

UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELL

February

1944

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ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

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UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELL Tuesday 1 February, 1944
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Zona description F12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	08° 05' 00" N	08° 15' 06" N	08° 37' 00" N
Long.	167° 15' 00" E	166° 50' 30" E	167° 04' 00" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 to 0400

Steaming in company with Task Group 58.1 in accordance with CincPac's secret mailgram 130900 of Jan. 1944 as directed by CTG 58.1 secret spd. ltr. ser. 005 of 15 Jan. 1944 in formation 5-R. OTC in ENTERPRISE (CTG 58.1) Comscreen in OAKLAND. Course 090 T & pgc, 061 psc, at 9 knots, 19 knots standard speed. Fleet axis 060 T, ENTERPRISE fleet guide and center, alongside stbd. side to INDIANA fueling ship. Ship is darkened, condition of readiness II Mike and material condition Baker is set. 0050 Completed fueling ship. 0053 Cleared side of INDIANA to take station # 6 in a/s screen. Received 79,984 gals. fuel oil. 0123 Commenced patrolling station in station # 6. 0220 Changed speed to 19 knots. Changed course to 000 T & pgc, 0233 Changed course to 292 T & pgc, 272 psc. 0308 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 6. 0356 Ceased zigzagging, changed course to 042 T & pgc, 030 psc.

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

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0415 Changed course to 340 T & pgc, 322 psc. 0430 WASHINGTON, INDIANA, CAPERTON, COTTEN, HEALY and GATLING left formation on independent duty. 0435 Changed course to 270 T & pgc, 255 psc. 0535 Took station 4.5. 0552 Took station in circle 5. 0600 Exercised crew at general quarters. 0640 Changed course to 075 T & pgc, 067 psc. 0705 Set condition of readiness One Easy.

Bowen Blair
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0811 Changed course to 270 T & pgc, 253 psc. 0830 Changed course to 060 T & pgc, 054 psc. Mustered crew on stations, no absentees. 0850 Changed course to 270 T & pgc, 253 psc. 0907 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 6. 0940 Ceased zigzagging, changed course to 060 T & pgc, 051 psc. 1126 Changed course to 250 T & pgc, 238 psc. 1147 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 6. Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal.

R. F. Leverniz
R. F. LEVERENZ, Lieut., USNR.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1204 Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course. 1211 Changed course to 055 T & pgc, 045 psc. Carriers commenced flight operations. 1440 Flight operations completed. 1445 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 6. Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course

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

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1605 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 7. 1615 Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course. 1630 Changed course to 135 T & pgc, 120 psc. 1632 Changed course to 060 T & pgc, 053 psc. 1642 Changed course to 135 T & pgc, 1705 Changed course to 240 T & pgc, 231 psc. 1715 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 6. 1732 Ceased zigzagging resumed base course. 1735 Changed course to 140 T & pgc, 1745 Changed course to 060 T & pgc, 053 psc. 1816 Changed course to 230 T & pgc, 221 psc. 1833 Changed course to 060 T & pgc, 053 psc. 1856 Changed course to 240 T & pgc, 231 psc.

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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OPERATIONAL REMARKS

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1600 to 2000 (cont'd)

1908 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 7. Darkened ship
 1955 Secured from condition One Easy, set condition II Mike and mater-
 ial condition Baker.

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

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2240 Possible surface contact bearing 318 T at
 7500 yds. 2245 General quarters. Investigating contact. 2305 Lost
 contact, rejoined formation. 2316 Secured from general quarters, set
 condition of readiness II Mike.

Bowen Blair
 BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

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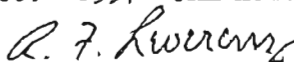
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000 to 0400

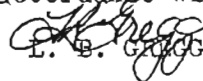
Steaming darkened in company with Task Group 58.1 on base course 240 T & pgc, 231 psc at 19 knots, boilers # 1 and # 3 in use. Fleet axis 060 T, fleet guide, U.S.S. ENTERPRISE. Zigzagging according to plan # 7. Condition of readiness II Mike, material condition modified ABLE set. 0052 Ceased zigzagging. 0100 Changed course to 330 T & pgc, 313 psc. 0150 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 7. 0213 Ceased zigzagging. 0220 Changed course to 060 T & pgc, 053 psc. 0252 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 7. 0316 Ceased zigzagging. Changed course to 350 T & pgc. 0322 Changed course to 080 T & pgc. 0332 Changed course to 060 T & pgc, 053 psc. 0337 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 7.



R. F. LEVERENZ, Lieut., USNR.

0400 to 0800

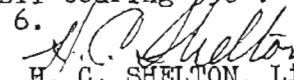
Steaming as before. 0600 Exercised crew at general quarters. 0605 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. 0615 Changed course to 090 T & pgc, 226 psc. 0649 Carriers completed flight operations, changed course to 240 T & pgc, 226 psc. 0658 Set condition of readiness One Easy. 0710 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 6.



L. B. GROGG, Ens., USNR.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0818 Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course. 0825 Changed course to 090 T & pgc, 095 psc. 0842 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 7. 0925 Ceased zigzagging. 0934 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 7. 1012 KNAPP left formation to investigate a raft with 3 men aboard as reported by a plane. 1020 Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course. 1107 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 7. 1125 Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course. 1130 Changed course to 240 T & pgc, 229 psc. 1131 Sighted U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA, U.S.S. STACK and U.S.S. STERRETT bearing 330. 1136 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 6.



H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1201 Ceased zigzagging. 1202 Changed course to 090 T & pgc, 095 psc. 1207 NORTH CAROLINA, STACK and STERRETT joined formation. 1311 Changed course to 240 T & pgc, 232 psc. 1342 Changed course to 090 T & pgc, 095 psc. 1426 Changed course to 085 T & pgc, & psc. 1458 Changed course to 280 T & pgc, 262 psc. 1509 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 6. 1521 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. 1526 Changed course to 075 T & pgc, 068 psc. 1542 Changed course to 280 T & pgc, 262 psc. 1553 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 6.

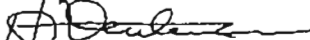


BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1640 Ceased zigzagging. 1645 Changed course to 085 T & pgc. 1707 Changed course to 280 T & pgc, 262 psc. 1715 U.S.S. KNAPP rejoined formation and took station in a/s screen. 1742 Changed course to 280 T & pgc. 1803 Commenced zigzagging to plan # 6. 1820 Ceased zigzagging. 1830 Changed course to 080 T & pgc, 077 psc.

Approved:



H. T. DEUTERMANN, Comdr., USN.

Commanding Officer.

Examined:



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

Navigator.

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Long.	167° 17' 00" E	167° 20' 00" E	166° 47' 00" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

1600 to 2000 (cont'd)

1852 Changed course to 240 T & pgc, 231 psc. 1855 Darkened ship. 1906
 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 7. 1950 Ceased zigzagging.
 1952 Changed course to 080 T & pgc, 077 psc.

R. F. LEVERENZ
 R. F. LEVERENZ, Lieut., USNR.

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2005 Set condition of readiness II Mike, material
 condition Baker. 2011 Changed course to 240 T & pgc, 231 psc. 2035
 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 7.

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

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Zone description f12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	08° 28' 00" N	08° 38' 00" N	08° 27' 00" N
Long.	167° 05' 00" E	167° 12' 00" E	168° 06' 00" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000 to 0400

Steaming in company with Task Group 58.1 in station # 6 of 5-R, OTC is CTG 58.1 in ENTERPRISE, ComScreen in OAKLAND. ENTERPRISE fleet guide and fleet center, fleet axis 060, course 240 T & pgc, 231 psc, steaming at standard speed 19 knots, zigzagging in accordance with plan #7. Steaming on boilers # 1 and # 3, ship is darkened, in condition II Mike material condition Baker is set. Ships in company: YORKTOWN, ENTERPRISE, BELLEAU WOOD, MASSACHUSETTS, NORTH CAROLINA, OAKLAND, DESDIV 100 (less CAPERTON), BRONSON, DORCHSTER STACK, STERRETT, 0002 Ceased zigzagging resumed base course. 0009 Changed course to 150 T & pgc, 163 psc. 0020 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 7. 0132 Ceased zigzagging resumed base course. 0143 Changed course to 240 T & pgc, 231 psc. 0215 Changed course to 150 T & pgc, 163 psc. 0230 Changed course to 060 T & pgc, 047 psc. 0240 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 7.

A. C. Shelton
A. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0600 Exercised crew at general quarters. 0610 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. 0645 Changed course to 270 T & pgc, 262 psc. 0654 Set condition of readiness One Easy. 0703 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 6. 0717 Lighted ship. 0721 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. 0726 Changed course to 060 T & pgc, 050 psc. 0741 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 7.

Bowen Blair
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0824 Ceased zigzagging. 0830 Mustered crew on stations, no absentees. 0834 Changed course to 240 T & pgc, 233 psc. 0847 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 6. 0920 Ceased zigzagging. 0925 Changed course to 060 T & pgc, 050 psc. 0942 Changed course to 240 T & pgc, 231 psc. 0955 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 6. 1019 Ceased zigzagging. 1025 Changed course to 050 T & pgc, 1051 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 7. 1100 Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal. 1105 Secured from condition of readiness One Easy. Set condition II mike. Set material condition Baker. 1124 Ceased zigzagging. 1150 Changed course to 270 T & pgc, 258 psc.

R. F. Leverniz
R. F. LEVERENZ, Lieut., USNR.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1201 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 7. 1220 Ceased zigzagging. Changed course to 045 T & pgc, 031 psc. Carriers commenced flight operations. 1243 Changed course to 270 T & pgc, 255 psc., carriers completed flight operations. 1253 Changed course to 000 T & pgc, 350 psc. 1308 Changed course to 090 T & pgc, 093 psc. 1325 Changed course to 045 T & pgc, 030 psc, carriers commenced flight operations. 1347 Carriers completed flight operations, changed course to 135 T & pgc, 1356 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 7. 1422 Ceased zigzagging. 1426 Changed course to 045 T & pgc, 028 psc. Carriers commenced flight operations. 1447 Changed course to 165 T & pgc, 182 psc. Carriers completed flight operations. 1450 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 7. 1520 Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course. 1526 Changed course to 040 T & pgc, 022 psc.

Approved:

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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
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1200 to 1600 (cont'd)

Changed speed to 8 knots. 1530 INGERSOLL reported sound contact bearing 195, 2200 yards from her, proceeding to investigate. 1540 Proceeded to station # 2.

