventh air strike, recovered air strike sixth. 1652 C/S to 20 kts. 1712 C/C to 265 T & pgc, 257 psc. 1731 C/C to 090 T & pgc, 090 psc. C/S to 23 kts. Carriers recovered air strike seventh. 1808 C/S to 20 kts. 1809 C/C to 240 T & pgc, 235 psc. 1826 C/C to 090 T & pgc, 090 psc. 1837 C/C to 000 T & pgc, 351 psc. 1837 Darkened ship. 1847 C/C to 340 T & pgc,

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*H. T. Deutermann*  
H. T. DEUTERMANN, Comdr., USN.

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

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R. N. PERLEY, Jr., Lieut., USN.

Navigator.

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Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	01° 33' 00" S	01° 50' 00" S	01° 34' 00" S
Long.	140° 31' 00" E	140° 50' 00" E	140° 51' 00" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS  
(WAR DIARY)

1600 to 2000 (cont'd)  
370 psc. C/S to 18 kts.

*L. B. Gregg*  
L. B. GREGG, Ens., USNR.

2000 to 2400  
Steaming as before.

*H. C. Shelton*  
H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.

Approved:  
*H. T. Deutermann*  
H. T. DEUTERMANN, Comdr., USN.  
*Commanding Officer.*

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UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELL Saturday 22 April, 1944  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -10

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	01° 20' 30" S	01° 54' 15" S	01° 30' 00" S
Long.	140° 30' 45" E	140° 45' 15" E	140° 39' 00" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

0000 to 0400

(WAR DIARY)

Steaming darkened in company with TG 58.3-ENTERPRISE(OTC-CTG 58.3), LEXINGTON, PRINCETON, LANGLEY, BATDIVS 8 & 9, PORTLAND, LOUISVILLE, CANNIBERRA, DESRONS 23 & 50- as a part of TF 58, in station #12 of formation 5-R, on base course 340 T & pgc, 320 psc., with flt. axis 000 T, at 18 kts., with std. spd. 20 kts. Material cond. Baker and cond. of readiness II M set with boilers #2 & #4 steaming. 0200 C/C to 175 T & pgc, 181 psc.

*Bowen Blair*  
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0530 Exercised crew at general quarters. Set material cond. Afirm. 0555 C/C to 090 T & pgc, 090 psc., o/s to 25 kts. 0615 Set material cond. Baker. 0619 Carriers commenced launching aircraft for first air strike (c) on HOLLANDIA, NEW GUINEA. 0623 Secured from general quarters, set cond. of readiness II M and material cond. Baker. 0628 C/C to 110 T & pgc, 113 psc. 0657 C/C to 230 T & pgc, 228 psc. Carriers completed launching of first air strike. 0703 Commenced zigzag plan #6.

*L. B. Greig*  
L. B. GREIG, Ens., USNR.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 0807 C/S to 23 kts. 0812 Ceased zigzagging, c/c to 150 T & pgc, 156 psc. 0820 C/C to 110 T & pgc, 113 psc. Launched strike 2"C", recovered strike 1 "C". 0844 C/C to 310 T & pgc, 301 psc. 0857 C/C to 090 T & pgc, 092 psc. 0913 C/C to 220 T & pgc, 218 psc. 0927 C/C to 160 T & pgc, 166 psc. Launched strike 3"C", recovered strike 2"C". 1047 C/S to 20 kts. 1055 C/S to 18 kts. c/c to 010 T & pgc, 004 psc. 1105 C/C to 280 T & pgc, 272 psc. 1105 DESRON 46 joined company to relieve fueling units. BATDIV 9 left formation to fuel CAPERTON, INGERSOLL, SPENCE AND CONVERSE. 1115 C/S to 21 kts. 1118 C/C to 120 T & pgc, 123 psc. 1139 C/S to 18 kts. C/C to 320 T & pgc, 310 psc. 1150 Formed mine ship a/s screen, took station #9. Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal.

*H. C. Shelton*  
H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1247 Changed std. spd to 18 kts. and course to 280 T & pgc, 271 psc. 1415 C/C to 090 T & pgc, 092 psc. to recover planes of fourth strike. 1506 Changed course to 070 T & pgc, 068 psc., after completing recovery. 1525 C/C to 350 T & pgc, 341 psc. 1549 C/C to 300 T & pgc, 291 psc.

*Bowen Blair*  
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1601 LEXINGTON designated formation guide. 1610 C/C to 335 T & pgc, 326 psc. 1631 C/C to 280 T & pgc, 271 psc. 1640 BATDIV 9 and CAPERTON, INGERSOLL, SPENCE & CONVERSE rejoined formation. DESRON 46 left formation. 1645 C/C to 335 T & pgc, 326 psc. 1654 C/S to 10 kts commenced fueling destroyers, maneuvering to take station stbd side to Mass. for fueling. 1700 ENTERPRISE designated formation guide. 1712 Alongside Mass., commenced fueling. 1827 Completed fueling, having received ~~96,298~~ 56858 gals. 1828 Cleared Mass., took a/s screening station #12. 1835 C/S and std. spd. to 18 kts. 1837 Darkened ship. 1900 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan #6.

*L. B. Greig*  
L. B. GREIG, Ens., USNR.

