

U.S.S. NAVAJO  
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DATE	TIME	FROM	TO	DESCRIPTION	LOG BY:
17-abr-42		San Diego, CA	Pearl Harbor, HI	Seaman 2nd Class John Henry Morris arrives to Pearl Harbor, HI	
18-jun-42				S1C John Henry Morris transferred to USS Navajo AT-64	
30-jun-42				USS Navajo berthed at New Fuel Pier	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
12-jul-42	7:17 a. m.	Pearl Harbor, HI	Pago Pago Harbor, Samoa	USS Navajo underway from berth Sail-3, Submarine Base, Pearl Harbor, T.H. to Pago Pago in company with Hopkins, Zane, Trevor and Aldebaran.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
19-jul-42	4:10 PM			USS Navajo moored to buoy in Pago Pago Harbor, Samoa.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
20-jul-42	2:56 p. m.	Pago Pago Harbor, Samoa	Nukualofa Anchorage, Tongatabu Island	USS Navajo underway from fuel oil pier, Pago Pago to sea in company of Hopkins, Zane, Tervor and Aldebaran.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
23-jul-42	5:45 p. m.		Nukualofa Anchorage	Anchored in berth #29, Nukualofa Anchorage, Tongatabu Island.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
				Task Force anchored in harbor are Enterprise, Long, North Carolina, Portland, Atlanta, Gwin, Balch, Grayson, Maury, Ellet, Monssen, and Benham. Hopkins, Zane, Trevor. Crescent City, President Jackson, President Adams and President Hayes.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
25-jul-42	7:00 PM	Nukualofa Achorage	25 miles out	USS Navajo underway to search for downed U.S. Army bomber	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
26-jul-42	4:28 p. m.			Abandoned search for U.S. Army bomber	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
	6:07 p. m.		Nukualofa Anchorage	USS Navajo returned and achored in berth #29	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
04-ago-42	6:00 a. m.	Nukualofa Anchorage, Tongatabu Island	Segond Channel, Espiritu Santo Island	USS Navajo underway to Segond Channel, Espiritu Santo Island	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
08-ago-42	7:45 a. m.			Following USS Gamble pilot ship into harbor	
	9:02 a. m.			Anchored in Segond Channel to starboard anchor	
	9:40 a. m.	Segond Channel, Espiritu Santo Island	West side of Malo Island, New Hebrides	Underway to proceed to wreck of USS Tucker.	
	10:41 a. m.			Anchored alongside of USS Tucker at west side of Malo Island in 10 fathoms water, with 26 fathoms chain out to starboard anchor.	
	1:42 p. m.			Commenced pumping water into forward hold of USS Tucker.	
	4:40 p. m.			USS Tucker sank below surface of water.	
	4:43 PM			Recovered two bodies from USS Tucker.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
09-ago-42	12:00 a. m.			Commencing salvage work on confidential publications, navigation gear, etc.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN

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11-ago-42	10:35 AM			Salvaged CSP #888 complete with all wheels and safe.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
	10:55 a. m.			Salvaged various confidential publications.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
12-ago-42	10:25 a. m.			Salvaged radar receiver.	
	3:00 p. m.			Salvaged radar transmitter and other small articles including various confidential books, papers and charts.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
13-ago-42	2:40 p. m.			Salvaged radar antennae.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
14-ago-42	3:08 p. m.			Got underway to proceed up channel to anchorage.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
15-ago-42	7:00 a. m.			Got underway to USS Tucker.	
	7:55 a. m.			Anchored fore and aft over USS Tucker, proceeded with salvage operations	
	3:00 p. m.			Salvaged the following ammunition from USS Tucker: 4,500 20 MM - 6 boxes 30 cal, ball - 2 boxes sub. Cal. 30 - 2 1/2 boxes 30 cal. Tracer - 2 boxes 45 cal. ball.	
	4:26 p. m.			Anchored inside of mine field in Segond Channel.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
16-ago-42	7:00 a. m.			Got underway to proceed to USS Tucker.	
	7:35 a. m.			Anchored fore and aft over USS Tucker, continuing salvaged operations.	
	3:00 p. m.			Recovered three torpedoes from USS Tucker.	
	4:00 p. m.			Anchored inside of mine fields in Segond Channel.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
17-ago-42	7:00 a. m.			Got underway to proceed to wreck of USS Tucker.	
	7:35 a. m.			Anchored fore and aft over USS Tucker, continuing salvage operations.	
	10:00 a. m.			Recovered one torpedo from USS Tucker.	
	3:19 p. m.			Got underway to anchor inside mine field of Segond Channel.	
	4:12 p. m.			Anchored in Segond Channel.	
	5:05 p. m.	Segond Channel, Espiritu Santo Island	Noumea, New Caledonia	In accordance with Comsopac orders got underway from Noumea, New Caledonia.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
19-ago-42	1:18 p. m.			Standing into Noumea Harbor, Captain conning, Navigator on bridge.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
	3:28 p. m.			Moored port side to bow of USS Chicago, Noumea, New Caledonia.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
	4:28 p. m.			Commenced underwater cutting work on USS Chicago.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
21-ago-42	4:00 p. m.			Completed underwater cutting on Chicago.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN

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22-ago-42	12:00 a. m.			Anchored in berth A-12, Great Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
23-ago-42	4:00 p. m.			Shifted berth to alongside USS Argonne.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
24-ago-42	12:23 p. m.	Noumea, New Caledonia	Espiritu Santo Island	Pursuant to Comsopac despatch got underway for Espiritu Santo Island, steering various courses conforming with channel, Captain at conn, Navigator on bridge. In company with USS Zeilin, Betelguese, Alderbatan and Hull.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
26-ago-42	2:50 p. m.			Steering various courses entering Segond Channel, Espiritu Santo.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
	3:37 p. m.			Anchored in berth B-2, Segond Channel.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
28-ago-42	7:00 a. m.	Espiritu Santo Island	Malo Island	Got underway for west side of Malo Island.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
	7:46 a. m.			Anchored for and aft over USS Tucker, continuing salvage operations.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
29-ago-42	11:30 a. m.			Recovered 3 torpedoes and 6 20 MM magazines.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
	1:05	Malo Island	Segond Channel, Espiritu Santo Island	Underway steaming up Segond Channel.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
	2:10 p. m.			Commenced dragging for USS Helm lost anchor and chain.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
	3:28 p. m.			Located lost anchor and chain.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
	3:30 p. m.			Anchored in berth A-1, Segond Channel.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
	5:30 p. m.			Completed recovery of anchor and chain.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
	6:00 p. m.			Delivered anchor and chain to USS Helm.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
30-ago-42	8:00 a. m.			Underway to deliver recovered torpedoes and 20 MM magazines to USS Curtiss.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
	8:15 a. m.			Anchored in berth A-4, Segond Channel.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
	10:50 a. m.			Completed transferring torpedoes and magazines to Curtiss.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
	11:50 a. m.	Segond Channel, Espiritu Santo Island	Noumea, New Caledonia	Pursuant to Comsopac despatch, Got underway and proceeded to sea in company with USS Alderbaran.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
	4:20 p. m.			USS Laffey joined formation to act as screening vessel.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
31-ago-42	10:08 a. m.			Proceeding on duty assigned by Comsopac despatch. USS Laffey acting as escort. USS Alderbaran proceeding independently to Noumea.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN

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01-sep-42	4:00 p. m.			Sighted USS Wasp and Task Force 18.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
	5:30 p. m.			Sighted USS Saratoga and Task Force 61.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
	7:00 p. m.			Took cruising disposition with Task Force 61, USS Saratoga, guide, bearing 340*(T), distance 1500 uards.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
02-sep-42	2:10 p. m.			Man overboard from USS Saratoga. Turned to assist in rescue.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
	2:15 p. m.			DD recovered man. Returned to base course.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
	4:08 p. m.			USS Saratoga plane made forced landing in water 1000 yards dead ahead.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
	4:16 p. m.			Picked up Pilot, Ensign J.J. Davidson, USN.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
	4:30 p. m.			Returned Pilot to USS Saratoga by breeches buoy method. Resumed base course.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
03-sep-42	12:30 p. m.			USS Guadalupe and Dale left formation.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
	4:04 p. m.			USS Dewey contacted submarine with listening gear and released six depth charges. Results unknown.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
04-sep-42	8:12 a. m.	Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides	Tugatabu Island	USS Worden made sound contact with submarine and dropped two depth charges.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
06-sep-42	7:30 a. m.			Sighted Tongatabu Island, Distance 10 miles.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
	8:04 a. m.			Sighted USS Seminole, distance 5 miles.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
	9:46 a. m.			Received 10" line from USS Saratoga. Took position 500 yards astern to assist USS Saratoga to berth.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
	11:50 a. m.			Anchored in berth 29, Nukualofa Anchorage, Tongatabu Island, in 12 fathoms of water, with 30 fathoms of chain out to starboard anchor.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
07-sep-42	12:45 p. m.			Commenced recovery of YMS #88 anchor and chain.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
	4:00 p. m.			Recovered YMS #88 anchor and chain in 12 fathoms of water.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
	4:45 p. m.			Underway proceeding to go alongside USS Saratoga. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
	5:15 p. m.			Moored alongside to starboard of USS Saratoga.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
	5:30 p. m.			Commenced salvage operations to USS Saratoga.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN

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11-sep-42	1:40 p. m.			Completed salvage operations to USS Saratoga, which consisted of underwater cutting between frames 133 and the forward limit of the torpedo damage at frame 125, 20 to 25 feet below normal water line. Approximately 50 feet of torn or twisted plating from the outer skin of the blister and pieces which were part of the transverse structure members and about 20 feet on skin of ship was removed.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
12-sep-42	6:25 a. m.			Underway in accordance with ComTaskFor despatch 100001, steering various courses and speeds conforming to channel. Captain conning.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
	11:25 a. m.			Anchored in berth 29, Nukualofa Harbor, Tongatabu Island.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
13-sep-42	2:41 p. m.	Tongatabu Island	Noumea, New Caledonia	Underway in accordance with Comsopac despatch 120302 of September 1942. Using various courses and speeds to conform with channel. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
14-sep-42	12:00 a. m.			Steaming on course. In convoy formation with Task Force 66.2, USS Arctic guide, USS Kankakee, Walke.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
16-sep-42	12:00 a. m.			In column formation with USS Kankakee (SOPA), USS Arctic guide, and USS Walke screening.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
18-sep-42	9:07 a. m.			Sighted the island of New Caledonia distance 11 miles.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
	9:30 a. m.			Sighted USS Kingfisher with barge in tow, distance 7 miles.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
	10:40 a. m.			Steering at various courses at various speeds, proceeding up channel to Great Roads Anchorage. Captain conning, navigator on the bridge.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
	12:15 p. m.			Anchored in berth 12, Great Roads Anchorage, Noumea, New Caledonia in 6 fathoms of water with 30 fathoms of chain out to port anchor.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
	1:10 p. m.			Made all preparations for getting underway.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
	1:20 p. m.			Underway. Using various courses and speeds conforming to channel. Captain conning Navigator on the bridge.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
	1:55 p. m.			Moored alongside to starboard of USS Kankakee in berth 23, Great Roads Anchorage.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
	4:16 p. m.			Underway. Using various courses and speeds conforming to channel. Captain conning Navigator on the bridge.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
	4:35 p. m.			Anchored in berth 9, Great Roads Anchorage, Noumea, New Caledonia.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
19-sep-42	9:28 a. m.	Noumea, New Caledonia	Segond Channel, Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides	Underway in accordance with Comsopac despatch 181442 of September, 1942.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN

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	11:33 a. m.			Enroute singly from Noumea, New Caledonia to Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
21-sep-42	6:50 a. m.			Made all preparations for entering port. Using various course and speeds conforming to channel. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
	7:40 a. m.			Moored alongside to starboard of USS O'Brien in berth A-5, Segond Channel, Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides. USS O'Brien moored alongside to starboard of USS Curtiss.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
	10:19 a. m.	Segond Channel, Espiritu Santo Island	Noumea, New Caledonia	Underway in accordance with Comsopac orders of September 1942. In company with USS O'Brien.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
23-sep-42	11:00 a. m.			Sighted Ametrex Light, distance 19 miles.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
	12:04 p. m.			Using various courses and speeds conforming to Channel. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
	2:05 p. m.			Made all preparations for entering port.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
	2:31 p. m.			Anchored in Great Roads Anchorage, Noumea, New Caledonia. In 5 fathoms of water, with 30 fathoms of chain out to starboard anchor.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
	3:34 p. m.			Made all preparations for shifting berths.	
	3:40 p. m.			Underway.	
	3:52 p. m.			Moored alongside to port of USS O'Brien in berth A-6, Great Roads Anchorage, Noumea, New Caledonia. USS O'Brien moored alongside to port of USS Argonne.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
24-sep-42	12:00 a. m.			Moored alongside to starboard of USS O'Brien, in berth A-6, Great Roads Anchorage, Noumea, New Caledonia. USS O'Brien moored alongside to starboard of USS Argonne. SOPA, Commander South Pacific, in USS Argonne. Various units of the US, British and Free French Fleets present.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
	1:00 p. m.			Commenced diving and salvage operations to USS O'Brien.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
26-sep-42	6:55 a. m.			Underway in accordance with Comsopac orders, proceeding to station, using various courses and speeds to conform to channel. Captain conning, Navigator on bridge.	
	7:30 a. m.			Sighted Task Force 16 standing into harbor. Took station 500 yards asatern of USS Hornet. Standing up channel to anchorage.	
	11:20 a. m.			Moored alongside to port of USS O'Brien in Great Roads Anchorage, Noumea, New Calendonia. USS O'Brien moored alongside to port USS Argonne.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
28-sep-42	5:07 p. m.			Underway in accordance with Comsopac orders.	
	5:20 p. m.			Moored alsongside to port of USS Lackawanna. Commenced unloading tormpedo tubes and boat gear from USS Lackawanna.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN

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30-sep-42	7:39 a. m.			Underway in accordance with Comsopac despatch of September 1942. Proceeding to sea. Using various courses and speeds conforming to channel. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge.	
	9:03 a. m.	Noumea, New Caledonia	West of San Cristobal Island, Solomon Islands.	With Amadee Light abeam to starboard, took departure and set base course and gyro. Enroute from Noumea, New Caledonia to a position West of San Cristobal Island. In company with SC #476. Standing speed 115 RPM, 14.5 knots.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
02-oct-42	4:10 p. m.			Sighted USS Meredith, USS Monssen with USS Alhena in tow.	
	7:15 p. m.			Steering various courses at various spees to take station for passing tow line to USS Alhena.	
	8:15 p. m.			USS Alhena in tow with 275 fathoms of 2" towing cable ut to 75 fathoms of 2-1/4" chain. Standard speed 70 RPM, 9.8 knots.	
	9:24 p. m.			Increased standard speed to 90 RPM, 12.2 knots.	
	9:42 p. m.	West of San Cristobal Island, Solomon Islands.	Espiritu Santos Island, New Hebrides.	Changed course. Increased standard speed to 98 RPM, 12.9 knots.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
03-oct-42	12:00 a. m.			Standard speed speed 98 RPM, 12.2 knots. USS Alhena in tow. Incompany with USS Monssen, USS Meredith and SC#476.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
06-oct-42	5:10 a. m.			Sighted Espiritu Santo Island.	
	7:50 a. m.			Sighted Malekulu Island.	
	8:01 a. m.			Changed standard speed to 80 RPM, approximate speed of advance 3 knots.	
	5:25 p. m.			Shortened towing cable to 100 fathoms out to 75 fathoms of 2-1/4 " chain.	
	8:00 p. m.			Position, piloting in Bougainville Strait, New Hebrides.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
07-oct-42	8:00 a. m.			Position, standing up Bougainville Strait, steering at various courses and speeds conforming to channel. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge.	
	9:40 a. m.			USS Alhena anchored. Released towing cable and chain.	
	12:13 p. m.			Moored alongside to port of USS Alhena in berth A-5, Segond Channel, Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides.	
	12:30 p. m.			Commenced salvage and repair operations to USS Alhena.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
08-oct-42	12:00 a. m.			Moored alongside to port of USS Alhena in berth A-5, Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides. SOPA, Commander Aircraft South Pacific, in USS Curtiss. Various units of U.S. and British Fleets present.	
	3:31 p. m.			Underway at various courses and speeds. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge.	
	3:57 p. m.			Moored alsongside to port of USS Kankakee in berth A-21, Segond Channel, Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides.	