L. B. Gross
L. B. GROSS, Ens., USNR.

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1602 Changed course to 165 T & pgc, 181 psc. 1618 INGERSOLL rejoined formation. Took station # 4 of a/s screen. 1625 Changed course to 045 T & pgc, 030 psc. 1643 Changed course to 165 T & pgc, 181 psc. 1659 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 6. 1719 Changed course to base course, ceased zigzagging. 1727 Changed course to 040 T & pgc, 023 psc. 1735 Changed course to 130 T & pgc, 146 psc. 1747 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 7. 1802 OAKLAND reported sound contact. Stack left formation to investigate. Changed course to 050 T & pgc, 036 psc, changed speed to 24 knots. 1817 Changed course to 130 T & pgc, 146 psc, changed speed to 19 knots. 1831 Changed course to 050 T & pgc, 036 psc. 1844 Changed course to 112 T & pgc, 126 psc. 1855 Darkened ship. 1858 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 7. 1935 STACK rejoined formation.

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

2000 to 2400

Steaming 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.
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Friday

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Zone description 412

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	07° 20' 00" N	07° 20' 00" N	07° 08' 00" N
Long.	171° 15' 00" E	171° 05' 00" E	171° 20' 00" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000 to 0400

Steaming darkened in company with Task Group 58.1 on base course 112 T & pgc, 126 psc, at 19 knots, standard speed, boilers # 1 and # 3 in use. Fleet axis 060 T & pgc, fleet guide U.S.S. ENTERPRISE, zigzagging according to plan # 7. Condition of readiness II Mike, material condition Baker is set. Ships in company: ENTERPRISE (CTG 58.1-OTC), ~~YANKEE, BELLEVILLE, MAINE, CAROLINA, OAKLAND, BRADY, STERETT, HULL, CAPTAIN, BOSTON, GILBERT, HULL, GARDNER, BRANSON~~ SOFA IS COMBAT PAC IN WASHINGTON. 0029 Ceased zigzagging. Changed course to 177 T & pgc. 0050 Changed course to 112 T & pgc. 0109 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 7. 0256 Made emergency course change to 202 T & pgc. Changed speed to 25 knots. 0305 Changed speed to 19 knots. Changed course to 112 T & pgc, 126 psc. 0312 Commenced zigzagging.

R. F. LEVERENZ
R. F. LEVERENZ, Lieut., USNR.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0529 Surface contact bearing 210 T distant 10 mi. Identified as friendly. 0600 Exercised crew at general quarters. 0615 Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course. 0621 Changed course to 070 T, carriers commenced flight operations. 0635 Set material condition Baker. 0637 Carriers completed flight operations, changed course to 110 T & pgc, 120 psc. 0642 Secured from general quarters, set condition of readiness II Mike. 0648 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 6. 0701 Radar land contact bearing 104 T distance 19½ mi. Identified as Majuro Atoll. 0715 Sighted Majuro Atoll. 0734 Ceased zigzagging resumed base course. 0736 Changed course to 055 T & pgc, 038 psc. 0740 Changed course to 270 T & pgc, 255 psc.

E. B. GRIGG
E. B. GRIGG, Ens., USNR.

0800 to 1200

0800 mustered crew at quarters; no absentees.
Steaming as before. 0814 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 6. 0926 Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course. 0928 Changed course to 200 T & pgc, 202 psc. 0944 Changed course to 070 T & pgc, 061 psc. 1011 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 6. 1038 Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course. 1050 Changed course to 085 T & pgc, 085 psc. 1057 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 6. 1109 Ceased zigzagging. 1125 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 6. *made daily inspection of magazines and hotelling layout samples; condition normal.*

H. C. SHELTON
H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1221 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. 1223 Changed course to 270 T & pgc, 254. 1231 Changed course to 085 T & pgc, 1258 Changed course to 220 T & pgc, 218 psc. 1310 Changed course to 270 T & pgc, 254 psc. 1350 Majuro Atoll sighted bearing 204 T about 10 mi. 1400 Commenced screening SW entrance to atoll on various courses at various speeds. 1430 Set material condition "ABLE" below decks.

Bowen Blair
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

1600 to 2000

Proceeded on various courses and speeds to enter Majuro Lagoon. 1625 On course 148 T & pgc, entered Majuro Lagoon. 1639 Changed course to 088 T & pgc, proceeded along marked channel on various courses and speeds.

Approved:

H. T. Deutermann
H. T. DEUTERMANN, Comdr., USN.
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R. N. PERLEY, Jr., Lieut., USN.
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Long.	171° 15' 00" E	171° 05' 00" E	171° 20' 00" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

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1600 to 2000 (cont'd)

1717 Moored alongside U.S.S. MILLICOMA at berth B-9 with 4 manila lines and 2 wire hawsers. 1740 Set material condition Baker. 1756 Commenced fueling. Draft fwd. 12'0", aft. 13' 6". 1856 Darkened ship. 1900 Completed fueling. Received 77,813 gals fuel oil. Draft fwd. 12'10", aft. 14'6". 1920 Underway for assigned anchorage.

R. F. Leverenz
 R. F. LEVERENZ, Lieut., USNR.

2000 to 2400

2038 Anchored in berth D-9, Majuro Lagoon, Marshall Islands in 26 fms of water with 85 fms. of chain to stbd. anchor on the following bearings: left tangent ~~Arnie~~ ^{Arnie} Island 299 T, left tangent Darrat Island 343 T, right tangent Darrat Island 081 T. 2100 Secured boiler # 1. Boiler # 3 steaming for auxiliary purposes.

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

Approved:

H. T. Deutermann
 H. T. DEUTERMANN, Comdr., USN.
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS

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0000 to 0400

Anchored in berth D-9 Majuro Lagoon, Marshall Islands with 85 fms. of chain to stbd. anchor. Boiler # 1 steaming for auxiliary purposes. Ship is darkened, condition II Mike is set, material condition Baker is set. Ships present: Various units of Flintlock Group. SOPA is COMBATPAC in WASHINGTON.

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

0400 to 0800

Anchored as before. 0700 Lighted ship.

Bowen Blair
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

0800 to 1200

Anchored as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 0925 Lighted fires under boiler # 1. 1015 Let fires die under boiler # 3. 1030 Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal.

R. F. Leverenz
R. F. LEVERENZ, Lieut., USNR.

1200 to 1600

Anchored as before.

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

1600 to 2000

Anchored as before. 1745 Made all preparations for getting underway. 1805 Stationed special sea detail. 1820 Underway from berth D-9, Majuro Lagoon, to go alongside WASHINGTON to provision ship. 1856 Moored stbd. side to WASHINGTON, with six lines. 1910 Secured special sea detail and main engines. 1930 Secured from condition II Mike, commenced provisioning ship, and taking on ammunition.

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

2000 to 2400

Moored as before. 2105 Completed taking on ammunition and provisioning ship, having received 480 rounds 40 mm. projectiles SPDN 3665, and 550 rds. 5" AA common, 221 SPDN 3219, 241 SPDN 3333 and 88 SPD 2929. 2122 Underway from alongside WASHINGTON proceeding on various courses at various speeds to berth D-9. 2132 Anchored in berth D-9 in 26 fms. of water with 75 fms. of chain at the water's edge to the stbd. anchor on the following bearings: right tangent of Darret Island 350° T and left tangent of Darret Island 299° T. 2143 Secured boiler # 3. 2150 Set Condition of readiness II Mike.

Bowen Blair
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

081°±; left tangent of
Darret Island 350°±; and left
tangent of Arnie Island 299°±.

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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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Sunday 6 February, 1944

(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description 412

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	07° 08' 00" N	07° 08' 00" N	07° 08' 00" N
Long.	171° 20' 00" E	171° 20' 00" E	171° 20' 00" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 to 0400

Anchored in berth D-9, Majuro Lagoon, Marshall Islands in 26 fms. of water with 75 fms. of chain out to stbd. anchor on the following bearings: left tangent Arniel Island, 303 T, left tangent Darrit Island, 350 T, right tangent Darrit Island 078 T. Boiler # 1 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ship is darkened. Condition of readiness II Mike, material condition Baker is set. Ships present: TG 58.1 and various units of the Central Pac. Fleet. SOPA, CombatPac in WASHINGTON.

R. F. Leverenz
R. F. LEVERENZ, Lieut., USNR.

0400 to 0800

Anchored as before.

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

0800 to 1200

Anchored as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 0906 COMBATPAC shifted his flag to NORTH CAROLINA. Rear Admiral Jones designated as SOPA in WASHINGTON. Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal. Made weekly tests of magazine sprinkling systems, conditions satisfactory.

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

1200 to 1600

Anchored as before. ^{air} 1210 Contact reported bearing 150 T at 65 miles. 1213 General quarters. 1215 Lighted off boiler # 3. 1228 Cut in boiler # 3 on main line. 1315 Secured from general quarters. Set modified condition of readiness II Mike. 1325 Secured boiler # 1.

Bowen Blair
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

1600 to 2000

Anchored as before. 1844 Darkened ship.

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

2000 to 2400

Anchored as before. 2340 Pursuant to orders of Commanding Officer as authorized by BuPers des. 251103 of Jan. 1944, Lieut. Roy F. Leverenz was detached from duty to report to U.S.S. INDIANA for further transportation, for final assignment at Submarine Chaser Training Center, Miami, Fla., *under instruction.*

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 Monday 7 February, 19 44
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description T12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	07° 08' 00" N	07° 08' 00" N	07° 08' 00" N
Long.	171° 20' 00" E	171° 20' 00" E	171° 20' 00" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 to 0400
Anchored in Majuro Lagoon, Marshall Islands, with seventy-five (75) fms. of chain to the stbd. anchor on the following bearings: right tangent of Darret Island 081 T, left tangent of Darret Island 350 T, and left tangent of ~~Atoll~~ ^{Atoll} Island 299 T. Ship darkened with material condition "Baker" and modified condition of readiness II Mike set, with boiler # 3 steaming for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: various units of U. S. Pacific Fleet with SOPA in NORTH CAROLINA (COMBATPAC).
Bowen Blair
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR. B33

0400 to 0800
Anchored as before.
L. B. Gregg
L. B. GREGG, Ensign, USNR.

0800 to 1200
Anchored as before. 0800 Mustered the crew at quarters, no absentees. Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, condition normal.
H. C. Shelton
H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.