Approved:

*H. T. Deutermann*  
H. T. DEUTERMANN, Comdr., USN.  
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

*R. N. Perley Jr.*  
R. N. PERLEY, Jr., Lieut., USN.  
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELL Saturday 22 April, 1944  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -10

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	01° 20' 30" S	01° 54' 15" S	01° 30' 00" S
Long.	140° 30' 45" E	140° 45' 15" E	140° 39' 00" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS  
(WAR DIARY)

2000 to 2400  
Steaming as before.

*H. C. Shelton*  
H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.

Approved:  
*H. T. Deutermann*  
H. T. DEUTERMANN, Comdr., USN.  
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Navigator.

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		(Day)	(Date)	(Month)	
Zone description <u>-10</u>					
Position	0800	1200	2000		
Lat.	01-43-30 S	01-53-00 S	01-30-00 S		
Long.	140-12-30 E	139-55-00 E	140-07-06 E		

**OPERATIONAL REMARKS  
(WAR DIARY)**

0000-0400 Steaming darkened in company with TG-58.3-ENTERPRISE (OTC and CTC 58.3), LEXINGTON, LANGLEY, PRINCETON, BatDiv 8 and 9, PORTLAND, LOUISVILLE, CANBERRA, DesRon 23 and 50 - as a part of TF 58 in station No. 12 of formation 5 Roger, on base course 335 T and pgc 330 psc, with fleet axis 000 T, zigzagging according to plan No. 6 at standard speed of 18 knots. Material condition Baker and condition of readiness II Mike set with boilers 2 and 4 steaming. 0130 Ceased zigzagging and changed course to 180 T and pgc, 182 psc. 0150 Resumed zigzagging according to plan No. 6.

*Bowen Blair*  
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieutenant, USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before. 0504 ENTERPRISE launched two night fighters. 0530 Exercised crew at general quarters. 0555 c/s to 25 knots. 0609 Ceased zigzagging and c/c to 215 T and pgc, 214 psc. 0615 Set material condition Baker. 0616 LEXINGTON launched first air strike on Hollandia, New Guinea. 0621 Secured from general quarters, set condition of readiness II Mike. 0635 LEXINGTON completed launching operations, c/c to 120 T and pgc, 124 psc., c/s to 18 knots. 0645 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan No. 6. 0725 c/s to 25 knots. 0732 Ceased zigzagging, c/c to 240 T and pgc, 235 psc., carriers commenced flight operations. 0742 Carriers completed flight operations, c/c to 090 T and pgc, 090 psc c/s to 18 knots.

*L.B. Goring Jr.*  
L.B. GORING Jr., Lieut. (jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 0807 c/s and standard speed to 20 knots. 0810 c/s to 24 knots. 0813 c/c to 000 T and pgc 350 psc. 0821 c/c to 020 T and pgc, 013 psc. 0822 c/s to 25 knots. 0850 c/c to 270 T and pgc, 264 psc. 0852 c/s to 20 knots. 0857 c/s to 20 knots. 0924 c/s to 24 knots. 0928 c/c to 310 T and pgc 310 psc. 1000 c/c to 160 T and pgc 166 psc. 1003 c/s to 20 knots. 1036 c/c to 240 T and pgc 235 psc. 1100 c/c to 140 T and pgc 146 psc. 1124 c/s to 24 knots. 1126 c/c to 250 T and pgc. 1155 c/c to 100 T and pgc 102 psc. Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. Samples, condition normal.

*H.C. Shelton*  
H.C. SHELTON, Lieutenant, USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before. 1227 Changed speed to 24 knots and course 270 T and pgc 250 psc for flight operations. 1242 Operations completed. Changed course to 150 T and pgc 157 psc, and speed to 20 knots. 1325 c/c to 295 T and pgc, 286 psc. 1347 c/c to 050 T and pgc, 047 psc. 1437 c/c to 120 T and pgc, 125 psc. 1502 c/c to 210 T and pgc and psc. 1545 Changed course to 260 T and pgc, 252 psc.

*Bowen Blair*  
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieutenant, USNR.

1600-2000 Steaming as before. 1615 c/c to 290 T and pgc, 281 psc. 1631 c/c to 010 T and pgc, 004 psc. 1646 c/c to 170 T and pgc, 176 psc. 1650 c/s and standard speed to 18 knots, 180 rpms. 1700 Commenced zigzagging according to plan No. 6. 1733 Ceased zigzagging, c/c to 350 T and pgc, 341 psc. 1743 c/c to 070 T and pgc, 068 psc. 1752 c/c to 355 T and pgc 345 psc. 1755 c/s to 24 knots, 245 rpm. Began closing carriers while recovering planes. 1829 speed and standard speed changed to 20 knots, 202 rpm. 1843 Flight operations completed, resumed normal station, c/c to 190 T and pgc. 1848 c/c to 010 T and pgc, 004 psc.

