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Ira V. Chapman, Jr., Lieutenant, JM, USNR, U. S. N.

Attached to _____ Division,
_____ Service Squadron EIGHT _____ Squadron,
_____ Flotilla,
_____ United States Pacific _____ Fleet,

Commencing 0000, 1 August, 1945,

at _____ Sea _____,

and ending 2400, 31 August, 1945,

at _____ Sea _____

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LIST OF OFFICERS ATTACHED TO AND ON BOARD THE U. S. S. GORDONIA (AF-43) , COMMANDED

BY Ira V. Chapman, Jr., Lieut., DM, USNR U. S. N. , DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THIS LOG BOOK, WITH DATE OF

REPORTING FOR DUTY, DETACHMENT, OR DEATH, FROM 0000, 1 August , 19 45 , TO 2400, 31 August , 19 45

NAME AND FILE NUMBER (Show file No. below name)	RANK	DATE OF REPORT- ING ON BOARD	PRIMARY DUTIES	NAME, RELATIONSHIP, AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN (Show address at which BuPers may most readily communicate with next of kin in an emergency)
		DATE OF DETACHMENT (Show detachment date below report- ing date)		
Ira V. Chapman, Jr. 69916	Lieut.	5/14/45	Commanding Officer	Mrs. Ira V. Chapman, Jr. 546 Hampshire Street Lawrence, Mass. (wife)
Seabury Marsh 153159	Lieut.	5/14/45	Executive Officer	Gertrude Seabury Marsh 435 S. Grove Street Freeport, L.I., N.Y. (mother)
John T. Manry, III 102497	Lieut.	5/14/45	Engineering Officer	Mrs. John T. Manry, Jr. 8040 Van Patten Road Norfolk, Va. (mother)
Thomas Livingstone 267298	Lt(jg)	5/14/45	First Lieutenant	Mrs. Thomas Livingstone 189 Christie St. Ridgefield Park, N.J. (wife)
John H. Tandler 392909	Lt(jg)	5/14/45	Gunnery Officer	Mrs. Hohn H. Tandler 1347 Logan St., S.E. Grand Rapids, Mich. (wife)
Raymond E. Jensen 367915	Lt(jg)	5/14/45	Communication Officer	Mrs. Raymond E. Jensen Cragmoor Cape Elizabeth, Me. (wife)
David C. Kenyon 362594	Lt(jg)	5/14/45	Assistant Navigator	Mrs. David C. Kenyon 634 S. Pierce, Box 336 Lafayette, La. (wife)
Joseph Allegretti 319093	Lt(jg)	5/14/45	Supply Officer	Mrs. Joseph Allegretti 45N. Elliott Place Brooklyn, N.Y. (wife)
Kennon D. Breazeale, Jr. 416868	Pay Clerk	5/14/45	Asst. Supply Officer	Mrs. Kennon D. Breazeale, Jr. 1533 Milvia Street Berkley, Calif. (wife)

EXAMINED AND FOUND TO BE CORRECT:

Ira V. Chapman, Jr. U. S. N. NAVIGATOR.

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DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

UNITED STATES SHIP GORDONIA (AF-43)

Wednesday 1 August, 1945
(Day) (Date) (Month)

0000-0400

Steaming in convoy UOK-43 enroute Ulithi Atoll, Caroline Islands to Buckner Bay, Okinawa pursuant to SOP, ServRon10, Ulithi Operations Order 282303 on course 325°T&pgc, speed 9 knots (145 rpm). Convoy Commodore in U.S.S. NIOBRARA (AO-72), our position is 41. Escort Commander in U.S.S. HILARY P. JONES (DD-427). Generator #1 in use, #2 and #3 as standbys. Carrying a full load of cargo for fleet issue. Material condition Baker set. Ship darkened. 0400. Set ship's clocks back to z-9

David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800

Steaming as before.

Thomas Livingstone

Thomas Livingstone, Lt.(jg), USNR

0800-1200

Steaming as before. 0845 Made daily inspection of magazine and smokeless powder samples; conditions warm. 1000 Exercised at drills. 1025 Secured from drills.

John H. Tandler

John H. Tandler, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600

Steaming as before.

David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000

Steaming as before.

Thomas Livingstone

Thomas Livingstone, Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400

Steaming as before.

John H. Tandler

John H. Tandler, Lt.(jg), USNR

APPROVED:

I. V. Chapman, Jr.
 I. V. Chapman, Jr.
 Lieutenant, USNR

U. S. N. COMMANDING.

EXAMINED:

Seabury Marsh
 Seabury Marsh
 Lieutenant, USNR

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

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UNITED STATES SHIP GORDONIA (AF-43)

Thursday 2 August, 1945
(Day) (Date) (Month)

0000-0400

Steaming in convoy UOK-43 enroute Ulithi Atoll, Caroline Islands to Buckner Bay, Okinawa pursuant to SOP ServRon 10, Ulithi Operation Order DT 282303, on course 325°T&gc, speed 9 knots (14.5 rpm). Convoy Commodore in U.S.S. NIOBRARA (AO-72), our position is 41. Escort Commander in U.S.S. HILARY P. JONES (DD-427). Generator #2 in use, #1 and #3 as standbys. Carrying a full load of cargo for fleet issue. Material condition "Baker set, ship darkened.