1200 to 1600
Anchored as before.
Bowen Blair
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

1600 to 2000
Anchored as before.
L. B. Gregg
L. B. GREGG, Ensign, USNR.

2000 to 2400
Anchored as before.
H. C. Shelton
H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.

Approved:
H. T. Deulermann
H. T. DEUTERMANN, Commander, U.S. Navy,
Commanding Officer.

Examined:
R. N. Perley, Jr.
R. N. PERLEY, Jr., Lieut., U.S. Navy,
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELL Tuesday 8 February 1944
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description +12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	07° 08' 00" N	07° 08' 00" N	07° 08' 00" N
Long.	171° 20' 00" E	171° 20' 00" E	171° 20' 00" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000 to 0400

Anchored in Majuro Lagoon, Marshall Islands, in berth D-9 with seventy-five (75) fms. of chain to the stbd. anchor on the following bearings: right tangent of Darrit Island 081 T, left tangent of Darrit Island 350 T, and left tangent of Arndel Island 299 T. Ship darkened with material condition "Baker" and modified condition of readiness II Mike set with boiler # 3 steaming for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: various units of U. S. Pacific Fleet with SOPA in NORTH CAROLINA (COM-BATPAC) 0308 Lighted boiler # 1.

Bowen Blair
 BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

0400 to 0800

Anchored as before. 0426 Cut in # 1 boiler on main steam line. 0452 Underway in accordance with despatch 072250 of CTG 58.1 to join company with BELLEAU WOOD, CAPERTON, COTTEN and GATLING for escort combat air patrol duty. On various courses at various speeds in Majuro Channel standing out to sea. 0638 Left seaward channel buoys to port and starboard and took departure on course 000 T, speed 20 knots. 0642 Changed course to 330 T & pgc. 0645 Exercised crew at general quarters. 0646 Changed speed to 15 knots. 0650 Changed speed to 10 knots. 0700 Secured from general quarters, set condition of readiness II Mike and material condition Baker. 0701 Changed speed to 15 knots, proceeding to take a/s screening station # 1 on BELLEAU WOOD and joined company with COTTEN, GATLING and CAPERTON. 0706 Changed course to 080 T & pgc, BELLEAU WOOD commenced flight operations, reoriented station. 0725 BELLEAU WOOD completed flight operations, changed course to 110 T & pgc, 120 psc, changed speed to 18 knots. 0736 Took station # 1, commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 7.

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

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0820 Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course. 0823 Changed course to 150 T & pgc, 168 psc. 0830 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 7. 0845 Ceased zigzagging on course 180 T & pgc, 185 psc, took station # 1 of a/s screen. 0850 Changed course to 300 T & pgc, 280 psc. 0908 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 7. 1012 Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course, took station # 2 of a/s screen. 1016 Changed course to 080 T & pgc, 075 psc., for flight operations. 1025 Completed flight operations. 1027 Reoriented to station # 1, changed course to 270 T & pgc, 231 psc. 1035 Changed base course to 080 T & pgc, 075 psc, for flight operations and took station # 2 of a/s screen. 1049 Completed flight operations, took station # 2 in a/s screen. 1052 Changed course to 270 T & pgc, 253 psc. 1108 Took station # 1. 1110 Changed course to 080 T & pgc, 075 psc for flight operations. 1121 Took station # 2 of a/s screen. 1125 Changed course to 250 T & pgc, 239 psc. 1135 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 7. 1150 Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course.

Made daily inspection of magazines & smokeless powder samples. Conditions *H. C. Shelton*
 H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1201 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 7. 1252 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. 1257 Changed course to 080 T & pgc, 075 psc, for plane operations.

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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Tuesday 8, February, 1944

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

Zone description T12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	07° 08' 00" N	07° 08' 00" N	07° 08' 00" N
Long.	171° 20' 00" E	171° 20' 00" E	171° 20' 00" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

1200 to 1600 (cont'd)

1324 Changed course to 110 T & pgc, and psc. 1350 Commenced test firing of automatic batteries. 1358 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 7. 1450 Ceased firing. Ammunition expended: 21 rds. 40mm projectiles and 23 rds. of 20mm projectiles. 1518 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. 1520 Changed course to 270 T & pgc, 253 psc. 1528 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 7. 1538 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. 1540 Changed course to 080 T & pgc, 075 psc, for flight operations.

Bowen Blair

BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1608 Changed course to 270 T & pgc, 254 psc, completed flight operations. 1626 Changed course to 070 T & pgc, 060 psc, commenced flight operations. 1646 Changed course to 275 T & pgc, 260 psc. 1654 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 7. Changed course to 220 T & pgc, 218 psc., changed speed to 23 knots. 1755 Changed course to 270 T & pgc, 254 psc. 1808 Changed course to 070 T & pgc, 060 psc., commenced flight operations. 1809 Changed speed to 18 knots. 1825 Completed flight operations, changed course to 175 T & pgc, 184 psc. 1843 Proceeding on various courses and various speeds to enter Majuro Lagoon. 1903 Passed seaward channel buoys abeam to port & stbd. entered channel to Majuro Lagoon.

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

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before, standing in to anchorage. 2020 GROCHOWSKI, Peter W., 631 03 06, Slc, USNR, sustained a laceration of scalp when lead ~~with~~ weight of lead line struck him while heaving the lead on forecastle, in line of duty. Examined by Lt.(jg) Rex Gish, (MC), USNR, wound cleaned and closed with three dermal sutures and dressed. Returned to duty. Not misconduct. 2034 Anchored in berth D-9 in Majuro Lagoon, Marshall Islands with seventy-five fms. of chain to stbd. anchor in twenty-five fathoms of water, on the following true bearings: left tangent of Arnie Island 300 T, left tangent of Darrit Island 344 T, right tangent Darrit Island 076 T. 2039 Secured main engines and boiler # 1, boiler # 3 steaming for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: Various units of Pac-Flt. with SOPA (COMBATPAC) in NORTH CAROLINA.

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

Approved:

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

Examined:

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

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UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELL Wednesday 9 February, 1944
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description +12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	07° 08' 00" N	07° 08' 00" N	07° 08' 00" N
Long.	171° 20' 00" E	171° 20' 00" E	171° 20' 00" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 to 0400

Anchored in Majuro Lagoon, Marshall Islands, in berth D-9 with seventy-five (75) fms. of chain to the stbd. anchor on the following bearings: right tangent of Darrit Island 076 T, left tangent of Darrit Island 344 T, and left tangent of Arniel Island 299 T. Ship darkened with material condition Baker and modified condition of readiness II Mike set, with boiler # 3 steaming for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: various units of U. S. Pac. Flt. with SOPA in NORTH CAROLINA (COMBATPAC) B3

Bowen Blair
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

0400 to 0800

Anchored as before. 0630 Lighted fires under # 1 boiler. 0744 Cut in boilers # 1 and # 3 on main steam lines. 0745 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees.

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

0800 to 1200

Anchored as before. 0800 Made all preparations for getting underway. Stationed special sea detail. 0923 Underway to go alongside PECOS to refuel. Proceeded on various courses and at various speeds to go alongside PECOS. 0958 Moored port side to PECOS in berth C-6 with bow stern and four breast lines. 1008 Commenced fueling ship. Draft fwd. 13' 00" aft. 14' 3". 1040 Completed fueling ship. Received 27,728 gals. fuel oil at 80° F. Draft fwd. 13' 0" aft. 14' 6". 1046 Underway from alongside PECOS, proceeded to anchorage. 1154 Anchored in berth D-9, Majuro Lagoon with 75 fms. of chain to stbd. anchor on following bearings: left tangent Arniel Island 302 T, left tangent Darrit Island 347.5 T, right tangent Darrit Island 070 T. 1157 Secured main engines and boiler # 1, boiler # 3 steaming for auxiliary purposes. Secured from special sea detail. Ships present: various units of the U. S. Pac. Flt. with SOPA in NORTH CAROLINA (COMBATPAC). *Mass daily inspection of magazines and smaller powder samples.* BT

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

1200 to 1600

Anchored as before. 1430 The following deck courts were published this date. SCHEMA, Amelio A., SC3c, USN, Offense: Failing to man battle station. Punishment: To lose \$ 10 per mo. for a period of one (1) mo. TLP \$10. CHARLES, John C., WT3c, USNR., Offense: Failing to man battle station. Punishment: To lose \$10 per mo. for a period of one (1) mo. TLP \$10. SIROTA, Morton (n), Slc, USN., Offense: Failing to man battle station. Punishment: To lose \$10 per mo. for a period of one (1) mo. TLP \$10. SOMMERS, Richard H., SOM3c, USN., Offense: Failing to man battle station. Punishment: To lose \$10 per mo. for a period of one (1) mo. TLP \$10.

Bowen Blair
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

1600 to 2000

Anchored as before. 1844 Darkened ship.

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

2000 to 2400

Anchored as before.

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 COGSWELLThursday 10 February, 19 44
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description 712

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	07° 08' 00" N	07° 08' 00" N	07° 08' 00" N
Long.	171° 20' 00" E	171° 20' 00" E	171° 20' 00" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 to 0400

Anchored in Majuro Lagoon, Marshall Islands in berth D-9, with seventy-five (75) fms. of chain to the stbd. anchor on the following bearings: right tangent of Darrit Island 081 T, left tangent of Darrit Island 348 T and left tangent of Arniel Island 303 T. Ship darkened with material condition Baker and modified condition of readiness II Mike set, with boiler # 3 steaming for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: various units of U.S. Pac. Flt., with SOPA in NORTH CAROLINA (COMBATPAC).

Bowen Blair
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

0400 to 0800

Anchored as before.

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

0800 to 1200

Anchored as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 1102 Lighted fires under boiler # 4. 1152 Boiler # 4 cut in on auxiliary steam line. 1155 Secured boiler # 3. Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal.

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

1200 to 1600

Anchored as before.

J. M. Cinther
J. M. CINTHER, Lt. (jg), USNR.

1600 to 2000

Anchored as before.

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

2000 to 2400

Anchored as before.

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

Approved:

H. T. Deuter
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 11 February, 19 44
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description T12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	07° 08' 00" N	07° 08' 00" N	07° 08' 00" N
Long.	171° 20' 00" E	171° 20' 00" E	171° 20' 00" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 to 0400

Anchored in berth D- 9 Majuro Lagoon, Marshall Islands, with seventy five fms. (75) of chain to stbd. anchor in twenty-six fms. of water on anchorage bearings: right tangent of Darrit Island 070 T, left tangent of Darrit Island 349 T, and left tangent to Arniel Island 305 T. Boiler # 4 steaming for auxiliary purposes, the ship is darkened and condition II Mike of readiness is set. Ships present: various units of CenPacFlt. with SOPA in NORTH CAROLINA (COMBATPAC).