Approved:	Examined:
<i>H.T. Deutermann</i> H.T. DEUTERMANN, Commander, U.S. Navy. Commanding Officer.	<i>R.N. Berley Jr.</i> R.N. BERLEY, Jr., Lieutenant, U.S.N. Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELL (DD651) Sunday 23 April, 19 44  
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Zone description -10

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	01-43-30 S	01-53-00 S	01-30-00 S
Long.	140-12-30 E	139-55-00 E	140-07-06 E

**OPERATIONAL REMARKS**  
 (WAR DIARY)

1600-2000 1900 speed and standard speed changed to 18 knots, 180 rpm. 1906 formed anti-aircraft disposition 5-Victor. 1916 LEXINGTON launched a night fighter. 1920 Commenced zigzagging according to plan No. 6. 1953 c/s to 20 knots, 202 rpm.

*J.M. Ginther*  
 J.M. GINTHER, Lieut. (jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before. 2016 c/s to 18 knots. 2140 ceased zigzagging, c/c to 340 T and pgc. 2141 Formed cruising disposition 5-Roger. 2220 LEXINGTON recovered night fighter. 2222 c/c to 010 T and pgc, 004 psc. 2310 c/c to 270 T and pgc, 274 psc. 2340 c/c to 010 T and pgc, 004 psc. 2350 Commenced zigzagging according to plan No. 6.

*H.C. Shelton*  
 H.C. SHELTON, Lieutenant, USNR.

Approved:

*H.T. Deutermann*  
 H.T. DEUTERMANN, Commander, U.S. Navy.  
 Commanding Officer.

Examined:

*R.N. Perley, Jr.*  
 R.N. PERLEY, Jr., Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.  
 Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELL

Monday

24

April

1944

(Day)

(Date)

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Zone description -10

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	01° 24' 00" S	00° 55' 00" N	01° 50' 00" S
Long.	140° 25' 00" E	140° 16' 00" E	139° 39' 00" E

## OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000 to 0400

Steaming darkened in company with TG 58.3-ENTERPRISE(OTC-CTG 58.3), LEXINGTON, PRINCETON, LANGLEY, BATDIVS 8 & 9, PORTLAND, LOUISVILLE, CANNON, DESRONS 23 & 50 - as a part of TF 58 in station #12 of formation 5-R on base course 010 T & pgc, 004 psc, with flt. axis 000 T, zigzagging to plan #6 at std. spd of 18 kts. Material cond. Baker and condition of readiness II M set with boilers #2 & #4 steaming. 0130 Ceased zigzagging and c/c to 180 T & pgc, 183 psc. 0150 Resumed zigzagging according to plan #6.

*Bowen Blair*

BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0540 Exercised crew at general quarters. Set material cond. Affirm. 0545 C/S to 25 kts. 0555 Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course. 0603 C/C to 295 T & pgc, 286 psc. 0605 Set material cond. Baker. 0607 Carriers commenced flight operations. 0617 Secured from general quarters, set cond. of readiness II M. 0625 C/S to 20 kts. Carriers completed flight operations. 0639 Sighted coast of New Guinea, bearing 172 T, distance 20 mi. 0645 C/C to 270 T & pgc, 260 psc. 0650 C/C to 130 T & pgc, 136 psc. 0710 C/C to 145 T & pgc, 150 psc. 0717 C/S to 25 kts. 0728 C/C to 300 T & pgc, 291 psc. 0744 C/S to 20 kts. 0745 C/C to 020 T & pgc, 015 psc.

*L. B. Gegg*  
L. B. GEGG, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. Manoeuvring on courses north and south screening carrier group while making routine flights over HOLLANDIA area; steaming at various speeds. Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal.

*H. C. Shelton*  
H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1206 C/C to 220 T & pgc, 219 psc, and spd. to 18 kts. 1305 C/C to 180 T & pgc, 183 psc. 1313 Commenced zigzagging to plan #6. 1439 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course, and c/s to 22 kts. 1451 C/C to 300 T & pgc, 292 psc., for flight operations. 1504 Operations completed. C/C to 180 T & pgc, 182 psc., and spd to 18 kts. 1515 LITTLETON, J. S., Slc, was injured by fall on deck while skylarking in mess hall. Treated by medical officer for possible fractured rib. Removed from duty for 24 hrs. Own misconduct. 1527 C/C to 310 T & pgc, 303 psc and spd. to 22 kts. 1552 C/C to 140 T & pgc, 146 psc.

*Bowen Blair*  
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1605 Commenced zigzagging to plan #6. 1632 Ceased zigzagging, c/c to 315 T & pgc, 315 psc., for carrier flight operations. 1642 C/C to 355 T & pgc, 347 psc., carriers completed flight operations. 1701 C/C to 180 T & pgc, 183 psc., C/S to 18 kts. 1714 Commenced zigzagging to plan #6. 1720 Exercised crew at general quarters upon an alert from CTG 58.2. Set material cond. Affirm. 1722 Took station #18 in cruising disposition 5-V. 1725 C/S and std. spd. to 20 kts. 1726 Ceased zigzagging, c/c to 270 T & pgc, 271 psc. 1755 C/C to 340 T & pgc 331 psc. 1833 C/C to 000 T & pgc, 356 psc. 1840 Darkened ship. 1850 Enemy planes reported bearing 240 T, distance 52 miles. 1919 Enemy

1720  
LIGHTED  
FIRES  
UNDER  
BOILERS  
#1430

Approved:

*N. T. Deutermann*  
N. T. DEUTERMANN, Comdr., USN.  
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R. N. PERLEY, Jr., Lieut., USN.  
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Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	01° 24' 00" S	00° 55' 00" N	01° 50' 00" S
Long.	140° 25' 00" E	140° 16' 00" E	139° 39' 00" E

## OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

1600 to 2000 (cont'd)

plane reported shot down by a night fighter. 1935 Enemy plane reported bearing 290 T distance 20 mi. being trailed by own night fighter. 1955 Estimated two to three enemy planes bearing 310 T, 17 mi. 1959 Enemy planes reported bearing 190 T, <sup>38 miles</sup> going away.