Raymond E. Jensen
Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800

Steaming as before.

David C. Kenyon
David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200

Steaming as before. 1000 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples; conditions warm.

Thomas Livingstone
Thomas Livingstone, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600

Steaming as before.

Raymond E. Jensen
Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000

Steaming as before.

David C. Kenyon
David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400

Steaming as before.

Thomas Livingstone
Thomas Livingstone, Lt.(jg), USNR.

APPROVED:

I. V. Chapman, Jr.
I. V. Chapman, Jr.
Lieutenant, USNR

EXAMINED:

Seabury Marsh
Seabury Marsh
Lieutenant, USNR

U. S. N.

COMMANDING.

U. S. N.

NAVIGATOR

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UNITED STATES SHIP GORDONTA (AF-43)

Friday 3 August, 1945
(Day) (Date) (Month)

0000-0400

Steaming in convoy UOK-43 enroute Ulithi Atoll, Caroline Islands to Buckner Bay, Okinawa pursuant to SOP ServRon10, Ulithi, Operations Order DT 282303 on course 325^{OT}, speed 9 knots (145 rpm), keeping station 41 on starboard beam of Convoy Commodore in U.S.S. NIOBRARA (AO-72) distant 800 yards. Escort Commander in U.S.S. HILARY P. JONES (DD-427). Generator #1 in use, #2 and #3 as standbys. Material condition "Baker" set; ship darkened. Carrying full load of cargo.

John H. Tandler
 John H. Tandler, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800

Steaming as before.

Raymond E. Jensen
 Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200

Steaming as before. 1000 Made daily inspection of magazine and smokeless powder samples; conditions warm.

David C. Kenyon
 David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600

Steaming as before. 1408 Changed course to 323^{OT}.

John H. Tandler
 John H. Tandler, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000

Steaming as before.

Raymond E. Jensen
 Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400

Steaming as before.

David C. Kenyon
 David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

APPROVED:
I. V. Chapman, Jr.
 I. V. Chapman, Jr.
 Lieutenant, USNR

U. S. N. COMMANDING.

EXAMINED:
Seabury Marsh
 Seabury Marsh
 Lieutenant, USNR

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UNITED STATES SHIP

GORDONIA (AF-43)

Saturday 4 August 1945
(Day) (Date) (Month)

0000-0400

Steaming in convoy UOK-43 enroute Ulithi Atoll, Caroline Islands to Buckner Bay, Okinawa pursuant to SOP SBRvRon10, Ulithi, Operations Order 282303, on course 323⁰T&pgc, speed 9 knots (145 rpm). Convoy Commodore in U.S.S. NIOBRARA (AO-72). Escort Commander in U.S.S. HILARY P. JONES (DD-427), our position is 41. Generator #2 in use, #1 and #3 as standbys. Carrying a full load of cargo for fleet issue. Material condition "Baker" set, ship darkened.

Thomas Livingstone
Thomas Livingstone, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800

Steaming as before. 0735 Changed speed to 9.5 knots (153 rpm).

John H. Tandler
John H. Tandler, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200

Steaming as before. 1000 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples; conditions normal.

Raymond E. Jensen
Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600

Steaming as before. 1315 Changed course to 320⁰T&pgc.

Thomas Livingstone
Thomas Livingstone, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000

Steaming as before.

John H. Tandler
John H. Tandler, Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400

Steaming as before.

Raymond E. Jensen
Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR.

APPROVED:

I. V. Chapman, Jr.
I. V. Chapman, Jr.
Lieutenant, USNR

U. S. N.

COMMANDING.

EXAMINED:

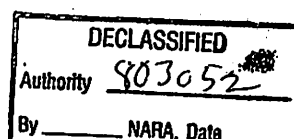
Seabury Marsh
Seabury Marsh
Lieutenant, USNR.

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BUCKNER BAY OKINAWA

000-0400

Steaming in convoy (UOK-43) enroute Ulithi Atoll, Caroline Islands to Buckner Bay, Okinawa Jima on course 320°T&pgc, speed 9.5 knots (145 rpm) pursuant to SOP ServRon10, Ulithi, Operation Order 282303. Keeping station 41 on starboard beam of U.S.S. MIORARA (AF-72), Convoy Commodore, distant 800 yards. Escort Commander in U.S.S. HILARY P. JONES (DD-427). Generator #1 in use, #2 and #3 as standbys. Material condition Baker set, ship blacked out. Carrying a full load of cargo for fleet issue. 0205 Changed course to 300°T&pgc.