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

0400 to 0800

Anchored as before.

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

0800 to 1200

Anchored as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 0930 Captain commenced inspection of lower decks, holds and storerooms. 1100 SOPA administrative flag shifted to U.S.S. PECOS. 1130 Secured from below decks inspection. Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal. Made weekly inspection of sprinkling systems, conditions normal.

Bowen Blair
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

1200 to 1600

Anchored as before.

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

1600 to 2000

Anchored as before.

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

2000 to 2400

Anchored as before.

D. A. Graybill
D. A. GRAYBILL, 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 12 February, 1944
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description +12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	07° 08' 00" N		08° 52' 55" N
Long.	171° 20' 00" E		169° 21' 50" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000 to 0400

Anchored in Majuro Lagoon, Marshall Islands in berth D-9, with seventy-five (75) fms. of chain to the stbd. anchor on the following bearings: right tangent of Darrit Island 081 T, left tangent of Darrit Island 348 T, and left tangent of Arniel Island 304 T; ship darkened with material condition Baker and modified condition of readiness II Mike set, with boiler # 4 steaming for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: various units of U.S. PacFlt. with SOPA (Administrative) in U.S.S. PECOS (COMBATPAC). 0330 Lighted fires under boiler # 2.

Bowen Blair
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

0400 to 0800

Anchored as before. 0457 Cut in # 2 boiler on the main steam line. 0500 Cut in # 4 boiler on the main steam line. 0537 Underway in accordance with CTG 58.1 secret spd. ltr. ser. 0021, 11 Feb. 1944 to join company with DesSquad. 50, SANTA FE, YORKTOWN, ENTERPRISE, BELLEAU WOOD, BILOXI, MOBILE and OAKLAND. 0630 Anchored in Majuro Lagoon, Marshall Islands with 85 fms. of chain to stbd. anchor in 35 fms. of water on the following bearings: left tangent of Enigh Oil T, left tangent of Calalan 305 T, left tangent Ropokadore 330 T, in accordance with verbal order from CDS 50. 0650 Secured from special sea detail. 0707 Lighted ship.

L. B. Greer
L. B. GREER, Ens., USNR.

0800 to 1200

Anchored as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 0840 Set spec. detail. Made all preparations for getting underway. 0850 Underway as directed by CDS 50. Steaming various courses at various spds., standing out in channel. 0928 Cleared channel entrance buoy. ~~0930 Commenced sortie.~~ 0932 Exercised crew at drill general quarters. 0957 Secured from general quarters, set condition II Mike. 1037 Joined up with Task Group 58.1 in station # 4 of a/s screen in formation 5-R. Fleet axis 306 T, fleet spd. 15 knots, course 303 T & pgc, 285 psc. 1104 Changed standard speed to 19 knots. 1108 Changed course to 065 T & pgc, 051 psc, for flight operations. 1140 Changed course to 340 T & pgc, 318 psc. Completed flight operations. 1150 Changed course to 306 T & pgc, 285 psc. Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal.

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

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1205 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 6.

Bowen Blair
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1635 YORKTOWN designated fleet guide. 1816 Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course. 1818 Std. spd. 18 kts. changed spd. to 18 kts. 1823 Changed fleet axis and fleet course to 310 T & pgc, 290 psc. Reoriented position. 1831 Took station # 4 on YORKTOWN as guide. 1831 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 2. 1845 Darkened ship. 1930 ENTERPRISE designated fleet guide. Took station on ENTERPRISE.

L. B. Greer
L. B. GREER, 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 12 February, 1944
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description +12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	07° 08' 00" N		08° 52' 55" N
Long.	171° 20' 00" E		169° 21' 50" E


OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)2000 to 2400
Steaming as before.

 H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., 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 Sunday 13 February, 1944
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description 12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	10° 32' 00" N.	10° 50' 30" N.	11° 35' 50" N.
Long.	166° 28' 00" E.	165° 37' 45" E.	163° 48' 05" E.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 to 0400

Steaming darkened in company with TG 58.1; ENTERPRISE (CTG 58.1 and OTC), YORKTOWN (CTF 58), BELLEAU WOOD, BILOXI, SANTA FE, MOBILE, OAKLAND and DesRon 50, less KNAPP and DORTCH - on base course 310°T and pgc, 295° psc, with fleet axis 310°T, at standard speed of 18 knots, 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. 0435 BILOXI reported surface contacts bearing 255° true, distance 17 miles. Identified as friendly. 0545 Exercised crew at general quarters. 0550 Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course. 0600 Changed course to 277° T & PCC, 262° PSC. 0615 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan #2. 0647 Set material condition "Baker". 0647 YORKTOWN commenced dawn flight operations. 0652 YORKTOWN completed flight operations. 0702 Secured from general quarters, set condition of readiness II Mike. 0726 Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course. 0735 Fleet axis changed to 277° T & PGC, 262° PSC. Reoriented and took station #4 on ENTERPRISE. 0752 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan #2.

L. B. Gregg, Jr.
L. B. GREGG, Jr., Ensign, USNR.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0900 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 1100 Formed cruising disposition 5 Victor for maneuvers. 1148 Completed maneuvers, formed cruising disposition 5 Roger. Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal.

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

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1203 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #6.

Bowen Blair
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. Took station on port quarter of YORKTOWN, distance 150 yards. 1643 Pursuant to Commanding Officer's order dated 13 February 1944, COHILL, Paul Warren, 603 25 47, GM3c, V-6, USNR, was transferred at sea to USS YORKTOWN for medical treatment of acute appendicitis, with pay account and records. 1627 ENTERPRISE designated as fleet guide. 1645 Cleared YORKTOWN, proceeded to take station #4 on ENTERPRISE. 1646 Changed course to 355° T & PCC. 1652 Changed course to 310° T & PGC, 290° PSC. 1700 Took station #4 on ENTERPRISE. 1703 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan #6. 1711 Darkened ship.

L. B. Gregg, Jr.
L. B. GREGG, Jr., Ensign, USNR.

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before.

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Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	12° 08' 00" N	12° 43' 00" N	13° 09' 00" N
Long.	161° 48' 00" E	161° 45' 00" E	161° 11' 45" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000 to 0400

Steaming darkened in company with TG 58.1-YORKTOWN (CTF58), ENTERPRISE (CTG 58.1 and OTC), BELLEAU WOOD, BILOXI, SANTE FE, MOBILE, OAKLAND, DESRON 50, less KNAPP and DORTCH, (INGERSOLL astern of formation searching for man lost from carrier), on base course 310 T & pgc, 290 psc, with fleet axis 277 T, zigzagging according to plan # 6 at standard spd. of 18 kts, in station # 4 of formation 5-R. Material condition Baker and condition of readiness II Mike set with boilers # 2 and #4 steaming. 0150 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. 0200 Changed course and axis to 252 T & pgc, 244 psc. 0220 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 6. 0240 Contact at 241 T about 20 mi. identified as friendly ship. 0306 INGERSOLL rejoined formation.

Bowen Blair
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0630 Exercised crew at general quarters, set material condition ABLE. 0659 Set material condition Baker. 0705 Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course. 0719 Changed course to 080 T & pgc, for carriers flight operations. 0721 Secured from general quarters, set condition of readiness II Mike. 0735 Changed spd. to 23 kts. (235 rpm). 0738 Carriers completed flight operations, changed course to 100 T & pgc. 0758 Changed course to 030 T & pgc, proceeding to take fueling station port side to NECHES.

L. B. OREGG
L. B. OREGG, Ens., USNR.

0800 to 1200

0800 Mustered crew on stations, no absentees. Steaming as before. 0808 Changed spd. to 9 kts. 0830 First line from NECHES secured. 0852 Commenced fueling ship. 0913 Completed fueling ship. Received 40,167 gals fuel. 0923 All lines clear, cleared tanker and proceeded to pass mail to KNAPP. 0945 Completed passing mail to KNAPP, took station in screen ahead of formation patrolling station. 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. 1429 Completed fueling operation, TG 58.1 took formation 5-R with course and axis 250 T & pgc, 241 psc, and spd. 12 kts., with standard spd. 18 kts. COGSWELL in station # 6. 1438 Changed course to 340 T & pgc, 337 psc, and spd to 18 kts. 1518 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 6. 1534 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. 1538 Changed course to 070 T & pgc, 063 psc.

Bowen Blair
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1625 Changed fleet axis to 075 T. Reoriented station. Changed course to 255 T & pgc, 244 psc, spd. 12 kts. 1650 Took station # 6 on ENTERPRISE. 1708 Changed course to 070 T & pgc. 1711 Changed std. spd. to 15 kts., changed speed to 15 kts. (150 rpm), Carriers completed flight operations. 1722 Changed course to 255 T & pgc 245 psc. 1747 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 2. 1801 Changed course to 235 T & pgc, 222 psc. 1809 Changed course to 255 T & pgc, 244 psc. 1811 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 2.

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Long.	161° 48' 00" E	161° 45' 00" E	161° 11' 45" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

1600 to 2000 (cont'd).

1824 YORKTOWN designated guide. 1911 Darkened ship. 1915 Adjusted station forward five degrees.

L. B. Gregg
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2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 ENTERPRISE designated formation guide.

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UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELL Tuesday 15 February, 1944
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description +12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	12° 30' 15" N	12° 16' 00" N	10° 58' 00" N
Long.	158° 26' 45" E	157° 30' 00" E	155° 39' 15" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 to 0400

Steaming darkened with TF 58 in cruising disposition 5-T, in station # 6 (disposition 5-R in TG 58.1) ENTERPRISE (CTG 58.1 and OTC), YORKTOWN (CTF 58), BELLEAU WOOD, MOBILE, BILOXI, SANTE FE, OAKLAND, and DESRON 50- on base course 255 T & pgc, 244 psc, and fleet axis 075 T, zigzagging according to plan # 2 at standard speed of 15 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. 0530 Lighted fires under boilers # 1 and # 3. 0620 Secured boiler # 3. 0625 Secured boiler # 1. 0645 Exercised crew at general quarters. 0715 Set material condition Baker. 0717 YORKTOWN commenced flight operations to launch CAP & ASP. 0730 YORKTOWN completed flight operations, rejoined formation. 0740 Secured from general quarters, set condition of readiness II Mike

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

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0930 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

Steaming as before. 1445 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. 1448 Changed course to 225 T & pgc, 213 psc. 1457 Changed course to 255 T & pgc, 243 psc. 1508 Changed course to 225 T & pgc, 213 psc. 1527 Changed speed and std. spd. to 22 knots.

