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## ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

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Examined:

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

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UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELL Wednesday 1 March, 1944  
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description +12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	07° 07' 00" N	07° 07' 00" N	07° 07' 00" N
Long.	171° 22' 00" E	171° 22' 00" E	171° 22' 00" E

## OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000 to 0400

Moored in nest alongside U.S.S. PRAIRIE in berth C-13 with RADFORD, KNAPP, BRONSON, and HEALY in Majuro Lagoon, Marshall Islands. Boiler # 1 steaming for auxiliary purposes, the ship is darkened and condition of readiness II Mike modified. Ships present: various units of U.S.Pac. Flt. with SOPA (COMSERON 10) in Prairie, 0345 Lighted fires under boiler # 3.

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

0400 to 0800

Moored as before. 0615 Stationed special sea detail, made all preparations for shifting berth. 0620 Boiler # 3 cut in on main line. 0622 HEALY underway from nest. 0630 BRONSON underway from nest. 0638 Underway from berth C-13 proceeding to berth D-2. 0700 Anchored in berth D-2 in 27 fathoms of water, coral and sand bottom with 75 fms. of chain to stbd. anchor, in Majuro Lagoon, Marshall Islands. Ships present as before. 0709 Secured special sea detail. 0715 Secured boiler # 2, boiler # 3 in use for auxiliary purposes.

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

0800 to 1200

Anchored as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 0900 The Commanding Officer held mast this date and awarded the following punishments: RIOUX, John C., 209 07 77, S2c; Offense: Improper operation of scullery, loss of 2000 gals. of water. Punishment: Warning. CADORE, Robert E., 250 71 41, Flc; Offense: Inattention to duty. Failure to carry out orders. A general attitude indicating a disregard for the good of the ship. No cooperation. Punishment: Warning. COLLETON, Seymour, 264 50 50, StM2c; Offense: Shirking duty. Punishment: 10 hrs. extra duty. CARR, Peter, 841 16 47, StMlc, Offense: Shirking duty; Punishment: 10 hrs extra duty. WILLIAMSON, Robert D., 654 91 72, Slc, Offense: Sleeping on another man's mattress, <sup>on deck</sup> Punishment: 5 hrs extra duty. STOUTE, Harold D., 256 42 08, Y3c, Offense: Sleeping on another man's mattress, <sup>on deck</sup> Punishment: 5 hrs. extra duty. Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal.

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

1200 to 1600

Anchored as before.

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

1600 to 2000

Anchored as before.

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

2000 to 2400

Anchored as before.

Chambers, Allen Lister 339-82-62,  
CBM(AA), USN, discharged this date from the

U.S. Naval Service with honorable discharge.

Recommended for reenlistment. P.

*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.  
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP		COGSWELL		Thursday 2 <sup>March</sup> <del>February</del> , 19 44	
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Zone description <u>+12</u>					
Position	0800	1200	2000		
Lat.	07° 07' 00" N	07° 07' 00" N	07° 07' 00" N		
Long.	171° 22' 00" E	171° 22' 00" E	171° 22' 00" E		
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)					
0000 to 0400 Anchored in berth D-2 Majuro Lagoon, Marshall Islands in 27 fms. of water with 75 fms of chain to stbd. anchor, coral and sand bottom. Boiler # 3 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ship in modified condition of readiness II Mike and darkened topside. Ships present: various units of Central Pac. Force, SOPA(ComSerOn 10) in U.S.S. PRAIRIE. <i>J. M. Gintner</i> J. M. GINTNER, Lt.(jg), USNR.					
0400 to 0800 Anchored as before. 0650 Lighted ship. <i>Bowen Blair</i> BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.					
0800 to 1200 Anchored as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 1100 Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal. <i>C. D. Pulver</i> C. D. PULVER, Lt.(jg), USN.					
1200 to 1600 Anchored as before. <i>L. B. Gregg</i> L. B. GREGG, Ens., USNR.					
1600 to 2000 Anchored as before. 1848 Darkened ship topside. <i>H. C. Shelton</i> H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.					
2000 to 2400 Anchored as before. Chambers, Allen Lister, 359-82-62, <i>J. M. Gintner</i> J. M. GINTNER, Lt.(jg), USNR. BM'K, USN, <i>recultured on board for a period of four full years this date.</i> G.					
Approved: <i>H. T. Deutermann</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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UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELL Friday 3 March, 19 44  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description +12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	07° 07' 00" N	07° 07' 00" N	07° 07' 00" N
Long.	171° 22' 00" E	171° 22' 00" E	171° 22' 00" E

## OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000 to 0400

Anchored in berth D-2 in Majuro Lagoon, Marshall Islands, with 75 fms. of chain to the stbd. chain in 26 fms. of water. Ship darkened topside with modified condition of readiness II Mike and material condition Baker set. Boiler # 3 steaming for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: various units of U.S. Pac. Flt. with SOPA in U.S.S. PRAIRIE (ComSerOn 10)

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

0400 to 0800

Anchored as before.

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

0800 to 1200

Anchored as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 0932 HEALY moored alongside to port. 1005 Commenced fueling HEALY dft. fwd. 13 ft. dft. aft. 14'8" 1030 Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal.

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

1200 to 1600

Moored as before. 1206 Completed fueling HEALY, fuel delivered 17747 gals. Drift. fwd. after fueling 12'10" aft. 14'05". 1225 Cut boiler #1 <sup>15</sup> in on main steam line. 1255 Made all preparations for getting underway 1301 Underway for C-10 to fuel BRONSON. 1328 Moored port side to Bronson in berth C-10. 1345 Commenced fueling BRONSON.

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

1600 to 2000

Moored as before. Completed fueling BRONSON, fuel delivered 22622 gals dft. after fueling: fwd. 12' 02" aft. 14'05". Made all preparations for getting underway. 1620 Underway from alongside BRONSON, standing out of Majuro Lagoon, on patrol duty in accordance with ComSenPac Conf ltr. 028~~W~~ of 29 Feb. 1944, steaming various courses and speeds conforming to channel. 1715 Set condition II Mike. 1921 Passed entrance buoy close aboard to port. 1735 Changed course to 090 T & pgc, 081 psc, speed 15 kts. 1823 Changed course to 000 T & pgc, 338 psc. 1830 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 9. 1848 Darkened ship. 1850 Changed course to 290 T & pgc, 278 psc. 1956 Changed course to 200 T & pgc. 198 psc

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

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2017 Changed base course to 110 T & pgc, 105 psc. 2147 Changed base course to 303 T & pgc, 301 psc. 2321 Changed base course to 110 T & pgc, 105 psc.

*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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(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description F12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	07° 07' 00" N	07° 07' 00" N	07° 07' 00" N
Long.	171° 22' 00" E	171° 22' 00" E	171° 22' 00" E

## OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000 to 0400

Steaming darkened independently north of Majuro Atoll, Marshall Islands on patrol duty in accordance with ComCenPac conf. spd. ltr. serial 028 of 29 Feb. 1944 and CDS 50's dispatch 010229. Base course 110 T & pgc 105 psc, std. speed 15 kts., steaming at std., using boilers # 1 & #3. Condition of readiness II Mike, material condition Baker set. Zigzagging in accordance with plan # 9. 0051 Changed base course to 200 T & pgc, 0112 Changed base course to 290 T & pgc. 0250 Changed base course to 097 T & pgc., 090 psc. p.

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

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0416 Changed course to 290 T & pgc. 0546 Changed course to 200 T & pgc. 0548 Exercised crew at dawn general quarters. 0607 Changed course to 110 T & pgc. 0612 Secured from dawn general quarters, set condition II Mike. Changed course to 215 T & pgc, 218 psc. standing toward entrance of Majuro Lagoon, Marshall Islands. 0651 Changed course to 220 T & pgc, 223 psc. 0655 Lighted ship. 0700 Made all preparations for entering port. 0715 Passed harbor entrance buoy abeam to port. Maneuvering various course and speeds conforming to channel.

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

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 0815 Moored port side to HEALY, with DORTCH on her port side, in berth C-6, Majuro Lagoon, Marshall Islands, with six (6) lines in use. 0840 Commenced fueling HEALY. 1034 Completed fueling after having delivered 20130 gals. at 60° F. 1039 Underway from alongside HEALY on various courses at various speeds to berth B-3. 1122 Moored port side to U.S.S. NESHANIC in berth B-3, with U.S.S. TAPPAHANNOCK moored to her port side with six(6) lines in use. 1130 Commenced fueling, dft. fwd. 15'3", aft. 17'6". Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal.

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

1200 to 1600

Moored as before. 1200 Completed ready duty. 1235 Stationed special sea detail. 1240 Completed fueling having received on board 82,040 gals. at 60° F. dft. fwd. 15'3", aft. 17'6". 1249 Underway from alongside U.S.S. NESHANIC, berth B-3, Captain at the conn., Navigator and OOD on bridge. Proceeding to berth D-1. 1316 Moored port side to U.S.S. KNAPP in berth D-1, using 4 manila lines and two cables. 1326 Secured from special sea detail. Set condition II M (modified).

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

1600 to 2000

Moored as before. 1846 Darkened ship.

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

2000 to 2400

Moored as before.

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

Approved:

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

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

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

Navigator.

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		(Day)	(Date)
Zone description <u>+12</u>			
Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	07° 07' 00" N	07° 07' 00" N	07° 07' 00" N
Long.	171° 22' 00" E	171° 22' 00" E	171° 22' 00" E
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)			
0000 to 0400			
Moored port side to U.S.S. KNAPP in berth D-1, Majuro Lagoon, Marshall Islands, Boiler # 3 steaming for auxiliary purposes, condition of readiness II Mike (modified) and darkened topside. Ships present: various units of the Central Pacific Force, SOPA (COMSEBON 10) in U.S.S. PRAIRIE.			
<i>J. M. Ginther</i> J. M. GINTHER, Lt.(jg), USNR.			
0400 to 0800			
Moored as before.			
<i>C. D. Pulver</i> C. D. PULVER, Lt.(jg), USN.			
0800 to 1200			
Moored as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal.			
<i>Bowen Blair</i> BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.			
1200 to 1600			
Moored as before.			
<i>H. C. Shelton</i> H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.			
1600 to 2000			
Moored as before. 1805 Pursuant to Commanding Officer's order of U.S.S. PRAIRIE of 5 March 1944 and in accordance with ComDesPacFlt. Adm. Rep. Pers. # 3, PERNO, Howard J., 725 58 07, S2a, reported aboard for duty with baggage, records and accounts. 1805 Single unidentified plane reported at 055 T, distance 69 miles. 1820-Plane identified as friendly.			
<i>L. E. Green</i> L. E. GREEN, Ens., USNR.			
2000 to 2400			
Moored as before. 2015 In accordance with orders of the Commanding Officer and authority Form "G" of 5 March 1944, Ens. Charles E. Trygg, was temporarily detached and ordered to the U.S.S. RELIEF for observation. + Treatment. p. Appendix # 2			
<i>J. M. Ginther</i> J. M. GINTHER, Lt.(jg), USNR.			
Approved:		Examined:	
<i>H. F. Deutermann</i> H. F. DEUTERMANN, Cmdr., USN. Commanding Officer.		<i>R. N. Perley Jr.</i> R. N. PERLEY, Jr., Lieut., USN. Navigator.	

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UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELL Monday 6 March, 1944  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description +12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	07° 07' 00" N	07° 07' 00" N	07° 07' 00" N
Long.	171° 22' 00" E	171° 22' 00" E	171° 22' 00" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS  
(WAR DIARY)

0000 to 0400

Moored port side to U.S.S. KNAPP in berth D-1, Majuro Lagoon, Marshall Islands, with six(6) lines in use. Ship darkened topside with modified condition of readiness II Mike set. Boiler # 3 steaming for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: various units of the U.S. Pac. Flt. with SOPA (COMSERON 10) in U.S.S. PRAIRIE.

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

0400 to 0800

Moored as before. 0649 Lighted ship.

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

0800 to 1200

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

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

1200 to 1600

Moored as before. 1254 Unidentified aircraft reported bearing 175 T distance 17 miles. 1303 Aircraft reported friendly.

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

1600 to 2000

Moored as before. 1848 Darkened ship.

*R. T. Golder*  
R. T. GOLDER, Ens., USNR.