*[Signature]*  
L. B. EGG, Lt. (jg), USNR.

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2019 Night fighter landed. 2038 C/S to 25 kts. 2045 C/C to 050 T & pgc, Screen clear of planes, set condition of readiness I Easy. 2055 C/S to 20 kts. 2148 C/C to 040 T & pgc, C/S to 25 kts. to recover night fighter. 2158 C/C to 030 T & pgc, 2019 Night fighter landed, c/s to 20 kts. 2221 C/S to 18 kts. C/C to 090 T & pgc, 091 psc. 2235 Took cruising disposition 5-R, station #12. 2243 Set material cond Baker. 2248 Secured from cond. ~~EE~~, set cond. II-M. 2300 Commenced zig zagging plan #6. 2338 Secured boiler #1 from main steam line and secured fires under boiler at 2340.

*[Signature]*  
H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.

Approved:

*[Signature]*  
H. T. DEUTERMANN, Comdr., USN.  
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

*[Signature]*  
R. N. PERLEY, Jr., Lieut., USN.  
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UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELL

Tuesday

25

April

1944

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

Zone description -10

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	00° 03' 00" S	00° 45' 00" N	01° 11' 30" N
Long.	142° 12' 00" E	141° 57' 00" E	141° 37' 30" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

0000 to 0400

(WAR DIARY)

Steaming darkened in company with TG 58.3-ENTERPRISE (CTG 58.3 & OTC), LEXINGTON, LANGLEY, PRINCETON, BATDIVS 8 & 9, PORTLAND, LOUISVILLE, CANBERRA, DESRONS 23 & 50 - in station #12 of formation 5-R on base course 090 T & pgc, 091 psc., with flt. axis 000 T & pgc, zigzagging according to plan #6 at spd. of 18 kts., with std. spd. 20 kts. Ship in cond. of readiness II M and in material cond. Baker with boilers #2 & #3 & #4 steaming. 0030 Secured boiler #4.

*Bowen Blair*

BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0408 LEXINGTON reported surface ships bearing 059 T distance 18 mi. 0417 Surface ships identified as TG 58.1 and tanker group. 0500 Ceased zigzagging, c/c to 000 T & pgc, 353 psc. 0520 C/C to 090 T & pgc, 092 psc. 0537 Exercised crew at general quarters. Set material cond. Affirm. 0557 Set material cond. Baker. 0613 C/C to 270 T & pgc, 268 psc. 0614 Secured from general quarters, set cond. of readiness II M. 0627 C/S to 15 kts. 0630 Sighted TG 58.1 and fueling units bearing 280 T, distance 7 mi. 0626 C/C to 290 T & pgc, 284 psc. 0647 C/C to 310 T & pgc, 303 psc. 0653 C/C to 340 T & pgc, 334 psc. 0704 C/C to 310 T & pgc, 303 psc. 0714 C/C to 000 T & pgc, 353 psc. 0720 C/S to 10 kts task group formed formation 5-F in preparation for fueling from tankers. 0720 Maneuvering to take fueling station port side to Neshanic. 0758 Alongside Neshanic for fueling.

*L. B. Cagg*  
L. B. CAGG, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800 to 1200

Maneuvering as before. 0802 Commenced fueling. 0820 NORTH CAROLINA along port side of tanker. 0829 Completed fueling ship, received 42,916 gals at 60 F. 0835 All lines clear, proceeded to station #1 in a/s screen. 0935 U.S.S. MONONGAHELA designated formation guide. 1025 Took tail back station patrolling astern of fueling formation. 1030 Mustered crew on stations, no absentees. Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, condition normal.

*H. C. Shelton*  
H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1442 Proceeding at various speeds on various courses alongside ENTERPRISE to receive mail and three (3) passengers. 1505 Alongside ENTERPRISE. 1512 Received for further transfer to the CALIENTE Lt. F.B. CORNELL, USNR, Lt. C.R. FREEMAN, USA, and Lt. C. PRONEL, USA. 1513 Cast off from ENTERPRISE. 1524 Alongside NORTH CAROLINA to deliver mail. 1531 Cast off from NORTH CAROLINA. 1550 Alongside CALIENTE. 1559 Completed transfer of three (3) passengers to CALIENTE.

*Bowen Blair*  
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1605 Cleared CALIENTE, maneuvered to take station astern of formation. 1640 Maneuvered to take station in formation 5-R. Formation completed fueling. C/C to 315 T & pgc, 306 psc. 1643 ENTERPRISE designated formation guide, flt. axis 000 T. C/S to 13 kts, C/Standard spd. to 18 kts. 1652 C/S to 18 kts. 1700 Took a/s screening station #12 on ENTERPRISE. 1708 C/C to 240 T & pgc, 237 psc. 1745 Left station

Approved:

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H. T. DEUTERMANN, Comdr., USN.