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	6:00 p. m.			Underway at various courses and speeds conforming to channel. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge.	
	6:23 p. m.			Moored alongside to port of USS Alhena in berth A-5, Segond Channel.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
09-oct-42	12:00 a. m.			Moored along side to port of USS Alhena in berth A-5. Continued salvage and repair operations to USS Alhena.	
	10:40 a. m.			USS Vireo underway with barge PAB #4.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
12-oct-42	6:57 a. m.			Underway steering various courses and speeds conforming to channel.	
	7:15 a. m.			USS Breese in tow alongside to port.	
	7:25 a. m.			Moored alongside USS Alhena in berth A-5. Continued salvage and repair operations to USS Breese.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
13-oct-42	12:00 a. m.			Moored alongside to port of USS Alhena in berth A-5. USS Breese moored alongside to port. Continued salvage and repair operations to USS Alhena and Breese.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
14-oct-42	10:30 a. m.			Underway steering various courses and speeds conforming to channel. Captain conning and Navigator on the bridge.	
	11:00 a. m.			Moored alongside to port of USS Boise in Segond Channel.	
	11:30 a. m.			Commenced salvage and repair operations to USS Boise.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
15-oct-42	4:15 p. m.			Completed salvage operations to USS Boise.	
	4:28 p. m.			Underway at various courses and speeds.	
	4:45 p. m.			USS Seminole stood in and anchored.	
	4:52 p. m.			Moored alongside to starboard of USS Alhena in berth A-5.	
	5:00 p. m.			USS Castor, Fuller, Gulf Queen, Boise, and Salt Lake City underway and stood out.	
	7:40 p. m.			Executed general quarters on signal.	
	7:40 p. m.			Secured from general quarters and set condition of rediness two.	
	11:00 p. m.			Completed salvage and repair operation to USS Alhena and Breese.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
16-oct-42	5:24 a. m.			Commenced passing towing cable to USS Alhena.	
	7:36 a. m.			Underway steering various courses and speeds with USS Alhena in tow. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge.	
	9:40 a. m.	Segond Channel, Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides	Sidney, Australia	Took departure with right tangent, Bagacic Island. In accordance with Comsopac dispatch 150622 of October, 1942. In company with USS PC#476. Veered 2" towing cable out to 250 fathoms out to 75 fathoms of 2-1/4" chain. Standard speed 100 RPM, speed of advance approximate 6 knots.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN



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17-oct-42	6:35 a. m.			Sighted USS Tracy and Breese distance 9 miles.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
19-oct-42	4:40 a. m.			Sighted two ships, identified as USS Hercules and WNSJ.	
	1:12 p. m.			Sighted USS PC#477, distance 10 miles.	
	1:40 p. m.			USS PC#477 took disposition with formation.	
	6:00 p. m.	Segond Channel, Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides.	Noumea, New Caledonia	Changed course. In accordance with Comsopac dispatch of October 19, 1942, proceeding to Noumea, New Caledonia.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
20-oct-42	12:00 a. m.			Standard speed 95 RPM, approximate speed of advance 6 knots. USS Alhena in tow to 250 fathoms of 2" wire out to 75 fathoms of 2-1/4" chain. In formation with USS PC3476 and PC#477.	
	7:15 a. m.			Changed standard speed to 60 RPM. Commenced shortening tow to 75 fathoms of 2-1/4" chain. Standing into channel.	
	8:20 a. m.			Steering various courses and speeds conforming to channel. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge.	
	12:23 p. m.			USS Alhena anchored in berth 45, Noumea, New Caledonia.	
	12:30 p. m.			Disconnected tow.	
	12:55 p. m.			Moored alongside USS Alhena in berth 45, Noumea, New Caledonia.	
	1:00 p. m.			Commenced diving operations on USS Alhena.	
	2:50 p. m.			Completed diving operations.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
21-oct-42	12:00 a. m.			Moored alongside to port of USS Alhena in berth 45, Noumea, New Caledonia. SOPA, Commander South Pacific, in USS Argonne. Various units of U.S. Fleet present.	
	8:13 a. m.			Made all preparations for shifting berths.	
	8:20 a. m.			Underway steering various courses and speeds. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge.	
	8:47 a. m.			Moored alongside to starboard of USS Monssen at berth A-9, Great Roads Anchorage, Noumea, New Caledonia. USS Monssen alongside to port of USS Whitney.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
22-oct-42	6:45 a. m.			Made all preparations for getting underway.	
	6:48 a. m.			Underway steering various courses and speeds. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge.	
	8:57 a. m.	Noumea, New Caledonia	Segond Channel, Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides.	Took departure in accordance with Comsopac dispatch 210902 of October, 1942. Standard speed 110 RPM, 14 knots.	
	12:03 p. m.			Exchanged calls with USS Fomalhaut, Heywood and McKean distance 10 miles.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
24-oct-42	4:25 a. m.			Steering various courses and speeds conforming to channel. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge.	

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	5:10 a. m.			Bagacio Island abeam to starboard, distance 500 yards. Standing into Segond Channel, Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides.	
	6:30 a. m.			Moored alongside to starboard of USS Chester in Segond Channel. SOPA, Commander Aircraft South Pacific, in USS Curtiss. Various units of the U.S. Fleet present.	
	6:45 a. m.			Commenced salvage and repair operations to USS Chester.	
	12:10 p. m.			USS Hopkins, Meade, Guadalupe and PC#479 underway and stood out.	
	6:15 p. m.			USS Kankakee and Guin underway and stood out.	
26-oct-42	9:25 a. m.			SS President Coolidge standing in Eastern channel struck mine.	
	9:35 a. m.			Made all preparations for getting underway.	
	9:39 a. m.			Underway proceeding to assist SS President Coolidge. Steering various courses and speeds conforming to channel. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge.	
	10:00 a. m.			Arrived at scene. Commenced receiving passengers consisting of 410 U.S. Army Officers, enlisted men, and crew of SS President Coolidge, including 3 injured.	
	10:45 a. m.			SS President Coolidge down by stern capsized.	
	10:50 a. m.			SS President Coolidge sank below surface in 36 fathoms of water.	
	11:04 a. m.			Standing up channel proceeding to berth.	
	11:05 a. m.			USS Bobolink standing out to port. USS Mackanac standing out to starboard.	
	11:28 a. m.			Moored alongside to starboard of USS Chester in Segond Channel, Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides.	
	11:30 a. m.			Disembarked 410 survivors of SS President Coolidge to USS Chester.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
27-oct-42	12:00 a. m.			Moored alongside to Starboard of USS Chester. Continuing salvage and repair operations to USS Chester.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
28-oct-42	12:36 p. m.			Underway proceeding to go alongside USS Lackawanna.	
	12:55 p. m.			Moored alongside to port of USS Lackawanna.	
	2:08 p. m.			Underway proceeding to berth.	
	2:26 p. m.			Moored alongside to starboard of USS Chester in berth X-7.	
	4:20 p. m.			USS Chester underway to shift berths. Underway alongside USS Chester to assist in swinging ship. Completed salvage and repair operations to USS Chester.	
	5:58 p. m.			Cast off all lines from USS Chester. Proceeding to anchorage.	
	6:13 p. m.			Ancored in berth C-1 in 14 fathoms of water with 30 fathoms of chain out to port anchor.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
03-nov-42	12:00 a. m.			Anchored in berth C-1, Segond Channel, Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides.	

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	7:57 a. m.			Underway. Steering various courses at various speeds. Proceeding to Pallikula Bay, Espiritu Santo Island.	
	10:40 a. m.			Standing into Pallikula Harbor.	
	10:56 a. m.			Standing out Pallikula Harbor with barge in tow to 20 fathoms of 10" manila. Steering various courses at various speeds. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge.	
	12:35 p. m.			Standing in to Segond Channel. Steering various courses at various speeds conforming to channel.	
	1:37 p. m.			Released barge. Proceeding to wreck of SS President Coolidge.	
	2:34 p. m.			Moored over wreck of SS President Coolidge.	
	3:00 p. m.			Commenced salvage operations to cargo of SS President Coolidge.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
04-nov-42	12:00 a. m.			Moored over wreck of SS President Coolidge. Continued salvage operations to cargo of SS President Coolidge.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
05-nov-42	12:00 a. m.			Moored over wreck of SS President Coolidge. Continued salvage operations to cargo of SS President Coolidge.	
	8:45 a. m.			USS Fuller, Shaw and PC#477 stood in and anchored.	
	1:01 p. m.			Underway proceeding to go alongside USS Fuller.	
	2:02 p. m.			Moored alongside to starboard of USS Fuller in berth A-8. Commenced salvage and repair operations to USS Fuller.	
	3:45 p. m.			USS Conyngham and Southard stood in and anchored.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
06-nov-42	11:18 a. m.			Underway steering various courses at various speeds conforming to channel. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge.	
	11:30			Moored alongside to starboard of USS Conyngham in berth A-7. USS Conyngham moored alongside to starboard of USS Curtiss. Commenced salvage and repair operations to USS Conyngham.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
11-nov-42	12:00 a. m.			Moored alongside to starboard of USS Conyngham in berth A-7, Segond Channel, Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides.	
	6:56 a. m.			Underway steering various courses at various speeds conforming to channel. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge. Proceeding to wreck of SS President Coolidge for inspection.	
	8:40 a. m.			Steering various courses at various speeds proceeding to wreck of USS Tucker.	
	10:15 a. m.			Standing in Segond Channel.	
	11:07 a. m.			Anchored in berth A-3, Segond Channel.	
	12:50 p. m.			Underway to shift berth.	
	1:15 p. m.			Anchored in berth C-3, Segond Channel.	

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13-nov-42	6:58 a. m.			Underway. Steering various courses at various speeds conforming to channel. Enroute from Segond Channel to Pallikula Bay, Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides, in company with SS Delbrasil.	
	8:10 a. m.			Standing in to Pallikulo Bay. Commenced taking survey of channel.	
	9:44 a. m.			SS Delbrasil anchored in Pallikulo Bay.	
	10:47 a. m.			Anchored in Pallikulo Bay, Espiritu Santo island, New Hebrides, in 12 fathoms of water, with 30 fathoms of chain out to port anchor.	
	1:51 p. m.			Underway standing out Pallikulo Bay. Steering various courses at various speeds.	
	2:45 p. m.			Standing in to Segond Channel, Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides.	
	3:29 p. m.			Anchored in berth C-3, Segond Channel.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
14-nov-42	9:23 a. m.			Underway proceeding to go alongside USS Zeilin.	
	10:05 a. m.			Moored alongside to starboard of USS Zeilin in berth A-7.	
	10:30 a. m.			Commenced salvage and repair operations to USS Zeilin.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
18-nov-42	3:45 p. m.			Strange submarine reported in harbor from USS Vestal.	
	3:45 p. m.			Executed general quarters.	
	5:04 p. m.			Secured from general quarters on signal. Set condition of rediness three.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
19-nov-42	4:01 p. m.			Completed salvage and repair operations to USS Zeilin.	
	4:49 p. m.			Underway in accordance with Comsopac despatch 183352 of November, 1942. Steering various courses at various speeds conforming to channel. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge.	
	6:10 p. m.	Segond Channel, Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides	Lengo Channel, Solomon Island.	With right tangent, Tutuba Island, distance 3 miles, took departure and set base course and gyro. Enroute Segond Channel, Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides, to Lengo Channel, Solomon Island. In company with USS Meade.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
21-nov-42	5:20 a. m.			Sighted San Cristabol Island distance 47 miles.	
	6:44 a. m.			Sighted Guadalcanal Island, distance 42 miles.	
	7:50 a. m.			Increased standard speed to 120 RPM, 15 knots.	
	12:55 p. m.			Sighted Nura Island.	
	3:30 p. m.			Executed general quarters.	
	4:27 p. m.			Standing into Lengo Channel.	
	4:38 p. m.			Sighted USS Zane, distance 8 miles.	
	4:50 p. m.			Secured from general quarters and set condition of rediness three.	
	5:32 p. m.			Commenced steering various courses and speeds, standing up Tulagi Harbor. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge.	

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	6:05 p. m.		Lieutenant M.I. Harper, R.A.N.R. (S), pilot, reported on board.	
	6:28 p. m.		Moored alongside to starboard of USS Portland, in Tulagi harbor, Florida Island, Solomon Islands.	
	6:30 p. m.		Commenced salvage and repair operations to USS Portland.	
	8:35 p. m.		Commander L. Curtiss, USNR(S), reported on board for temporary duty.	
	8:43 p. m.		Underway. Steering various courses at various speeds. Pilot conning, Captain and Navigator on the bridge. Proceeding to Lunga Point, Guadalcanal Island, to assist USS Betelgeuse.	
	10:15 p. m.		sighted USS Betelgeuse, 10 miles.	
	11:32 p. m.		Anchored off Guadalcanal Island, Solomon Island, with Lunga Point, distance 1-1/4 miles.	
	11:35 p. m.		Commenced all preparations to assist USS Betelgeuse.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
22-nov-42	1:10 a. m.		Commenced passing towing cable to USS Betelgeuse.	
	1:30 a. m.		With 2" towing cable connected up to stern of USS Betelgeuse, commenced taking strain, and heaving in on the anchor chain as ship forges ahead.	
	2:25 a. m.		USS Betelgeuse afloat and clear of Lunga Reef. Cast off towing cable.	
	3:05 a. m.		Underway. Steering various courses at various speeds, Proceeding to Tulagi Harbor.	
	4:37 a. m.		Commenced steering various courses at various speeds, standing in Tulagi Harbor. Pilot conning, Captain and Navigator on the bridge.	
	4:55 a. m.		Anchored in Tulagi Harbor, Florida Island, Solomon Islands.	
	12:53 p. m.		Underway. Proceeding to shift berths alongside USS Portland.	
	1:01 p. m.		Moored alongside to starboard of USS Portland.	
	2:06 p. m.		Completed salvage and repair operations to USS Portland.	
	2:57 p. m.		Underway. Proceeding to take station to pass towing cable to USS Portland.	
	3:02 p. m.		Anchored in Tulagi Harbor, 100 yards ahead of USS Portland. Commenced passing towing cable to USS Portland.	
	3:05 p. m.		USS Meade and Zane underway and standing out of harbor.	
	3:19 p. m.		USS Bobolink underway and standing out to assist USS Portland.	
	3:29 p. m.		Towing cable connected up to USS Portland.	
	3:46 p. m.		Underway with USS Portland in tow, out to 75 fathoms od 2-3/4" chain. Standing out of Tulagi Harbor. Steering various courses at various speeds. Pilot conning, Captain and Navigator on the bridge.	

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	5:14 p. m.			Reversed course, proceeding to Tulagi Harbor. Rudder and maneuvering conditions to USS Portland not satisfactory.	
	5:45 p. m.			USS Bobolink moored alongside to starboard of USS Portland, to assist maneuvering to port.	
	6:27 p. m.			USS Portland anchored in Tulagi Harbor.	
	6:41 p. m.			Anchored in Tulagi Harbor, 100 yards ahead of USS Portland, with towing cable connected to port anchor chain of USS Portland.	
	6:49 p. m.			USS Bobolink and Libra stood in an anchored.	
	7:08 p. m.			Underway. Standing out of Tulagi Harbor, with USS Portland in tow to 75 fathoms of 2-1/4" chain. Steering various courses at various speeds. Pilot conning, Captain and Navigator on the bridge	
	8:00 p. m.			Position piloting south of Tulagi Island, proceeding to Lengo Channel, Guadalcanal Island, Solomon Islands. Approximate speed of advance 6 knots.	
	8:20 p. m.			Pilot left the ship.	
	8:21 p. m.			USS Boblink cast off from alongside USS Portland and proceeding to port.	
	10:26 p. m.			Changed course and gyro. Standing into Lengo Channel.	
	11:31 p. m.			Changed course and gyro. Sighted numerous white flares and bursts of machinegun fire, off point Esperance, Guadalcanal Island, during evening hours.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
23-nov-42	12:00 a. m.	Tulagi Harbor, Solomon Island	Sydney, Australia	Steaming on course and gyro. Main generators #2 and 4 in use. Standard speed 86 RPM, approximate speed of advance 6 knots. USS Portland in tow to 75 fathoms of 2-3/4" chain. Tulagi harbor, Solomon Island to Sydney, Australia. In company with USS Meade and Zane.	
	1:07 a. m.			Changed standard speed to 860 RPM. Commenced veering towing cable.	
	1:38 a. m.			Secured towing cable at 250 fathoms of wire to USS Portland, out to 75 fathoms of 2-3/4" anchor chain. Changed standard speed to 100 RPM, approximate speed of advance 9 knots.	
	3:30 p. m.			Sighted two empty life rafts, distance 1500 yards.	
	5:00 p. m.			USS Zane took departure from formation.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
24-nov-42	2:21 p. m.			Commenced steering various courses at various speeds, to disconnect tow wire.	
	3:03 p. m.			Disconnected tow wire from USS Portland chain.	
	5:30 p. m.			Changed course and gyro, at various speeds to maintain position 500 yards from starboard quarter of USS Portland.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN

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25-nov-42	12:00 a. m.			Steaming on course and gyro. Standard speed 90 RPM, appoximate speed of advance 11 knots. In company with USS Portland, guide, USS Meade. Inroute from Tulagi, Solomon Islands to Sydney, Australia.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
26-nov-42	9:55 a. m.			Sighted heavy oil slick, distance 1000 yards.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
27-nov-42	12:00 a. m.			Standard speed 100 RPM, approximate speed of advance 11 knots. In company with USS Portland, guide, and USS Meade, screening.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
30-nov-42	5:10 a. m.			Sighted Outer South Head Light, distance 45 miles.	
	5:52 a. m.			Sighted Inter South Head Light, distance 22 miles.	
	5:53 a. m.			Commenced steering various courses at various speeds to maintain position astern of USS Portland.	
	8:04 a. m.			Commenced passing 12" manila line to USS Portland.	
	8:18 a. m.			Standing into Port Jackson, Sydney, Australia, with USS Portland in tow to 75 fathoms of 12" manila line. Steering various courses at various speeds conforming to channel. Captain conning, Navigator on the bride.	
	8:42 a. m.			Pilot Lowery reported on board.	
	9:47 a. m.			Cast off tow line from USS Portland. Proceeding to berth.	
	11:20 a. m.			Moored alongside to starboard of USS Meade at pier #1, Woolloowooloo Bay, Sydney, Australia. USS Meade moored alonside to port of USS Dobbin.	
	11:25 a. m.			Pilot left the ship.	Chief Boatswain, F. Rigley, USN
01-dic-42	12:00 a. m.			Moored port side to starboard side of USS Meade alongside port side of USS Dobbin at Royal Australian Navy Pier, Woolloomooloo Bay, Sydney, Australia.	
	12:45 p. m.			Pursuant to BuPers despatch 280638 of October, 1942, Commander Joseph A. Ouellet, U.S. Navy, was this date relieved and detached. Pursuant to BuPers despatch 270337 of November, 1942, Lieut. (jg) Frank Rigley, U.S. Navy, assumed command of this vessel.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
04-dic-42	7:14 a. m.	Sydney, Australia	Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands.	Underway proceeding out channel. Pilot B. Spanin conning, Captain and Navigator on the bridge. Steering various courses at various speeds in company with USS Meade.	
	8:32 a. m.			In accordance with Comsopac despatch 010102 of December, 1942, took departure from Sydney, Australia, with inner South Headlight bearing. In company with USS Meade eroute Sydney, Australia to Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
05-dic-42	12:00 a. m.			Steaming on base course and gyro. Speed of advance 14 knots.	
	8:40 p. m.			USS Meade made soud contact with enemy submarine.	