2000 to 2400

Moored 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 COGSWELLTuesday  
(Day)7  
(Date)March  
(Month)

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Zone description +12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	07° 07' 00" N	06° 34' 00" N	04° 28' 15" N
Long.	171° 22' 00" E	170° 57' 00" E	171° 30' 30" E

## OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000 to 0400

Moored port side to U.S.S. KNAPP in berth D-1, Majuro Lagoon, Marshall Islands, with four (4) manila lines and 2 wires. Boiler # 3 steaming for auxiliary purposes. Condition of readiness II Mike (modified) set. Ship darkened. Ships present: various units of U.S. Pac. Flt., with SOPA (COMSERON 10) in U.S.S. PRAIRIE.

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

0400 to 0800

Moored as before. 0430 Lighted fires under boiler # 1. 0500 Made all preparations for getting underway. 0512 Cut boiler # 1 in on main steam line. 0552 Underway from alongside KNAPP from berth D-1, Majuro Lagoon, in accordance with ComThird Flt. secret despatch 070335 of March 1944, to patrol harbor entrance during sortie of Task Group 58.1 Steaming various courses and speeds conforming to channel. 0645 Lighted ship. 0650 Exercised crew at general quarters. 0654 Passed entrance buoy close abeam to stbd. Commenced sortie. 0715 Secured from general quarters, set condition of readiness II Mike. 0745 Task Group 58.1 completed sortie and commenced taking cruising formation.

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

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 0840 Set base course 270 T & pgc, 263 psc, took a/s screening station # 6 on ENTERPRISE with fleet axis of 270, fleet formation 5-R. 0854 Std. spd. 20 kts., changed speed to 20 kts. 0935 Changed fleet axis and course to 185 T & pgc, 197 psc., reoriented and took station # 6 on ENTERPRISE. 0949 Changed course to 070 T & pgc, 056 psc. for carrier flight operation. 0957 Changed course to 180 T & pgc, 192 psc, carrier completed flight operation. 1000 Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal. 1022 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 3. 1100 Exercised crew at general quarters. Set material condition Affirm. 1118 Secured from general quarters, set condition of readiness II Mike, material condition Baker. 1144 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. 1155 Changed course to 155 T & pgc, 166 psc.

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

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1227 Changed course to 075 T & pgc, 057 psc. 1244 Changed course to 180 T & pgc, 192 psc. 1303 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 6. 1334 Exercised crew at general quarters. 1347 Commenced firing AA batteries at sleeve towed by plane in "Uncle" runs. 1352 Ceased firing. Ammunition expended: 255 rds. 40 mm projectiles and 456 rds 20 mm. projectiles. 1355 Secured from general quarters, set condition of readiness II Mike. 1417 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. 1420 Changed course to 170 T & pgc, 181 psc. 1435 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 6. 1523 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. 1526 Changed course to 115 T & pgc, 116 psc. for flight operations. 1547 Changed course to 170 T & pgc, 181 psc.

*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 COGSWELL Tuesday 7 March, 1944  
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Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	07° 07' 00" N	06° 34' 00" N	04° 28' 15" N
Long.	171° 22' 00" E	170° 57' 00" E	171° 30' 30" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS  
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1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1607 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 6. 1739 Changed speed to 18 kts. 1803 Changed fleet axis to 175 T. 1815 Changed course to 065 T & pgc, 045 psc, for flight operations. Changed speed to 20 kts. 1825 Completed flight operations, changed course to 175 T & pgc, 186 psc. Changed speed to 18 kts. 1837 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 2. 1850 Darkened ship.

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

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2205 Surface contact bearing 130 T, distance 12 miles. 2217 Surface contact identified as friendly.

*L. C. Gentry*  
L. C. GENTRY, 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 COGSWELLWednesday 8 March, 1944  
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description +12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	01° 13' 45" S	0° 22' 00" N	01° 25' 30" S
Long.	171° 44' 15" E	172° 02' 00" E	172° 14' 30" E

## OPERATIONAL REMARKS

0000 to 0400

(WAR DIARY)

Steaming darkened with TG 58.1 in accordance with ComThird Flt. sec. despatch 070335 of March 1944. ENTERPRISE (OTC and CTG 58.1), BELLEAU WOOD, BILOXI, MOBILE, SANTE FE, OAKLAND and DESRON 50 - on basecourse 175 T & pgc, 186 psc, with fleet axis 175, at 18 kts. Std. spd. 20 kts, with boilers # 1 and # 3 steaming. Material condition Baker, and condition of readiness II Mike set.

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

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0550 Exercised crew at general quarters. 0618 Secured from general quarters, set condition II Mike. 0650 SANTE FE designated fleet guide.

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

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 0921 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. 0927 Changed course to 090 T & pgc, 082 psc, carriers commenced flight operations/ 0932 Cut in boilers # 2 and # 4 on main steam line. 0938 Secured fires under boilers # 1 & # 3. 1007 Changed course to 175 T & pgc, 187 psc, carriers completed flight operations. 1017 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 3. 1025 Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal.

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

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1204 Changed speed to 16 kts. 1223 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. 1231 Changed course to 085 T & pgc, 073 psc. Changed speed and std. spd. to 18 kts. 1310 Changed course to 175 T & pgc, 187 psc. 1329 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 6. 1511 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. 1516 Changed course to 030 T & pgc, 027 psc, while SANTE FE and BILOXI recovered aircraft. 1518 Changed spd. to 10 kts. 1520 Recovery completed. Changed course to 175 T & pgc, 187 psc, and spd. to 18 kts. 1530 Changed course to 080 T & pgc, 068 psc. 1556 Changed course to 175 T & pgc, 187 psc.

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

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1745 BRAUER, G.E., 707 69 70, MoMM2c, USNR, sustained a one and a half inch laceration of the scalp, when a storeroom hatch fell on him. Wound cleaned, sutured and dressed by ROBERT, PHM2c USNR. Returned to duty. No misconduct. 1822 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. 1827 Changed course to 080 T & pgc, 068 psc, for flight operations. 1842 Completed flight operations, changed flt. course and axis to 200 T. 1842 Changed flt. spd. to 15 kts. 1845 Darkened ship 1907 Changed flt. spd. to 18 kts. commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 6.

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

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2205 USS KNAPP left formation for scheduled exercises. HEALY reoriented and took a/s screening # 8.

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

Approved:

Examined:

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

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

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

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	03° 56' 30" S	04° 38' 00" E	06° 30' 00" S
Long.	171° 30' 30" E	171° 20' 00" E	171° 43' 05" E

## OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000 to 0400

Steaming darkened in company with TG 58.1 in accordance with ComThird Flt. sec. desp. 070335 of Mar. 1944. - ENTERPRISE (OTC and CTG 58.1), BELLEAU WOOD, CRUDIV 13, OAKLAND and DESRON 50 less KNAPP - on base course 200 T & pgc, 202 psc., with flt. axis 200, zigzagging according to plan # 6 at std. spd. of 18 kts. Material condition Baker and condition of readiness II Mike set with boilers # 2 and # 4 steaming. 0340 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. 0344 Changed course to 070 T & pgc, 067 psc., for flight operations.

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

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0450 Changed course to 200 T & pgc, 202 psc. 0500 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 6. 0550 Exercised crew at general quarters. 0609 Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course. 0613 Changed course to 070 T & pgc, 054 psc., for flight operations. 0623 Secured from general quarters, set condition II Mike. 0642 Lighted ship. 0703 Completed flight operations, changed course to 200 T & pgc, 202 psc. 0715 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 6.

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

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 0917 Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course. 0928 Changed course to 060 T & pgc, 038 psc, carriers commenced scheduled flight operations. 1010 Changed course to 200 T & pgc, 206 psc., carriers completed flight operations. 1024 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 6. 1100 Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal. 1103 Exercised crew at general quarters. 1111 Secured from general quarters set condition II Mike. 1141 Commenced AA firing exercises. 1148 Ceased AA firing exercises having expended: 350 rds. SPDN 3285, 36 rds SPDN 4176, 28 rds. SPDN 4213, 12 rds. 4023, 14 rds. 4214, 24 rds. 3569 of 40 mm ammunition, 170 rds. of 5164, 96 rds of 4096 of 20 mm ammunition.

*A. G. Gray*  
A. G. GRAY, Ens., USNR.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1217 KNAPP rejoined formation in station # 8 with HEALY taking station # 11. 1224 Ceased zigzagging and changed course to 045 T & pgc, 021 psc, for flight operations. 1253 Operations completed changed course to 170 T & pgc, 182 psc. 1305 Changed flt. axis to 170 T. 1317 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 6. 1517 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. 1521 Changed spd. to 20 kts. and course to 060 T & pgc, 057 psc, for flight operations. 1555 Changed course to 170 T & pgc, changed speed to 18 kts.

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

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1606 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 6. 1643 MOBILE designated flt. guide. 1753 ENTERPRISE designated flt. guide. 1800 Changed spd. & std. spd. to 20 kts. 1809 Ceased zigzagging resumed base course. 1828 Changed course and axis to 185. 1833 Changed course to 055 T & pgc, 065 psc., for flight operations. 1845 Changed course to 185 T & pgc, 195 psc. 1847 Darkened ship.

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

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	03° 56' 30" S	04° 38' 00" S	06° 30' 00" S
Long.	171° 30' 30" E	171° 20' 00" E	171° 43' 05" E

## OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

1600 to 2000 (cont'd)

1857 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 6. 1945 Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course. 1952 Changed course to 053 T & pgc, 065 psc, for flight operations.



H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2003 Carriers completed flight operations, changed course to 185 T & pgc, 195 psc. 2017 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 6. 2147 Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course. 2150 Changed course to 060 T & pgc, 070 psc. ENTERPRISE commenced night flight operations, changed speed to 22 kts. (224 rpm's) 2210 ENTERPRISE completed flight operations., changed course to 185 T & pgc, 195 psc, changed speed to 20 kts. 2214 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 6. 2215 Unidentified aircraft reported bearing 235 T, distance 14 miles. 2220 Aircraft identified as friendly.



L. T. GREEN, Ens., USNR.

Approved:

  
H. T. DEUTERMANN, Comdr., USN.

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

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

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELL Thursday 10 March, 1944  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description T12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	10° 06' 55" S	11° 03' 40" S	12° 54' 50" S
Long.	171° 30' 05" E	171° 38' 15" E	170° 41' 10" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000 to 0400

Steaming darkened with TG 58.1 in accordance with ComThird Flt. sec. Desp. 070335 of Mar. 1944-(ENTERPRISE-CTG 58.1 and OTC), BELLEAU WOOD, CRUDIV 13 less BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND, and DESRON 50) in station # 6 of formation 5-R, on base course 185 T & pgc, 195 psc, with fleet axis 185 T, zigzagging according to plan # 6 at std. spd. of 18 kts. Material condition Baker and condition of readiness II Mike set with boilers # 2 and # 4 steaming.

*Bowen Blair*

BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0440 CAPERTON left formation for tracking exercises Took station # 4 in a/s screen. 0450 COTTEN left formation for tracking exercises. 0545 Exercised crew at general quarters. 0618 Secured from general quarters, set condition II Mike. 0635 Took station # 6 in a/s screen. 0640 Lighted ship. 0655 COTTEN and CAPERTON rejoined formation.

*H. C. Shelton*

H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 1000 Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal. 1100 BELLEAU WOOD designated fleet guide. 1125 ENTERPRISE left formation for flight operations.

*F. H. Gregg*

F. H. GREGG, Ens., USNR.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1210 Recovered sleeve and resumed former station in screen. 1335 ENTERPRISE designated fleet guide. 1442 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. 1448 Changed speed to 24 kts. while ENTERPRISE recovered planes. 1503 Recovery completed, changed speed to 20 kts. 1523 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 6. 1537 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. 1540 Changed course to 090 T for flight operations.

*Bowen Blair*

BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1605 Completed flight operations, changed fleet course and axis to 230 T & pgc, 225 psc. 1638 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 6. 1657 Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course 1715 Changed speed to 18 kts. 1725 Formed special 10 ship a/s screen on station 6270. 1730 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan #2 1852 Darkened ship.

*H. C. Shelton*

H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before.