Bowen Blair
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. YORKTOWN commenced flight operations. 1650 Changed speed to 18 kts. 1655 ENTERPRISE commenced flight operations. 1659 Aircraft reported bearing 265 T, distance 59 mi. 1710 Aircraft identified as friendly. 1715 Lighted fires under boiler # 1. 1725 Lighted fires under boiler # 3. 1800 Cut in # 1 and # 3 boilers on main line. 1805 Changed std. spd. to 22 kts. (224 rpm). 1814 ENTERPRISE and YORKTOWN completed flight operations. 1825 ENTERPRISE designated guide. 1938 Changed speed to 15 kts.

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

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2020 Changed speed to 22 kts.

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UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELL Wednesday 16 February, 1944
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Zone description #12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	08° 10' 00" N	08° 10' 00" N	08° 07' 15" N
Long.	153° 00' 00" E	152° 50' 00" E	153° 32' 00" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000 to 0400

Steaming darkened in company with TG 58.1- ENTERPRISE (CTG 58.1 and OTC), YORKTOWN (CTF 58), BELLEAU WOOD, BILOXI, SANTE FE, MOBILE, OAKLAND and DESRON 50- base course 225 T & pgc, 229 psc, with fleet axis 075 T, at std. spd. of 22 kts. Material condition Baker and condition of readiness II Mike set with boilers # 1, 2, 3, and 4 steaming.

Bowen Blair
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

0400 to 0800

*Note
TRUK*

Steaming as before. 0630 Changed course to 075 T & pgc, changed spd. to 20 kts. 0635 Changed course to 055 T & pgc, carriers commenced flight operations for air strikes in accordance with secret operation plans on enemy held Truk Islands. 0719 Maneuvering on courses 060 T & pgc, 044 psc, and 255 T & pgc, 252 psc, at various speeds screening carriers during flight operations. 0700 Carriers launched second air strike on Truk Island. 0720 Exercised crew at general quarters. 0735 BELLEAU WOOD launched combat air patrol and anti submarine planes.

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

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before, maneuvering on course 060 T & pgc, 044 psc, and 255 T & pgc, 252 psc., at various spds. screening carriers in task group engaged in air strike operations. 0830 Carrier launched target air observer. 0834 Received sound contact. 0835 Fired four depth charges. Proceeded to attempt regaining contact. 0845 Contact not regained, contact determined to be non-sub. Rejoined formation, took station #6 on ENTERPRISE. 0900 Carriers launched third air strike, recovered 1st and 2nd air strikes. 0930 BELLEAU WOOD launched CAP & ASP. 1015 BELLEAU WOOD recovered CAP & ASP. 1100 Carriers launched fourth air strike recovered third air strike. 1130 BELLEAU WOOD launched CAP & ASP. Mustered crew on stations, no absentees. 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, maneuvering on courses 070 T & pgc, 060 T psc and 250 T & pgc, 249 psc, at various spds. screening carriers during flight operations. 1215 BELLEAU WOOD recovered CAP & ASP. 1300 Carriers launched fifth air strike, recovered fourth air strike. 1330 BELLEAU WOOD launched CAP & ASP. 1415 BELLEAU WOOD recovered CAP & ASP. 1500 Carriers launched sixth air strike, recovered fifth air strike. 1550 BELLEAU WOOD launched CAP & ASP.

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

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before, maneuvering on courses 065 T & pgc, 051 psc, 250 T & pgc, 249 psc, at various spds. screening carriers during flight operations. 1615 BELLEAU WOOD recovered CAP & ASP. 1646 Changed std. spd. to 25 kts. 1700 Carriers launched seventh air strike, recovered sixth air strike. 1710 Changed std. spd. to 18 kts. 1730 BELLEAU WOOD launched CAP & ASP. 1747 Changed std. spd. to 20 kts. 1815 BELLEAU WOOD recovered CAP & ASP. 1855 Changed std. spd. to 25 kts. 1910 Carriers recovered the seventh air strike. 1947 Changed course to 070 T & pgc, 060 psc. 1947 Unidentified planes bearing 150 T. 25 miles g.

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Long.	153° 00' 00" E	152° 50' 00" E	153° 32' 00" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

1600 to 2000 (cont'd)

1952 Maneuvering to reorient in formation 5-Victor.

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

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 BELLEAU WOOD recovered CAP & ASP. Darkened ship. 2010 Took station # 8 in formation 5-Victor on ENTERPRISE. 2015 Changed standard speed to 20 kts., changed speed to 20 kts. (202 rpm) 2018 Changed course to 100 T & pgc. 2053 Changed course to 180 T & pgc. 2115 Unidentified planes bearing 261° distance 24 mi. 2135 Changed course to 090 T & pgc. 2145 Changed course to 135 T & pgc. 2147 Changed course to 090 T & pgc. 2150 Changed course to 135 T & pgc. 2155 Changed course to 180 T & pgc. 2205 Flares reported bearing 045 T. 2207 Changed course to 135 T & pgc. 2244 Changed course to 090 T & pgc. 2250 Changed course to 000 T & pgc. 2254 Changed course to 270 T & pgc. 2302 OAKLAND commenced firing on unidentified planes. 2322 OAKLAND ceased firing. 2315 Changed course to 180 T & pgc. 2320 YORKTOWN launched one night fighter plane. 2321 Changed course to 180 T & pgc.

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Zone description T12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	07° 15' 10" N	07° 38' 00" N	08° 53' 35" N
Long.	153° 19' 00" E	153° 50' 00" E	156° 04' 00" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000 to 0400

Steaming darkened with TF 58 in cruising disposition 5-Victor in station # 8 on ENTERPRISE with TG 58.1. ENTERPRISE (CTF 58.1 and OTC), YORKTOWN (CTF 58), BELLEAU WOOD, MOBILE, BILOXI, SANTE FE, OAKLAND, and DESRON 50, on course 180 T & pgc, std. spd. 20 kts. (202 rpm), flt. axis 075 T, ENTERPRISE formation guide. Material condition ABLE, condition of readiness "ONE". Steaming on boilers # 1, 2, 3 and 4. 0226 Changed course to 070 T & pgc, 060 psc. for aircraft recovery operation of night fighter plane. Maneuvered to take plane guard station on port beam of YORKTOWN, distance 1000 yds. 0235 Took station abeam of YORKTOWN, night fighter plane recovered. 0237 Changed course to 300 T & pgc, 290 psc. Maneuvered to take screening station # 8 on ENTERPRISE. 0239 Took station # 8 on ENTERPRISE.

L. V. Gregg
 L. V. GREGG, Ens., USNR.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0400 Changed course to 070 T & pgc, 060 psc, for launching of first attack group by ENTERPRISE. 0432 First strike launched. Changed course to 300 T & pgc, 290 psc. 0634 Changed course to 075 T & pgc, 064 psc. 0650 YORKTOWN commenced launching the second attack group. 0718 Second strike launched. Changed course to 350 T & pgc, 342 psc. 0740 Changed course to 075 T & pgc, 065 psc. 0756 Changed course to 260 T & pgc, 256 psc.

Bowen Blair
 BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. Maneuvering on courses 060 T & pgc, 046 psc, and 260 T & pgc, 256 psc., at various spds. screening carriers in task group engaged in air strike operations. 0844 Took station # 6 on ENTERPRISE in formation 5-R. 0900 Carriers launched third air strike recovered first and second air strike. 0903 Secured boilers # 1 and # 3. 0930 Took station on circle 5.5. 0930 Mustered crew on station, no absentees. 0930 BELLEAU WOOD launched CAP & ASP. Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal. 1014 Secured from general quarters, set condition of readiness II Mike, set material condition Baker. 1014 Carriers launched fourth air strike, recovered third air strike. 1130 BELLEAU WOOD launched CAP & ASP. 1134 SAN DIEGO joined the formation. 1140 SANTE FE designated guide. 1158 Changed course to 250 T & pgc, 247 psc, speed 20 kts.

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

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1226 Changed course to 070 T & pgc, 057 psc. 1343 Flight operations completed. 1410 Changed speed and std. spd. to 25 kts. 1414 Changed course to 060 T & pgc, 044 psc. 1436 Changed course to 057 T & pgc, 041 psc.

Bowen Blair
 BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1607 Changed course to 060 T & pgc, 044 psc. 1624 Changed std. spd. to 24 kts. changed spd. to 24 kts. 1701 Changed std. spd. to 25 kts., changed speed to 25 kts. 1807 Changed course to 063 T & pgc, 049 psc. 1927 Changed course to 060 T & pgc, 043 psc.

Approved:

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Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	07° 15' 10" N	07° 38' 00" N	08° 53' 35" N
Long.	153° 19' 00" E	153° 50' 00" E	156° 04' 00" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

1600 to 2000 (cont'd)

1935 Changed fleet formation to 5-V, maneuvering to take station # 8 on SANTE FE. 1945 Darkened ship

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

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2001 Changed speed to 20 kts. 2007 Changed course to 095 T & pgc, 092 psc. 2008 On station # 8 of a/s screen. 2047 Changed course to 092 T & pgc, 090 psc. 2134 Changed course to 095 T & pgc, 092 psc. 2217 Radar contact on plane, 090 T distance 65 mi. Approaching formation. 2257 Went to general quarters, 2355 - secured from general quarters. Set condition of readiness #2 miles. Air contact lost. *H. C. Shelton*
H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.

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Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	08° 34' 05" N	8° 33' -13" N	08° 46' 05" N
Long.	159° 53' 30" E	160° -53' -20" E	162° 11' 00" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000 to 0400

Steaming darkened in company with TG 58.1-ENTERPRISE(CTG 58.1 and OTC) YORKTOWN (CTF 58) BELLEAU WOOD, BILOXI, SANTE FE, MOBILE, OAKLAND and DESRON 50- and units of TG 58.2- ESSEX, SAN DIEGO, BALTIMORE, HUNT, STARRETT, HANCOCK, and WICKOX - in station # 8 of cruising disposition 5-V on base course 095 T & pgc, 092 psc. at std. spd. of 20 kts, with fleet axis 075 T. Material condition Baker and condition of readiness II Mike set with boilers # 2 and # 4, steaming. 0300 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 8.