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	8:41 p. m.			Executed General Quarters. Commenced zigzagging. Changed standard speed to 120 RPM, 15 knots.	
	9:10 p. m.			Secured from General Quarters.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
07-dic-42	12:00 a. m.			Steaming on course and gyeo. Standard speed 120 RPM, 14 knots, enroute Sydney, Australia, to rendezvous with USS Pensacola between Solomon and New Hebrides Islands.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
09-dic-42	7:38 a. m.			Sighted USS Pensacola, Lamson, Lardner, and Maury, distance 10 miles.	
	8:30 a. m.			Took position astern of USS Pensacola.	
	8:33 a. m.			Changed standard speed to 60 RPM, 8.2 knots.	
	10:18 a. m.			USS Lardner left formation.	
	11:13 a. m.			Changed standard speed to 80 RPM, 11.2 knots.	
	11:15 a. m.			Commenced zigzagging astern of USS Pensacola.	
	3:34 p. m.			Left formation and joined USS Meade in accordance with Comsopac despatch 082331. Proceeding to Ringbolht to help with damaged vessels. Changed standard speed to 112 RPM, 13 knots.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
10-dic-42	12:00 a. m.			Steaming on course and gyro. Enroute to Solomon Islands. In company with USS Meade, guide and screen. Standard speed 110 RPM, 13 knots.	
	12:45 p. m.			Sighted San Cristobal, distance 50 miles.	
	10:00 p. m.			Position piloting Lengo Channel.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
11-dic-42	12:00 a. m.			Steaming on course and gyro. Enroute to Solomon Islands. In company with USS Meade. Standard speed 112 RPM, 13 knots.	
	1:25 a. m.			Sighted Nura Island.	
	1:47 a. m.			Nura Island abeam to starboard.	
	2:30 a. m.			Rera Sura Island abeam to port.	
	5:00 a. m.			Changed standard speed to 110 RPM, 13 knots.	
	6:30 a. m.			Proceeding into Tulagi Harbor, steering various courses at various speeds conforming to channel. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge.	
	7:43 a. m.			Moored port side to starboard side of USS Minneapolis.	
	8:10 a. m.			Underway on various courses at various speeds conforming to channel, proceeding from Sasapi Point to Maliali River. Commenced salvage operations on USS New Orleans.	
	9:13 a. m.			Moored starboard side to starboard side of USS New Orleans in Maliali River.	



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	12:45 p. m.			Sounded General Quarters. Unidentified planes in vicinity.	
	1:12 p. m.			Secured from General Quarters.	
12-dic-42	12:00 a. m.			Moored starboard side to starboard side of USS New Orleans in Maliali River, Florida Island. USS Minneapolis (SOPA) and various units of the U.S. Fleet present.	
	8:05 a. m.			Sounded General Quarters. Unidentified planes.	
	9:19 a. m.			Secured from General Quarters.	
	11:12 a. m.			Commenced towing operations on USS New Orleans.	
	11:44 a. m.			Secured towing operations. Could not break ship loose from bottom.	
	12:42 p. m.			In company with USS Bobolink, commenced taking strain on USS New Orleans.	
	12:50 p. m.			Underway, Captain conning, Navigator on bridge, proceeding down Maliali River, towing USS New Orleans alongside to starboard. Steering various courses at various speeds.	
	2:38 p. m.			Anchored in Tulagi harbor in 23 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to port anchor. New Orleans moored alongside to starboard. Continued salvage operations.	
	3:59 p. m.			Underway steering various courses at various speeds to berth of USS Minneapolis to assist her in clearing harbor. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge.	
	4:28 p. m.			Passed line to USS Minneapolis pulling her stern around.	
	4:45 p. m.			Cast off line to USS Minneapolis.	
	5:08 p. m.			Proceeding out channel steering various courses at various speeds conforming to channel.	
	6:15 p. m.			Took departure from Tulagi Harbor with Bungana Island distance 2-1/2 miles.	
	6:53 p. m.			Commenced zigzagging astern of USS Minneapolis.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
13-dic-42	12:00 a. m.	Solomon Islands	Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides	Steaming on base course and gyro, in formation with USS Minneapolis, guide, USS Meade and Saufley screen. Enroute Solomon Islands to Espiritu Santo. Standard speed 66 RPM.	
	12:50 a. m.			Sighted Nura Island.	
	5:35 a. m.			Sighted USS New Orleans and 2 destroyers, distance 8 miles.	
	5:45 a. m.			Took position zigzagging ahead of USS Minneapolis.	
	8:00 a. m.			Position - piloting Lengo Channel.	
	6:50 p. m.			Took station astern of USS Minneapolis.	
	7:35 p. m.			USS Saufley made sub contact, dropped depth charges.	

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	7:37 p. m.			Sounded General Quarters.	
	10:23 p. m.			Secured from General Quarters.	
	11:46 p. m.			Changed standard speed to 60 RPM.	
14-dic-42	5:55 a. m.			Changed standard speed to 110 RPM, 13 knots, to rejoin formation which was lost when heavy rains set in.	
	7:05 a. m.			Changed standard speed to 65 RPM, having regained station ahead of USS Minneapolis.	
	2:18 p. m.			USS Minneapolis lost all way. Proceeding alongside as directed to assist. Captain conning.	
	2:25 p. m.			USS Minneapolis proceeding on course.	
	2:32 p. m.			Took position ahead of USS Minneapolis and commenced zigzagging.	
	6:30 p. m.			Took position astern of USS Minneapolis.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
15-dic-42	5:45 a. m.			Took position ahead of USS Minneapolis.	
	3:42 p. m.			USS Saufley made submarine contact, dropped depth charges.	
	6:30 p. m.			Took position astern of USS Minneapolis.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
16-dic-42	12:00 a. m.			Steaming on base course and gyro. Standard speed 90 RPM. Enroute Solomon Islands to Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides. In company with USS Minneapolis, guide, Meade and Saufley screening.	
	3:40 a. m.			Cape Cumberland sighted, distance 10 miles.	
	10:00 a. m.			Stopped zigzagging to take station two hundred yards off port quarter of USS Minneapolis.	
	12:00 p. m.			Piloting off Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides.	
	12:17 p. m.			Changed standard speed to 58 RPM.	
	1:50 p. m.			Steering various courses at various speeds entering Segond Channel. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge.	
	2:45 p. m.			Proceeded alongside USS Minneapolis and moored starboard side to port side to assist in entering channel.	
	3:00 p. m.			USS Saufley moored portside to USS Minneapolis.	
	3:26 p. m.			USS Saufley cast off from USS Minneapolis.	
	4:44 p. m.			Cast off lines from USS Minneapolis, proceeding to go alongside USS Guadalupe.	
	5:17 p. m.			Moored port side to starboard side of USS Guadalupe.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR

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17-dic-42	12:00 a. m.			Moored starboard side to port side of USS Guadalup in berth 5, Segond Channel, Espiritu Santo, Hebrides.	
	6:00 a. m.			USS Talamanca underway to shift berths.	
	6:25 a. m.			USS Lang underway.	
	6:32 a. m.			Underway to shift berths, Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge.	
	6:54 a. m.			Anchored off Port Director's Office in 20 fathoms of water in Segond Channel.	
	7:05 a. m.			USS Drayton underway to shift berths.	
	7:36 a. m.			Underway to shift berths. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge.	
	7:46 a. m.			Anchored in 20 fathoms.	
	7:50 a. m.			USS Anderson and Russell stood out.	
	8:10 a. m.			USS San Diego and Enterprise stood out.	
	8:50 a. m.			USS Hovey stood in.	
	10:10 a. m.			USS Mustin and Neville stood in.	
	10:30 a. m.			USS Fletcher, Drayton, Lang, Louisville, Helena, Honolulu and Columbia stood out.	
	1:00 p. m.			USS Thornton stood in.	
	4:10 p. m.			USS Meade and Wright stood out.	
	4:45 p. m.			USS Southard and Argonaut stood in.	
	5:50 p. m.			USS Zane and Trevor stood out.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
18-dic-42	12:00 a. m.			Anchored in Segond Channel, Espiritu Santo Islands on same bearings as before.	
	6:45 a. m.			Underway proceeding to go alongside USS Minneapolis. Using various courses and speeds. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge.	
	7:00 a. m.			Moored port side to port bow of USS Minneapolis..	
	9:10 a. m.			Commenced diving and salvage operations on USS Minneapolis.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
19-dic-42	8:15 a. m.			Continuing diving and salvage operations.	
	11:50 a. m.			USS Minneapolis sounded general alarm for fire in forward engine room. Sounded fire and rescue.	
	2:20 p. m.			USS Sabine stood out.	

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	3:49 p. m.			USS Solace stood in.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
20-dic-42	7:35 a. m.			Commenced diving and salvage operations.	
	9:06 a. m.			USS Ballard and Adhara stood in.	
	12:30 p. m.			USS Mustin stood out.	
	12:45 p. m.			Underway proceeding to sea in company with USS Fomalhaut, guide, Kopara, Mustin and Perkins, screen. Steering various courses at various speeds. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge.	
	2:09 p. m.	Espiritu Santo	Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands.	Took departure from Espiritu Santo with Bogacio Island, distance 1-1/2 miles. Base course and gyro in accordance with Comsopac despatches 190242 and 190342 enroute Espiritu Santo to Guadalcanal.	
	2:30 p. m.			Commenced zigzagging.	
	7:30 p. m.			Changed course and gyro. Standard speed 83 RPM, 9 knots.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
21-dic-42	12:00 a. m.			Steaming on basecourse and gyro. Zigzagging according to plan, enroute Espiritu Santo to Solomon Islands in formation with USS Fomalhaut guide, Kopara, Mustin and Perkins screening.	
	12:48 p. m.			USS Mustin dropped four depth charges.	
	12:49 p. m.			Sounded General Quarters. Changed course and gyro.	
	1:12 p. m.			USS Mustin Dropped three depth charges.	
	1:14 p. m.			Commenced zigzagging.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
22-dic-42	10:15 a. m.			Sighted San Cristobal, distance 50 miles.	
	4:00 p. m.			Sighted Guadalcanal Island, distance 70 miles.	
	7:18 p. m.			Ceased zigzagging.	
	10:00 p. m.			Position - piloting in Indispensable straits.	
	11:50 p. m.			Sighted Nura Island.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
23-dic-42	5:42 a. m.			USS Fomalhaut left formation to proceed to Lagoma Pt.	
	6:29 a. m.			Anchored off Lunga Point in 18 fathoms of water on bearings 270 T Lunga Point, 320 Savo Island.	
	10:05 a. m.			Underway proceeding alongside USS Alchiba.	
	10:31 a. m.			Moored starboard side to port side of USS Alchiba.	

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	4:01 p. m.			Underway steering various courses at various speeds proceeding to Tulagi Harbor.	
	5:20 p. m.			Standing into Tulagi Harbor.	
	5:44 p. m.			Anchored in Tulagi harbor in 23 fathoms of water.	
	6:55 p. m.			USS Perkins, Kopara and Fomalhaut stood in.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
24-dic-42	3:58 a. m.			Underway proceeding to Lunga Point, Guadalcanal. Steering various courses at various speeds. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge.	
	6:15 a. m.			Brought PAB 6 (Pan American Barge #6) alongside maneuvering barge from starboard to port side of USS Alchiba.	
	6:54 a. m.			Moored starboard side to port side of USS Alchiba.	
	7:40 a. m.			Commenced supplying power to USS Alchiba's deck winches and continued salvage operations.	
	5:55 p. m.			Secured power connection.	
	6:35 p. m.			Underway going alongside USS Ortolan. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge.	
	6:49 p. m.			Moored port side to port side of USS Ortolan.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
25-dic-42	12:00 a. m.			Moored port side to starboard side of USS Ortolan, alongside of USS Alchiba, off Lunga Point, Guadalcanal Island.	
	6:00 a. m.			Commenced supplying power and conducting salvage operations to USS Alchiba.	
	5:25 p. m.			Secured power connection to USS Alchiba.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
26-dic-42	1:02 p. m.			Underway proceeding to port side of USS Alchiba.	
	1:23 p. m.			Moored port side to port side of USS Alchiba.	
	5:10 p. m.			Underway steering various courses at various speeds proceeding to Tulagi Harbor. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge.	
	7:17 p. m.			Anchored in Tulagi harbor in 20 fathoms of water.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
27-dic-42	4:53 a. m.			Underway steering various courses at various speeds conforming to channel. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge. Proceeding to Lunga Point, Guadalcanal Island.	
	6:45 a. m.			Moored port side to starboard quarter of USS Alchiba. Proceeding with salvage operation.	

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	7:50 a. m.			PC 476 made submarine contact off Lunga Point and dropped three depth charges. All large ships underway.	
	10:11 a. m.			Underway moored to starboard side of USS Alchiba. USS Ortolan moored to port side. Proceeding to Tulagi Harbor steering various courses at various speeds. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge.	
	4:16 p. m.			USS Alchiba anchored off Sasapi Point, Tulagi Harbor.	
	4:24 p. m.			Cast off from USS Alchiba proceeding to Lunga Point, Guadalcanal Island steering various courses at various speeds. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge.	
	6:05 p. m.			Maneuvering to pick up PAB 6.	
	6:35 p. m.			Secured PAB 6 alongside to port fro towing.	
	6:46 p. m.			Proceeding to Tulagi Harbor with PAB 6.	
	9:16 p. m.			Moored barge port side to Government Dock.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
22-dic-42	4:10 a. m.			USS Delbrazil stood out.	
	9:27 a. m.			Underway from Government Dock with PAB 6 alongside to port.	
	10:10 a. m.			Cast off lines of PAB 6. USS Alchiba's boats took barge in tow.	
	10:16 a. m.			Anchored in Tulagi Harbor.	
	6:50 p. m.			USS Dehaven and Delbrazil stood in.	
	7:15 p. m.			USS Heywood stood in.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
29-dic-42	7:40 a. m.			Fire on USS Alchiba. Sounded fire and rescue. Made preparations for getting underway.	
	7:45 a. m.			Fire under control. Secured.	
	8:19 a. m.			Underway proceeding alongside USS Alchiba.	
	8:34 a. m.			Moored starboard side to port side of USS Ortolan, alongside of USS Alchiba in Tulagi Harbor.	
	12:39 p. m.			Underway proceeding to Lunga Roads, steering various courses at various speeds.	
	3:10 p. m.			Anchored off Lunga Roads, Guadalcanal Island in 13 fathoms of water.	
	5:08 p. m.			Barge moored alongside to port.	
	5:19 p. m.			Underway with barge moored alongside to port proceeding to Tulagi Harbor, steering various courses at various speeds.	
	7:34 p. m.			Anchored in Tulagi Harvor, Solomon Islands.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR

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30-dic-42	6:11 p. m.			Underway with Navy barge alongside to port, proceeding to go alongside SS Montgomer City.	
	6:30 p. m.			Moored alongside starboard side of SS Montgomery City, port side to.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
31-dic-42	3:33 a. m.			Underway shifting berths.	
	3:55 a. m.			Anchored in Tulagi harbor.	
	4:14 a. m.			SS Montgomery City stood out.	
	6:38 p. m.			Underway proceeding alongside Government Dock.	
	6:57 p. m.			Moored starboard side to Government Dock, Tulagi Harbor, Solomon Islands.	
	11:07 a. m.			Underway steering various courses at various speeds, proceeding to Lunga Roads, Guadalcanal.	
	1:30 p. m.			Anchored in 11 fathoms of water with 30 fathoms of chain out to port anchored off Lunga Point.	
	2:10 p. m.			Cast off barge. Shore boats took in tow.	
	2:13 p. m.			Underway on various courses at various speeds, proceeding alongside USS Majaba.	
	2:42 p. m.			Moored port side to port side of USS Majaba, transferring salvage gear to salvage crew.	
	4:45 p. m.			Underway on various courses at various speeds, proceeding to Tulagi Harbor.	
	6:42 p. m.			Anchored in Tulagi Harbor in 20 fathoms of water.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
01-ene-43	12:00 a. m.			Anchored in Tulagi Harbor, Solomon Islands, operating in Tulagi, Guadalcanal area, conducting salvage operations on USS Majaba, in preparation to towing to Tulagi from Lunga Point, Guadalcanal Island.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
02-ene-43	12:00 a. m.			Moored alongside SS Montgomer City in Tulagi Harbor, Solomon Islands, operating in Tulagi, Guadalcanal area, conducting salvage operations on USS Majaba, in preparation to towing to Tulagi from Lunga Point, Guadalcanal Island.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
08-ene-43	5:37 a. m.			Underway proceeding to Lunga Point, Guadalcanal Island, to go alongside USS Majaba.	
	7:15 a. m.			Moored starboard side of portside of USS Majaba.	
	12:07 p. m.			Underway with USS Majaba moored alongside to starboard assisted by US Bobolink, proceeding to Tulagi Harbor. Steering various courses at various speeds. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge.	
	3:28 p. m.			Proceeding up Malaili River, Tulagi Harbor.	