*F. H. Gregg*

F. H. GREGG, 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 11 March <sup>+ Sunday 12 March</sup> 1944 P.  
 (Day) (Date) (Month)
Zone description +12 4 -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	14° 51' 30" S	15° 00' 00" S	
Long.	168° 15' 00" E	167° 30' 00" E	

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000 to 0400

Steaming darkened in company with TG 58.1 -ENTERPRISE (CTG 58.1 and OTC), BELLEAU WOOD, CRUDIV 13 less BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND and DESRON 50- in accordance with ComThird Flt. Sec. Desp. 070335 of Mar. 1944, on base course 230 T & pgc, 225 psc, with fleet axis 230 T at std. spd. of 18 kts., zigzagging according to plan # 2. Material condition Baker and condition of readiness II Mike set with boilers # 2 and # 4 steaming.

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

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0439 SG radar picked up land bearing 275 T distance 40 mi. 0530 Exercised crew at general quarters. 0600 Ceased zigzagging resumed base course. 0602 Changed speed to 24 kts. 0611 Changed course to 145 T & pgc, 158 psc. 0643 Changed course to 290 T & pgc, 272 psc. 0647 Secured from general quarters, set condition II Mike. 0648 Changed speed to 18 kts., lighted ship. 0658 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 6. 0702 Changed fleet axis to 290 T/ 0727 Changed speed to 20 kts. 0733 Sighted land bearing 240, Aurora Island, distance 25 mi. 0756 Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course. 0758 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 2.

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

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0815 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 0828 Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course. 0842 Commenced maneuvering on courses 110 T, 150 T, and 270 T while engaged in aircraft carrier launching and landing operations. 0906 Changed std. spd. to 20 kts., changed speed to 20 kts. 0915 Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal. 0915 Sighted Merolav Island, bearing 330 T distance approx. 15 mi. 1052 Changed speed to 22 kts. 1111 OAKLAND left screening station. 1112 Reoriented screen and proceeded to station # 4 on ENTERPRISE. 1127 Changed fleet course and fleet axis to 230 T & pgc, 224 psc. 1135 BELLEAU WOOD designated fleet guide.

*J. H. Gregg*  
J. H. GREGG, Ens., USNR.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1206 Sighted URBA Island, bearing 170 T about 16 mi. 1230 OAKLAND rejoined screen. Took station # 6. 1253 Changed course to 210 T & pgc, & psc. 1315 ENTERPRISE designated fleet guide. 1335 Took station in battle formation "B". Commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds while exercising at battle problems. 1350 Sighted Espiritu Santo bearing 250 T about 20 mi. 1414 Completed battle problems. Commenced patrolling off Espiritu Santo harbor on various courses at various speeds. 1519 Ceased patrolling. Commenced approaching harbor entrance on various courses at various speeds conforming to swept channel. 1555 By signal from CTG 58.1, time was changed to minus eleven hours March 12, 1944, East Longitude Date. <sup>New Hebrides. D</sup>

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

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1618 Passed through nets. 1628 Proceeding to go port side to U.S.S. SUAMICO for fueling. 1629 Moored port side to U.S.S. SUAMICO in Second anchorage, Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides <sup>D</sup>.

Approved:

*H. T. Deppermann*  
H. T. DEPPERMAN, Comdr., USN.  
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

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

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UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELLSun. 12 March  
Saturday 11 March  
(Day) (Date) (Month) 1944Zone description F 12 Y - 11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	14° 51' 30" S	15° 00' 00" S	
Long.	168° 15' 00" E	167° 30' 00" E	

## OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

1600 to 2000 (cont'd)

for fueling. 1635 Secured special sea detail. 1640 Commenced fueling ship, draft fwd. 12'3", aft. 13'6". 1656 U.S.S. CAPERTON, moored along side to stbd. 1743 Completed fueling ship having received on board 89,339 gals fuel oil. Draft fwd. 13'4", aft. 14'6". 1745 Pursuant to CincPac spd. ltr. P16-4/00, ser.150-P, of 29 Feb. 1944, Lt.(jg) Warren S. Kelly, MC-V(S), USNR., reported for duty on board this vessel 1910 U.S.S. CAPERTON underway from alongside. 1913 Stationed special sea detail, prepared to get underway. 1918 Underway from alongside U.S.S. SUAMICO, proceeding to berth # 1 on various courses and speeds. 1957 Moored port side to U.S.S. KNAPP in berth # 1, Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides Islands, using lines and cables. The U.S.S. HEALY moored to bouy in berth # 1, U.S.S. KNAPP moored stbd side of HEALY.

*R. T. Golder*  
R. T. GOLDER, Ens., USNR.

2000 to 2400

Moored as before. 2025 CAPERTON moored to stbd side. Secured main engines and # 2 boiler, # 4 boiler steaming for auxiliary purposes.

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

Approved:

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

Examined:

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UNITED STATES SHIP	COGSWELL	Monday	13	March	1944
		<small>(Day)</small>	<small>(Date)</small>	<small>(Month)</small>	
Zone description <u>-11</u>					
Position	0800	1200	2000		
Lat.					
Long.					

**OPERATIONAL REMARKS**  
(WAR DIARY)

0000 to 0400  
Moored in destroyer nest in berth # 1 at Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides with ships in order, HEALY, KNAPP, COGSWELL and CAPERTON. Ship darkened topside with boiler # 4 steaming for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: various units of the South Pacific Fleet, with SOPA in ENTERPRISE (CTG 58.1)  
36.1  
CB  
Bowen Blair  
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

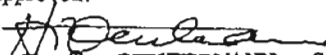
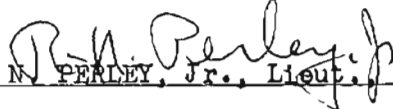
0400 to 0800  
Moored as before.  
R. T. Golder  
R. T. GOLDER, Ens., USNR.

0800 to 1200  
Moored as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal.  
J. K. Cogswell  
J. K. COGSWELL, Ens., USNR.

1200 to 1600  
Moored as before. 1240 Pursuant to Commanding Officer's order dated 13 March 1944, Ens. Donald A. Graybill, D-V(G), USNR, Jenkins, A.J., CPhM, USN., Brauer, F., TM3c, and Phillips, F.J., GM3c, left the ship for temporary duty with shore patrol. 1345 Commenced loading ammunition projectiles on barge. 1415 Yelke, F.P., FC3c received a cut on his fourth finger on the left hand while opening a cocoanut with a jack knife. The patient was examined by Lt.(jg) Kelly, MC-USNR, and was treated by closing the wound with two stitches and applying a dry sterile dressing. Not misconduct. 1540 Completed loading and transfer of 247 -5"/38 cal. AA projectiles MK 32 fuze lot "T" and 3-5"/38 cal. AA projectiles MK 32, fuze lot "V" to Naval Ammunition Depot, Navy 140.  
L. E. Spang  
L. E. SPANG, Ens., USNR.

1600 to 2000  
Moored as before. 1720 Ens., Donald A. Graybill, D-V(G), USNR, Jenkins, A.J., CPhM, USN, Braurer, F.S., TM3c, USNR, and Phillips, F.S., GM3c, USNR, reported aboard from temporary duty with the shore patrol.  
C. E. Hughes, Lt.  
C. E. HUGHES, Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000 to 2400  
Moored as before. 2000 Received on board from the NAD, Navy 140, 125 projectiles 5"/38 MK 32 fuze lot "V" and 125 projectiles 5"/38 cal MK 32 fuze lot "W".  
J. M. Ginter  
J. M. GINTER, Lt.(jg), USNR.

Approved:  H. T. DEUTERMANN, Comdr., USN. <small>Commanding Officer.</small>	Examined:  R. N. PERLEY, Jr., Lieut., USN. <small>Navigator.</small>
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UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELL Tuesday 14 March, 1944  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description 11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS  
(WAR DIARY)

0000 to 0400

Moored port side to U.S.S. KNAPP using 6 lines, berth # 1, Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides Islands. U.S.S. KNAPP moored port side to U.S.S. HEALY, U.S.S. CAPERTON moored to stbd side of COGSWELL. Boiler # 4 steaming for auxiliary purposes, ship darkened topside. Ships present: various units of the U.S. PAC. FLT., with SOPA (CTG ~~58.1~~ 36.1.9) in ENTER\* PRISE.

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

0400 to 0800

Moored as before. 0355 Condition Red- reported by base radio. 0410 Set condition of readiness I, material condition Affirm. 0418 Lit fires under boiler # 1 and cut in same on main and auxiliary steam lines at 0510. 0423 Made all preparations for getting underway. 0509 Condition Green received by radio. 0515 Secured from condition of readiness I, set port watch and material condition Baker. 0520 Let fires die out under boiler # 1 and cut out same at 0523. 0525 Cut out main steam line on boiler # 4.

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

0800 to 1200

Moored as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 1100 Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal.

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

1200 to 1600

Moored as before. 1315 Pursuant to orders of the Commanding Officer, Ens. R. T. GOLDER, left ship with three men for temporary duty with shore patrol at Fleet Recreation Center.

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

1600 to 2000

Moored as before. 1810 Lt.(jg) R. T. GOLDER, USNR., returned aboard with three men, having completed temporary duty as shore patrol.

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

2000 to 2400

Moored as before,

*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 Wednesday 15 March, 1944  
 (Day) (Date) (Month)
Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	15°-30'-00" S	14° 35' 00" S	12° 57' 00" S
Long.	167°-15'-00" E	167° 25' 00" E	165° 50' 00" E

## OPERATIONAL REMARKS

0000 to 0400

(WAR DIARY)

Moored in destroyer nest in berth # 1 at Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides with ships in order: HEALY, KNAPP, COGSWELL, and CAPERTON. Ship darkened topside with boiler # 4 steaming for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: various units of the Fourth Pac. Flt., with SQPA in ENTERPRISE (CTG 36.1)

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

0400 to 0800

Moored as before. 0433 Boiler # 2 out in on main line. 0445 Made all preparations for getting underway. 0538 CAPERTON underway from nest. 0547 HEALY underway from nest. 0556 Underway from buoy berth # 1 in accordance with ComThird Flt. sec. desp. 140525 of Mar. 1944 to join company with TG 36.1 for operations. 0637 Proceeding to negotiate channel on various courses and speeds. 0648 Passed through nets. Commenced patrolling entrance during sortie of TG 36.1. 0722 Set condition of readiness II Mike.

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

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Mustered crew on stations, no absentees. 0805 Took station # 6 in formation 5-R with flt. course and axis 000 T & pgc 328 psc, and took departure from point "Option". 0837 Changed speed and std. spd. to 21 kts. 0923 Changed course to 070 T & pgc, 063 psc for flight operations. 0930 Operations completed, changed course to 000 T & pgc, 331 psc. 1000 Took station # 4. 1118 Changed course to 290 T & pgc, 269 psc. 1128 Changed flt. axis to 290 T. 1145 Changed course to 030 T & pgc, 004 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. 1211 Changed course to 290 T & pgc, 269 psc. 1314 Changed course to 280 T & pgc, 262 psc. 1344 Changed course to 290 T & pgc, 269 psc. 1414 Changed course to 280 T & pgc, 262 psc. 1441 Changed course to 165 T & pgc, 150 psc., for flight operations. 1448 Completed flight operations. Changed course to 210 T & pgc, 213 psc. 1505 Changed course to 335 T & pgc, 309 psc. 1519 Changed flt. axis to 335 T. 1545 Changed course to 323 T & pgc, 300 psc.

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

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1613 Changed course to 335 T & pgc, 308 psc. 1706 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 8. 1750 Ceased zigzagging and changed course to 075 T & pgc, for flight operations. 1801 Changed course to 335 T & pgc, 309 psc., carriers completed flight operations. 1811 Darkened ship. 1830 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 8. 1915 INGERSOLL took station # 4. 1916 Reoriented and took station # 6 on ENTERPRISE.

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

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before.