Bowen Blair

BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0630 Exercised crew at general quarters, set material condition ABLE. 0703 Set material condition Baker. 0717 Secured from general quarters, set condition of readiness II Mike. 0718 ENTERPRISE and YORKTOWN commenced dawn flight operations. 0736 ENTERPRISE and YORKTOWN completed dawn flight operations. 0746 Ceased zigzagging resumed base course. Reorienting station to form formation 5 -R. 0749 Changed std. spd. to 19 kts(192 rpm), changed spd. to 19 kts. 0755 Took station # 6 in formation 5-R on SANTE FE 0757 Lighted ship.

E. D. GREGG
E. D. GREGG, Ens., USNR.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0802 Changed spd. to 19.5 kts. 0814 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 8. 0900 Mustered crew on stations, no absentees. 0909 Changed course to 100 T & pgc. 0926 Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course, changed spd. to 24 kts. 0930 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 8. 0943 Ceased zigzagging resumed base course. Changed spd. to 19 kts. 0956 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 8. 1110 Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course.. 1112 Changed course to 080 T & pgc. 1120 Changed course to 060 T & pgc, 040 psc. 1140 Changed course to 095 T & pgc, 088 psc. Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 8. Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal.

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

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1310 Changed spd. to 20 kts. 1338 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. 1345 Changed course to 090 T & pgc, 088 psc. 1357 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. Sighted three (3) friendly tankers bearing 160 T at 9 mi. 1359 Changed course to 130 T & pgc, 145 psc. 1406 Changed course to 160 T & pgc, 175 psc. 1423 Took station # 6 in cruising disposition 5-F on tanker formation on base course and axis 060 T & pgc., 044 psc, at spd. of 10 kts.

Bowen Blair
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1642 Maneuvering to take fueling station on Neches. 1706 Took station stbd. side abeam of Neches. 1719 Commenced receiving fuel. 1758 Ceased fueling, having received 91,222 gals. of fuel. 1803 Cleared Neches maneuvered to take station # 6 in screen of formation 5-F. 1835 Took station # 6 on SAN DIEGO. 1922 Darkened ship. 1950 Maneuvering to take station # 6 in formation 5-R on KASKIA as guide. **Base course 290(T)+pgc) 282(psc), Speed 10 knots.**

Approved:

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Lat.	08° 34' 05" N	8° - 33' - 13" N	08° 46' 05" N
Long.	159° 53' 30" E	160° - 53' - 20" E	162° 11' 00" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)


1600 to 2000 (cont'd)

1940 Lighted fires, under # 1 boiler.


 L. B. GREEN, Ens., USNR.

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2020 Cut boiler # 1 in on main steam line, secured boiler # 2. 2105 Changed speed to 17 kts. 2110 Took station # 6 on KASKASKIA as guide. 2126 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 2.



 H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.

Approved:


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UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELL Saturday 19 February, 1944
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description T 12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	09° 44' 05" N	10° 11' 30" N	11° 21' 25" N
Long.	159° 58' 05" E	160° 31' 00" E	160° 36' 00" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000 to 0400

Steaming in company with TG 58.1 plus KASKASKIA & NECHES in cruising formation 5-R, guide in KASKASKIA. COGSWELL in station # 6. Fleet axis 290 T. Ships in company: ENTERPRISE (CTG 58.1 and OTC), YORKTOWN (CTF 58), BELLEAU WOOD, ESSEX, BALTIMORE, MOBILE, BILOXI, SANTE FE, SAN DIEGO, OAKLAND, DESRON 50, HIKOX, STERRETT, KASKASKIA, NECHES, HUNT, and HANCOCK. Base course 290 T & pgc, 281 psc, std. spd 17 kts., steaming at std. spd, zigzagging according to plan # 2. Ship in condition of readiness II Mike, material condition Baker, darkened, boilers # 1 and # 4 steaming. Proceeding to rendezvous point for fueling.

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

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0445 Enemy air contact reported at 235 T distance 28 mi. 0455 Called crew to general quarters. 0505 Gunfire sighted bearing 220 T about 10 mi. 0515 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. 0523 Changed course to 075 T while ENTERPRISE launched night fighters. 0535 Launching completed, changed course to 290 T & pgc, 282 psc. 0551 Changed course to 020 T & pgc, 009 psc. 0559 Changed course to 290 T & pgc, 282 psc. 0627 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 2. 0657 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. 0703 Changed course to 075 T & pgc, 064 psc. 0718 Secured from general quarters, set material condition Baker and condition of readiness II Mike. Changed course to 110 T & pgc, 115 psc. 0740 Lighted ship. Changed course to 060 T & pgc, 054 psc. 0745 Took station # 6 in formation 5-F for fueling operation with fleet course and axis 060 T and speed 10 kts.

Bowen Blair
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0900 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 1030 Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, condition normal.

I. B. Gage
I. B. GAGE, Ens., USNR.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1445 Task group 58.1 departed as directed by CTF 58; CTG 58.2 in ESSEX assumed tactical command of task group 58.2 composed of ESSEX, YORKTOWN, BELLEAU WOOD, BALTIMORE, BILOXI, MOBILE, SANTE FE, OAKLAND, AND DESRON 50, ~~Less GOTTON.~~

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

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1612 Completed fueling operation. Tankers left station to proceed independently. Took station # 6 in formation 5-R with TG 58.2 on base course and axis 060 T & pgc, 046 psc, at 15 kts. 1659 Changed course to 340 T & pgc, 325 psc. 1712 Changed course to 070 T & pgc, 069 psc. 1722 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 6. 1727 Changed course to 340 T & pgc, 325 psc. 1801 Changed speed to 20 kts. 1925 Darkened ship.

Bowen Blair
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2030 Ceased zigzagging.

I. B. Gage
I. B. GAGE, 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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UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELL Sunday 20 February, 1944
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description H 12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	14° 57' 00" N	15° 57' 50" N	16° 04' 30" N
Long.	159° 12' 00" E	158° 56' 00" E	158° 21' 00" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000 to 0400

Steaming in company with Task Group 58.2 north of Caroline Islands in accordance with ComTaskForce 58 instructions, in station # 6 of a/s screen, cruising disposition 5-R. Fleet axis 060, fleet course 340 T & pgc, 328 psc; at std. spd. 20 kts., U.S.S. ESSEX formation guide & OTC Steaming on boilers # 1 and # 4, the ship is darkened and material condition Baker and condition of readiness II Mike is set. Ships in company: YORKTOWN (CTG 58), ESSEX (OTG-CTG 58.2), BELLEAU WOOD, CRUDIV 13 less BIRMINGHAM plus BALTIMORE and OAKLAND and DESRON 50 less COTTEN.

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

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0430 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 6. 0630 Exercised crew at general quarters. 0720 Secured from general quarters. Set condition of readiness II Mike. 0745 Lighted ship.

Bowen Blair
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. Changed spd. to 18 kts. 0856 Reoriented two screening stations to the left, and took station # 9 on BILOXI. 0900 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 1000 Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, nondition normal. 1120 U.S.S. ALABAMA and U.S.S. SOUTH DAKOTA joined company. U.S.S. BALTIMORE left formation. 1121 YORKTOWN designated formation guide. 1145 Changed fleet axis to 075 T. Changed fleet course to 075 & pgc, 067 psc. Commenced reorienting to screening station # 6 on OAKLAND in formation 5-F for fueling exercise. Changed formation speed to 10 kts.

L. B. Fregg
L. B. FREGG, Ens., USNR.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1250 On station # 6 of a/s screen in formation 5-F. 1322 Commenced approach for fueling from South Dakota. 1347 Tow line secured stbd side to SOUTH DAKOTA. 1350 Commenced fueling. 1409 Completed fueling ship, received 31,013 gals. at 83° F. 1430 Cast off all lines. Took station # 2 of a/s screen in formation 5-F, patrolling station. 1542 Formed cruising disposition 5-R, in station # 6 on base course and axis 075 T & pgc, 067 psc, at 18 kts. 1555 Changed course to 345 T & pgc, 342 psc.

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

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1601 Changed course to 265 T & pgc, 262 psc. 1614 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 6. 1721 Received mail from KNAPP. 1740 Commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds delivering mail. 1755 Passed mail to INGERSOLL. 1807 Passed mail to CAPERTON. 1830 Passed mail to OAKLAND. 1850 Passed mail to HEALY. 1918 Passed mail to DORTCH, manuvered to take night station in formation.

Bowen Blair
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2001 Took station # 6 of ESSEX. 2030 Ceased zigzagging.

L. B. Fregg
L. B. FREGG, 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 Monday 21 February 1944
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description T-2

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	15° 45' 15" N	15° 33' 05" N	15° 15' 00" N
Long.	154° 39' 30" E	153° 21' 15" E	151° 07' 00" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

0000 to 0400

(WAR DIARY)

Steaming in company with Task Group 58.2 as directed by ^{CTF 58 G.} ~~OTC's~~ sec. Op. order 3-44 of Feb. 1944 in station # 6 of a/s screen in formation 5-R, fleet axis 075 T fleet course 265 T & pgc, 262 psc, at std. spd. 20 kts BILOXI formation guide, steaming on boilers # 1 and # 4, in condition of readiness II Mike, material condition Baker is set and ship is darkened. Ships in company: U.S.S. ALABAMA, SOUTH DAKOTA, ESSEX(OTC, 58.2) YORKTOWN, BILOXI, MOBILE, SANTE FE, OAKLAND, DESRON 50 less COTTEN.

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

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0600 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 6 0700 Exercised crew at general quarters, 0730 Took day station in screen. 0742 Secured from general quarters. Set condition of readiness II Mike and material condition Baker.

Bowen Blair
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0900 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. Changed course to 260 T & pgc, 258 psc, changed spd. to 20 kts. 1043 Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal. 1045 YORKTOWN and ESSEX commenced flight operations. 1125 YORKTOWN and ESSEX completed flight operations.

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

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before.