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	4:19 p. m.			Bearched the bow of USS Majaba in mud in Malaili River, Florida Island, according to instructions. Continued salvage operations, preparatory to towing to Button.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
09-ene-43	12:00 a. m.			Moored alongside USS Majaba in Malaili River, Florida Island. Continuing salvage operations on USS Majaba preparatory to unloading 500 and 1000 lb bombs from hold of USS Majaba in order to find leaks.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
10-ene-43	12:00 a. m.			Moored alongside USS Bellatrix in Tulagi Harbor, Solomon Islands.	
	6:08 a. m.			Underway proceeding up Malaili River to go alongside USS Majaba, continuing salvage operations.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
11-ene-43	12:00 a. m.			Moored alongside USS Majaba in Malaili River, Florida Island. Continuing salvage operations and unloading bombs.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
15-ene-43	12:00 a. m.			Moored alongside USS Majaba in Malaili River, Florida Island. Continuing salvage operations and unloading bombs.	
	9:50 p. m.			Executed General Quarters. Air-raid. No planes sighted by this vessel.	
	10:27 p. m.			Secured from General Quarters.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
16-ene-43	12:00 a. m.			Moored port side to USS Majaba in Malaili River, Florida Island. Secured salvage operations on USS Majaba to assist USS Alchiba in preparations for towing to Button.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
17-ene-43	12:00 a. m.			Moored alongside USS Majaba in Malaili River, Florida Island.	
	8:33 a. m.			Continued assisting USS Alchiba in preparations for towing to Button.	
	6:56 p. m.			Proceeded alongside USS Crescent City to receive lube oil necessary for tow of USS Alchiba to Button.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
18-ene-43	7:58 a. m.			Continuing operations on USS Alchiba, prepoartory to taking in tow.	
	2:14 p. m.			Underway proceeding on various courses at various speeds to take USS Alchiba in tow. Assisted by USS Ortolan.	
	3:25 p. m.	Tulagi Harbor, Solomon Island	Button	Took departure from Tulagi Harbor with Bungana Island, distance 3-1/2 miles, in accordance with ComTaskFor 62 desspatch 140252. Set base course and gyro. USS Alchiba in tow. PC #477 and 479 escort proceeding to Button. Commander Shaw in USS Alchiba ComTask Group.	
	8:04 p. m.			Commenced veering tow wire, proceeding at various speeds.	
	9:09 p. m.			Tow wire secured. 250 fathoms of 2" wire out to 75 fathoms of chain, proceeding at 110 RPM, approximately 6-1/2 knots.	



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	10:41 p. m.			Sura Island abeam to starboard.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
19-ene-43	12:00 a. m.			Steaming on base course and gyro, standard speed 110 RPM, 6-1/2 knots, with USS Alchiba in tow to 250 fathoms of 2" wire and 75 fathoms of 2-1/4" anchor chain. PC #477 and 479 escort enroute Tulagi Harbor to Button.	
	12:05 a. m.			Passed Nura Island abeam to starboard.	
	12:29 p. m.			PC #477 received submarine contact and dropped 3 depth charges.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
21-ene-43	4:45 p. m.			Sighted Cape Cumberland, distance 50 miles.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
22-ene-43	1:20 p. m.			Proceeding on various courses at various speeds to shorten tow wire.	
	2:24 p. m.			Tow wire adjusted for going through channel, proceeding on various courses at various speeds into Segond Channel, Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides Islands. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge.	
	5:43 p. m.			USS Alchiba anchored in Segond Channel.	
	5:49 p. m.			Underway having secured tow wire, proceeding to go alongside USS Platte.	
	6:43 p. m.			Moored alongside USS Platte.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
23-ene-43	7:25 a. m.			Underway proceeding to go alongside USS Alchiba to assist and give power.	
	1:02 p. m.			Underway to go alongside USS Neosho to receive lub oil.	
	1:34 p. m.			Moored alongside USS Neosho.	
	2:19 p. m.			Underway proceeding alongside USS Dixie.	
	3:27 p. m.			Moored alongside USS Dixie.	
	3:30 p. m.			Directed by CTU 62.4.7 to join task unit leaving Button at 16:00.	
	4:53 p. m.			Made all preparations for getting underway.	
	5:07 p. m.			Underway proceeding out channel on various courses at various speeds, conforming to channel. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge. In company with CTG 62.4.7.	
	6:10 p. m.	Espiritu Santo "Button"	Ringbolt	Took departure Espiritu Santo in accordance with CTF 62 despatch 222345 with Bagacio Island, distance 3-1/2 miles. Standard speed 100 RPM, 10 knots.	

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	7:30 p. m.			Commenced zigzagging.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
24-ene-43	12:00 a. m.			Steaming on base course and gyro, enroute Button to Ringbolt, in company with TG 62.4.7 SOPA, USS Carina, guide. Zigzagging according to plan 38. Standard speed 75 RPM, 9.5 knots.	
	11:00 a. m.			Commenced zigzagging according to plan 11.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
27-ene-43	12:50 a. m.			Sighted Nura Island.	
	2:01 a. m.			Nura Island abeam.	
	3:17 a. m.			Rua Sura Island abream.	
	3:25 a. m.			Sighted Florida Island.	
	4:26 a. m.			Observed anti-aircraft fire in Guadalcanal, Tulagi area.	
	6:15 a. m.			Released from Task Group 62.4.7, to proceed and report to ComNavBase for duty as standby salvage vessel and for salvage of Japanese destroyer.	
	7:15 a. m.			Anchored off Lunga Point, sending in report.	
	10:38 a. m.			Underway proceeding to Tulagi, steering various courses at various speeds.	
	10:44 a. m.			Executed General Quarters. Air-raid on Guadalcanal.	
	11:47 a. m.			Secured from General Quarters.	
	12:57 p. m.			Anchored in Tulagi Harbor.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
28-ene-43	4:08 p. m.			USS Stratford aground astern of us.	
	4:16 p. m.			Passed line to USS Stratford to assist pulling off reef.	
	4:39 p. m.			Underway assisting USS Stratford off reef.	
	5:12 p. m.			USS Stratford off reef. Cast off tow line.	
	5:27 p. m.			Anchored in Tulagi Harbor, Solomon Islands.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
29-ene-43	6:54 a. m.			Underway on various courses at various speeds, conforming to channel, enroute to Gavutu Island to unload cargo. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge.	
	7:45 a. m.			Moored alongside Gavutu Harbor unloading cargo.	
	9:20 a. m.			Commenced diving and salvaging operations to raise Jap ramp boat sunk at end of dock.	
	10:30 a. m.			Completed raising Jap ramp boat onto dock.	

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	11:15 a. m.			Underway proceeding out channel, enroute Cactus on various courses at various speeds. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge.	
	2:00 p. m.			Anchored off Lunga Point, Guadalcanal Island.	
	3:40 p. m.			Underway steering various courses at various speeds to join task unit 62.7.6. USS Sands SOPA.	
	3:47 p. m.			Executed General Quarters. Air-raid.	
	4:30 p. m.			In accordance with CTU 62.4.7 despatch 290400 and CTF despatch 282105 to departure from Cactus with Lunga Point, distance 3 miles. Enroute Button to assist with SS James Wilson in accordance with Comseronsopac, subcom despatch 271010.	
	4:36 p. m.			Commenced zigzagging according to plan 11.	
	10:10 p. m.			In accordance with Comsopac despatch 290952 changed course. Standard speed 15 knots. Proceeding to assistance of USS Chicago reported dead in water South of Guadalcanal. SS Peter Sylvester to proceed alone to Noumea.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
30-ene-43	12:00 a. m.			Steaming on base course and gyro, in company with USS Sands to rendezvous with USS Chicago. Standard speed 15 knots.	
	2:00 a. m.			Changed course and gyro, to intercept USS Chicago, reported in tow by USS Louisville on course.	
	5:32 a. m.			Sighted task force 18, proceeding on various courses to join same.	
	6:04 a. m.			Sighted USS Chicago with USS Louisville.	
	7:10 a. m.			Proceeding to go alongside USS Louisville to receive tow wire, steering various courses at various speeds.	
	7:34 a. m.			Shackle secured to wire and chain of USS Chicago.	
	8:05 a. m.			Everything secured for towing. Proceeding with USS Chicago in to Button, in accordance with Comsopac despatch 291232, with 150 fathoms of 2-1/4" wire out to 120 fathoms of 1-5/8" wire to 60 fathoms of anchor chain.	
	9:20 a. m.			Sighted Rennell Island.	
	3:20 p. m.			Task force 18.1.2 departed.	
	4:20 p. m.			Attacked by Japanese torpedo bomber, type 97, two motored bombers. Executed General Quarters. Commenced firing.	
	4:24 p. m.			Ceased firing. USS Chicago hit by three torpedoes and listing heavily to starboard. USS Chicago personnel started to abandon ship. Observed 7 Japanese planes shot down during raid.	
	4:30 p. m.			Cut tow wire. Changed course to left to pick up survivors from USS Chicago.	
	4:34 p. m.			Commenced bring survivors aboard.	
	4:43 p. m.			USS Chicago rolled on starboard side and sank stern first.	

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	5:10 p. m.			Completed receiving survivors on board, 267 men and 22 officers. Proceeding on various courses at various speeds searching for men blown from USS Lavallette when she received torpedo hit amidship.	
	6:28 p. m.			Proceeding to go alongside USS Lavallette, to transfer Commander T.D. Wilson, who was badly injured. Inquired if they need tow. Reply was that they could proceed at 7 knots.	
	6:50 p. m.			Base course and gyro set. Standard speed 7 knots.	
	7:35 p. m.			Commenced steering various courses at various speeds to take USS Lavallette in tow, who had reported that they were to the point where they could not make way.	
	8:10 p. m.			Passing tow line to USS Lavallette.	
	8:24 p. m.			12" manila hawser secured on USS Lavallette.	
	9:15 p. m.			12" manila hawser secured, working up 80 RPM standard speed. 175 fathoms of manila out to USS Lavallette. During the air attack we made numerous direct hits on three planes with 50 caliber and 30 caliber machine guns and destroyed at least two Japanese planes.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
31-ene-43	12:00 a. m.			Steaming on base course and gyro, with USS Lavallette in tow. Standard speed 80 RPM. USS Waller, Sands, Conway and Edwards screening.	
	11:08 a. m.			Commenced operations to send 1-5/8" beach gear wire to USS Lavallette.	
	11:12 a. m.			Sighted USS Cummings proceeding to join task group.	
	11:26 a. m.			Sighted USS O'Bannon proceeding to join task group.	
	12:00 p. m.			Position D.R.	
	12:09 p. m.			Wire secured to USS LaVallette.	
	12:38 p. m.			Cast off manila hawser from USS Lavallette.	
	12:58 p. m.			Working up to 100 RPM standard speed.	
	4:31 p. m.			Commenced transferring survivors to USS Conway, using boats from USS Sands.	
	5:39 p. m.			Completed transferring survivors, 21 officers and 267 men.	
	6:25 p. m.			USS Conway, Waller, Sands and Edwards departed from this task group.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
01-feb-43	12:00 a. m.	Cactus	Button	Steaming on course and gyro. Enroute Cactus to Button. USS LaVallette in tow 200 fathoms of 1-5/8" beach gear wire. USS O'Bannon and Cummings screening. Standard speed 100 RPM, 5-1/2 knots.	

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	9:00 p. m.			USS O'Bannon left formaton.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
02-feb-43	9:25 a. m.			Sighted Cape Cumberland, distance 50 miles.	
	6:20 p. m.			Sighted Sakau Island, distance 25 miles.	
	11:10 p. m.			Sighted Gaua Island, distance 30 miles.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
03-feb-43	8:02 a. m.			Sighted Tutuba Island, distance 30 miles.	
	10:17 a. m.			Made preparations for taking in tow wire and going alongside USS La Vallette.	
	11:00 a. m.			Moored port side to starboard side of USS La Vallette.	
	11:16 a. m.			Proceeding on various courses at various speeds to enter Segond Channel, Espiritu Santo Island. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge.	
	1:45 p. m.			Proceeding to go alongside USS Dixie, Moored to destroyers along side USS Dixie.	
	2:57 p. m.			Underway to go alongside USS Platte.	
	3:21 p. m.			Moored starboard side to port side of USS Platte.	
	5:10 p. m.			Underway proceeding to go alongside USS Niagra.	
	5:31 p. m.			Moored starboard side to USS Niagra.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
04-feb-43	12:00 a. m.			Moored alongside USS Niagra in Segond Channel, Espiritu Santo Island. Conducting harbor operations, assisting USS Pawnee in mooring ARD-5.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
05-feb-43	12:00 a. m.			Moored alongside UU Niagra in Segond Channel, Espiritu Santo Island. Conducting harbor operations assisitng USS La Vallette into ARD 5 floating drydock.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
07-feb-43	12:00 a. m.			Moored alongside USS Niagra in Segond Channel, Espiritu Santo Island. Conducting harbor operations ordered by Comseronsopac, subcom.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
09-feb-43	12:00 a. m.			Anchored in berth 31, Segond Channel.	
10-feb-43	12:00 a. m.			Anchored in berth 40, Segond Channel.	
11-feb-43	12:00 a. m.			Anchored in berth 30, Segond Channel.	
12-feb-43	12:00 a. m.			Anchored in Segond Channel, berth 30, Espiritu Santo Island. Conducting harbor operations in accordance with orders from Comseronscopac, Subcom.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
13-feb-43	12:00 a. m.			Moored alongside USS Menominee in Segond Channel, Espiritu Santo Island. Conducting operations for qualifications of divers.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR

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14-feb-43	12:00 a. m.			Moored in berth 45, Segond Channel, Espiritu Santo Island. Conducting operations for qualification of divers.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
15-feb-43	12:00 a. m.			Moored alongside USS Menominee, Segond Channel, Espiritu Santo Island.	
	8:00 a. m.			Proceeding to go alongside USS Dixie for severn (7) days availability.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
23-feb-43	12:00 a. m.			Anchored in berth 29, Segond Channel.	
25-feb-43	12:00 a. m.			Anchored in berth 7, Segond Channel.	
26-feb-43	12:00 a. m.			Moored alongside LSD #446 in Segond Channel.	
27-feb-43	12:00 a. m.			Anchored in Segond Channel.	
28-feb-43	12:00 a. m.			Anchored in Segond Channel, Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides. Conducting harbor operations accordance with orders from Comseronsopac, subcom.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
01-mar-43	12:00 a. m.			Anchored in berth 6, Segond Channel, Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides. Conducting harbor operations in accordance with orders from Comseronsopac, subcom.	John Anto, Ensign, USN
02-mar-43	12:00 a. m.			Moored alongside to port of SS Flagship Sinco, in berth 36, Segond Channel, Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides. Conducting harbor operations in accordance with orders from Comseronsopac, subcom.	John Anto, Ensign, USN
03-mar-43	12:00 a. m.			Anchored in berth 6, Segond Channel.	
04-mar-43	12:00 a. m.			Anchored in berth 6, Segond Channel.	
	9:17 a. m.			Underway, steering various courses at various speeds. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge.	
	10:00 a. m.			Set base course and gyro. Standard speed 127 RPM. Took departure with Bagario Island, distance 1.5 miles.	John Anto, Ensign, USN
05-mar-43	12:00 a. m.	Segond Channel, Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides	Suva, Figi Islands	Steaming on course and gyro. Standard speed 125 RPM. Enroute Segond Channel, New Hebrides to Suva, Figi Islands.	John Anto, Ensign, USN
06-mar-43	6:30 a. m.			Sighted Kanavu Island, distance 25 miles.	
	11:50 a. m.			Commenced steering various courses at various speeds conforming to Suva Harbor entrance. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge.	
	1:37 p. m.			Moored alongside to starboard SS Gulfwave in Suva Harbor, Suva, Fiji Islands.	
	2:00 p. m.			Commenced diving and repair operations to SS Gulfwave.	John Anto, Ensign, USN

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07-mar-43	12:00 a. m.			Moored alongside to starboard of SS Gulfwave in Suva Harbor, Suva, Fiji Islands. Conducting diving and repair operations SS Gulfwave.	John Anto, Ensign, USN
11-mar-43	12:00 a. m.			Moored alongside to starboard of SS Gulfwave in Suva Harbor, Suva, Fiji Islands. Conducting salvage and repair operations SS Gulfwave.	John Anto, Ensign, USN
20-mar-43	12:00 a. m.			Moored port side to Kings Wharf, Suva, Fiji Islands. Completed salvage and repair operations to USS Gulfwave. Commenced unloading salvage equipment to base Suva in accordance with orders from Comseronsopac.	John Anto, Ensign, USN
21-mar-43	12:00 a. m.			Continued unloading salvage equipment to base Suva.	
22 Mar 1943	0000			Moored port side to Kings Wharf, Suva, Fiji Islands. Completed unloading salvage equipment to base Suva, in accordance with orders from Comseronsopac.	John Anto, Ensign, USN
23-mar-43	12:00 a. m.			Moored port side to Kings Wharf, Suva, Fiji Islands, conducting harbor operations in accordance with orders from Ports Director.	John Anto, Ensign, USN
25-mar-43	12:00 a. m.			Moored alongside to port of USS Aulick in Suva Harbor, Suva, Fiji Islands. Made preparations for connecting USS Aulick to main tow.	John Anto, Ensign, USN
26-mar-43	12:00 a. m.			Moored alongside to port of USS Aulick in Suva Harbor, Suva, Fiji Islands. Made preparations for connecting USS Aulick to main tow.	
	6:03 a. m.			Connected 2" wire cable to USS Aulick.	
	6:45 a. m.			Underway with USS Aulick in tow to 100 fathoms of 2" wire cable. Steering various courses at various speeds conforming to channel. Captain conning, Navigator on bridge.	
	8:37 a. m.	Suva, Fiji Island	Pago Pafo, Samoa Island	Took departure from Suva Harbor, Fiji Islands, in accordance with Comsopac despatch 180345 with Suva Light, distance 4-1/2 miles. Standard speed 110 RPM, approximate speed of advance 10 knots. In company with USS Stringham, Hovey, Southard and SS Gulfwave. Enroute Suva, Jiji Island, to Pago Pago, Samoa Island.	
	11:30 p. m.			Sighted Lakemba Island, distance 12 miles.	John Anto, Ensign, USN
26-mar-43	12:00 a. m.			Crossed International Date Line eastward bound. Set calender back 24 hours, to conform with longitude West plus from Greenwich, Friday, March 26, 1943.	John Anto, Ensign, USN
27-mar-43	12:00 a. m.			Steaming on course and gyro. Standard speed 95 RPM, speed of advance 7 knots. USS Aulick in tow to 100 fathoms of 2" wite cable, out to 90 fathoms of 1-3/8" chain. In company with USS Stringham, Hovey, Southard and SS Gulfwave.	
	1:07 p. m.			Sighted Tafahi Island, distance 40 miles.	
	2:30 p. m.			Increased standard speed to 115 RPM, approximate speed of advance 10.5 knots.	
	3:30 p. m.			USS Southard and SS Gulfwave left formation.	John Anto, Ensign, USN