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

Approved:

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

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

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UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELL

Thursday 16 March 1944  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	09° 16' 00" S	08° 16' 10" S	06° 08' 00" S
Long.	64° 05' 00" E	163° 45' 30" E	162° 20' 30" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

0000 to 0400

(WAR DIARY)

Steaming in company with TG 36.1 in accordance with ComThird flt. sec. desp. 140525 of Mar. 1944, on flt. course and axis 335 T & pgc, 309 psc ~~std.~~ std. spd. 21 kts. In station # 6 formation 5-R, zigzagging in accordance with plan # 8. Steaming on boilers # 2 and # 4, the ship darkened condition of readiness II Mike, and material condition Baker set. Ships in company: ENTERPRISE (OTC - CTG 36.1), BELLEAU WOOD, MOBILE, BILOXI, SANTE FE, OAKLAND and DESRON 50.

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

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0515 Exercised crew at general quarters. Set material condition affirm. 0540 BELLEAU WOOD commenced pre-dawn flight operations. 0549 Set material condition Baker. 0550 BELLEAU WOOD completed flight operations. 0555 Secured from general quarters, set condition of readiness II Mike. 0640 BELLEAU WOOD recovered aircraft.

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

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Mustered crew on stations, no absentees. 0900 Held/monthly pay day. 0905 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. Changed speed and std. spd. to 22 kts. 0912 Changed course to 215 T & pgc, 198 psc, for flight operations. 0923 Launching completed, changed course to 340 T & pgc, 314 psc. 0930 Took station # 6 in special 10 ship screen. 1034 Took station # 8 in formation 5-V. 1156 Changed course to 220 T & pgc, 204 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. 1202 Changed course to 190 T & pgc, 196 psc. 1216 Changed course to 210 T & pgc, 213 psc. 1225 Changed course to 345 T & pgc, 321 psc. 1515 Changed flt. course and axis to 320 T & pgc, 301 psc.

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

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1635 Changed course to 295 T & pgc, 278 psc. 1637 Changed course to 265 T & pgc, 254 psc. 1642 Changed course to 240 T & pgc, 235 psc. 1647 Changed course to 325 T & pgc, 306 psc. 1658 Changed std. spd. to 17 kts., changed spd. to 17 kts. 1700 Took battle formation station, in battle formation affirm, 20° on stbd. bow of SANTE FE. 1743 Completed battle problem. Proceeding to station # 6 on ENTERPRISE in formation 5-R. 1747 Changed flt. course and flt. axis to 325 T & pgc, 303 psc. 1749 Changed speed to 22 kts. 1803 Took a/s screening station # 6 on ENTERPRISE in formation 5-R, special screen. 1821 Darkened ship.

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

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2045 Changed speed and std. spd. to 20 kts.

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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 COGSWELL Friday 17 March, 1944  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	02° 38' 00" S	02° 56' 00" S	02° 49' 45" S
Long.	157° 20' 00" E	159° 17' 50" E	159° 58' 00" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

0000 to 0400

(WAR DIARY)

Steaming in company with TG 36.1 in accordance with ComThird Flt. Sec. Desp. 140525 of ~~Mar.~~ 1944, in cruising disposition 5-R, on flt. course and axis 325 T, steaming at std. spd 20 kts., ENTERPRISE is formation guide. Steaming on boilers # 2 and # 4, the ship is darkened and in condition of readiness II Mike and material condition Baker. Ships in company: ENTERPRISE (OTC -CTG 36.1), BELLEAU WOOD, BLOXI, MOBILE, SANTA FE, OAKLAND, and DESRON 50.

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

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0530 Exercised crew at general quarters. Set material condition Affirm. 0608 Set material condition Baker. 0616 Secured from general quarters, set condition of readiness II Mike. 0636 Changed course to 310 T & pgc, 292 psc. 0722 Changed course to 330 T & pgc, 309 psc. 0755 Changed course to 300 T & pgc, 283 psc.

*L. B. Gresham*  
L. B. GRESHAM, Ens., USNR.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 0817 Changed course to 280 T & pgc, 267 psc. 0847 Changed course to 260 T & pgc, 251 psc. 0912 Changed course to 050 T & pgc, 037 psc, for flight operations. 0945 Operations completed, changed course to 270 T & pgc, 258 psc. 0955 Changed flt. axis to 270 T. 1037 Changed speed and std. spd. to 18 kts. 1038 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 8. Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal. Made weekly inspection of sprinkling system, conditions normal.

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

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1212 Ceased zigzagging, came to course 005 T for flight operations. 1238 Completed flight operations. Changed course to 260 T & pgc, 250 psc. 1304 Changed course to 000 T & pgc, 340 psc., for flight operations. 1312 Completed flight operations. Changed course to 260 T & pgc, 250 psc. 1322 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 8. 1511 Ceased zigzagging, came to course 000 T & pgc, 340 psc., for flight operations. 1535 Completed flight operations, changed course to 255 T & pgc, 245 psc. 1543 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 8.

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

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1820 Ceased zigzagging, changed course to 355 T & pgc, 334 psc., carriers and cruisers commenced flight operations. 1842 Darkened ship. 1853 Changed flt. course and flt. axis to 285 T & pgc, 270 psc. Reoriented and took station # 6 on ENTERPRISE. 1903 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 2.

*L. B. Gresham*  
L. B. GRESHAM, Ens., USNR.

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 Lighted fires under boiler # 1. 2058 Cut in boiler # 1 on the main line. 2101 Secured boiler # 1.

*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 COGSWELLSaturday 18 March, 1944  
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description 77

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	10° 32' 15" S	01° 21' 00" S	02° 01' 00" S
Long.	154° 40' 15" E	158° 11' 00" E	156° 10' 45" E

## OPERATIONAL REMARKS

000 to 0400

(WAR DIARY)

Steaming in company with TG 36.1 in accordance with ComThird Flt. Sec. Desp. 140525 of Mar. 1944, on flt. course and axis 285 T & pgc, 270 psc, at std. spd. 18 kts. In station # 6 of a/s screen in cruising disp. 5-R. ENTERPRISE flt. guide and center, zigzagging in accordance with plan #2. Steaming on boilers #1 and #4 with ship darkened and in condition of readiness II M and material condition Baker. Ships in company: ENTERPRISE (OTC, CTG 36.1), BELLEAU WOOD, BILOXI, MOBILE, SANTE FE, OAKLAND and DESRON 50.

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

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0545 Exercised crew at general quarters. Set material condition Affirm. Changed flt. course and flt. axis to 000 T & pgc, 340 psc., maneuvered to take station in a/s screen # 4 on OAKLAND in disp. 5-F in preparation for fueling exercise. 0620 On screening station #4, destroyers commenced fueling exercise. 0621 Changed spd. to 10 kts, commenced patrolling on station. 0621 Set material condition Baker. 0634 Secured from general quarters, set condition of readiness II M. 0710 Changed base course to 050 T & pgc, 040 psc.

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

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Mustered crew on stations, no absentees. 0954 Maneuvered to go alongside ENTERPRISE to fuel. 1010 Alongside ENTERPRISE 1015 Commenced fueling. 1133 Completed fueling after having received 64,763 gal's. at 60 F. 1137 Cast off from ENTERPRISE. Proceeded to pass mail to OAKLAND. 1158 Completed passing mail. Took station #6 with flt. in formation 5-R on base course 140 T & pgc, 158 psc., with flt. axis 140 T. Changed spd. to 18 kts. Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal.

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

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1817 Changed course to 030 T & pgc, 009 psc., for carrier flight operation. 1832 Carriers completed flight operations, changed flt. course and flt. axis to 000 T & pgc, 340 psc. Reorienting to take station #6 on ENTERPRISE. 1835 Changed spd. to 15 kts. 1847 Darkened ship. 1915 Changed spd. to 18 kts. 1920 Took a/s screening station #6 on ENTERPRISE.

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

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1212 Changed course to 040 T & pgc, 023 psc., for flight operations. 1234 Changed course to 140 T & pgc, 158 psc., completed flight operations. 1245 Changed flt. spd. and std. spd. to 20 kts. 1512 Changed course to 045 T & pgc, 029 psc. for flight operations. 1536 Completed flight operations and changed course to 150 T & pgc, 167 psc.

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

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #8.

Approved:

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

Examined:

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

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Zone description -//

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	10 <sup>0</sup> 32' 15" S	01 <sup>0</sup> 21' 00" S	02 <sup>0</sup> 01' 00" S
Long.	154 <sup>0</sup> 40' 15" E	158 <sup>0</sup> 11' 00" E	156 <sup>0</sup> 10' 45" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

2000 to 2400 (cont'd)

2008 Lighted fires under boiler # 2. 2105 Cut in boiler # 2 on the main line. 2113 Secured boiler # 1. 2200 Ceased zigzagging and changed course to 270 T & pgc, 259 psc. taking station # 2. 2215 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 8.

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BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

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R. N. PERLEY, Jr., Lieut., USN.  
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UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELL Sunday 19 March 1944  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -71

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	02° 40' 00" S	02° 11' 00" S	01° 41' 55" S
Long.	154° 33' 00" E	153° 54' 00" E	152° 33' 45" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000 to 0400

Steaming in company with TG 36.1 in accordance with ComThird Flt. Sec. Desp. 140525 of Mar. 1944, in cruising Disposition 5-R, in station #2 of a/s screen, Flt. axis is 000 T, flt. course 270 T & pgc, 259 psc., ENTERPRISE fleet guide and center, at 18 kts, std. spd. Steaming on boilers #2 and #4 with ship darkened, and in condition of readiness II Mike and material condition Baker set. Ships present: ENTERPRISE(OTC, CTG 36.1) BELLEAU WOOD, BILOXI, MOBILE, SANTE FE, OAKLAND and DESRON 50 0300 Ceased zigzagging and came to course 180 T & pgc, 190 psc. Took station #5 of a/s screen, assumed anti-submarine radar guard. 0315 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 8.

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

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0545 Exercised crew at general quarters. Set material condition Affirm. 0602 Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course. 0610 Surface contacts, reported bearing 190 T, distance 17 mi. Identified as friendly. 0613 Changed course to 055 T & pgc, 042 psc., for carrier flight operations. 0628 Secured from general quarters, set condition of readiness II M, material condition Baker. 0633 Carriers completed flight operations, changed course to 180 T & pgc, 197 psc. 0643 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 8. 0700 Sighted friendly task group bearing 257 T, distance approx. 10 mi. 0729 Ceased zigzagging and changed course to 300 T & pgc, 284 psc. Reoriented and took station # 2 on ENTERPRISE. 0737 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 7.

*G. F. Gregg*  
G. F. GREGG, Ens., USNR.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0815 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 0912 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. 0930 Changed course to 055 T and pgc, 045 psc., for flight operations. 1009 Operations completed. Changed course to 300 T & pgc, 285 psc. 1050 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 8/ 1117 Ceased zigzagging and changed course to 230 T & pgc, 229 psc. 1131 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 8. Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal.

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

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1220 Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course. 1225 Changed course to 040 T & pgc, 024 psc., for flight operations. 1238 Completed flight operations, changed course to 230 T & pgc, 228 psc. 1250 Changed course to 040 T & pgc, 024 psc., for flight operations. 1309 Completed flight operations, changed course to 250 T & pgc, 243 psc. Took station # 1 of a/s screen. 1316 Exercised crew at general quarters for battle problem. 1411 Ceased zigzagging, came to course 220 T & pgc, 220 psc., took station # 3 of a/s screen. 1415 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 8. 1528 Ceased zigzagging, came to course 225 T & pgc, 305 psc., for flight operations. Took station # 4 of a/s screen.

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

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1602 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 8. 1708 Ceased zigzagging and changed course to 270 T & pgc, 259 psc. Took station # 2 on ENTERPRISE. 1736 Commenced zigzagging in accordance

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H. T. DEUTERMANN, Comdr., USN.  
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Examined: *R. W. Perley, Jr.*  
R. W. PERLEY, Jr., Lieut., USN.  
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELL SUNDAY 19 March, 1944  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	02° 40' 00" S	02° 11' 00" S	01° 41' 55" S
Long.	154° 33' 00" E	153° 54' 00" E	152° 33' 45" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

1600 to 2000 (cont'd)

with plan # 8. 1839 Ceased zigzagging and changed course to 035 T & pgc, 042 psc. Took station # 8 on ENTERPRISE. Carriers commenced flight operations. 1852 Changed course to 000 T & pgc, 340 psc. Took a/s screening station # 6. 1901 Darkened ship. 1904 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 8.

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

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2200 Ceased zigzagging and changed course to 270 T & pgc, 260 psc., taking a/s screening station # 2. 2210 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 8.