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

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1740 Lighted fires under boiler # 2. 1747 Lighted fires under boiler # 3. 1817 Cut in boilers #2 & #3 on the main line. Ceased zigzagging and changed course to 060 T & pgc, 050 psc. 1818 Changed course to 260 T & pgc, 257 psc. 1825 Commenced zigzagging according to plan # 6. 1852 Ceased zigzagging and changed course to 280 T & pgc, 275 psc. 1901 Changed course to 340 T & pgc, 329 psc. 1907 Changed course to 260 T & pgc, 257 psc. 1913 Resumed zigzagging according to plan # 6.

Bowen Blair
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2002 Darkened ship. 2015 Ceased zigzagging. Changed course to 060 T & pgc, carriers commenced flight operations. 2025 Changed course to 260 T & pgc, 257 psc., carriers completed flight operations. 2036 Reoriented and took station # 10 in formation 5-V on ESSEX 2102 Changed course to 240 T & pgc, 237 psc, changed spd. to 25 kts. 2115 Changed course to 330 T & pgc, 2118 Enemy planes reported bearing 255 T distance 23 mi.les. Exercised crew at general quarters, set material condition ABLE. 2120 Maneuvering on various courses conforming to movements of TG 58.2 while engaged with enemy aircraft. 2140 Formation attacked by two planes apparently low. One plane shot down by screening vessels. No damage to our forces. 2215 Formation attacked by one or two planes. No damage to our forces, enemy damage unknown. Other planes in vicinity but did not attack.

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

Examined: L. B. GREEN, Ens., USNR.
R. N. Perley, Jr.
R. N. PERLEY, JR., Lieut., USN.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELL Tuesday 22 February, 1944
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description #12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	14° 52' 00" N	14° 50' 00" N	14° 56' 30" N
Long.	147° 28' 00" E	147° 34' 00" E	148° 48' 30" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 to 0400

Steaming darkened in company with TG 58.2 as directed by CTF 58 sec. Op. Order 3-44 of Feb. 1944 in station # 10 of a/s screen in formation 5-V, fleet axis 075 T, fleet course 240 T & pgc, 227 psc, std. spd 15 kts., steaming at 25 kts. Condition of readiness I, material condition Able set. Maneuvering on various courses conforming to movements and screening of TG 58.2 while engaged against enemy planes. Ships in company: U.S.S. ALABAMA, SOUTH DAKOTA, ESSEX, BELLEAU WOOD, YORKTOWN, BILOXI, MOBILE, SANTE FE, OAKLAND, and DESRON 50 less COTTEN. 0025 Formation attacked by single plane. Plane shot down by screening vessels. No damage to our forces. 0034 Formation attacked by single plane. Formation opened fire. Plane turned away. 0035 Other planes in the vicinity but not attacking. 0054 All plane contacts disappeared. 0215 Formation attacked by one or two planes. 0218 One plane shot down, other plane turned away. No damage to our forces. 0230 Formation attacked by two planes. One plane shot down, no damage to our forces. 0236 Other planes in vicinity but not attacking.
AMMUNITION EXPENDED: 32 ROUNDS OF A.A. COMMON PROJECTILES, SPDF 5264.

L. E. GREGG, Ens., USNR.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0400 Enemy planes in vicinity, but not attacking. 0710 YORKTOWN launched four fighter planes. 0712 All enemy plane contacts disappeared. 0735 BELLEAU WOOD launched three CAP planes. 0744 No enemy plane contacts within 20 miles.

L. E. GREGG, Ens., USNR.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0802 Changed course to 075 T & pgc, 071 psc to launch strike one on SAIPAN ISLAND. 0820 Changed spd. to 23 kts. 0822 0822 Torpedo plane attack by two enemy planes. 0823 Planes destroyed by CAP. Completed launching first strike, changed course to 235 T & pgc 252 psc. Formation attacked by single torpedo plane. Maneuvering to avoid attack. Plane destroyed by gun fire. 0909 Formation attacked by one dive bomber. Plane destroyed by gun fire. Maneuvering on various courses and speeds conforming to movement of TG 58.2. 1106 Recovered strike one. Mustered crew on stations, no absentees. Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal.
AMMUNITION EXPENDED: 62 ROUNDS 40mm PROJECTILES AND 60 ROUNDS 20mm PROJECTILES.

H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1351 Launched strike # 2. Steaming various courses and speeds conforming to movements and screening TG 58.2.

H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., USNR.

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1604 Changed speed to 16 kts. 1635 Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan # 6. 1638 Changed speed to 22 kts. 1645 Changed course to 090 T & pgc, 092 psc, returning from Mariannas Islands. Changed speed to 25 kts. 1657 YORKTOWN designated guide. 1805 BELLEAU WOOD designated formation guide. 1958 Changed course to 060 T & pgc, 056 psc. Recovered strike # 2.

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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Tuesday 22 February, 1944
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description +12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	14° 52' 00" N	14° 50' 00" N	14° 56' 30" N
Long.	147° 28' 00" E	147° 34' 00" E	148° 48' 30" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2014 Darkened ship. 2017 Changed course to 090 T 092 psc. 2045 ESSEX designated formation guide, took station on ESSEX 2200 Changed speed to 20 knots. Secured boilers # 2 and # 3.

[Signature]
L. E. GORR, Ens., USNR.

Approved:

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H. T. DEUTERMANN, Comdr., USN.

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

[Signature]
R. N. PERLEY, Jr., Lieut., USN.

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELL

Wednesday 23 February, 1944
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description +12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	14° 56' 30" N	14° 52' 00" N	15° 01' 00" N
Long.	153° 08' 45" E	154° 36' 00" E	156° 10' 00" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000 to 0400

Steaming darkened in company with Task Group 58.2 as directed by ^{CTF 58} ~~Op. Order~~ se. Op. Order 3-44 of Feb. 1944 in station # 10 of a/s screen in formation 5-V, fleet axis 075 T, fleet course 090 T & pgc, 092 psc, std. spd. 15 kts., steaming at 20 kts. Boilers # 1 & # 4 in use, condition of readiness One Easy, material condition ABLE. Ships in company: ALABAMA, SOUTH DAKOTA, ESSEX(OTC), BELLEAU WOOD, YORKTOWN, BILOXI, MOBILE, SANTEE, OAKLAND, DESRON 50 less COTTEN.

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

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0730 Set material condition Baker. 0750 Secured from condition I-Easy, set condition of readiness II Mike.

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

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before, on course 090 T & pgc, 092 psc, at 20 kts. (202 rpm) 0811 Changed disposition on signal from 5-V- to 5-R. 0820 Took station # 6 in a/s screen, in disposition 5-R, ESSEX guide, bearing 135 T, distance 6000 yds. 0900 Mustered crew on stations, no absentees. Passing through weather front with rain squalls, visibility 3000-6000 yds. 0930 Weather cleared. 0932 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 6. base course 090 T. Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples conditions normal.

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

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1350 Adjusted screening station forward fifteen deg. Took station # 6 on ESSEX. 1405 Adjusted screening station to the rear fifteen deg. Took station # 6 on ESSEX. 1410 Lighted fires under boiler # 2. 1415 Ceased zigzagging, reoriented and took station # 10 in formation 5-V, upon report of being sighted by enemy aircraft. Exercised crew at general quarters, set material condition ABLE. 1447 Set condition of readiness I Easy. 1448 Secured fires under # 2 boiler. 1517 Secured from condition of readiness I Easy, set condition of readiness II Mike, material condition Baker. 1534 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 6. 1545 ESSEX commenced flight operations.

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

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1712 Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course. Formed cruising disposition 5-R. 1720 On station # 6 of a/s screen. 1723 SANTEE designated formation guide, bearing 114 T distance 8300 yds. 1807 Lighted fires under boiler # 2. 1816 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 6. 1828 Cut in boiler # 2 on main steam line, secured boiler # 1. 1940 Darkened ship.

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

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2005 KNAPP and DORTCH left formation to search for pilot in crashed plane. 2040 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course.

Bowen Blair
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

Approved:

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Thursday 24 February 1944
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description +12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	13° 50' 00" N	14° 01' 30" N	13° 22' 00" N
Long.	160° 09' 00" E	161° 04' 00" E	162° 41' 00" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

0000 to 0400

(WAR DIARY)

Steaming darkened in company with TG 58.2 in accordance with CTF 58 sec. Op. order 3-44 of Feb. 1944 in station #6 of a/s screen in formation 5-R, fleet axis 075 T, fleet course 090 T & pgc, 092 psc, std. spd. 15 kts., steaming at 20 kts. Condition of readiness II Mike. Material condition Baker is set. Boilers #2 and #4 in use. Ships present: USS SOUTH DAKOTA, ALABAMA, MOBILE, BILOXI, SANTE FE, ESSEX, BELLEAU WOOD, YORKTOWN, OAKLAND, DESRON 50 less COTTEN. 0000 Changed course to 120 T & pgc, 133 psc. 0034 Changed course to 040 T & pgc. 0047 Changed course to 120 T & pgc, 133 psc. 0248 KNAPP and DORTCH rejoined formation.

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

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0630 Exercised crew at dawn general quarters. 0640 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 6. 0715 Secured from general quarters, set condition of readiness II Mike. 0740 Lighted ship. 0745 Changed speed to 15 kts. 0753 Proceeded to go astern SOUTH DAKOTA prior to fueling. 0755 Changed course to 065 T & pgc.

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

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0803 Task Group formed disposition 5-F on course 065 T & pgc, 059 psc at 10 kts. 0813 Alongside SOUTH DAKOTA. 0823 Commenced fueling. 0901 Completed fueling having received 143,271 gals. at 60° F. 0908 All lines clear from SOUTH DAKOTA. Took station # 2 in screen. 0945 Mustered crew on stations, no absentees. 1150 Completed fueling operation. ALABAMA and SOUTH DAKOTA left formation escorted by CAPERTON and HEALY to join TG 58.3. 1152 Formation took cruising disposition 5-R on course 110 T & pgc, 114 psc., at 19 kts. 1159 On station # 4. Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal.

Bowen Blair
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1216 Changed course to 140 T & pgc, 150 psc. 1226 Changed course to 080 T & pgc, 073 psc. 1227 Changed course to 110 T & pgc, 114 psc. 1237 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan #6. 1238 SANTE FE designated guide. 1500 BALTIMORE joined formation. 1507 CAPERTON and ~~SARLING~~ rejoined formation. 1507 Reoriented a/s screening stations, took station # 6 on ESSEX. 1553 SANTE FE designated guide.

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

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1900 Changed course to 105 T & pgc, 109 psc. 1919 Darkened ship. 1945 Took night screening station.