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28-mar-43	12:00 a. m.			In company with USS Stringham and Hovey.	
	6:38 a. m.			Sighted Tutuila Island.	
	12:19 p. m.			Changed standard speed to 60 RPM. Made preparations for entering port.	
	12:44 p. m.			Commenced steering various courses at various speeds conforming to channel. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge.	
	2:30 p. m.			USS Aulick anchored in Pago Pago Harbor, Somoa. Disconnected tow.	
	2:47 p. m.			Moored in berth 4, Pago Pago Harbor, Somoa.	John Anto, Ensign, USN
29-mar-43	12:00 a. m.			Moored starboard side to Station Wharf, Pago Pago Harbor, Somoa.	
	6:32 a. m.			Underway proceeding to shift berth alongside USS Aulick connecting of tow.	
	6:56 a. m.			Moored alongside to starboard of USS Aulick in berth 4, Pago Pago Harbor, Samoa.	
	1:18 p. m.			Underway with USS Aulick in tow alongside to starboard. Steering Various courses at various speeds conforming to channel. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge.	
	1:38 p. m.			Cast off from alongside and proceeding to take USS Aulick on main tow.	
	2:25 p. m.			With Breaker's Point Light, distance 3-1/2 miles, took departure on base course and gyro. Standard speed 115 RPM, approximate speed of advance 10 knots. USS Aulick in tow to 100 fathoms of 2" wire cable, out to 150 fathoms of 1-3/8" chan. In company with USS Stringham and Hovey. Enroute Pago Pago, Samoa to Pearl Harbor, T.H.	John Anto, Ensign, USN
01-abr-43	7:00 a. m.			Sighted USS Southard, distance 10 miles.	
02-abr-43	12:00 a. m.			Steaming on course and gyro. Standard speed 115 RPM. USS Aulick in tow. In company with USS Hovey, Stringham and Southard. Enroute Pago Pago to Pearl Harbor, T.H.	
06-abr-43	4:05 p. m.			Sighted USS Woodcock, distance 10 miles.	
07-abr-43	2:14 p. m.			Towing cable parted at 15 fathom shackle. Commenced steering various courses at various speeds to take USS Aulick in tow.	
	3:15 p. m.			USS Aulick in tow to 100 fathoms of 2" wire, out to 150 fathoms of 1-3/8" chain. Standard speed 105 RPM.	
09-abr-43	9:15 a. m.			Sighted Koko Head, Oahu Island, distance 47 miles.	
	12:10 p. m.			Commenced steering various courses at various speeds standing into Pearl Harbor, T.H.	
	1:15 p. m.			Cast off tow. Proceeding to berth.	



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	1:30 p. m.			Moored starboard side to berth K3, Pearl Harbor, T.H.	John Anto, Ensign, USN
10-abr-43	12:00 a. m.			Moored starboard side to K-3, Pearl Harbor, T.H.	
	4:45 p. m.			Underway in accordance with Comservforpac despatch 110020 of April, 1943. Steering various courses at various speeds conforming to channel.	
	5:00 p. m.	Pearl Harbor, T.H.	San Francisco, California	Set base course and gyro. Standard speed 120 RPM, 15 knots. Enroute Pearl Harbor, T.H. to San Francisco, California.	John Anto, Ensign, USN
17-abr-43	5:45 a. m.			Sighted Faralloux Island. Distance 12 miles.	
	6:24 a. m.			Commenced steering various courses at various speeds standing into Golden Gate channel.	
	8:34 a. m.			Anchored in San Francisco Harbor, San Francisco, California.	
	10:37 a. m.			Underway proceeding to shift berths.	
	10:58 a. m.			Moored port side to pier 40, San Francisco, California.	John Anto, Ensign, USN
18-abr-43	12:00 a. m.			Moored port side to pier 40, San Francisco, California.	
19-abr-43	12:00 a. m.			Moored port side to pier 40, San Francisco, California.	
20-abr-43	9:48 a. m.			Underway. Steering various courses at various speeds proceeding to Bethlehem Ship Yard, San Francisco, California.	
	11:49 a. m.			Moored port side to pier 6, Bethlehem Ship Yard, San Francisco, California. Commenced yard overall.	John Anto, Ensign, USN
21-abr-43	12:00 a. m.			Under overhaul at Bethlehem Ship Yard, San Francisco, California.	John Anto, Ensign, USN
30-abr-43	12:00 a. m.			Under overhaul at Bethlehem Ship Yard, San Francisco, California.	John Anto, Ensign, USN
01-may-43	12:00 a. m.			Operating under Comservforpac. Ship overhaul at Bethlehem Ship Yar, San Francisco, Calif.	F. Rigley, Lieut. USN
04-may-43	12:00 a. m.			Under overhaul as before.	S.A. Harlan, Ensign USN
05-may-43	12:00 a. m.			Under overhaul as before.	F. Rigley, Lieut. USN
06-may-43	12:00 a. m.			Under overhaul as before.	S.A. Harlan, Ensign USN
07-may-43	12:00 a. m.			Under overhaul as before.	Earl E. Brines, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR
08-may-43	12:00 a. m.			Operating under Comservforpac. Ship undeer overhaul at Bethlehem Ship Yar, San Francisco, Calif.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
09-may-43	12:00 a. m.			Under overhaul as before.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
10-may-43	12:00 a. m.			Under overhaul as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR

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11-may-43	12:00 a. m.			Under overhaul as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
12-may-43	12:00 a. m.			Under overhaul as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
13-may-43	12:00 a. m.			Under overhaul as before.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
14-may-43	12:00 a. m.			Under overhaul as before.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
15-may-43	12:00 a. m.			Under overhaul as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
16-may-43	12:00 a. m.			Under overhaul as before.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
17-may-43	12:00 a. m.			Under overhaul as before.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
18-may-43	12:00 a. m.			Under overhaul as before.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
19-may-43	12:00 a. m.			Under overhaul as before.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
20-may-43	12:00 a. m.			Under overhaul as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
21-may-43	12:00 a. m.			Under overhaul as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
22-may-43	12:00 a. m.			Operating under Comserforpac. Ship under overhaul at Bethlehem Ship Yard, San Francisco, California.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	4:10 p. m.			Moored in dry dock #2.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
23-may-43	12:00 a. m.			Under overhaul as before.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
24-may-43	12:00 a. m.			Under overhaul as before.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
25-may-43	12:00 a. m.			Under overhaul as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
26-may-43	12:00 a. m.			Under overhaul as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
27-may-43	12:00 a. m.			Under overhaul as before.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
28-may-43	12:00 a. m.			Under overhaul as before.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
29-may-43	12:00 a. m.			Operating under Comseforpac, Ship under overhaul at Bethlehem Ship Yard in dry dock #2. San Francisco, California,	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
30-may-43	12:00 a. m.			Under overhaul as before.	
	9:20 a. m.			Made all preparations for undocking ship.	

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	10:00 a. m.		Commenced flooding dock.	
	10:28 a. m.		Floated ship.	
	10:42 a. m.		Stern of ship crossed sill of dock.	
	11:15 a. m.		Moored port side to wharf 15 berth 6, Bethlehem ship Yard, San Francisco, California.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
31-may-43	12:00 a. m.		Under overhaul as before.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
01-jun-43	12:00 a. m.		Operating under Comserforpac. Ship under overhaul at Bethlehem Ship Yard, San Francisco, California.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
02-jun-43	12:00 a. m.		Under overhaul as before.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
03-jun-43	12:00 a. m.		Under overhaul as before.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
04-jun-43	12:00 a. m.		Under overhaul as before.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
05-jun-43	12:00 a. m.		Operating under Comserforpac. Ship under overhaul at Bethlehem Ship Yard, San Francisco, California.	
	8:24 a. m.		Made all preparations for getting underway.	
	8:29 a. m.		Underway, steering various courses at various speeds. Main generators 1, 2, 3 & 4 in use. Commenced trial run.	
	12:05 p. m.		Completed trail run. Not satisfactory. Standing in to berth.	
	12:12 p. m.		Moored starboard side to wharf 6, berth 15, Bethlehem Ship Yard, San Francisco, California.	
	4:20 p. m.		Under overhaul as before.	
	10:24 p. m.		Under overhaul as before.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
06-jun-43	12:00 a. m.		Operation under Comserforpac. Ship under overhaul at Bethlehem Ship Yard, San Francisco, California.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
07-jun-43	12:00 a. m.		Under overhaul as before.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
08-jun-43	12:00 a. m.		Operating under Comserforpac. Ship under overhaul at Bethlehem Ship Yard, San Francisco, California.	
	8:50 a. m.		Made all preparations for getting underway.	
	9:00 a. m.		Underway, steering various courses at various speeds to conduct trial runs.	
	12:16 p. m.		Steaming as before.	
	3:20 p. m.		Completed trial runs, (ventilation system) not satisfactory. Proceeding to berth.	
	4:20 p. m.		Steaming as before.	

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	4:29 p. m.			Moored starboard side to wharf 6, berth 15, Bethlehem Ship Yard, San Francisco, California.	
	20:24 pm			Under overhaul as before.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
09-jun-43	12:00 a. m.			Operating under Comserforpac. Ship under overhaul at Bethlehem Ship Yard, San Francisco, California.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
10-jun-43	12:00 a. m.			Under overhaul as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
11-jun-43	12:00 a. m.			Under overhaul as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
12-jun-43	12:00 a. m.			Under overhaul as before.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
13-jun-43	12:00 a. m.			Under overhaul as before.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
14-jun-43	12:00 a. m.			Under overhaul as before.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
15-jun-43	12:00 a. m.			Operating under Comserforpac. Ship under overhaul at Bethlehem Ship Yard, San Francisco, California.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
16-jun-43	12:00 a. m.			Under overhaul as before.	
	8:45 a. m.			Made all preparations for getting underway.	
	8:54 a. m.			Underway. Steering various courses at various speeds conforming to Bay. Conducting trial runs.	
	12:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	
	12:59 p. m.			Moored port side to Pier 54, San Francisco, California.	
	8:00 p. m.			Moored as before.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
17-jun-43	12:00 a. m.			Moored port side to Pier 54, San Francisco, California.	
	4:00 a. m.			Moored as before.	
	6:18 a. m.			Underway, steering various courses at various speeds.	
	7:09 a. m.			Moored port side to Pier 31, San Francisco, California.	
	8:00 a. m.			Moored as before.	
	8:05 a. m.			Commenced deperming ship.	
	11:00 a. m.			Completed deperming ship.	
	12:00 p. m.			Moored as before.	
	12:32 p. m.			Underway, steering various courses at various speeds, proceeding to degaussing range.	
	12:50 p. m.			Commenced degaussing runs.	
	4:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	
	4:50 p. m.			Completed degaussing runs.	

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	4:55 p. m.			Commenced compensating compasses.	
	8:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	
	8:30 p. m.			Completed compensating compasses.	
	8:56 p. m.			Moored port side to Pier 54, San Francisco, California.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
18-jun-43	12:00 a. m.			Moored port side to Pier 54, San Francisco, California. Under Comserforpac.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
19-jun-43	12:00 a. m.			Moored port side to Pier 54, San Francisco, California. Operating under Comserforpac.	
	4:00 a. m.			Moored as before.	
	7:55 a. m.			Underway, steering various courses at various speeds conforming to channel.	
	8:00 a. m.			Steaming as before.	
	9:17 a. m.			Took departure from San Francisco, California in accordance with Comserpac Dispatch, 152215 and ComWestSea Frontier, Serial 01000. With south tower of Golden Gate Bridge, distance 9-1/2 miles, set base course and gyro. Standard speed 120 RPM, 15 knots.	
	10:16 a. m.			Faraloux Island abeam to starboard, distance 6 miles.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	12:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	
	1:15 p. m.			Changed course and gyro.	
	1:45 p. m.			Stopped and took #4 main generator off the line for repairs.	
	1:47 p. m.			Cut in #4 generator on line. Standard speed 124 RPM,	
	2:30 p. m.			Held general quarters and test fired all "AA" guns.	
	2:40 p. m.			Secured from general quarters.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN
	4:00 p. m.			Steaming as before. Changed PAC course . Took #4 generator off the line for repairs.	
	4:59 p. m.			Test fired #1 I gen 1603. Standard speed 119 RPM.	
	5:57 p. m.			Changed course and gyro. Stopped. Took #1 generator off the line. Standard speed 100 RPM.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
19-jun-43	12:00 a. m.			Steaming as before.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
20-jun-43	12:00 a. m.	San Francisco, California	San Pedro Harbor, California	Steaming on course and gyro. Main generators #3 and 4 in use. Standard speed 90 RPM. Enroute San Francisco to San Pedro, California. Ship darkened and condition of readiness three. 0000 stopped and cut in #2 main generator on line. Standard speed 115 RPM.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN

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	4:00 a. m.		Steaming as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 a. m.		Steaming as before.	
	8:05 a. m.		Sighted Santa Rosa Island, distance 30 miles.	
	8:35 a. m.		Santa Rosa Island abeam to Port, distance 25 miles.	
	10:01 a. m.		Santa Cruz Island abeam to Port, distance 25 miles.	
	10:30 a. m.		San Nicolas Island abeam to starboard, distance 20 miles.	
	10:38 a. m.		Sighted two Navy Dirigibles,	
	11:25 a. m.		Sighted Santa Barbara Island, distance 15 miles.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	12:00 p. m.		Steaming as before.	
	12:34 p. m.		Passed Santa Barbara Island, abeam to starboard, distance 5.5 miles.	
	12:47 p. m.		Sighted Santa Catalina Island, distance 20 miles.	
	1:20 p. m.		Stopped and took #2 main generator off of main line, for fire drill.	
	1:25 p. m.		Stopped and put #2 main generator on line. Standard speed 115 RPM.	
	1:55 p. m.		Sighted Navy dirigible, distance 10 miles.	
	2:05 p. m.		Santa Catalina north end light abeam to starboard, distance 9.1 miles.	
	2:07 p. m.		Sighted vessel distance 10 miles.	
	3:20 p. m.		Steering various courses at speed standing into Los Angeles harbor.	
	3:25 p. m.		LTCOMDR Gonser, Navy Pilot came aboard.	
	3:27 p. m.		Made all preparations for entering port. Pilot conning, Captain and Navigator on the bridge.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN
	4:00 p. m.		Steaming as before.	
	4:12 p. m.		Lt. I.C. Elrod, Navy Pilot came aboard, proceeding to berth at Target Repair Base.	
	4:30 p. m.		Moored starboard side to pier 39 berth 12, Target Repair Base, San Pedro, California.	
	4:40 p. m.		LT. CMDR Gansa and LT I.C. Elrod, Navy Pilots left the ship.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 p. m.		Moored as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
21-jun-43	12:00 a. m.		Moored starboard side to pier 39, Target Repair Base, San Pedro, California, operating under Comserforpac.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
22-jun-43	12:00 a. m.		Moored starboard side to pier 39, Target Repair Base, San Pedro, California, operating under Comserforpac.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN

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23-jun-43	12:00 a. m.			Moored starboard side to pier 39, Target Repair Base, San Pedro, California, operating under Comserforpac.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	4:00 a. m.			Moored as before.	
	5:40 a. m.			Made all preparations for getting underway.	
	6:02 a. m.			Underway, various courses at various speeds. Conforming channel.	
	7:08 a. m.	San Pedro Harbor, California	San Diego Harbor, California	With Point Fermin Light, distance 2 miles, took departure from San Pedro Harbor in accordance with Comservpac distpatch 211922 and Comdt 11th Nav dist. Letter of June 22, 1943.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 a. m.			Steaming as before.	
	8:32 a. m.			Sighted SC 1056.	
	11:55 a. m.			Sighted Point Loma, distance 15 miles.	
	12:49 p. m.			Commenced steering various courses at various speeds. Conforming to channel..	
	1:30 p. m.			San Diego lighthouse tower abeam to Port.	
	2:33 p. m.			Moored portside to Pier 3. San Diego, California.	
	4:00 p. m.			Moored as before.	
	8:00 p. m.			Moored as before.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
24-jun-43	12:00 a. m.			Moored port side to Pier 3. San Diego, California. Operating under Comserforpac. Ship under Emergency repair.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
25-jun-43	12:00 a. m.			Moored port side to Pier #3, Destroyer Base, San Diego, California. Operating under Comservpac. Ship under Emergency overhaul.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
26-jun-43	12:00 a. m.			Moored port side to Pier #3, Destroyer Base, San Diego, California. Operating under Comservpac. Ship under Emergency overhaul.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
27-jun-43	12:00 a. m.			Moored port side to Pier #3, Destroyer Base, San Diego, California. Operating under Comservpac. Ship under Emergency overhaul.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
28-jun-43	12:00 a. m.			Moored port side to Pier #3, Destroyer Base, San Diego, California. Operating under Comservpac. Ship under Emergency overhaul.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
29-jun-43	12:00 a. m.			Moored port side to pier 3, Destroyer Base, San Diego, California. Operating under Comservpac. Ship under Emergency Repair.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
30-jun-43	12:00 a. m.			Moored port side to Pier #3, Destroyer Base, San Diego, California. Operating under Comservpac. Ship under Emergency Repair.	
	9:41 a. m.			Underway assisted by RMT3, and yard Higgins boats, proceeding to shift berth.	
	9:52 a. m.			Moored port side to Pier 4. Destroyer Base, San Diego, California.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
01-jul-43	12:00 a. m.			Moored port side to Pier 4, Destroyer Base, San Diego, California. Operating under Comservpac. Ship under Emergency Repair.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
02-jul-43	12:00 a. m.			Moored port side to Pier 4, Destroyer Base, San Diego, California. Operating under Comservpac. Ship under Emergency Repair.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN





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	4:00 a. m.			Moored as before.	
	6:55 a. m.			Underway. Steering various courses at various speeds. Standing out harbor to conduct trial run. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 a. m.			Steaming as before. Mustered crew on stations. No absentees. Made daily inspection of magazines and S.P. Samples. Conditions normal.	
	8:02 a. m.			Took departure from San Diego Harbor with Buoy distance 1500 yards. Commenced trail runs. 1, 2, 3, 4 main engines on line on various courses.	
	11:40 a. m.			Trail runs completed. Satisfactory. Commenced steering various courses at various speeds entering San Deigo Harbor. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge.	
	12:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	
	12:44 p. m.			Moored port side to La Playa Fuel Dock.	
	1:12 p. m.			Commenced fueling ship, draft find 12'10" draft, aft. 18'07".	
	3:10 p. m.			Completed fueling ship having received 2257 gallons diesel oil. Draft find 12'8" draft aft 18'3".	
	3:18 p. m.			Underway, steering various courses at various speeds. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge.	
	3:52 p. m.			Moored port side to south side of Broadway Pier.	
	4:00 p. m.			Moored as before.	
	7:14 p. m.			Underway, proceeding out channel on various courses at various speeds. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge. 1, 2, 3, 4 main engine on the line.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 p. m.			Steaming as before. In accordance with Com 11 serial A-145 of July 1943, took departure from San Diego, California with Point Loma light, distance 3-1/2 miles. Standard speed 60 RPM 8.2 knots. Main generators 2 and 4 in use.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN
24-jul-43	12:00 a. m.	San Diego, CA	San Pedro Harbor, California	Steaming on course and gyro. Main generators 2 and 4 in use. Standard speed 60 RPM, 8.2 knots. Enroute San Diego to San Pedro, California.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	4:00 a. m.			Steaming as before.	
	4:35 a. m.			Sighted Santa Catalina Island, distance 5 miles. Commenced steering various courses at various speeds, entering Los Angeles Harbor. Captain conning, Navigator on the Bridge.	
	7:10 a. m.			Moored port side to Pier 39 Target Base, San Pedro, California.	
	8:00 a. m.			Moored as before.	
	12:00 p. m.			Moored as before.	
	2:42 p. m.			Underway. Steering various courses at various speeds to conform to channel. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge.	

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	3:12 p. m.			Moored port side to YOG 42, Los Angeles Harbor.	
	3:20 p. m.			Commenced connecting up tow wire to YOG 42.	
	4:00 p. m.			Moored as before.	
	6:18 p. m.			Underway with YOG 42 in tow to 100 fathoms of 2" wire, out 6 fathoms of 2" chain, steering various courses at various speeds. Standing out of Los Angeles Harbor. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge.	
	7:13 p. m.			Commenced veering tow wire out to 240 fathoms.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	
	9:40 p. m.			Took departure from Los Angeles Harbor, with Pt. Vicente light, distance 9 miles. In accordance with Comservopac dispatch 152215, and Suborcomservpac serial 0972 of June 18, 1943. Standard speed 98 RPM, main generators 2, 3 & 4 in use. YOG in tow to 240 fathoms of 2" wire out to 6 fathoms of 2" chain.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
25-jul-43	12:00 a. m.	San Pedro Harbor, California	Pago Pago, Tutuila, Samoa Islands	Steaming on course and gyro. Standard speed 98 RPM approximate speed of advance 7 knots. Main generators 2, 3 & 4 in use. #1 auxiliary generator in use for auxiliary purposes. YOG 42 in tow with fathoms of 2 inch wire cable on deck. Ship running with dimmed navigational light and in condition of readiness three. Enroute San Pedro, California to Tutuila, Samoa islands.	
	2:17 a. m.			Sighted Santa Barbara Island light distance about 10 miles.	
	2:58 a. m.			Passed Santa Barbara Island abeam to port distance 10 miles.	
	3:47 a. m.			Sighted Anacapa Island light distance about 28 miles.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN
	4:00 a. m.			Steaming as before.	
	7:13 a. m.			Sighted tanker.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 a. m.			Steaming as before.	
	9:03 a. m.			Stopped, took #3 main generator off the line and put on #1.	
	12:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN
	4:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	
	6:00 p. m.			Set clocks back one hour to conform with time zone +8.	
	5:35 p. m.			#4 main generator went off the line.	
	5:37 p. m.			#4 main generator back in the line.	
	7:35 p. m.			Changed Standard speed to 90 RPM.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN

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26-jul-43	12:00 a. m.			Steaming on course and gyro. Numbers 1, 2 & 4 main generators in use. Standard speed 98 RPM approximate speed of advance 4 knots. Enroute San Pedro, California to Samoa Islands with YOG 42 in tow with 250 fathoms of 2" wire cable on deck. Ship darkened and in condition of readiness three.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN
	4:00 a. m.			Steaming as before.	
	6:35 a. m.			Sighted merchant ship distance 7 miles.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:01 a. m.			Steaming as before. Cut out #1 main generator, cut in #3.	
	8:05 a. m.			Sighted Navy dirigible. Exchanged challenges.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	12:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	
	2:01 p. m.			Stopped and cut out #3 main generator, cut in #1, proceeded at 90 RPM.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN
	4:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
27-jul-43	12:00 a. m.			Steaming on course and gyro. #1, 2 & 4 main generators in use. Standard speed 90 RPM, speed of advance 6 knots. Enroute San Pedro, California to Pago Pago, Tutuila, Samoa Islands with YOG 42 in tow with 250 fathoms of 2" wire cable on deck. Ship darkened and in condition of readiness three.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN
	4:00 a. m.			Steaming as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:01 a. m.			Steaming as before. Cut out #2 main generator, cut in #3.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	12:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	
	12:45 p. m.			Changed course and gyro.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN
	4:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
28-jul-43	12:00 a. m.			Steaming on course and gyro. Main generators 1, 3 & 4 in use. Standard speed 90 RPM, speed of advance 6.5 knots. Enroute San Pedro, California to Pago Pago, Tutuila, Samoa Islands. With YOG 42 in tow with 250 fathoms of 2" wire. Ship darkened and in condition of readiness three.	
	1:09 a. m.			Cut out #4 main generator.	
	1:33 a. m.			Cut out #1, cut in #4 main generator.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN

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	4:00 a. m.			Steaming as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 a. m.			Steaming as before. Cut out #4 main generator. Cut in #1.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	12:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN
	4:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	
	5:00 p. m.			Set clocks back one hour to conform with time zone +9.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
29-jul-43	12:00 a. m.			Steaming on course and gyro. #1,2 & 3 main generators in use. Standard speed 95 RPM, speed of advance 6.3 knots. Enroute San Pedro, California to Pago Pago, Tutuila, Somoa Islands with YOG 42 in tow with 250 fathoms of 2" wire on deck. Ship darkened and in condition of readiness three.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN
	4:00 a. m.			Steaming as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:01 a. m.			Steaming as before. Cut out #1, cut in #4 main generator.	
	9:01 a. m.			Cut in #1 main generator.	
	9:33 a. m.			Shifted steering unit from port to starboard unit.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	12:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN
	4:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
30-jul-43	12:00 a. m.			Steaming on course and gyro. #1,2 & 3 main generators in use. Standard speed 95 RPM, speed of advance 7 knots. Enroute San Pedro, California to Pago Pago, Tutuila, Somoa Islands with YOG 42 in tow with 250 fathoms of 2" wire on deck. Ship darkened and in condition of readiness three.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN
	4:00 a. m.			Steaming as before.	
	5:00 a. m.			Changed course and gyro.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:01 a. m.			Steaming as before. Cut out #3 and cut in #4 main generator.	
	8:35 a. m.			Cut out #1 and 2 main generators.	
	8:45 a. m.			Cut in #1 and 2 main generators. Changed Standard speed to 95 RPM.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	12:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	

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	12:57 p. m.			Cut out #1 main generator, cut in #4, proceeded at 60 RPM while shifting chafing gear.	
	1:12 p. m.			Cut out #3 main generator, cut in #1, proceeded at 95 RPM upcompletion shifting of chaffing gear.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN
	4:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
31-jul-43	12:00 a. m.			Steaming on course and gyro. #1,2 & 3 main generators in use. Standard speed 95 RPM, speed of advance 7.5 knots. Enroute San Pedro, California to Pago Pago, Tutuila, Somoa Islands with YOG 42 in tow with 250 fathoms of 2" wire on deck. Ship darkened and in condition of readiness three.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN
	4:00 a. m.			Steaming as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 a. m.			Steaming as before.	
	8:01 a. m.			Cut out #2, cut in #3 main generator. Changed Standard speed to 60 RPM to shift point of tow and chaffing gear.	
	8:05 a. m.			Increased standard speed to 95 RPM.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	12:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN
	4:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN
01-ago-43	12:00 a. m.			Steaming on course and gyro. Main generators 1, 3 & 4 in use. Standard speed 95 RPM, speed of advance 7.5 knots. YOG 42 in tow with 250 fathoms of 2" wire. Enroute San Pedro, California to Pago Pago, Samoa. Ship darkened and in condition of readiness three.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	4:00 a. m.			Steaming as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 a. m.			Steaming as before. Cut out #4 main generator, cut in #2.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN
	12:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	
	2:00 p. m.			PSC checking on base course true gyro.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	4:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN

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02-ago-43	12:00 a. m.			Steaming on course and gyro. 1, 2, and 3, main generators in use. Standard speed 95 RPM, speed of advance 7 knots. YOG 42 in tow with 250 fathoms of 2" wire. Enroute San Pedro, California to Pago Pago, Samoa. Ship darkened and in condition of readiness three.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	4:00 a. m.			Steaming as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 a. m.			Steaming as before. Cut in #4 main generator, cut out #1. Standard speed 98 RPM.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN
	12:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	
	12:30 p. m.			PSC checking on base course true gyro.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	4:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	
	5:55 p. m.			Had possible sound contact on submarine, warned YOG 42.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN
03-ago-43	12:00 a. m.			Steaming on course and gyro. Standard speed 98 RPM, approximate speed of advance 7 knots. Main generatos 2, 3 and 4 in use. Yog 42 in tow with 250 fathomas of 2" wire out to 6 fathoms of 2" chain. Enroute San Pedro, California to Pago Pago, Somoa. Ship darkened and in condition of readiness three.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	4:00 a. m.			Steaming as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 a. m.			Steaming as before. Cut out #3 main generator, cut in #1.	
	8:32 a. m.			Cut out #1 main generator, cut in #3.	
	8:50 a. m.			Shifted steering units from starboard to port.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN
	12:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	4:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	
	5:00 p. m.			Set clocks back one hour to conform with zone plus 10.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN
04-ago-43	12:00 a. m.			Steaming on course and gyro. Main generatos 2, 3 and 4 in use. Standard speed 98 RPM, approximate speed of advance 7.5 knots. Yog 42 in tow with 250 fathomas of 2" wire out to 6 fathoms of 2" chain. Enroute San Pedro, California to Pago Pago, Somoa. Ship darkened and in condition of readiness three.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	4:00 a. m.			Steaming as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR

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	8:00 a. m.			Steaming as before.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN
	12:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	4:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN
05-ago-43	12:00 a. m.			Steaming on course and gyro. Main generatos 2, 3 and 4 in use. Standard speed 98 RPM, approximate speed of advance 7.1 knots. Yog 42 in tow with 250 fathomas of 2" wire out to 6 fathoms of 2" chain. Enroute San Pedro, California to Pago Pago, Somoa. Ship darkened and in condition of readiness three.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	4:00 a. m.			Steaming as before.	
	7:00 a. m.			Changed course and gyro.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 a. m.			Steaming as before. Cut out #3 main generator, cut in #1.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN
	12:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	4:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN
06-ago-43	12:00 a. m.			Steaming on course and gyro. Main generatos 1, 2 and 4 in use. Standard speed 98 RPM, approximate speed of advance 7.5 knots. Yog 42 in tow with 250 fathomas of 2" wire out to 6 fathoms of 2" chain. Enroute San Pedro, California to Pago Pago, Somoa. Ship darkened and in condition of readiness three.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	4:00 a. m.			Steaming as before.	
	6:07 a. m.			Changed course and gyro.	
	6:29 a. m.			Changed course and gyro.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 a. m.			Steaming as before. Cut out #2 main generator, cut in #3.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN
	12:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	
	12:30 p. m.			PSC checking on base course true gyro.	
	3:37 p. m.			Sighted vessel distance 14 miles.	
	3:40 p. m.			Exchanged calls with USS Atascasa (A066)	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	4:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	

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	5:05 p. m.			USS Atascasa alongside to port to fuel ship.	
	5:32 p. m.			Commenced fueling ship.	
	6:18 p. m.			Completed fueling ship having received 36, 645 gal.	
	6:25 p. m.			Cast off all lines from USS Atascasa.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN
07-ago-43	12:00 a. m.			Steaming on course and gyro. Main generatos 2, 3 and 4 in use. Standard speed 98 RPM, approximate speed of advance 7.2 knots. Yog 42 in tow with 250 fathomas of 2" wire out to 6 fathoms of 2" chain. Enroute San Pedro, California to Pago Pago, Somoa. Ship darkened and in condition of readiness three.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	4:00 a. m.			Steaming as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 a. m.			Steaming as before. Cut out #4 main generator, cut in #2.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN
	12:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	
	1:20 p. m.			Slowed to 60 RPM. Shifted point of tow and chaffing gear.	
	2:18 p. m.			Increased standard speed to 100 RPM.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	4:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
08-ago-43	12:00 a. m.			Steaming on course and gyro. Main generatos 1, 2 and 3 in use. Standard speed 100 RPM, approximate speed of advance 7 knots. Yog 42 in tow with 250 fathomas of 2" wire out to 6 fathoms of 2" chain. Enroute San Pedro, California to Pago Pago, Somoa. Ship darkened and in condition of readiness three.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN
	4:00 a. m.			Steaming as before.	
	6:30 a. m.			Changed course and gyro.	
	7:09 a. m.			Cut out #4 main generator and cut in #3 main generator.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 a. m.			Steaming as before.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	12:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN
	4:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN



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09-ago-43	12:00 a. m.			Steaming on course and gyro. Main generatos #2, 3 and 4 in use. Standard speed 100 RPM, approximate speed of advance 6.5 knots. Enroute San Pedro, California to Pago Pago, Tutuila, Samoa Islands. Yog 42 in tow with 250 fathomas of 2" wire cable on deck. Ship darkened and in condition of readiness three.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN
	4:00 a. m.			Steaming as before.	
	7:34 a. m.			Changed course and gyro.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:01 a. m.			Steaming as before. Cut out #2, Cut in #1 main generator.	
	10:57 a. m.			Cut out #4, cut in #2 main generator.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	12:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN
	4:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	
	7:40 p. m.			Changed course and gyro.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
10-ago-43	12:00 a. m.			Steaming on course and gyro. Main generatos #1, 2 and 3 in use. Standard speed 100 RPM, approximate speed of advance 5.5 knots. Enroute San Pedro, California to Pago Pago, Tutuila, Samoa Islands. Yog 42 in tow with 250 fathomas of 2" wire cable on deck. Ship darkened and in condition of readiness three.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN
	4:00 a. m.			Steaming as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:01 a. m.			Steaming as before. Cut out #1 main generator, cut in #4.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	12:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN
	4:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	
	4:30 p. m.			Changed course and gyro.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
11-ago-43	12:00 a. m.			Steaming on course and gyro. Main generatos #2, 3 and 4 in use. Standard speed 100 RPM, approximate speed of advance 6.7 knots. Enroute San Pedro, California to Pago Pago, Tutuila, Samoa Islands. Yog 42 in tow with 250 fathomas of 2" wire cable on deck. Ship darkened and in condition of readiness three.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN
	4:00 a. m.			Steaming as before.	
	7:30 a. m.			Changed course and gyro.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR

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	8:01 a. m.			Steaming as before. Cut out #3, cut in #1 main generator.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	12:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN
	4:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
12-ago-43	12:00 a. m.			Steaming on course and gyro. Main generatos #1, 2 and 4 in use. Standard speed 100 RPM, approximate speed of advance 7.5 knots. Enroute San Pedro, California to Pago Pago, Tutuila, Samoa Islands. Yog 42 in tow with 250 fathomas of 2" wire cable on deck. Ship darkened and in condition of readiness three.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN
	4:00 a. m.			Steaming as before.	
	7:30 a. m.			Changed course and gyro. Crossed Equater heading south.	
	7:56 a. m.			Cut out #2 and cut in #3 main generator.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 a. m.			Steaming as before.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	12:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN
	4:00 p. m.			Steaming as before. Set clocks back one hour to comform to +11 time zone.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
13-ago-43	12:00 a. m.			Steaming on course and gyro. Main generatos #1, 3 and 4 in use. Standard speed 100 RPM, approximate speed of advance 7 knots. Enroute San Pedro, California to Pago Pago, Tutuila, Samoa Islands. Yog 42 in tow with 250 fathomas of 2" wire cable on deck. Ship darkened and in condition of readiness three.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN
	4:00 a. m.			Steaming as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:01 a. m.			Steaming as before. Cut out #4, cut in #2 main generator, course change and gyro.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	12:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN
	4:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN

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14-ago-43	12:00 a. m.			Steaming on course and gyro. Main generatos #1, 2 and 3 in use. Standard speed 100 RPM, approximate speed of advance 7.2 knots. Enroute San Pedro, California to Pago Pago, Tutuila, Samao Islands. Yog 42 in tow with 250 fathomas of 2" wire cable on deck. Ship darkened and in condition of readiness three.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN
	4:00 a. m.			Steaming as before.	
	7:55 a. m.			Cut out #1, cut in #4 main generator.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 a. m.			Steaming as before.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	12:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN
	4:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN
15-ago-43	12:00 a. m.			Steaming on course & gyro. Main generators 2, 3 & 4 in use. Standard speed 100 RPM approximate speed of advance 7.2 knots. YOG 42 in tow with 250 fathoms of 2" wire. Enroute San Pedro, California to Pago Pago, Tutuila, Somoa Islands. Ship darkened and in condition of readiness three.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	4:00 a. m.			Steaming as before.	
	7:00 a. m.			Changed course and gyro. Changed standard speed to 95 RPM.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 a. m.			Steaming as before. Cut out #4 main generator, cut in #1.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN
	12:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	4:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN
16-ago-43	12:00 a. m.			Steaming on course & gyro. Main generators 1, 2 & 3 in use. Standard speed 95 RPM approximate speed of advance 7 knots. YOG 42 in tow with 250 fathoms of 2" wire. Enroute San Pedro, California to Pago Pago, Tutuila, Somoa Islands. Ship darkened and in condition of readiness three.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	4:00 a. m.			Steaming as before.	
	5:54 a. m.			Sighted USS Chincoteague in tow by USS M464 distance 6 miles in opposite direction.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 a. m.			Steaming as before. Cut out #3 main generator, cut in #4.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN

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	12:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	4:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN
17-ago-43	12:00 a. m.			Steaming on course & gyro. Main generators 1, 2 & 4 in use. Standard speed 95 RPM approximate speed of advance 6.8 knots. YOG 42 in tow with 250 fathoms of 2" wire. Enroute San Pedro, California to Pago Pago, Tutuila, Somoa Islands. Ship darkened and in condition of readiness three.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	4:00 a. m.			Steaming as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 a. m.			Steaming as before. Cut out #2 main generator, cut in #3. Changed course and gyro.	
	8:28 a. m.			Shited steering units from starboard to port.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN
	12:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	4:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN
18-ago-43	12:00 a. m.			Steaming on course & gyro. Main generators 1, 3 & 4 in use. Standard speed 95 RPM approximate speed of advance 6.9 knots. YOG 42 in tow with 250 fathoms of 2" wire. Enroute San Pedro, California to Pago Pago, Tutuila, Somoa Islands. Ship darkened and in condition of readiness three.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	4:00 a. m.			Steaming as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 a. m.			Steaming as before. Cut out #1 main generator, cut in #2. Changed course and gyro.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN
	12:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	4:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN
19-ago-43	12:00 a. m.			Steaming on course & gyro. Main generators 2, 3 & 4 in use. Standard speed 95 RPM approximate speed of advance 6.7 knots. YOG 42 in tow with 250 fathoms of 2" wire. Enroute San Pedro, California to Pago Pago, Tutuila, Somoa Islands. Ship darkened and in condition of readiness three.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN

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	4:00 a. m.		Steaming as before.	
	6:10 a. m.		Sighted Ofur Island distance 15 miles.	
	6:15 a. m.		Changed course and gyro.	
	6:35 a. m.		Sighted Tutuila Island distance 25 miles.	
	6:50 a. m.		Changed course and gyro.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 a. m.		Steaming as before.	
	8:53 a. m.		Changed course and gyro. Sighted vessel distance 12 miles.	
	10:50 a. m.		Passed Aunu'u Island abeam to starboard distant 4-1/2 miles.	Joseph J. Hannaford, CSM USN
	12:00 p. m.		Steaming as before.	
	12:15 p. m.		Commenced steering various courses at various speeds in preparation to entering harbor and shortening tow wire. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge.	
	12:54 p. m.		Shortened tow wire to 200 fathoms.	
	1:09 p. m.		Pilot L.J. Ford LT. USN came board and assumed conning duties.	
	3:42 p. m.		Shortened tow wire to 150 fathoms.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	4:00 p. m.		Steaming as before.	
	4:22 p. m.		Entering Pago Pago harbor with three harbor tugs alongside YOG 42 to assist. Shortened tow wire to 50 fathoms.	
	4:56 p. m.		Let go of tow.	
	5:00 p. m.		Lost all power to main propulsion.	
	5:30 p. m.		Tugs came alongside to assist going alongside USS La Salle.	
	5:37 p. m.		Moored starboard side to USS La Salle alongside fuel dock.	
	6:25 p. m.		Commenced fueling ship draft fwd 15' 8" aft 14' 5".	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 p. m.		Moored as before.	
	8:19 p. m.		Completed fueling ship having taken aboard 44, 588 gallons of diesel fuel draft fwd 14' 5" aft 18'.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
20-ago-43	12:00 a. m.		Moored alongside to starboard of USS La Salle, at Fuel dock, Pago Pago Harbor, Tutuila, Samoa. #2 auxiliar generator in use for auziliary purposes. Ship present. SOPA USS La Salle. Various units of U.S. Fleet. Ship darkened and in condition of readiness three.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	4:00 a. m.		Moored as before.	
	6:52 a. m.		Underway, standing out harbor. Stearing various courses at various speeds conforming to channel. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge.	

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	7:30 a. m.			In accordance with Port Director, Pago Pago Harbor, Tutuila, Somoa, orders #200801. Took departure from Tutuila, Somoa with Breakers Point, distance 5 miles. Set base course and gyro. Main generators 1, 2, 3 and 4 in use. Standard speed 120 RPM 13.5 knots.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	8:00 a. m.			Steaming as before.	
	11:44 a. m.			Passed Ofu Island abeam to port distance 12.1 miles.	C. Odom, Boatswain USN
	12:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	
	12:31 p. m.			Tara Island abeam to port distance approximate 8 miles.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	4:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	Sam. C. Reid, Boatswain, USNR
21-ago-43	12:00 a. m.	Tutuila, Somoa	Bora Bora, Society Islands	Steaming on course and gyro. Main generators #1, 2, 3 & 4 in use. Standard speed 124 RPM 14 knots. Enroute Tutuila, Somoa Islands to Bora Bora, Society Islands.	C. Odom, Boatswain USN
	4:00 a. m.			Steaming as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 a. m.			Steaming as before.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	12:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	
	1:05 p. m.			Stopped. Took #2 and #4 main generators off the line. Proceeding with #1 and #3. Standard speed 80 RPM. #2 main generator on towing engine.	
	1:45 p. m.			Stopped. Put #2 and #4 generators on line. Standard speed 124 RPM, proceeding as before.	Sam. C. Reid, Boatswain, USNR
	4:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	C. Odom, Boatswain USN
22-ago-43	12:00 a. m.	Pago Pago, Tutuila, Somoa	Bora Bora, Society Islands	Steaming on course and gyro. Main generators 1, 2, 3 and 4 in use. Standard speed 124 RPM, 14.5 knots. Enroute Pago Pago, Tutuila, Samoa to Bora Bora, Society Islands. Ship darckend and in condition of readiness three.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	4:00 a. m.			Steaming as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 a. m.			Steaming as before. Stopped, took #2 and #3 generators off the line. Ahead on #1 and #4. 80 RPM 11 knots.	
	9:50 a. m.			Took #4 main generator off line, put #2 on. Ahead on #1 and #2, 80 RPM.	Sam. C. Reid, Boatswain, USNR

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	12:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	
	2:06 p. m.			Secured #1 & 2 main generators and cut #4 main generator in on main drive. Standard speed 80 RPM 11.2 knots.	
	2:23 p. m.			Cut #1 main generator in on main drive. Steaming on #1 & 4 main generators. Standard speed 80 RPM 11.2 knots.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	4:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	
	7:30 p. m.			Stopped took #1 main generator off the line, proceeding on #4. Standard speed 60 RPM 8 knots.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
23-ago-43	12:00 a. m.	Pago Pago, Tutuila, Somal	Bora Bora, Society Islands	Steaming on course and gyro. Main generator #4 in use. Standard speed 60 RPM. Enroute Pago Pago, Tutuila, Samoa to Baro Bara, Society Islands. Ship darkened and in condition of readiness three.	Sam. C. Reid, Boatswain, USNR
	4:00 a. m.			Steaming as before.	
	5:25 a. m.			Stopped, put #1, 2, 3 main engines on the line, proceeding at Standard Speed 125 RPM 14 knots.	
	6:00 a. m.			Set clocks ahead one hour to conform to zone plus ten.	
	7:30 a. m.			Changed course and gyro.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 a. m.			Steaming as before.	C. Odom, Boatswain USN
	12:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	
	12:23 p. m.			Sighted USS Pasig in tow to SS Woolmac distance 13 miles.	
	1:03 p. m.			Commenced steering various courses at various speeds, on station to take USS Pasig in tow.	
	3:17 p. m.			Commenced passing tow wire.	
	3:55 p. m.			USS Pasig in tow with 240 fathoms of 2" wire. Set base course and gyro. Main generators 1, 3 & 4 in use. Standard speed 100 RPM.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	4:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	
	11:25 p. m.			Made sound contact distance 2900 yards.	Sam. C. Reid, Boatswain, USNR
24-ago-43	12:00 a. m.	Pago Pago, Tutuila, Somoa	Bora Bora, Society Islands	Steaming on course and gyro. Main generators in use 1, 3 & 4. Standard speed 100 RPM 7 knots. Pasig in tow with 250 fathoms of 2" wire cable on deck. Enroute Pago Pago Harbor to Bora Bora, Society Islands.	C. Odom, Boatswain USN
	4:00 a. m.			Steaming as before.	
	7:00 a. m.			Changed Standard Speed to 90 RPM.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR

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	8:00 a. m.		Steaming as before.	
	8:17 a. m.		Cut out #1 main generator. Changed Standard Speed to 80 RPM.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	12:00 p. m.		Steaming as before.	
	12:51 p. m.		Changed Standard Speed to 75 RPM.	
	1:04 p. m.		Sighted Maupiti Island distance 25 miles. Changed Standard Speed to 70 RPM.	Sam. C. Reid, Boatswain, USNR
	4:00 p. m.		Steaming as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 p. m.		Steaming as before.	
	11:23 p. m.		Passed Maupiti Island abeam to port distance 9 miles.	C. Odom, Boatswain USN
25-ago-43	12:00 a. m.		Steaming on course and gyro. Main generators 3 & 4 in use. Standard speed 70 RPM approximately speed of advance 3.5 knots. USS Pasig in tow with 240 fathoms of 2" wire. Enroute Pago Pago, Samoa Island to Bora Bora, Society Islands. Ship darkened and in condition of readiness three.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	4:00 a. m.		Steaming as before.	
	5:05 a. m.		Changed course and gyro.	
	5:24 a. m.		Changed speed to 80 RPM.	
	6:14 a. m.		Changed course and gyro; sighte Bora Bora Island, distance 12 miles.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 a. m.		Steaming as before.	
	10:20 a. m.		Station special sea detail, made all preparations for shortening tow and entering Leavennis Harbor, steering vaious courses at vaious speeds. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge.	
	10:42 a. m.		Lt(JG) Hailey, Navy Pilot came aboard.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	12:00 p. m.		Steaming as before.	
	12:10 p. m.		Commenced taking in tow wire to 100 fathoms.	
	12:45 p. m.		Tow wire in to 100 fathoms.	
	2:04 p. m.		USS Pasig anchored in Berth #3.	
	2:06 p. m.		Anchored in Leavenui Harbor, Bora Bora, Society Islands, 15 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain out to starboard anchor.	
	3:00 p. m.		USS Pasig disconnected tow wire, commenced heaving in tow wire.	
	3:27 p. m.		Underway, steering various courses at various speeds. Proceeding to go alongside USS Pasig.	
	3:42 p. m.		Moored alongside to starboard of USS Pisag in Berth 7, Bora Bora, Society Islands.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN



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	4:00 p. m.			Moored as before.	
	4:05 p. m.			Commenced diving & repair operations to USS Pisag.	
	5:00 p. m.			Secured from diving and repair operations.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	8:00 p. m.			Moored as before.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
26-ago-43	12:00 a. m.			Moored alongside to starboard of USS Pasig in berth 7, Leavenui Harbor, Bora Bora, Society Islands to Sands. #2 auxiliary in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present, SOPA Pasig & various units of U.S. Fleet. Ship darkened and in condition of readiness three.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	4:00 a. m.			Moored as before.	
	7:00 a. m.			Set clocks ahead one hour to conform to zone plus nine.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	8:00 a. m.			Moored as before. Continued salvage and repair operations on USS Pasig.	S. P. Harlan, LT(JG) USN
	12:00 p. m.			Moored as before.	S. P. Harlan, LT(JG) USN
	4:00 p. m.			Moored as before.	S. P. Harlan, LT(JG) USN
	8:00 p. m.			Moored as before.	S. P. Harlan, LT(JG) USN
27-ago-43	12:00 a. m.			Moored portside to starboard side of USS Pasig in Berth #7. Leavenui Harbor, Bora Bora, Society Islands. #2 main generator in use for light and power. Ships present, vairous units of U.S. Fleet, SOPA in USS Pasig. Ship darkened and in condition of readiness three.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	4:00 a. m.			Moored as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 a. m.			Moored as before.	
	8:12 a. m.			Underway, on various courses at various speeds. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge to go alongside portside of USS Pasig to lift off spare blades for propeller.	
	8:22 a. m.			Moored portside to portside of USS Pasig.	
	9:02 a. m.			Underway steering various courses at various speeds.	
	9:16 a. m.			Moored portside to starboard side of USS Pasig.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	12:00 p. m.			Moored as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	4:00 p. m.			Moored as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR

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	8:00 p. m.			Moored as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
28-ago-43	12:00 a. m.			Moored portside to starboard side of USS Pasig in Leavenui Harbor, Bora Bora, Society Islands. #2 auxiliary generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present, various units of U.S. Fleet. SOPA in USS Pisag. Ship darkened and in condition of readiness three.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	4:00 a. m.			Moored as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 a. m.			Moored as before. Continued salvage and repair operations on USS Pasig.	J.George East, Ensign, D-VCG) USNR
	12:00 p. m.			Moored as before.	J.George East, Ensign, D-VCG) USNR
	4:00 p. m.			Moored as before.	J.George East, Ensign, D-VCG) USNR
	8:00 p. m.			Moored as before.	J.George East, Ensign, D-VCG) USNR
29-ago-43	12:00 a. m.			Moored portside to starboard side of USS Pasig in Leavenui Harbor, Bora Bora, Society Islands. #2 auxiliary generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present, various units of U.S. Fleet. SOPA in USS Pisag. Ship darkened and in condition of readiness three.	J.George East, Ensign, D-VCG) USNR
	4:00 a. m.			Moored as before.	J.George East, Ensign, D-VCG) USNR
	8:00 a. m.			Moored as before.	Sam. C. Reid, Boatswain, USNR
	12:00 p. m.			Moored as before	Sam. C. Reid, Boatswain, USNR
	4:00 p. m.			Moored as before.	Sam. C. Reid, Boatswain, USNR
	6:21 p. m.			Underway from alongside USS Pasig various courses at various speeds proceeding to berth.	Sam. C. Reid, Boatswain, USNR
	6:30 p. m.			Anchored at Berth 1. Leavanui Harbor, Bora Bora, Society Islands in 15 fathoms water with 45 fathoms of chain out to starboard anchor.	Sam. C. Reid, Boatswain, USNR
	8:00 p. m.			Anchored as before.	Sam. C. Reid, Boatswain, USNR

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30-ago-43	12:00 a. m.			Anchored in Berth one, Leavenui Harbor, Bora Bora, Society Islands, 15 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain out to starboard anchor. Various units of Pacific Fleet, SOPA in USS Pasig. #2 auxiliary generator in use for auxiliary purposes. Ship darkened and in condition of readiness three.	Sam. C. Reid, Boatswain, USNR
	4:00 a. m.			Moored as before.	
	7:07 a. m.			Underway at various courses at varioius speeds, following SOPA in USS Pasig to Fanui Bay. Main generators 1, 2, 4 in use.	Sam. C. Reid, Boatswain, USNR
	7:43 a. m.			Auchoudiu Facui Bay, Berth 22, in 13 fathoms of water, 30 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor, Bora Bora, Society Islands.	Sam. C. Reid, Boatswain, USNR
	8:00 a. m.			Anchored as before.	
	10:00 a. m.			Set clocks hack one hour to conform with zone plus ten time.	
	9:02 a. m.			Underway on various courses and various speeds. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge.	
	9:55 a. m.	Bora Bora, Society Islands	Pago Pago, Tutuila, Somoa Islands	Took departure in accordance with Comseronsopa despatch #2220502. Harbor entrance distance 2.5 miles. Standard speed 75 RPM 10 knots. Enroute Pago Pago, Somoa. Main generators in us #2 & 4.	C. Odom, Boatswain USN
	12:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	
	12:25 p. m.			Sighted Maupiti Island, distance 20 miles.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	4:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	
	4:57 p. m.			Sighted ship distance 10 miles.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
31-ago-43	12:00 a. m.			Steaming on course and gyro. Enroute Bora Bora to Pago Pago, Samoa. Main generators in use #2 & 4. Standard speed 75 RPM 10 knots. Ship darkened and in condition of readiness three.	C. Odom, Boatswain USN
	4:00 a. m.			Steaming as before.	
	7:00 a. m.			Cut in #3 main generator on the line. Standard speed 110 RPM 13 knots.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 a. m.			Steaming as before.	
	8:12 a. m.			Cut in #1, cut out #3 main generator.	John Anto, LT(JG) USN
	12:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	Sam. C. Reid, Boatswain, USNR
	4:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	Earl E. Brines, LT (JG) D-V(G) USNR
	8:00 p. m.			Steaming as before.	C. Odom, Boatswain USN

U.S.S. NAVAJO  
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					<b>NO FURTHER DIARIES AS USS NAVAJO WAS SUNK IN SEPTEMBER</b>
06-sep-43		Pago Pago, Tutuilia, Somoa Islands	Segond Channel, Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides	USS Navajo underway with YOG-42 in tow. Enroute from Papo Pago to Espiritu Santo. Steaming alone towing YOG-42.	
12-sep-43		Pago Pago, Tutuilia, Somoa Islands	Segond Channel, Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides	Steaming as before. Enroute from Pago Pago, Samoa to Espiritu Santo. YOG 42 (6,600 ton gasoline barge) in tow. Sailing alone.	
				Yeoman Buck stated that he was picked up 1-1/2 hrs after sinking by escort ship. Another crew member said the torpedo hit the night of 11 Sep 1943.	
				USS Navajo sustained a torpedo hit on the stern starboard side and commenced to list within seconds causing the starboard side to be submerged. The USS Navajo rapidly starting going down stern. Abandon ship was emplemented. As the ship was sinking, depth charges secured to the port and starboard K-guns projectors expolded. An estimated two minutes had bassed before she sank, taking 17 of her officers and crew.	
			150 miles east of Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides	USS YMS-266 (Minesweeper) recoved survivors from the waters.	
31-dic-43				USS Sioux (AT-75) recoved the undamaged YOG 42 barge having a crew of 22 men.	
				USS Navajo was about 150 miles east of Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides when a Japanese submarine I-39 fired the torpedo that struck and sunk her.	