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BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

Approved:

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UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELL Monday 20 March, 1944  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	01° 03' 00" S	1° 13' 00" S	00° 49' 45" S
Long.	150° 03' 00" E	150° 23' 00" E	150° 30' 45" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

0000 to 0400

(WAR DIARY)

Steaming in company with TG 36.1 in accordance with ComThird Flt. Sec. Desp. 140525 of Mar. 1944, on flt. course 270 T & pgc, 260 psc, at 18 kts. std. spd. In station #2 of a/s screen, cruising disp. 5-R, flt. axis 000 T., ENTERPRISE flt. guide and center, zigzagging in accordance with plan #8. Steaming on boilers #2 & #4 with ship darkened, and in condition of readiness II M and in material condition Baker. Ships present: ENTERPRISE (OTC-CTG 36.1), BELLEAU WOOD, BILOXI, MOBILE, SANTA FE, OAKLAND and DESRON 50.

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

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0600 Exercised crew at general quarters. Set material condition Affirm. 0615 Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course. 0648 Changed course to 225 T & pgc, 205 psc. 0655 Took station #3. 0658 Changed course to 340 T & pgc, 328 psc., changed spd. to 24 kts., took station #4. 0708 Set material condition Baker. 0719 Secured from general quarters, set condition of readiness II M. 0720 Changed course to 000 T & pgc, 340 psc. 0721 Changed spd. to 18 kts., took station #6. 0731 Changed course to 125 T & pgc, 141 psc. Took station #9. 0736 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #8. 0743 Sighted Mussau Island bearing 220 T distance 25 miles.

*L. B. Gagg*  
L. B. GAGG, Ens., USNR.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0837 Ceased zigzagging and changed course to 190 T & pgc, 200 psc. 0840 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 0854 Changed course to 025 T & pgc, 023 psc, for flight operations. 0916 Operations completed, changed course to 125 T & pgc, 141 psc. 0933 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #8. 0957 Ceased zigzagging and changed course to 030 T & pgc, 028 psc. for flight operations. 1023 Changed course to 355 T & pgc, 353 psc. 1035 Operations completed, changed course to 180 T & pgc, & psc. 1052 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #8. 1120 Ceased zigzagging and changed course to 090 T & pgc, 088 psc. 1128 Changed course to 230 T & pgc, 222 psc. Made daily inspection of magazines and SP. samples, condition normal.

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

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. Steaming on courses 010 & 125 and spds. of 24 and 18 kts. conforming to actions of TG 36.1 while launching and recovering aircraft. Made approximate compensation of standard magnetic compass using gyro compass headings, and made swings for approximate residuals.

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

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1607 Sighted friendly task force bearing 300 T distance 10 mi. 1628 Ceased zigzagging, changed course to 010 T & pgc, 004 psc., for carrier operations, took station #6. 1640 Aircraft from Belleau Wood crashed into sea after taking off from carrier's flight deck. HEALY and GATLING proceeded to scene of crash. 1646 Changed course to 170 T & pgc, carriers completed operations. Took station #3 on ENTERPRISE. 1707 Changed course to 220 T & pgc, 1727 Changed course to 015 T & pgc, 020 psc, carriers commenced flight operations. Took a/s station #6. 1817 Carriers completed flight operations, changed course to 220 T & pgc, 214 psc, took a/s station #3 on ENTERPRISE.

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UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELL Monday 20 March, 1944  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	01° 03' 00" S	1° 13' 00" (S)	00° 49' 45" S
Long.	150° 03' 00" E	150° 23' 00" (E)	150° 30' 45" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS  
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1600 to 2000 (cont'd)

1836 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan #8. 1909 Darkened ship.

*L. B. GGG*  
L. B. GGG, Ens., USNR.

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2130 Ceased zigzagging and changed course to 090 T & pgc, 092 psc., and took station #9. 2140 Resumed zigzagging according to plan # 8.

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

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UNITED STATES SHIP COBSWELL Tuesday 21 March, 1944  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	01° 33' 00" S	01° 50' 00" S	02° 33' 00" S
Long.	151° 55' 00" E	152° 49' 30" E	153° 48' 00" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000 to 0400

Steaming in company with TG 36.1 in accordance with ComThird Flt. Sec. Desp. 140525 of Mar. 1944, on base course 090 T & pgc, 090 psc., at 18 kts. std. spd. in station #9 of a/s screen, in cruising disp. 5-R, on flt. axis 000, ENTERPRISE flt. guide and center, zigzagging in accordance with plan # 8. Steaming on boilers #2 and #4 with ship darkened and in condition of readiness II M and material condition Baker. Ships in company: ENTERPRISE (OTC -CTG 36.1), BELLEAU WOOD, BILOXI, MOBILE, SANTA FE, OAKLAND and DESRON 50. 0230 Ceased zigzagging and came to course 180 T & pgc, 179 psc, in station #5 of a/s screen and assumed a/s radar guard. 0240 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan #8.

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

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0500 Lighted fires under #1 and #3 boilers. 0600 Exercised crew at general quarters. 0613 Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course. 0615 Changed course to 015 T & pgc, 010 psc., for carrier flight operations. 0632 Changed course to 120 T & pgc, 120 psc., carriers completed flight operations. Took station #9 on ENTERPRISE. 0648 Changed course to 010 T & pgc, 0657 Changed course to 120 T & pgc, 120 psc. 0703 Secured from general quarters, set condition II M, material condition Baker. 0709 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 8. 0730 Ceased zigzagging, changed course to 050 T & pgc, 0733 Changed course to 120 T & pgc, 120 psc. 0742 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #8.

*L. E. Megg*  
L. E. MEGG, Ens., USNR.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Secured boiler #1. 0820 Secured boiler #3. 0828 Ceased zigzagging and changed course to 025 T & pgc, 020 psc. for flight operations. 0830 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 0837 Flight operations completed. Changed course to 130 T & pgc, 135 psc. 0850 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #8. 0937 Exercised crew at fire and rescue drill. 0940 Sighted friendly task force bearing 002 T at 14.5 mi. 0950 Changed course to 025 T & pgc, 020 psc., for flight operations. 1007 Operations completed, changed course to 130 T & pgc, 132 psc. 1009 Secured from fire and rescue drill. Exercised crew at abandon ship drill. 1018 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #8. 1020 Secured from abandon ship drill. 1140 Ceased zigzagging and changed course to 015 T & pgc, 010 psc., for launching operations. 1151 Launching completed. Changed course to 130 T & pgc, 132 psc. Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal.

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

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1203 Changed course to 010 T & pgc, 004 psc., for flight operations. 1225 Completed flight operations, changed course to 140 T & pgc, 143 psc. 1255 Changed course to 000 T & pgc, 352 psc. for flight operations. 1259 Completed flight operations, changed course to 140 T & pgc, 143 psc. 1311 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan #8. 1508 Ceased zigzagging, changed course to 350 T & pgc, 344 psc., for flight operations. 1540 Changed course to 160 T & pgc, 162 psc. Left screen to go alongside KNAPP to receive mail. 1547 Received mail from KNAPP.

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

Approved:

*H. T. Deutermann*  
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Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELL Tuesday 21 March, 1944  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	01° 33' 00" S	01° 50' 00" S	02° 33' 00" S
Long.	151° 55' 00" E	152° 49' 30" E	153° 48' 00" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS  
(WAR DIARY)

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1611 Changed course to 350 T & pgc, 343 psc. 1620 Took station on stbd. quarter of SANTE FE. Received mail. 1640 Took station on stbd. quarter of ENTERPRISE. Delivered mail to ENTERPRISE. 1645 Manuevered and took station #7 in a/s screen on ENTERPRISE. 1650 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan #8. 1836 Ceased zigzagging changed course to 355 T & pgc, 347 psc., for carrier flight operations. 1854 Changed course to 115 T & pgc, 115 psc, carriers completed flight operations. Took station #8 on ENTERPRISE. 1855 Darkened ship. 1908 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan #8.

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

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before.

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

Approved:

*H. T. Deutermann*  
H. T. DEUTERMANN, Comdr., USN.  
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*R. N. Perley, Jr.*  
R. N. PERLEY, Jr., Lieut., USN.  
Navigator.

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Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	04° 10' 00" S	04° 30' 00" S	03° 40' 00" S
Long.	156° 39' 00" E	157° 17' 30" E	158° 13' 00" E

## OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000 to 0400

Steaming in company with TG 36.1 in accordance with ComThird Flt. Sec. Desp. 140525 of March 1944, on flt. course 115 T & pgc, 125 psc., zigzagging in accordance with plan #8. On a/s screening station #9 of cruising disp. 5-R. ENTERPRISE flt. guide and center on flt. axis 000 T. Steaming on boilers #2 and #4, ship darkened and in condition of readiness II M, with material condition Baker set. Ships present: ENTERPRISE (OTC -CTG 36.1), BELLEAU WOOD, BILOXI, MOBILE, SANTE FE, OAKLAND and DESRON 50. 0030 Ceased zigzagging, changed course to 125 T & pgc., a/s station # 8. 0040 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #8. ~~0045 ENTERPRISE was designated guide.~~

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

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0433 Surface contacts 045 T, 20 mi. 0515 Surface contacts identified as friendly. 0545 Exercised crew at general quarters. Set material condition Affirm. 0555 Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course. 0558 BELLEAU WOOD commenced flight operations. 0620 Set material condition Baker. 0630 BELLEAU WOOD reported crash of friendly plane. COTTEN proceeded to scene of crashed plane. 0632 Changed course to 010 T & pgc, 003 psc. for carrier flight operations. 0633 Secured from general quarters, set condition of readiness II M. 0635 Carriers completed flight operations, changed course to 120 T & pgc, 120 psc. 0651 Changed course to 130 T & pgc, 132 psc., took station #7 on ENTERPRISE. 0652 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan #8. 0705 Sighted friendly surface units bearing 021 T, distance 12 miles.

*L. W. [Signature]*, Ens., USNR.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters, noabsentees. 0841 Sighted Tauu Island, bearing 174 T about 14 mi. 0854 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. 0938 Changed course to 015 T & pgc, 010 psc., for flight operations. 1021 Operations completed, changed course to 105 T & pgc, 106 psc. 1025 General quarters for AA machine gun practices. 1040 Changed course to 120 T & pgc, 122 psc. 1043 Commenced firing machine gun battery at sleeve towed by plane on "Tare" runs. 1046 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #8. 1056 Ceased firing. Ammunition expended: 277 rds. 40 mm and 410 rds 20 mm. 1059 Secured from general quarters, and set condition of readiness IIM. Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, condition normal. 1137 - Belleau Wood designated Flt. Guide.

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

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1218 Ceased zigzagging resumed base course. 1227 changed course to 330 T & pgc, 319 psc., for flight operations. 1245 ENTERPRISE designated flt. guide. Completed flight operations. 1253 Changed course to 120 T & pgc, 122 psc. took station #9 of a/s screen. 1310 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #8. 1348 Ceased zigzagging changed course to 000 T & pgc, for flight operations. 1400 Completed flight operations and changed course to 125 T & pgc, 127 psc. 1408 Changed course to 140 T & pgc, 142 psc., took station #7. 1425 GATLING left screen. Took station #5 of 9 ship screen. 1453 Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course. 1510 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #8.

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H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.

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Lat.	04° 10' 00" S	04° 30' 00" S	03° 40' 00" S
Long.	156° 39' 00" E	157° 17' 30" E	158° 13' 00" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1618 BELLEAU WOOD left formation for firing exercise accompanied by GATLING. 1620 Changed course to 320 T & pgc, 309 psc. 1628 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan #8. Took station #4 on ENTERPRISE. 1745 BELLEAU WOOD and GATLING rejoined formation. 1750 HEALY and KNAPP left formation. 1831 Ceased zigzagging, changed course to 350 T & pgc, 342 psc. for carrier flight operations. 1842 Darkened ship. Carriers completed flight operations, changed course to 320 T & pgc, 310 psc. 1843 HEALY and KNAPP rejoined formation. 1850 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan #8.

*L. B. Green*  
L. B. GREEN, Ens., USNR.

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2130 Changed speed to 22 kts. 2133 ENTERPRISE recovered night fighters. 2137 Took former station # 4 in a/s screen. Changed course to 315 T & pgc, 313 psc., and speed to 18 kts. 2143 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 8. 2300 Surface contact bearing 314 T at 17 miles identified as friendly task group.