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R. N. PERLEY, Jr., Lieut., USN.

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELLTuesday 25 April, 1944  
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description -10

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	00° 03' 00" S	00° 45' 00" N	01° 11' 30" N
Long.	142° 12' 00" E	141° 57' 00" E	141° 37' 30" E

## OPERATIONAL REMARKS

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1600 to 2000(cont'd)

to screen LEXINGTON during flight operations. 1746 C/C to 130 T & pgc, 136 psc. 1752 LEXINGTON completed flight operations. Took station #12 in screen. 1754 C/C to 240 T & pgc, 241 psc. 1817 C/C to 130 T & pgc, 136 psc. 1829 C.C to 245 T & pgc, 240 psc. 1835 Darkened ship. 1835 Commenced zigzagging to plan #6.

*L. E. Goss*  
L. E. GOSS, Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before.

*H. C. Shelton*  
H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.

Approved:

*W. T. Deutermann*  
W. T. DEUTERMANN, Comdr., USN.  
Commanding Officer.

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UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELL Wednesday 26 April, 1944  
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description -10

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	00° 02' 15" N	00° 32' 00" N	00° 19' 45" N
Long.	139° 00' 00" E	140° 03' 00" E	141° 51' 00" E

## OPERATIONAL REMARKS

0000 to 0400

(WAR DIARY)

Steaming darkened in company with TG 58.3-ENTERPRISE(OTC-CTG 58.3), LEXINGTON, PRINCETON, LANGLEY, BATDIVS 8 & 9, LOUISVILLE, PORTLAND, CANNBERA, DESRONS 23 & 50 - as a part of TF 58 in station #12 of formation 5-R, on base course 245 T & pgc, 240 psc., with flt. axis 000 T, zigzagging according to plan #6 at std. spd. of 18 kts. Material cond. Baker and cond. of readiness II M set with boilers #2 & #3 steaming.

*B. Blair*  
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0540 Exercised crew at general quarters. Set material cond. Affirm. 0605 Set material cond. Baker. 0612 Secured from general quarters, set cond. of readiness II M/ 0650 Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course. 0700 C/C to 060 T & pgc, 055 psc. 0710 C/C to 100 T & pgc, 102 psc. 0723 C/C to 060 T & pgc, 055 psc. 0744 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan #6.

*L. B. Gegg*  
L. B. GEGG, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 0901 LEXINGTON designated formation guide. 0945 ENTERPRISE designated formation guide. 1007 Left screen to screen PRINCETON during recovery operations. 1030 PRINCETON recovered planes; rejoined formation. 1155 Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course. 1157 LEXINGTON sighted enemy plane on stbd. bow. Went to general quarters. 1159 Plane shot down by CAP. Secured from general quarters, set condition of readiness II M. Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal.

*H. C. Shelton*  
H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1201 C/C to 095 T & pgc, 096 psc. 1208 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #8. 1211 DORTCH and GATLING left formation proceeding independently. 1220 Took station 6120. 1225 NORTH CAROLINA designated flt. guide. 1353 Sighted enemy plane bearing 200 T at about 8 mi. General quarters. 1404 Enemy plane shot down by CAP. 1416 Secured from general quarters, set condition of readiness II M. 1520 POTTER & TINGEY joined screen. Took station #6.5180.

*B. Blair*  
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1715 At approx. 13<sup>53</sup> this date, SHINE, R.C., Slc, sustained an injury to his left wrist while enroute to his battle station by falling from the forward deck house at number 2 gun mt. to the deck below. Upon examination by Dr. W.G. KELLEY, Lt.(jg), MC-USNR, the wrist was found to be swollen over the dorsum of the left wrist with considerable pain and considerable limitation of motion of the entire left hand. The patient was treated by splinting of the wrist and hand, and sling for same. Injury determined non-misconduct. 1740 LEXINGTON designated formation guide. 1743 Ceased zigzagging, c/c to 105 T & pgc 107 psc. 1746 C/S to 23 kts. 1823 ENTERPRISE designated formation guide. 1827 C/C to 095 T & pgc, 096 psc., c/s to 18 kts. 1829 Commenced zigzagging to plan #8. 1920 Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course. 1930 C/C to 260 T & pgc, 253 psc. 1940 Commenced zigzagging to plan #8.

*L. B. Gegg*  
L. B. GEGG, Lt.(jg), USNR.

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Long.	139° 00' 00" E	140° 03' 00" E	141° 51' 00" E

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2000 to 2400  
Steaming as before.