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

2000 to 2400

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

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

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELL Friday 25 February, 1944
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description +12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	12° 29' 30" N	12° 04' 30" N	09° 59' 00" N
Long.	166° 03' 00" E	167° 20' 00" E	168° 06' 00" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000 to 0400

Steaming darkened in company with Task Group 58.2 as directed by CTF 58 sec. Op. Ord. 3-44 of Feb. 1944 in station # 6 of a/s screen in formation 5-R, fleet axis 075 T, fleet course 105 T & pgc, 109 T psc, with the screen oriented on 060 T, std. spd. 15 kts., steaming at 19 kts. on boilers #2 & #4. Condition of readiness II Mike, material condition Baker set. Ships in company: ESSEX(OTC), YORKTOWN, BELLEAU WOOD, OAKLAND, BALTIMORE, BILOXI, SANTE FE, MOBILE, DESRON 50 less COTTEN.

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

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0600 SANTE FE designated guide, commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 6. 0615 Exercised crew at general quarters. 0700 Secured from general quarters, set condition of readiness II Mike. 0715 Lighted ship.

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

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0900 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. Changed fleet axis to 090 T, changed spd. to 21 kts. 1000 Paid crew regular semi-monthly money, made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples and weekly test of sprinkling system, conditions normal.

Bowen Blair
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1250 Carriers commenced flight operations, on course 060 T. 1310 Carriers completed flight operations. 1330 Formation changed course to 180 T & pgc, 194 psc. Reoriented and took station # 8 on ESSEX. 1500 At approximately 1500 this date McLean, J. C., Sic while ascending the port ladder from the mess hall, struck his head against a sharp object when the ship rolled sustaining a one and a half inch laceration of the forehead of about one centimeter's depth. The patient was examined by Lt.(jg) Gish, MC-USNR and was treated by closing the wound with a suture and applying a dry sterile dressing. No misconduct.

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

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1859 Darkened ship. 1900 Changed course to 128° T + pgc., 138° psc.

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

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. ESSEX designated fleet guide.

Bowen Blair
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

Approved:

H. T. Deutermann
H. T. DEUTERMANN, Comdr., USNR.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

R. N. Perley, Jr.
R. N. PERLEY, Jr., Lieut., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELLSaturday 26 February, 1944
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description +12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	07° 45' 00" N	07° 05' 00" N	07° 07' 00" N
Long.	171° 45' 00" E	171° 14' 00" E	171° 22' 00" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000 to 0400

Steaming darkened in company with TG 58.2 in accordance with CTF 58 sec. Op. Order 3-44 of Feb. 1944 in station # 6 of a/s screen in formation 5-R, fleet axis 090 T, fleet course 128 T & pgc, 138 psc, std. spd. 15 kts, steaming at 21 kts. using boilers # 2 and # 4. Condition of readiness II Mike, material condition Baker set. Ships in company: ESSEX(OTC) YORKTOWN, BELLEAU WOOD, MOBILE, SANTE FE, DAKLAND, BILOXI, BALTIMORE, DESRON 50 less COTTEN. 0047 Surface contacts bearing 190 T, distance 25 mi, course 110 T, spd. 20 kts. Identified as friendly.

L. B. CREGG
L. B. CREGG, Ens., USNR.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0600 Exercised crew at general quarters, commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 6. 0627 Secured from dawn general quarters. 0628 Took day screening station. 0653 Lighted ship. 0710 Ceased zigzagging changed course to 150 T & pgc, 162 psc. 0724 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan # 6.

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

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0805 Ceased zigzagging and changed course to 180 T & pgc, 185 psc. 0807 Changed course to 230 T & pgc, 224 psc. 0808 Sighted land at 224 T about 8 mi. 0817 Changed spd. to 15 kts. 0826 Changed course to 180 T & pgc, 185 psc. 0829 Maneuvering on various courses at various spds. patrolling off entrance to Majuro Atoll. 0830 Mustered crew on stations, no absentees. 1027 Entered channel to Majuro Atoll at various spds. on courses conforming to channel. 1049 Left channel proceeding alongside USS NEOSHO. 1111 Moored stbd. side to NEOSHO with six (6) lines in use in berth 2100 yds. bearing 272 T from berth E-59. 1138 Ingersoll moored port side to NEOSHO. 1140 Received KNAPP alongside to port. 1148 CAPERTON moored port side to INGERSOLL. Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal.

Bowen Blair
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

1200 to 1600

Moored as before. 1326 Commenced fueling. Drift. fwd. 12'6", dft. aft. 13'5". 1331 CAPERTON underway from alongside INGERSOLL. 1347 KNAPP underway from alongside. 1433 INGERSOLL underway from alongside NEOSHO. 1446 Completed fueling, having rec'd. 87,831 gals. dft. fwd. 12'10", dft. aft. 14'6". 1451 Underway from alongside NEOSHO, proceeding to berth C-13. 1546 Moored stbd. side to KNAPP using four (4) manila lines and two (2) wire cables, in berth C-13 with PRAIRIE, CHARRETTE, and KNAPP and SCHRADER in Majuro Lagoon, Marshall Islands. 1555 Secured boiler # 4. Boiler # 2 steaming for auxiliary purposes.

L. B. CREGG
L. B. CREGG, Ens., USNR.

1600 to 2000 Moored as before. 1601 USS BRONSON moored alongside port side. Set modified condition II Mike. 1847 Darkened ship.

H. C. Shelton
H. C. SHELTON, Lieut., 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:

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

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UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELL Sunday 27 February, 1944
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zooe 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 berth C-13 in Majuro Lagoon in destroyer nest to port side of PRAIRIE with ships in the following order: PRAIRIE, SCHROEDER, CHARRETTE, KNAPP, COGSWELL and BRONSON. Moored with six (6) lines in use. Ship darkened topside with boiler # 2 steaming for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: various units of the U.S. Pacific Fleet with SOPA in PRAIRIE (COMSERON 10).

undergoing tender overhaul.

Bowen Blair

BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

0400 to 0800

Moored as before. 0705 USS SCHROEDER underway from port side of PRAIRIE 0709 USS CHARRETTE underway from alongside USS PRAIRIE. USS KNAPP moored stbd. side to USS PRAIRIE. 0748 KNAPP breasted clear of PRAIRIE, USS RADFORD alongside USS PRAIRIE.

C. D. Pulver

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

0800 to 1200

Moored as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 0824 HEALY moored stbd. side to BRONSON. 1000 Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal.

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

1200 to 1600

Moored as before.

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

1600 to 2000

Moored as before. 1930 - Lieut(jg) Rex A. GISH (Lt. V-6) USNR, was transferred to U.S.S. PRAIRIE for medical treatment. P.

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

2000 to 2400

Moored as before.

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

Approved:

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

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UNITED STATES SHIP COGSWELL Monday 28 February, 1944
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description 712

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 berth C-13, Majuro lagoon, Marshall Islands, with the following ships moored port side to U.S.S. PRAIRIE from stbd. to port: RADFORD, KNAPP, COGSWELL, BRONSON and HEALY. Boiler # 2 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ship darkened, condition of readiness II Mike (modified) set. Ships present: various units of U.S. PACIFIC FLEET with SOPA in U.S.S. PRAIRIE (COMSERON 10).

Undergoing ten day overhaul.

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

0400 to 0800

Moored as before.

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

0800 to 1200

Moored as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 1000 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.

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

1600 to 2000

Moored as before. 1848 Darkened ship topside.

Bowen Blair
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

2000 to 2400

Moored as before.

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

Approved:

H. P. Deutermann
H. P. 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 29 February, 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 berth C-13 in Majuro Lagoon in destroyer nest to port side of PRAIRIE with the ships in the following order: PRAIRIE, RADFORD, KNAPP, COGSWELL, BRONSON and HEALY. Moored with six(6) lines. Ship darkened topside with boiler # 2 steaming for auxiliary purposes. Condition of readiness II Mike modified, material condition Baker set. Ships present: various units of the U.S. Pac. Flt., with SOPA in PRAIRIE (COMSERON 10).

Undergoing tender overhaul.

[Signature]
W. B. BRIDGE, Ens., USNR.

0400 to 0800

Moored as before. 0648 Lighted ship.

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

0800 to 1200

0800 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 0915 In accordance with orders of the Commanding Officer and Hospital ticket form "G" of 29 Feb. 1944, MITTEER, Carl E., 310 92 59, CGM(PA), USN., was transferred to U.S.S. PRAIRIE for treatment. Records and accounts accompanied man. 1000 Received 4 MK 6 depth charges. 1135 Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. samples, conditions normal.

[Signature]
J. M. GINTHER, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200 to 1600

Moored as before. 1510 In accordance with Commanding Officer's letter of 29 Feb. 1944, and hospital ticket form "G", WILLIAMSON, E. R., 627 30 25, MM3c, USNR, was transferred to the U.S.S. PRAIRIE for treatment. Records and accounts accompanied man. 1515 Pursuant to Commanding Officer's letters of 29 Feb. 1944, the following named men were transferred with bag and baggage and records: FRYE, W. H., 602 46 37, EM3c, USNR., to U.S.S. PRAIRIE FFT to Navy Training School (Turbo Elec General Elec. Co., New York in accordance with ComDesPac ltr. ser #812 of 16 Feb. 1944. DUBOIS, G.H., 204 16 35, CWT(PA), USFR, to U.S.S. PRAIRIE FFT to Classification Center, Rec. Sta., Phila. Penna., in accordance with ComSerLant ltr. NC-33/MM (22144-SC) of 22 November 1943. McDonald, G.E., 709 41 42, S2c, USNR., to USS PRAIRIE in accordance with hospital ticket form "G", LANDE, A. (n), 214 31 14, CFC(PA), USN., to U.S.S. PRAIRIE, FFT to Advanced Fire Control School, Wash. D.C., in accordance with ComDesPac ltr. # 813 of 16 Feb. 1944. 1540 COHILL, P.W., 603 25 47, GM3c, USNR., returned aboard for duty with records in accordance with verbal orders of the Commanding Officer, U.S.S. YORK-TOWN.

[Signature]
BOWEN BLAIR, Lieut., USNR.

1600 to 2000

Moored as before. 1850 Darkened ship.

[Signature]
C. D. PULVER, Lt.(jg), USN.

2000 to 2400

Moored as before.

[Signature]
W. B. BRIDGE, Ens., USNR.

Approved:

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