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

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H. T. DEUTERMANN, Comdr., USN.  
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Lat.	01° 36' 00" S	01° 45' 00" S	00° 07' 00" S
Long.	155° 49' 00" E	155° 48' 45" E	155° 51' 00" E

## OPERATIONAL REMARKS

0000 to 0400

(WAR DIARY)

Steaming in company with TG 36.1 in accordance with Comthird Flt. Sec. Desp. of Mar. 1944., in station #4 of a/s screen in formation 5-R. Axis 000, flt. guide in ENTERPRISE, base course 315 T & pgc, 303 psc, speed 2 and std. spd. 18 kts. (177 rpm) Ship in condition of readiness II M, material condition Baker and darkened, boilers #2 and #4 in use. Ships in company: ENTERPRISE(OTC-) BELLEAU WOOD, BILOXI, MOBILE, SANTA FE, OAKLAND and DESRON 50. 0240 CACERTON left formation for tracking exercises 0245 Took station # 2 in a/s screen.

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

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0503 Ceased zigzagging resumed base course. 0506 Changed course to 045 T & pgc, . 0514 Changed course to 135 T & pgc. 0540 Exercised crew at general quarters. 0600 Surface contacts, bearing 134 T distance 12 mi. Identified as friendly tanker and escort. 0612 Changed course to 000 T & pgc, 356 psc, took station #4 on ENTERPRISE. 0625 Sighted tanker and escort bearing 090 T distance 9 mi. 0626 Set material condition Baker. 0628 Secured from general quarters, set condition of readiness II M. 0637 Changed course to 270 T & pgc, 260 psc. 0641 Sighted tanker bearing 205 T distance 7 mi. 0652 Changed course to 000 T & pgc, 356 psc. 0655 Took station #4 in a/s screen in formation 5-F for commencement of fueling exercise. Tankers took station in center of formation. 0659 CACAPON designated guide. 0725 Changed speed to 5 kts. 0740 Changed speed to 7 kts.

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

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 0827 Changed fueling speed to 9 kts. 1100 Left screening station to go along side CACAPON. 1119 Alongside CACAPON. 1126 Commenced fueling. Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal.

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

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1222 Completed fueling. Received 80,052 gals. at 60 F. 1227 Let go all lines, cleared CACAPON. Took station #4 of a/s screen in formation 5-F. 1245 Commenced patrolling station.

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

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1638 Changed flt. course and axis to 090 T & pgc, 088 psc. Took station #4. 1850 Darkened ship. 1900 Maneuvering to re-orient to formation 5-R. Completed fueling exercise. 1930 Took a/s station #9 on ENTERPRISE. 1946 Changed course to 220 T & pgc, 214 psc, took station #3, tankers left formation. 1935 Pursuant to auth. contained in BuPers Circ. Ltr. 263-43, LINDLEY, Kenneth F., 287 13 30, CWT(AA USN, was appointed to the rank of Machinist in the Navy, for temporary service made by President on 15 Dec. 1943. Appointment accepted this date, effective from 15 Dec. 1943.

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

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #8.

Approved:

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

Examined:

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BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.  
*R. N. Perley, Jr.*  
R. N. PERLEY, Jr., Lieut., USN.  
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Lat.	02° 41' 00" S	02° 42' 00" S	01° 40' 00" S
Long.	154° 17' 45" E	153° 32' 15" E	152° 08' 00" E

## OPERATIONAL REMARKS

0000 to 0400

(WAR DIARY)

Steaming in company with TG 36.1 in accordance with ComThird Flt. Sec. Desp. of Mar. 1944 # 140525, on base course 220 T & pgc, 213 psc., on flt. axis 000 T at flt. spd. & std. spd. 18 kts. On station #3 of a/s screen in formation 5-R, ENTERPRISE flt. guide and center. Steaming on boilers #2 & #4, ship darkened, condition of readiness II M, and material condition Baker set. Ships in company: ENTERPRISE (OTC-CTG 36.1), BELLEAU WOOD, BILOXI, MOBILE, SANTA FE, OAKLAND and DESRON 50.

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

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0540 Exercised crew at general quarters, set material condition AFirm. 0605 Set material condition Baker. 0608 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. 0615 Changed course to 025 T & pgc, 021 psc, for flight operations. 0620 Secured from general quarters. Set condition of readiness II M. 0635 Completed flight operations. Changed course to 160 T & pgc, 162 psc. Took station #7 in a/s screen. 0642 Lighted ship. 0643 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #8. 0739 Ceased zigzagging and changed course to 310 T & pgc, 300 psc. Took station #2 in a/s screen. 0746 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #8. 0758 Exercised crew at general quarters for 5" spotting practice.

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

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 0802 Took station astern of formation for main battery firing practice. 0854 Resumed former station in screen. 0918 Secured from general quarters. Set condition of readiness II M. 0953 Exercised crew at general quarters. Took station astern of formation for main battery firing practice. 1018 Commenced firing 5" battery at spar buoy towed by SANTA FE. 1031 Ceased firing. Ammunition expended: 15 rds. 5" AA common projectiles SPD 3330. 1038 Secured from general quarters, set condition of readiness II M. 1123 Took station #1 in screen with formation on base course 230 T & pgc, 222 psc., zigzagging according to plan #8 at 18 kts. 1158 Changed course to 000 T & pgc, 335 psc. Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal. Made weekly inspection of magazine sprinkling system, conditions satisfactory.

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

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1202 Ceased zigzagging resumed base course. 1217 Changed course to 310 T & pgc, 300 psc. Took station #4. 1240 Changed course to 000 T & pgc, 357 psc. Took station #6 for flight operations. 1300 Completed flight operations, changed course to 280 T & pgc, 270 psc took station #2. 1325 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #2. 1325 Sighted land bearing 265 distance approx. 35 mi. Identified as ~~Little~~ <sup>Little</sup> LINDA Island. 1504 Changed course to 000 T & pgc, 357 psc., for flight operations, changed course to 240 T & pgc, 231 psc., on station #2. 1528 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #8. 1547 Ceased zigzagging, changed course to 355 T & pgc, 350 psc., for flight operations.

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

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1604 Carriers completed flight operations.

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H. T. DEUTERMAN, Comdr., USN.  
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## OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

1600 to 2000 (cont'd)

Changed course to 080 T & pgc, 079 psc. 1620 Changed course to 280 T & pgc, 269 psc., took a/s screening station #2. 1630 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 8. 1742 Sighted land bearing 218 T distance 40 mi. Identified as New Ireland. 1811 Ceased zigzagging, changed course to 210 T & pgc, 206 psc. Took station #3. 1833 Changed course to 000 T & pgc, 355 psc. for carrier flight operation, took station #6. 1850 Carriers completed flight operations, commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan #8. 1902 Darkened ship.

*[Signature]*  
Ens., USNR.

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2330 Ceased zigzagging and changed course to 250 T & pgc, 242 psc. 2340 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #8.

*[Signature]*  
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

Approved:

*[Signature]*  
H. T. DEUTERMANN, Comdr., USN.  
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Examined:

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Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	01° 11' 00" S	00° 47' 00" S	01° 28' 55" S
Long.	150° 25' 00" E	150° 51' 00" E	151° 35' 30" E

## OPERATIONAL REMARKS

0000 to 0400

(WAR DIARY)

Steaming in company with TG.36.1 in accordance with ComThird Flt. Sec. Desp. 140525 of Mar. 1944, on base course 250 T & pgc, 242 psc., at std. spd. 18 kts., in cruising disp. 5-R on station #1 of a/s screen. ENTERPRISE flt. guide and center. Steaming on boilers #2 & #4, ship darkened with condition of readiness II M and material condition Baker set. Ships in company: ENTERPRISE(OTC-CTG 36.1), BELLEAU WOOD, BILOXI, MOBILE, SANTA FE, OAKLAND and DESRON 50.

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

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0600 Exercised crew at general quarters. Set material condition Affirm. 0620 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. 0627 Changed course to 060 T & pgc, 059 psc, took station #10. 0647 Secured from general quarters, set condition of readiness II M, material condition Baker. 0650 Carriers commenced flight operations. 0651 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan #2. 0734 Carriers completed flight operations, changed course to 280 T & pgc, took a/s screening station #2. 0742 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan #7.

*L. N. GREGG*  
L. N. GREGG, Ens., USNR.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0803 Sighted Mussau Island bearing 253 about 33.6 mi. 0830 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 0921 ENTERPRISE took station astern of formation. Santa Fe designated flt. guide. 0943 Ceased zigzagging and changed course to 020 T & pgc, & psc. 1018 Changed course to 290 T & pgc, 280 psc. 1020 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #8. 1102 Ceased zigzagging and changed course to 030 T & pgc, # psc., for flight operations. 1112 Operations completed, changed course to 130 T & pgc, 133 psc. 1120 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #8. 1143 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. 1145 Changed course to 340 T & pgc, 333 psc. 1152 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #8. Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal.

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

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1215 Ceased zigzagging, changed course to 060 T & pgc, 059 psc., for flight operations. 1227 Completed flight operations. Changed course to 135 T & pgc, 139 psc., took station #7 of a/s screen. 1231 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan #8. 1258 Ceased zigzagging, changed course to 060 T & pgc, 059 psc., for flight operations. 1320 Changed course to 080 T & pgc, 080 psc. 1330 Changed course to 090 T & pgc, & psc. 1340 Completed flight operations, changed course to 135 T & pgc, 139 psc., on station #7 of a/s screen. 1356 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #7. 1513 Ceased zigzagging, changed course to 080 T & pgc, & psc., for flight operations. 1540 Completed flight operations. 1543 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan #8.

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

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1600 BELLEAU WOOD designated flt. guide.

Approved:

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H. T. DEUTERMANN, Comdr., USN.  
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Long.	150° 25' 00" E	150° 51' 00" E	151° 35' 30" E

## OPERATIONAL REMARKS

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1600 to 2000 (Cont'd)

1615 Ceased zigzagging, changed course to 040 T & pgc, 036 psc. Changed speed to 23 kts. (235 rpm) while carriers conducted air operations. 1631 Flight operations completed, changed course to 135 T & pgc, 133 psc. Changed speed to 18 kts. (180 rpm). 1634 SANTA FE designated flt. guide. 1636 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #8. 1715 BELLEAU WOOD designated flt. guide. 1732 MOBILE designated to assume tactical command. 1832 ENTERPRISE assumed tactical command. 1835 Changed course to 085 T & pgc, 085 psc. 1837 Changed course to 060 T & pgc, 058 psc. 1840 Standard spd. 21 kts., steaming at std. 1901 ENTERPRISE became flt. guide. Changed course to 120 T & pgc, 124 psc.

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

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2219 Changed course to 124 T & pgc, 126 psc.

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

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Lat.	01° 35' 30" S	01° 04' 00" S	01° 16' 00" S
Long.	154° 45' 55" E	155° 10' 00" E	155° 11' 00" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000 to 0400

Steaming in company with TG 36.1 in accordance with ComThird Flt. Sec. Desp. 140525 of Mar. 1944, on base course 124 T & pgc, 126 psc. at std. spd. 21 kts. In a/s station #9 in formation 5-R, with ENTERPRISE flt. guide and center. Steaming on boilers #2 & #4, ship darkened and condition II M and material condition baker set. Ships in company: ENTERPRISE (OTC-CTG 36.1), BELLEAU WOOD, BILOXI, MOBILE, SANTA FE, OAKLAND and DESRON 50. 0230 Changed course to 060 T & pgc, 058 psc, took station # 10.

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

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0540 Exercised crew at general quarters, set material condition affirm. 0607 Secured from general quarters, set condition of readiness II M, material condition baker. 0610 SANTA FE designated guide. Carriers commenced flight operations. 0625 Carriers completed flight operations. 0704 ENTERPRISE designated flt. guide. 0705 Changed course to 040 T & pgc, 036 psc. 0717 Changed course to 030 T & pgc, 024 psc. 0722 Changed course to 000 T & pgc, 351 psc, took station #6. 0735 Sighted USS KASKASKIA and escort, 0751 Changed course to 030 T & pgc, 024 psc., took station #8. 0755 USS KASKASKIA joined company.