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UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELL Thursday 27 April, 1944  
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description -10

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	01° 14' 00" N	02° 01' 00" N	01° 10' 00" N
Long	141° 28' 45" E	142° 15' 00" E	144° 01' 00" E

## OPERATIONAL REMARKS

0000 to 0400

(WAR DIARY)

Steaming darkened in company with TG 58.3-ENTERPRISE(OTC-CTG58.3), LEXINGTON, PRINCETON, LANGLEY, BATDIVS 8 & 9, LOUISVILLE, PORTLAND, CANNON, DESRON 23, DESRON 50 less GATLING AND DORTCH, POTTER and TINGEY in station #12 of formation 5-R on base course 260 T & pgc, 253 psc., with flt. axis 000 T, zigzagging according to plan #8 at std. spd. of 18 kts. Ship in material cond. Baker with cond. of readiness II M set. Boilers # 2 and #3 steaming. 0045 GATLING and DORTCH resumed former stations in screen with POTTER and TINGEY proceeding independently. 0150 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. 0200 C/C to 045 T & pgc, 0400 psc. 0210 Resumed zigzagging according to plan #8.

*Bowen Blair*  
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0530 Exercised crew at general quarters. Set material cond. Affirm. 0550 Set material cond. Baker. 0556 LEXINGTON designated formation guide. 0613 Secured from general quarters, set cond. II M. 0613 ENTERPRISE launched CAP. 0653 ENTERPRISE designated formation guide. 0733 PRINCETON designated formation guide. 0747 ENTERPRISE designated formation guide.

*L. B. O'Keefe*  
L. B. O'KEEFE, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 0917 NORTH CAROLINA designated formation guide, while ENTERPRISE conducting flight operations. 1046 ENTERPRISE returned to station, designated formation guide. 1150 Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course, Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal.

*H. C. Shelton*  
H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1210 Resumed zigzagging according to plan #8. 1550 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. 1600 C/C to 100 T & pgc, 104 psc.

*Bowen Blair*  
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1610 Commenced zigzagging to plan #8. 1849 Darkened ship.

*L. B. O'Keefe*  
L. B. O'KEEFE, Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2006 Lighted fires under boiler #1. 2100 Cut boiler #1 in on main steam line. Let fires die out under boiler #2, and secured same.

*H. C. Shelton*  
H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.

Approved:

*H. T. Deutermann*  
H. T. DEUTERMANN, Comdr., USN.

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UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELL Friday 28 April, 1944  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -10

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	00° 04' 45" S	00° 57' 00" S	01° 01' 30" S
Long.	146° 48' 00" E	146° 37' 30" E	148° 49' 00" E

## OPERATIONAL REMARKS

0000 to 0400

(WAR DIARY)

Steaming darkened in company with TG 58.3-ENTERPRISE(OTC-CTC 58.3), LEXINGTON, PRINCETON, LANGLIEY, BATDIVS 8 & 9, LOUISVILLE, CANBERRA, PORTLAND, DESRONS 23 & 50 -as a part of TF 58 in station #12 of formation 5-R, on base course 100 T & pgc, 101 psc, with flt. axis 000 T, zigzagging to plan #8 at std. spd. of 18 kts. Material cond. Baker and cond. of readiness II M set with boilers #1 and #3 steaming.

*Bowen Blair*  
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0525 Unidentified plane reported bearing 150 T, distance 26 mi. 0526 Exercised crew at general quarters. Set material cond. Affirm. 0530 Plane identified as friendly. 0550 Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course. 0551 MASS., CONVERSE and ~~HATCHER~~ left formation proceeding independently. 0600 C/C to 185 T & pgc, 187 psc. 0602 Reoriented to 10 ship circular screen. Took station #6 on ENTERPRISE, distance 6000 yds. 0610 Commenced zigzagging to plan #8. 0630 Secured from general quarters, set cond. of readiness II M, material cond. Baker.

*L. B. Egg*  
L. B. EGG, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 0930 Ceased zigzagging, c/c to 170 T & pgc, 175 psc. 0940 Commenced zigzagging to plan #8. Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal.

*H. C. Shelton*  
H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1220 Ceased zigzagging and c/c to 090 T & pgc, 088 psc. 1240 Commenced zigzagging to plan #8. 1425 LEXINGTON designated fleet guide.

*Bowen Blair*  
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1600 ENTERPRISE took station astern of formation for steering gear tests. 1640 NORTH CAROLINA designated formation guide. 1706 Left formation screening LEXINGTON for flight operations. 1712 LEXINGTON completed flight operations, returned to screen and took station #8. 1806 Darkened ship. 1825 Left formation screening LEXINGTON for flight operations. 1835 CAPERTON and INGERSOLL assumed screening of LEXINGTON. Took station on stbd. bow of ENTERPRISE, distance 9000 yds for screening during return to formation. 1933 Rejoined formation, took screening station #8 on NORTH CAROLINA.

*L. B. Egg*  
L. B. EGG, Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 Ceased zigzagging, c/c to 055 T & pgc, 050 psc. 2010 Commenced zigzagging to plan #8. 2013 ENTERPRISE designated flt. guide.

*H. C. Shelton*  
H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.