***KILLED IN ACTION***

<b>Name</b>	<b>Rank/Grade</b>	<b>Birth</b>	<b>Entered Svc</b>	<b>Death</b>	<b>Burial</b>
Rigley, Frank Jr.	LT (JG) USN Captain	04-ene-03	MA	12-sep-43	Sea
Brines, Earl Edward	LT (JG) USNR Ensign	29-may-19	WA	12-sep-43	Sea
Catching, Marvin Richard	Ensign USNR	18-mar-20	OH	12-sep-43	Sea
East, James G.	Ensign USN	01-jul-20	VA	12-sep-43	Sea
Harlan, Sam R.	LT (JG) USN	12-abr-04	CA	12-sep-43	Sea
Callahan, Joseph Thomas	Signalman 3rd Class USNR	26-may-11	NY	12-sep-43	Sea
Ibbotson, John Luther	Seaman 1st Class	04-ene-24	MI	12-sep-43	Sea
King, Melvin Lawrence	Machinist's Mate 3rd Class	29-jun-23	MI	12-sep-43	Sea
Kostolnik, Sylveter S.	Electrician's Mate 3rd Class	03-sep-14	OH	12-sep-43	Sea
Lewis, John Loatz	Electrician's Mate 2nd Class	22-ago-24	IN	12-sep-43	Sea
Loeber, Robert Waller	Quartermaster 2nd Class	09-jun-18	IL	12-sep-43	Sea
MacCarra, Robert Francis	Soundman 3rd Class	17-sep-21	CA	12-sep-43	Sea
Peery, Charles W.	Motor Machinist's Mate 1st Class	29-may-18	IA	12-sep-43	Sea
Pierantozzi, Anthony	Chief Pharmacist's Mate	15-jun-19	PA	12-sep-43	Sea
Senterfitt, Cecil Sampson	Chief Boatswain's Mate USN	19-jul-03	FL	12-sep-43	Sea
Wagner, Arthur Daniel	Soundman 2nd Class	19-dic-20	CA	12-sep-43	Sea
Weel, Sylvian George	Fireman 1st Class USNR	26-jun-22	IL	12-sep-43	Sea

NAME	SERVICE NO.	PRESENT RATING	DATE OF ENLISTMENT	DATE FIRST RECEIVED ON BOARD	BIRTH	DEATH
K <b>Rigley, Frank</b>	0-071817	LT (JG) USN Captain	10-nov-32	26-ene-40	04-ene-03	<b>12-sep-43</b>
Anto, John	250-27-26	LT (JG) USN Exec.	22-ago-34	03-mar-43	30-ago-07	20-nov-98
K <b>Brines, Earl Edward</b>	0-121005	LT D-VG (JG) USNR		05-may-42	29-may-19	<b>12-sep-43</b>
K <b>Catching, Marvin Richard</b>	0-368652	Ensign A-VN USNR		06-sep-43	18-mar-20	<b>12-sep-43</b>
K <b>East, James George</b>	0-185145	Ensign D-VS USN		27-ago-43	10-jul-20	<b>12-sep-43</b>
K <b>Harlan, Sam Russell</b>	0-111959	LT (JG) USN		25-ago-43	12-abr-04	<b>12-sep-43</b>
Odom, Charles Earl	0-96873	LT D-VG (JG) USNR	16-dic-40	19-ago-43	08-jul-17	04-oct-83
Reid, Samuel C.	0-235219	BOSN W.O. USNR	12-dic-42	19-ago-43	12-ago-05	nov-78
Windham, H. C. (Henry Clinton)	0-97769	LT DE-V (JG) Nav & Comm	15-may-41		27-jul-21	29-jun-60
W Beall, Glen Dale	840-56-63	V6 USNI S2c	25-feb-43	22-may-43	20-sep-24	26-ene-16
Bolander, Glen Sarony	359-91-08	CEM (AA)	16-may-40	26-ene-40	02-jul-17	18-mar-99
Brent, Charles Richard	603-96-77	V6 USNR StM2c	16-mar-43	13-may-43	14-may-28	24-sep-17
W Boardnax, Troy (n)	829-22-62	(SC)V6 USNR StM2c	11-mar-43	13-may-43	24-ene-25	03-ago-00
Bruner, Raby Wesley	840-56-59	V6 USNI S2c	25-feb-43	26-may-43	05-oct-24	29-abr-08
Buck, Paul Robert	321-41-55	Y1c	16-abr-40	28-jun-42	22-feb-22	01-sep-07
K <b>Callahan, Joseph Thomas</b>	708-92-33	V6 USNR SM3c	09-nov-42	27-may-43	26-may-11	<b>12-sep-43</b>
Campbell, Emmett Lon	356-68-47	Cox	24-sep-41	27-may-41	12-sep-24	05-abr-90
Cantrell, Ray Hudson	338-04-41	V6 USNR F1c	21-nov-42	04-may-43	31-may-19	02-sep-88
Cantu, Reynaldo Martinez	576-72-39	V6 USNR S2c	27-feb-43	22-may-43	07-abr-25	24-jul-89
@ <b>Cockrum, Louis (n)</b>	841-28-67	V6 USNI S2c	24-feb-43	22-may-43	14-feb-24	<b>03-mar-44</b>
Cosseboom, Dean Frank	632-50-61	V6 USNR Cox	11-feb-42	11-jun-42	16-oct-19	09-jul-91
Cude, Doyle (n)	576-72-48	V6 USNR S2c	01-mar-43	08-jun-43	06-feb-26	20-jun-80
Floeter, Walter Allen	393-59-36	GM3c	24-sep-41	28-nov-41	03-sep-23	27-jun-89
W Ganger, Ralph Romaine	300-29-45	MoMM1c USN	19-dic-40	10-ene-42	24-feb-23	26-mar-74
Gonzalez, Albert (n)	576-72-13	V6 USNR S2c	20-feb-43	22-may-43		
Graham, Denver (n)	576-72-38	V6 USNR S2c	27-feb-43	22-may-43	28-nov-25	25-ene-82
Hamilton, Harold Guy	393-21-44	CMoMM (AA)	21-ago-42	03-feb-43	31-mar-15	05-sep-78
@ Hannaford, Joseph John	201-46-43	CSM (PA) USNR	14-ago-40	04-mar-42	18-feb-10	<b>04-ene-45</b>
W Hansen, Lester Ralph	378-02-90	V6 USNR F2c	30-nov-42	25-may-43	22-nov-18	22-dic-94

K	<b>Ibbotson, John Luther</b>	312-52-77	V6 USNR S1c	23-nov-43	04-may-43	04-ene-24	<b>12-sep-43</b>
	Johns, Charles Beverly	668-56-25	V6 USNR Cox	19-mar-42	18-jun-42	16-dic-09	18-jun-87
W	Johnson, Roy Lee	648-30-37	V6 USNR McMM2c	04-abr-42	04-jul-43	07-feb-15	16-jul-56
	Kilsby, Oswald Arthur	841-35-52	V6 USNI S2c	24-feb-43	22-may-43	28-abr-23	07-feb-91
K	<b>King, Melvin Lawrence</b>	312-52-26	V6 USNR F1c	23-nov-42	04-may-43	29-jun-23	<b>12-sep-43</b>
	Knott, Kenneth Kermit	375-96-31	SF1c	11-sep-39	19-ago-42	13-ago-21	01-dic-18
K	<b>Kostolnik, Sylvester Simon</b>	622-12-98	V6 USNR EM3c	03-nov-41	03-feb-42	03-sep-14	<b>12-sep-43</b>
	Landry, Allen Fernand	274-88-19	SoM3c	30-nov-42	01-jun-43	19-jun-24	19-may-97
	Lemon, Walter Dean Anoil	342-56-62	MoMM2c	10-dic-41	11-jun-43	22-jun-22	04-may-60
	Leonard, George Addison	622-24-68	V6 USNR S1c	26-dic-41	20-feb-42	01-sep-21	29-nov-83
	Leuty, "L" "A" Jr.	624-12-30	V6 USNR GM3c	18-dic-41	20-feb-42	05-mar-11	08-jul-91
K	<b>Lewis, John Loatz</b>	291-80-75	EM2c	24-dic-41	20-feb-42	22-ago-24	<b>12-sep-43</b>
	Lewis, Ralph Verne	321-73-39	QM2c	24-dic-41	20-feb-42	28-mar-23	09-oct-57
	Lewis, Richard Baker	626-09-05	V6 USNR GM3c	26-dic-41	20-feb-42	14-may-22	20-dic-78
	Lickness, Glenn William Ola	638-10-93	V6 USNR MoMM2c	01-ene-42	20-feb-42	08-ago-21	21-dic-90
K	<b>Loeber, Robert Waller</b>	610-20-49	QM2c USNR	27-dic-41	20-feb-42	09-jun-18	<b>12-sep-43</b>
	Lore, Charles Truitt Jr.	709-21-44	V6 USNR F1c	12-nov-42	28-abr-43	28-nov-24	10-dic-99
K	<b>MacCarra, Robert Fransis</b>	663-58-71	V6 USNR SoM3c	20-ago-42	15-jun-43	17-sep-21	<b>12-sep-43</b>
W	Maloy, Orie Lee	605-39-39	V6 USNR S2c	19-nov-42	07-jun-43	06-ago-22	07-nov-98
	Martinez, Jose Santiago	372-38-68	F1c	27-oct-41	18-jun-42	04-mar-23	20-abr-09
W	McDonald, Millard Joseph	316-46-61	CQM (AA)	13-may-42	25-mar-43	27-ago-15	18-feb-94
W	McDonough, William Joseph	662-90-86	V6 USNR S1c	22-abr-42	23-jun-42	12-jul-17	09-may-68
	Megason, Lloyd Hilton	630-07-87	V6 USNR RM3c	31-ene-43	18-jun-42	02-jun-19	16-ago-17
	Morris, John Henry	662-25-87	V6 USNR S1c	30-dic-41	18-jun-42	14-ago-18	11-nov-74
	Noble, Davis Jerome	305-88-95	V6 USNR S2c	27-oct-42	22-may-43	29-jun-24	02-jul-74
	Padilla, Alfonso (n)	563-10-16	V6 USNR S1c	14-sep-42	31-may-43	02-jul-23	09-jun-01
	Palmer, Robert Allen	576-50-67	V6 USNR F2c	25-nov-42	24-may-43	06-mar-23	08-ago-57
K	<b>Peery, Charles Wayne</b>	321-50-28	MoMM1c	29-oct-40	25-jul-41	29-may-18	<b>12-sep-43</b>
K	<b>Pierrantozzi, Anthony (n)</b>	243-59-40	CPMM (AA)	27-oct-37	08-jul-42	15-jun-19	<b>12-sep-43</b>
	Remias, Albert Otto	615-74-11	V6 USNR Fs1	24-nov-42	04-may-43	16-abr-22	30-may-15
	Reynolds, Oliver Pete	321-59-02	RM2c	31-ene-41	17-may-42	11-ene-24	30-oct-90
W	Richmond, John Henry Jr.	604-39-06	V6 USNR MA1c	28-abr-42	05-jul-42	30-jun-24	12-abr-03
	Robinett, Glenwood Noland	612-13-86	V6 USNR S1c	12-ene-42	04-jul-42	14-oct-21	08-jul-09

	Rogers, Lester Edwin	291-83-01	SF2c	19-ene-42	04-jul-42	18-feb-24	01-may-82
	Roner, William Lewis	654-24-25	V6 USNR CM3c	17-ene-42	04-jul-42	03-dic-21	13-may-01
	Sanders, Floyd Milton	654-50-51	V6 USNR S1c	26-mar-42	29-jun-42	25-ago-22	15-jun-45
	Scott, Ernest Henry	638-39-71	V6 USNR MoMM1c	07-feb-42	18-jun-42	19-sep-11	02-dic-10
K	<b>Senterfitt, Cecil Sampson</b>	271-74-93	CBM (PA)	11-oct-39	26-ene-40	19-jul-03	<b>12-sep-43</b>
	Sims, Thomas William	296-07-61	Cox	16-dic-41	18-jun-42	13-jun-20	01-oct-95
	Somers, Gregory Florian	306-11-83	V6 USNR F2c	03-dic-42	04-may-43	23-may-25	08-oct-12
	Steiner, Joseph (n) Jr.	660-28-13	V6 USNR S1c	18-mar-42	29-jun-42	17-mar-24	19-nov-86
	Sullivan, Albert Daniel	618-40-29	V6 USNR EM3c	24-abr-42	29-jun-42	24-abr-25	07-dic-94
W	Swift, James Vernon	360-93-72	EM1c	10-may-39	19-dic-42	03-dic-19	12-sep-11
	Trux, Glenn Monroe	312-50-65	V6 USNR F2c	20-nov-42	04-may-43	20-abr-25	28-sep-11
W	Turner, Vernon Webb	360-08-73	RM1c	15-nov-39	19-may-42	05-oct-19	15-ene-88
W	Turnquist, Roland Carl	638-44-06	V6 USNR Bkr2c	07-mar-42	18-jun-42	08-ene-11	26-abr-88
	Varney, Fred (n)	669-09-06	V6 USNR EM2c	01-ago-42	25-may-43	20-dic-15	09-may-04
K	<b>Wagner, Arthur Daniel</b>	663-58-39	V6 USNR SoM2c	20-ago-42	08-jun-43	19-dic-20	<b>12-sep-43</b>
K	<b>Walker, Raymond Lee</b>	360-52-84	SM2c	12-dic-41	03-feb-43	08-jun-24	<b>12-sep-43</b>
	Walker, Richard Edward	626-03-63	V6 USNR SX2c	27-oct-41	16-feb-43	07-jul-24	09-feb-92
	Walker, Roy Turner Jr.	382-55-57	SC2c	15-sep-41	28-nov-41	12-abr-24	19-jun-08
	Walker, Vernon (n)	634-19-17	V6 USNR S1c	04-mar-42	18-jun-42		Louisville, I
K	<b>Weel, Sylvain George</b>	602-89-84	V6 USNR F1c	23-nov-42	04-may-43	26-jun-22	<b>12-sep-43</b>

**Legend: K = KIA; W = Wounded; @ = KIA later on-board different ship**

Closest updated list from Muster Roll of Crew dated 30 June 1943 including later rolls showing transfers. Also included are Officer/Warrant Officer/Petty Officers. By Guy Allen Andrews

Probably the ship was struck by torpedo at night of Sep. 11, 1943 sinking within a few minutes.

Sources: Yeoman Paul Buck online memorial. Lester Ralph Hansen online obituary via Find-a-grave.



RATES	MEANING
Bkr2c	Baker 2nd Class
BMC	Boatswain Mate, Construction
BOS'N	Boatswain (senior deck boss)
CBM	Chief Boatswain's Mate
CM3c	Carpenter's Mate
CMoMM	Chief Motor Machinist's Mate
CPhM	Chief Pharmacist's Mate
COX	Coxswain (Enlisted controlling open boat)
CSM	Chief Senior Mate
CSS	Chief Ship's Service
EM	Electrician's Mate; Engine Maintenance
ENS	Ensign
F1c	Fireman 1st Class
GM	Gunner's Mate
MA	Master-At-Arms
MM	Machinist's Mate
MoMM	Motor Machinist's Mate
OS2c	Ordinance Specification 2nd Class
QM	Quartermaster
RM	Radioman
S1c	Seaman 1st Class
Sk2c	Storekeeper 2nd Class
SM	Signalman
SoM	Sonarman; Soundman
StM	Steward's Mate
USNI	U.S. Naval Institute
W.O.	Warrant Officer
Y1c	Yeoman 1st Class