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

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 0802 Took station #2 in formation 5-F with flt. course and axis 045 T and flt. spd. 09 kts. 0830 Changed std. spd. to 15 kts. 0925 Sighted USS CACAPON and escort bearing 102 T, about 16 mi. 0950 CACAPON joined formation. 1148 Maneuvering to go alongside CACAPON. Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal.

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

1200 to 1600

Maneuvering as before. 1205 Tow line secure. 1206 Commenced fueling ship 1239 Completed fueling ship, rec'd. 47,400 gal. at 60 F. 1245 All lines clear. Cleared CACAPON proceeded to station in a/s screen/ 1300 Changed flt. course and axis to 120 T & pgc, 119 psc. 1535 Changed flt. course and axis to 150 T & pgc, 153 psc.

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

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1613 Sighted friendly task force bearing 194 T distance 9 mi. 1620 Changed course and flt. axis to 190 T. 1653 Changed course and flt. axis to 220 T. 1829 Changed course to 270 T and flt. axis to 075 T. 1834 ENTERPRISE designated flt. guide. 1840 Changed course to 085 T & pgc, changed spd. to 15 kts. (150 rpm). Proceeding to form 5-R station #5 on a/s screen. 1854 Changed course to 270 T. 1901 Changed std. spd. to 22 kts. 1903 On station #5 of a/s screen, guide bearing 150 T, distance 5500 yds. Joined Task Force 58, designation of task group changed to 58.1 in accordance with ComThird Flt. Sec. Desp. 211443 of Mar 1944.

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

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2007 Changed course to 285 T & pgc, 275 psc. Took station #3. 2010 Changed std. spd/ to 20 kts. Changed spd. to 20 kts.

Approved:

Examined:

*H. T. Deuttermann*  
H. T. DEUTERMANN, Comdr., USN.  
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*R. N. Perley, Jr.*  
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Lat.	01° 35' 30" S	01° 04' 00" S	01° 16' 00" S
Long.	154° 45' 55" E	155° 10' 00" E	155° 11' 00" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS  
(WAR DIARY)

2000 to 2400 (Cont'd).

2050 Changed course to 290 T & pgc, 280 psc. 2127 Friendly surface contacts bearing 258 T, distance 20 mi. ~~Identified as friendly.~~ 2201 Changed std. spd. to 18 kts., changed speed to 18 kts. 2201 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 8.

*L. B. Gregory*  
L. B. GREGORY, Ens., USNR.

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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.	00° 09' 30" S	00° 06' 00" S	00° 09' 00" N
Long.	151° 40' 45" E	150° 41' 00" E	148° 04' 00" E

## OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000 to 0400

Steaming in company with Task Group 58.1 in general company with TF 58 as directed by ComCenPac Sec, Desp. 211443 of Mar. 1944, in formation 5-R, screen station #3 with guide in ENTERPRISE, axis 075 T, base course 290 T & pgc, 280 psc, zigzagging according to plan #8, spd. & std. spd. 18 kts. (180 rpm). Ship in condition of readiness II M, material condition Baker, darkened, boilers #2 & #4 in use. Ships present: ENTERPRISE (OTC & CTG 58.1), BELLEAU WOOD, MOBILE, SANTA FE, BILOXI, OAKLAND and DESRON 50. 0245 Ceased zigzagging and steadied on course 330 T & pgc, 325 psc. 0314 Changed course to 290 T & pgc, 280 psc. 0328 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 8.

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

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0600 Exercised crew at dawn general quarters. 0609 SANTA FE designated formation guide. 0640 Secured from dawn general quarters, set condition II M. 0654 Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course. Changed speed to 22 kts. Lighted ship. 0710 Changed course to 270 T & pgc, took station #5 of a/s screen. 0735 Changed course to 255 T & pgc, 248 psc. 0759 ENTERPRISE designated formation guide.

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

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0802 Changed course to 230 T & pgc, 225 psc. 0827 Changed spd. and std. spd. to 20 kts. 0829 Changed course to 285 T & pgc, 277 psc., took a/s screen station #3. 0830 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 0847 Changed std. spd. to 17 kts, changed spd. to 17 kts. 0857 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 6. 0927 KNAPP alongside to port. Received mail. 0930 KNAPP cleared. 0938 SANTA FE designated formation guide. 0958 Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course. 1007 Changed course to 277 T & pgc, 268 psc. 1016 Changed std. spd. and spd. to 17 kts. 1031 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan #6. 1042 Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course. 1044 Changed course to 322 T & pgc, 317 psc, took station #1. 1057 Changed course to 232 T & pgc, 225 psc, took station #7. 1103 Changed course to 187 T & pgc, 185 psc, took station #9. 1105 Made daily inspection of magazines and S.F. samples, conditions normal. 1108 ENTERPRISE designated flt. guide. 1117 U.S.S. COWPENS joined company and took assigned station. 1120 Changed course to 277 T & pgc, 268 psc, took a/s station #3. 1125 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan #6. 1140 U.S.S. RADFORD, U.S.S. BROWN and U.S.S. COWELL joined company and took stations in screen. 1158 Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course.

*L. B. Gagg*  
L. B. GAGG, Ens., USNR.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1200 Took station #6 in 12 ship circular screen. 1242 SANTA FE designated flt. guide. 1247 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #6. 1505 Took station #6 in 14 ship screen.

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

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1601 Changed course to 277 T & pgc, 268 psc. 1605 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #6. 1653 Ceased zigzagging,

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changed course to 180 T & pgc, 179 psc. 1702 Changed course to 277 T & pgc, 268 psc. 1746 Changed course to 307 T & pgc, 302 psc. 1758 Changed course to 337 T & pgc, 332 psc. 1818 Changed course to 277 T & pgc, 268 psc. 1830 Changed course to 337 T & pgc, 332 psc. 1840 Changed course to 277 T & pgc, 268 psc. 1847 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #2. 1853 Changed speed and std. spd. to 15 kts. (150 rpm). 1910 U.S.S. CONNER, and U.S.S. CHARRETTE joined company and took station in outer screen.  
J. M. GINTHER, Lt. (jg), USNR.

2000 to 2400  
Steaming as before. 2000 Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course. 2005 Changed speed to 17 kts. 2030 Changed course to 287 T & pgc, 275 psc. 2100 Changed std. and flt. spd. to 16½ kts.  
H. C. SPELTON, Lieut., USNR.

Approved: H. T. Deuermant, Comdr., USN.  
Commanding Officer.

Examined: R. N. Perley, Jr., Lieut., USN.  
Navigator.

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Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	0° 41' 00" N	0° 43' 30" N	01° 06' 30" N
Long.	145° 27' 00" E	144° 39' 30" E	142° 36' 30" E

## OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000 to 0400

Steaming in company with TG 58.1 as directed by ComGenPac sec. desp. 211443 of Mar. 1944, in general company with TF 58, on base course 283 T & pgc, 275 psc, flt. axis 075 T, formation 5-R, in a/s screening station #6 on ENTERPRISE. Steaming on boilers #2 & #4, ship darkened, condition of readiness II M, material condition Baker set. Ships in company: ENTERPRISE (OTC-58.1), BELLEAU WOOD, MOBILE, BILOXI, SANTA FE, OAKLAND, COWPENS, DESRON 50, RADFORD, COWELL, CONNER, BROWN, CHARRETTE.

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

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0615 Changed course to 255 T & pgc, 248 psc, and spd. to 10 kts. 0620 Exercised crew at general quarters. 0655 Secured from general quarters, set condition of readiness II M. 0700 U.S.S. SABINE, SANTEE, GUADALOUPE, CHESTER, SUWANNEE joined formation. Tankers took station in center of formation. 0724 Lighted ship. Fleet took formation 5-F. 0732 Maneuvering to go alongside USS SABINE to fuel.

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

0800 to 1200

Maneuvering as before. 0811 Tow line secured. 0813 Commenced fueling from SABINE. 0840 Completed fueling, received 25,620 gals. at 60 F. 0843 All lines clear. Cleared side and took patrolling station astern of formation. 0900 Lighted fires under boiler #1. 0915 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 0955 Boiler #1 cut in on the main steam line. 0956 Boiler #2 cut out of main steam line. 1002 Secured boiler #2. 1020 Formed cruising disposition 5-R, took station #6 of a/s screen. ENTERPRISE formation guide. 1033 Changed course to 290 T & pgc, 282 psc. 1037 Changed course to 310 T & pgc, 303 psc. 1047 Changed speed to 20 kts. 1120 Changed course to 290 T & pgc, 283 psc. 1152 Changed course to 280 T & pgc, 272 psc. 1152 U.S.S. SABINE, SANTEE, GUADALOUPE, CHESTER and SUWANNEE left formation and proceeded on duty assigned.

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

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1223 Changed spd. to 18 kts, changed std. spd. to 18 kts. 1229 Changed spd. to 17 kts., BELLEAU WOOD designated formation guide. 1231 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan #6. 1235 Left formation to screen ENTERPRISE during flight operations on course 330 T & pgc. 1325 ENTERPRISE completed flight operations, rejoined formation and took a/s screen station #6 on BELLEAU WOOD. 1325 Left formation to screen COWPENS during flight operations on course 350 T & pgc. 1336 Formation changed std. spd. to 15 kts. 1342 Formation ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. 1345 Formation changed course to 275 T & pgc, 267 psc. 1347 Formation commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan #6. 1350 COWPENS completed flight operation, and proceeded to rejoin formation. 1352 ENTERPRISE designated formation guide. 1407 Changed spd. to 16 kts. 1420 Took station #6 on ENTERPRISE.

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

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1654 Formation changed spd. and std. spd to 17 kts. 1720 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. 1721 Took station #6 in formation 5-V. 1815 Changed spd. and std. spd. to 16 kts.

Approved:

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Commanding Officer.

Examined:

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Long.	145° 27' 00" E	144° 39' 30" E	142° 36' 30" E

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1600 to 2000 (cont'd)

1827 Commenced steaming on various courses exercising at emergency turns. 1932 Completed emergency turns. Changed course to 275 T & psc, 269 psc. 1936 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #6. 1937 Darkened ship. 1950 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course.

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

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 300° T & psc, 297° psc.

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

Approved:

*T. Deutermann*  
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Lat.	03° 03' 00" N	03° 32' 00" N	4° - 25' - 00" N
Long.	139° 26' 00" E	138° 23' 15" E	136° - 42' - 00" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

0000 to 0400

(WAR DIARY)

Steaming in company with TG 58.1 as directed by ComCenPac sec. desp. 211443 of Mar. 1944, in general company with TF 58 on base course 300 T & pgc, 297 psc., flt. axis 075 T, formation 5-V in a/s screening station #6, with ENTERPRISE as guide. Steaming on boilers #1 & #4, ship darkened, condition of readiness II M, condition Baker set. Ships in company: ENTERPRISE(OTC-CTG 58.1), BELLEAU WOOD, COWPENS, SANTA FE, MOBILE, BILOXI, OAKLAND, DESRON 50, RADFORD, COWELL, CONNER, BROWN, and CHARRETTE. 0157 Changed spd. and std. spd. to 20 kts. (204 rpm).

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

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0645 Exercised crew at general quarters. 0700 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #6. Changed spd. and std. spd. to 15 kts. 0717 Ceased zigzagging, changed course to 060 T & pgc, & psc., and changed spd. to 20 kts. 0735 Secured from general quarters. Set condition of readiness II M and material condition Baker. 0745 Changed course to 280 T & pgc, 274 psc. 0750 Lighted ship.