Approved:

*W. P. DeLermann*  
W. P. DELERMANN, Comdr., USN.  
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*R. W. Verley, Jr.*  
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Saturday 29 April, 1944

(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -10 -11 -12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	00° 38' 00" N	01° 24' 00" N	03° 10' 00" N
Long.	148° 32' 00" E	145° 00' 45" E	149° 23' 00" E

## OPERATIONAL REMARKS

0000 to 0400

(WAR DIARY)

Steaming darkened in company with TG 58.3-ENTERPRISE(OTC-CTG 58.3), LEXINGTON, LANGLEY, PRINCETON, NORTH CAROLINA, BATDIV 9, CANBERRA, LOUISVILLE, PORTLAND, DESRON# 50- in station #12 of formation 5-R, on base course 055 T & pgc, 050 psc, with flt. axis 000 T, zigzagging to plan #8 at std. spd of 18 kts. Material cond. Baker and cond. of readiness II M set with boilers #1 & #3 steaming. 0030 Ceased zigzagging and c/c to 300 T & pgc, 302 psc. 0040 Resumed zigzagging to plan #8. 0100 Set all clocks ahead one (1) hour to zone minus eleven time.

*Bowen Blair*  
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0600 Exercised crew at general quarters. Set material cond. Affirm. 0605 NORTH CAROLINA designated formation guide. 0615 Set material cond. Baker. 0618 Sighted fueling units bearing 250 T, distance 5 mi. 0630 Secured from general quarters, set cond. of readiness II M. 0645 Ceased zigzagging, c/c to 020 T & pgc, 015 psc. 0650 C/S to 10 kts. 0725 Fueling units joined company with Task Group. 0728 Task Unit commenced fueling operations. 0749 Formed special 5-R cruising disposition. NESHANIC designated as formation guide. 0757 Maneuvered to take station port side to CAHABA for fueling.

*L. B. Gregg*  
L. B. GREGG, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800 to 1200

Maneuvering as before. 0803 First line across to CAHABA. 0809 Commenced fueling ship. 0844 Rotated formation axis right to 330. 0846 Completed fueling ship, received 76,383 gals at 60 F. 0952 All lines clear, cleared side of tanker, took tailback screening station. 1000 Mustered crew on stations, no absentees. Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal. Made weekly test of magazine sprinkling system, condition satisfactory.

*H. C. Shelton*  
H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1410 Formation completed fueling, tanker group proceeded independently. 1413 C/S and std. spd. to 18 kts. ENTERPRISE designated formation guide. 1445 Took station #12 in formation 5-R on course 020 T & pgc, 014 psc., with flt. axis 060 T. 1516 Changed axis to 070 T. 1530 C/S and std. spd. to 20 kts.

*Bowen Blair*  
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1600 Commenced zigzagging with plan #8. 1601 CAPERTON alongside to stbd. Passed mail. 1605 CAPERTON cleared stbd. side. 1636 ENTERPRISE designated formation guide. 1700 Set all clocks ahead one (1) hour to minus 12 time-zone. 1832 KNAPP alongside to port. Passed mail. 1840 KNAPP cleared.

*L. B. Gregg*  
L. B. GREGG, Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2008 Darkened ship. 2020 USS PRITCHETT and CASSIN-YOUNG joined TG as pickets, 200° relative to base course on circle #11. 2400 Set all clocks back twenty-four (24) hours to zone plus twelve (12) time. West longitude date.

Approved:

*H. T. Deuteriann*  
H. T. DEUTERIANN, Comdr., USN.  
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.

*R. N. Perley, Jr.*  
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Saturday 29 April, 1944

(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description +12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	00° 58' 59" N	06° 45' 00" N	06° 30' 06" N
Long.	151° 30' 00" E	152° 05' 00" E	152° 28' 03" E

## OPERATIONAL REMARKS

0000 to 0400

(WAR DIARY)

Steaming darkened in company with TF 58 in station #12 of formation 5-R with TG 58.3-ENTERPRISE(OTC-CTG 58.3), LEXINGTON, PRINCETON, LANGLEY, BATDIVS 8 & 9, INDIANA, CANBERRA, LOUISVILLE, PORTLAND, DESRONS 23 & 50 on base course 020 T & pgc, 015 psc., with flt. axis 070 T, zigzagging to plan #8 at std. spd. of 20 kts. Material cond. Baker and cond. of readiness II M set with boilers #1 and #3 steaming.

*Bowen Blair*  
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0558 Ceased zigzagging, c/c to 070 T & pgc, 060 psc. 0602 Proceeding to take plane guard station astern of carriers for aircraft launching operations. 0613 Exercised crew at general quarters. Set material cond. Affirm. 0620 C/C to 110 T & pgc, 115 psc., c/s to 22 kts. 0630 Took station 3000 yds. astern of LANGLEY. 0640 PRINCETON, LEXINGTON and ENTERPRISE commenced aircraft launching operations for air strike on enemy held TRUK ISLAND. 0753 Completed launching of first air strike. 0756 C/C to 010 T & pgc, 007 psc.

*L. B. Jegg*  
L. B. JEGG, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800 to 1200

*0830 - set Condition of readiness I "E"*  
Steaming as before on courses NE and SW screening carriers during launching and recovery of air strikes on TRUK ISLAND. 1018 Left formation to investigate plane reported down. 1103 Results of search negative, rejoined formation. 1136 Took station #12 of a/s screen. Mustered crew on battle stations, no absentees. Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal.