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

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0825 Changed course to 260 T & pgc, 254 psc. 0910 Changed course to 280 T & pgc, 274 psc. 0922 Changed course to 300 T & pgc, 295 psc. 0930 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 0942 Changed course to 310 T & pgc, 306 psc. 0958 BELLEAU WOOD designated flt. guide. 1020 Left formation to screen ENTERPRISE during flight operation. 1021 Formation changed course to 320 T & pgc, 1032 Formation changed course to 290 T & pgc. 1033 ENTERPRISE completed flight operations, rejoined formation. 1040 Formation changed course to 320 T & pgc. 1042 Changed course to 270 T & pgc, 264 psc. 1045 ENTERPRISE designated formation guide. 1059 Changed course to 310 T & pgc, 306 psc. 1111 Changed course to 020 T & pgc, 020 psc. Changed spd. to 18 kts. 1115 Changed course to 310 T & pgc, 1120 Changed flt. spd. and std. spd. to 15 kts. 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. 1225 Changed course to 340 T & pgc, 340 psc. 1245 Changed course to 300 T & pgc, 297 psc. 1252 Commenced formation emergency turn drills. Changed spd. to 20 kts. 1314 Completed emergency formation turn drills, formation course 280 T & pgc, 274 psc. 1320 COWPENS designated formation guide. 1322 Changed spd. to 18 kts. 1330 Changed spd. to 16 kts. 1330 Changed course to 300 T & pgc, 297 psc, commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan #6. 1332 ENTERPRISE left formation for flight operations. 1337 Changed std. spd. to 15 kts., changed spd. to 15 kts. 1358 SANTA FE designated formation guide. 1533 ENTERPRISE rejoined formation after completion of flight operations. 1536 Changed std. spd. to 17 kts. changed spd. to 17 kts. 1538 ENTERPRISE designated formation guide. 1556 OAKLAND and SANTA FE exchanged stations.

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

Approved:

*H. T. Deutermann*  
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1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1720 Changed spd. to 15 kts. (150 rpm). 1740 Changed spd. to 16 kts. (160 rpm). 1746 Changed spd. to 18 kts. (180 rpm). 1830 Lighted fires under boilers #2 & #3. 1907 Ceased zigzagging, changed course to 280 T & pgc, 276 psc. OTC reported unidentified planes bearing 280 T, distance 90 mi. 1926 Changed course to 260 T & pgc, 255 psc. 1930 Changed spd. to 16 kts. (160 rpm). Boilers #2 & #3 cut in on main line. 1935 Changed course to 300 T & pgc, 298 psc. 1938 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #6. 1947 Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course. 1948 Spd. and std. spd. changed to 20 kts. 1953 On signal from OTC went to general quarters. 1955 Changed course to 210 T & pgc, 1959 Changed course to 030 T & pgc.

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

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2050 enemy planes reported bearing 120 T, 15 mi. closing. 2053 Task group attacked by approx. three enemy planes from bearing 120 T. Ships in task group opened fire. Enemy planes driven off, no damage to own forces. 2102 Enemy planes closing on task group bearing 160 T, distance 10,000 yds. Commenced maneuvering on various courses conforming movements and screening. 2115 Changed spd. to 23 kts. 2137 Commenced firing on enemy planes. 2142 Ceased firing having expended: 70 rds of 40mm ammunition, results not definite. 2145 Area clear of enemy planes. 2159 Changed course to 280 T & pgc, 277 psc. 2215 Set condition of readiness I Easy. 2328 Changed course to 290 T & pgc, 287 psc. 2346 Changed spd. to 22 kts.

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

Approved:

*H. T. Deutermann*  
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Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	04° 50' 00" N	06° 08' 45" N	06° 13' 00" N
Long.	135° 05' 00" E	134° 20' 45" E	135° 25' 00" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

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0000 to 0400

Steaming in company with TG 58.1 in general formation with TF 58. in accordance with ComCenPac Sec. Desp. 211443 of Mar. 1944, in station #6 of a/s screen in disposition 5-V, on course 290 T & pgc, 292 psc., at 22 kts. std. spd. Flt. axis 075, ENTERPRISE flt. guide and center. Steaming on boilers #1, #2, #3 and #4, ship is darkened, with condition of readiness 1 Easy and condition Affirm set. Ships present: ENTERPRISE(OTC-CTG 58.1), BELLEAU WOOD, COMPENS, BILOXI, MOBILE, SANTA FE, OAKLAND(ComScreen), DESRON 50 and RADFORD, COWELL, CONNER, BROWN and CHARRETTE.

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

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0500 Changed course to 000 T & pgc, 353 psc. 0505 Changed course to 070 T & pgc, 070 psc., for flight operations. 0515 Completed flight operations, changed course to 330 T & pgc, 327 psc. 0620 Changed course to 070 T & pgc, 070 psc., for flight operations. Set condition of readiness I. Carriers launched first strike against PALAU ISLANDS. 0622 Changed speed to 25 kts.(258 rpm). 0655 Completed flight operations, changed course to 040 T & pgc, 035 psc, changed spd. to 22 kts. (224 rpm). 0705 Changed course to 100 T & pgc, 100 psc. 0717 Changed course to 070 T & pgc, 070 psc. 0725 Changed course to 000 T & pgc, 353 psc. 0728 Changed course to 100 T & pgc, 100 psc., for flight operations. Carriers launched second strike against PALAU ISLANDS. 0747 Flight operations completed. Changed course to 000 T & pgc, 353 psc. 0750 Changed course to 290 T & pgc, 287 psc. 0755 Low flying plane reported bearing 060 T distance 15 miles, not identified and not sighted again.

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

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Mustered crew on stations, no absentees. 0815 Maneuvering on courses 290 T & pgc, 287 psc., 105 T & pgc, 107 psc., and 300 T & pgc, 287 psc., screening carriers during air strike launching and recovery operations. 0922 Changed spd. and std. spd. to 22 kts. 0930 Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal. 1158 Carriers completed morning strike operation, changed course to 180 T & pgc, 186 psc. *The commanding officer held meet this date & awarded the following punishment: STONE, G.T., ssn 401. L. E. GREG, Ens., USNR. offense (1) shirking duty (2) insolent & overbearing attitude in addressing an officer. Punishment reduced to next inferior rating.*

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1212 Changed course to 095 T & pgc, 096 psc., for flight operations. 1218 Completed flight operations, changed course to 270 T & pgc, 265 psc. 1225 Changed spd. to 21 kts. 1234 Changed course to 180 T & pgc, 186 psc. 1240 Changed course to 100 T & pgc, 102 psc., for flight operations. 1308 Completed flight operations, changed course to 090 T & pgc, 094 psc. 1319 Changed course to 100 T & pgc, 101 psc. 1345 Changed course to 085 T & pgc, 083 psc. 1428 Changed course to 355 T & pgc, 350 psc. 1433 Changed course to 265 T & pgc, 260 psc. 1453 Changed course to 285 T & pgc, 282 psc. 1510 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 2.

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

Approved:

*H. T. Deutermann*  
H. T. DEUTERMANN, Comdr., USN.  
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*R. N. Perley Jr.*  
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1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1615 Changed course to 070 T & pgc, & psc., for flight operations. 1700 Operations completed. Changed spd. and std. spd. to 19 kts. and course to 340 T & 337 psc. 1932 Changed course to 090 T & pgc, 091 psc. 1955 Changed course to 000 T & pgc, 355 psc. Darkened ship.

*Bowen Blair*

BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before, changed course to 090 T & pgc, 091 psc. 2002 Changed speed to 22 kts. 2023 Changed std. spd. to 20 kts, changed spd. to 20 kts. 2035 Took station 2000 yads. on port beam of ENTERPRISE for aircraft recovery operation. 2040 Rejoined a/s screen, took station # 6 on ENTERPRISE. 2045 Enemy planes reported bearing 135 T, 17 mi., 145 T 15 mi., and 175 T. 10 mi. 2050 Changed speed to 25 kts. 2050 Task group attacked by enemy planes. Screening vessels opened fire while maneuvering on various courses conforming to movements and screening of TG 58.1. 2053 Enemy planes retired, screening vessels, ceased firing. No damage to own forces, no planes reported hit. 2102 Two enemy planes reported bearing 320 T, distance 5 miles closing. 2107 Enemy planes retired. No damage to own forces, no planes reported hit. 2140 Enemy planes bearing 045 T, distance 10 miles, closing. 2150 Commenced firing on single plane bearing 045 T, 8000 yds. 2155 Ceased firing, having expended 26 rds of 5" AA common projectiles, SPDF 5164. No damage to own forces, plane retired. 2220 Area clear and absent of enemy planes. 2254 Changed speed to 18 kts. 2310 Set condition of readiness I Easy. 2321 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 6. 2350 Ceased zigzagging, changed course to 080 T & pgc, 079 psc., to recover night fighter plane. Took station 1200 yds on port beam of ENTERPRISE. 2355 Night fighter recovered, rejoined a/s screening station, took station #6 on ENTERPRISE.

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

Approved:

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Lat.	08° 02' 00" N	08° 30' 00" N	06° 28' 00" N
Long.	137° 40' 00" E	138° 37' 00" E	137° 56' 00" E

## OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000 to 0400

Steaming darkened in company with TG 58.1 as directed by ComCenPac sec. desp. 211443 of Mar. 1944, in general company with TF 58 on base course 030 T & pgc, 207 psc, 4 flt. formation 5\_V in a/s screening station #6 on the ENTERPRISE as guide. Steaming on boilers #1, 2, 3, and 4, condition of readiness I Easy, material condition Affirm set. Ships in company: ENTERPRISE (OTC-CTG 58.1), COWPENS, BELLEAU WOOD, SANTA FE, MOBILE BILOXI, OAKLAND, DESRON 50, RADFORD, COWELL, BROWN, CONNER and CHARRETTE 0004. Parted company with remainder of TF 58 and proceeded on course 040 T & pgc, 037 psc to take attack position for dawn air strike against YAP ISLANDS. 0012 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan #6. 0145 Secured boilers #1 and #3.

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

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0710 Ceased zigzagging, changed course to 070 T & pgc. 0715 Carriers launched first strike against YAP, Caroline Islands. 0730 Completed flight operations, changed course to 040 T & pgc, 034 psc. 0748 Changed course to 060 T & pgc, 055 psc. for flight operations launching second strike. 0749 Lighted ship.

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

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Mustered crew at stations, no absentees. 0823 Launching of second strike completed, changed course to 020 T & pgc, 015 psc. 0903 Changed course to 080 T & pgc, 077 psc. 0906 Formation changed to 5-R. Proceeding to take station #6 on a/s screen distance 6000 yds from flt. center. 0912 On station. 0913 Changed course to 040 T & pgc. 0927 Changed course to 020 T & pgc. 0944 Changed course to 060 T & pgc, 055 psc., for landing of first strike. 0955 Set material condition Baker. Secured from condition of readiness I Easy, set condition II M, watch III. 1024 Changed course to 100 T & pgc, & psc. 1038 Changed course to 080 T & pgc, 077 psc. 1059 Changed course to 100 T & pgc, & psc. 1115 Changed course to 085 T & pgc, 083 psc. 1125 Third strike launched. 1136 Changed course to 115 T & pgc, 119 psc. 1141 Changed course to 085 T & pgc, 083 psc. Second strike landed. 1158 Changed course to 180 T & pgc, 186 psc. Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal.

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

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1208 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #6. 1327 Ceased zigzagging and changed course to 085 T & pgc, 084 psc., for flight operations. 1336 Operations completed, changed course to 180 T & pgc, 186 psc. 1358 Changed speed and std. spd. to 19 kts. 1428 Changed course to 240 T & pgc, & 238 psc. 1448 Changed course to 085 T & pgc, 084 psc., to recover planes returning from third strike on YAP. 1542 Changed spd. and std. spd. to 21 kts. Plane recovery completed, changed course to 192 T & pgc, 194 psc., and proceeded to rendezvous position with remainder of task force 58.

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BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

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PART III  
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UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELL Friday 31 March, 1944  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -//

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	08° 02' 00" N	08° 30' 00" N	06° 28' 00" N
Long.	137° 40' 00" E	138° 37' 00" E	137° 56' 00" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS  
(WAR DIARY)

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before, carriers recovered photograph strike by Baker recovery. 1829 Changed spd. and std. spd. to 20 kts. Formed cruising disposition 5-V. 1845 Changed course to 132 T & pgc, 1849 Changed course to 270 T & pgc, 265 psc. 1930 Sighted TC 58.2 bearing 240, distance about 12 mi. 1945 Left formation to screen MOBILE during aircraft recovery. 1952 Changed course to 210 T & pgc, 208 psc. 1956 Changed course to 180 T & pgc, 186 psc. 1958 Darkened ship.

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

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2015 Changed course to 090 T & pgc, 090 psc. 2038 Rejoined formation with MOBILE on position in station #6 in a/s screen. 2130 Changed speed to 22 kts.

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