*H. C. Shelton*  
H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1210 Changed course to 210 T & pgc, & psc. 1235 Commenced zigzagging to plan #6. 1258 Ceased zigzagging and c/c to 060 T & pgc, 054 psc., for plane operations. 1345 Operations completed, c/c to 245 T & pgc, 241 psc. 1455 C/C to 060 T & pgc, 054 psc., for flight operations. 1541 Operations completed, c/c to 270 T & pgc, 264 psc. 1557 C/C to 060 T & pgc, 054 psc., for flight operations.

*Bowen Blair*  
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1620 C/C to 150 T & pgc, 155 psc. 1628 C/C to 060 T & pgc, 054 psc., for aircraft operations. 1714 Aircraft operations completed, c/c to 190 T & pgc, 189 psc. 1745 C/C to 220 T & pgc, 217 psc. 1820 C/C to 065 T & pgc, 062 psc., for aircraft operations. 1925 Completed aircraft operations, c/c to 220 T & pgc, 217 psc. 1940 C/C to 060 T & pgc, 057 psc., for aircraft operations, 1959 Completed aircraft operations, c/c to 200 T & pgc, 197 psc.

*L. B. Jegg*  
L. B. JEGG, Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 Darkened ship. 2010 Commenced zigzag plan #6. 2050 Secured from condition I "E" set cond. II M *set material condition* affirm.

*H. C. Shelton*  
H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.

Approved:

*H. T. Deutermann*  
H. T. DEUTERMANN, Comdr., USN.

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(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description +12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	05° 54' 00" N		06° 46' 18" N
Long.	151° 24' 00" E		158° 22' 54" E

## OPERATIONAL REMARKS

0000 to 0400

(WAR DIARY)

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Enterprise

Steaming darkened in company with TG 58.3 in station #12 of formation 5-R, ENTERPRISE (OTC-CTG 58.3), LEXINGTON, LANGLEY, PRINCETON, BATDIVS 8 & 9, INDIANA, CANBERRA, PORTLAND, LOUISVILLE, DESRONS 23 & 50-In general company with TF 58, zigzagging to plan #6, on base course 200 T & pgc, 197 psc, at std. spd. of 20 kts. Material cond. Baker and conditions of readiness II M set with boilers #1 & #3 steaming. 0130 Ceased zigzagging and c/c to 335 T & pgc, 330 psc. C/S and std. spd. to 18 kts. 0140 Resumed zigzagging according to plan #6.

*Bowen Blair*  
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0543 Ceased zigzagging, c/c to 255 T & pgc, 248 psc 0635 Exercised crew at general quarters. Set material cond. Affirm. 0655 Commenced zigzagging to plan #6. C/S to 20 kts. 0725 Left formation to screen PRINCETON during flight operations. 0728 Set material cond. Baker 0730 Secured from general quarters, set cond. of readiness II M. 0732 PORTLAND CANBERRA, and LOUISVILLE left formation proceeding on duty assigned. 0740 PRINCETON completed flight operations; maneuvered to return to formation with PRINCETON. 0746 Reported single enemy plane bearing 035 T, distance 42 mi. 0747 Exercised crew at general quarters. Set material cond. Affirm. 0755 Enemy aircraft bearing 045 T, 32 mi reported 0758 Took station #12 in screen on ENTERPRISE, c/s to 23 kts.

*L. B. Grogg*  
L. B. GROGG, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800 to 1200

No enemy  
aircraft believed  
in vicinity.

Steaming as before screening carriers during launching and recovery of air strikes on TRUK ISLAND. 0830 Secured from general quarters, set cond II M. 0945 Mustered crew on stations, no absentees. Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal.

*H. C. Shelton*  
H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1252 C/C to 280 T & pgc, 276 psc. 1302 C/C to 075 T & pgc, 071 psc., for flight operations. 1322 Operations completed, c/c to 270 T & pgc, 271 psc. 1346 C/C to 060 T & pgc, 055 psc., for flight operations. 1448 Operations completed, c/c to 120 T & pgc, 124 psc. 1550 C/C to 060 T & pgc, 055 psc.

*Bowen Blair*  
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1616 C/C to 095 T & pgc, 094 psc. 1643 C/C to 125 T & pgc, 129 psc. 1701 C/C to 065 T & pgc, 062 psc. 1830 C/C to 040 T & pgc, 036 psc., c/s and std. spd. to 18 kts. 1840 Commenced zigzagging to plan #6. 1904 Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course. 1914 LEXINGTON reported single enemy plane bearing 015 T. Screening ships opened fire. Exercised crew at general quarters. Set material cond. Affirm. 1918 Commenced zigzagging to plan #6. 1926 ENTERPRISE launched two night fighters. PRINCETON recovered aircraft. 1955 Area clear of enemy planes, no damage to own force.

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PART III  
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UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELL

Sunday 30 April, 1944  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description +12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	05° 54' 00" N		06° 46' 18" N
Long.	151° 24' 00" E		158° 22' 54" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS  
(WAR DIARY)

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 Darkened ship. 2020 Secured from general quarters, set cond. II M. 2120 Ceased zigzagging, c/c to 090 T & pgc, 090 psc. 2138 ENTERPRISE landed two night fighters. 2141 C/C to 030 T & pgc 026 psc. 2204 Commenced zigzagging to plan #6, 2300 Ceased zigzagging c/c to 140 T & pgc, 143 psc. 2310 Commenced zigzagging to plan #6.

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