David C. Kenyon
David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800

Steaming as before. 0445 Enemy alert, set condition Affirm. 0450 Secured from General Quarters, set condition Baker. 0510 Sighted Okinawa Shima bearing 321°T, distant 17 miles. 0600 Proceeded on various courses and at various speeds to take station in column one, Buckner Bay division of convoy. 0630 Changed course to 340°T&pgc. 0640 Changed course to 000°T. 0730 Changed course to 040°T. 0750 Turned on degaussing gear.

Thomas Livingstone
Thomas Livingstone, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200

Changed course to 210°T. 0825 Proceeding independently by various courses and speeds to anchorage. Captain at the conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. 0850 Passed Bouy #1 on port beam, distant 85 yards. 1000 Anchored in Berth 600 yards southwest of Berth L-48, Buckner Bay, Okinawa Shima in 13 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain out to port anchor, fine sand bottom, on following bearings: Beacon J 131°T, peak on Chima Zoki 249°T, center of Komaka Island 177°T. Generator #1 in use, #2 and #2 as standbys. 1100 Secured degaussing. 1110 Made daily inspection of magazine and smokeless powder samples; conditions warm.

John H. Tandler
John H. Tandler, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600

Anchored as before.

David C. Kenyon
David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000

Anchored as before.

Thomas Livingstone
Thomas Livingstone, Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400

Anchored as before.

John H. Tandler
John H. Tandler, Lt.(jg), USNR.

APPROVED:

I. V. Chapman, Jr.
I. V. Chapman, Jr.
Lieutenant, USNR

U. S. N.

COMMANDING.

EXAMINED:

Seabury Marsh
Seabury Marsh
Lieutenant, USNR

U. S. N.

NAVIGATOR

HAGUSHI OKINAWA JIMA

1000-0400

Anchored in berth 600 yards southwest of Berth L-48, Buckner Bay, Okinawa Jima in 13 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain out to port anchor, fine sand bottom. Anchoring on the following bearings: Beacon "J" 131.7°T, Center of Komaka Island 177°T, peak on China Zoki 249°T. Generator #1 in use with #2 and #3 as standbys. Material condition "Baker" set, ship darkened. 0205 Air raid alert. 0345 Secured from General Quarters.

0400-0800

Anchored as before.

Raymond E. Jensen
Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR.

David C. Kenyon
David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200

Anchored as before. 0930 Set Special Sea Detail. 0940 Underway from anchorage berth 600 yards southwest of Berth L-48, Buckner Bay, Okinawa. Captain at conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on bridge. Proceeding on various courses and at various speeds conforming to channel. 1028 Passed bouy #1 abeam to starboard and made departure for Hagushi on course 086°T. 1031 Changed course to 135°T. 1049 Changed course to 140°T. Increased speed to 9 knots (155 rpm). 1127 Changed course to 240°T. Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples; conditions normal.

Thomas Livingstone
Thomas Livingstone, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600

Steaming as before. 1302 Changed speed to 8 knots (142 rpm). 1310 Changed course to 270°T. 1345 Changed course to 008°T. 1444 Changed course to 020°T. 506 Stopped all engines. 1507 Engines astern emergency full; PCE 854 crossed head bearing 025°T at 100 yards. 1508 Engines ahead standard (142 rpm). 1515 changed course to 035°T. 1533 Escort USS DYSON departed. Proceeding independently 1536 Changed course to 048°T. 1536 Changed speed to 10.4 knots (155 rpm). 1540 Changed speed to 11.5 knots (175 rpm). 1556 Stationed Special Anchor Detail.

Raymond E. Jensen
Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000

Steaming as before. 1604 Changed course to 045°T&pgc. 1625 Proceeded on various courses and speeds into Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa Jima. Captain at the conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the Bridge. 1736 Anchored in Berth II-157, Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa Jima in 48 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Anchorage bearings: chimney 058°T&pgc, lighthouse 053.5°T&pgc and conspicuous rock 110°T&pgc. Engines in use for auxiliary purposes and ready for emergency use. 1738 Lt. John T. Manry, III, Engineering Officer was taken from the ship to shore hospital for emergency appendectomy.

David C. Kenyon
David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400

Anchored as before.

Thomas Livingstone
Thomas Livingstone, Lt.(jg), USNR

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

I. V. Chapman, Jr.
I. V. Chapman, Jr.
Lieutenant, USNR

U. S. N.

COMMANDING:

Seabury Marsh
Seabury Marsh
Lieutenant, USNR

U. S. N.

NAVIGATOR

0000-0400

Anchored in berth 157, Hagushi, Okinawa Jima in 48 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain out to starboard anchor with the following bearings: chimney 058⁰T, lighthouse 053.5⁰T, and conspicuous rock 110⁰T. Generator #1 in use, #2 and #3 as standbys. Condition Baker set, ship darkened. 0205 Went to General Quarters on air raid alert, condition Affirm set. 0340 Secured from General Quarters, set condition Baker.

John H. Tandler
John H. Tandler, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800

Anchored as before.

Raymond E. Jensen
Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200

Anchored as before.

David C. Kenyon
David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600

Anchored as before.

John H. Tandler
John H. Tandler, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000

Anchored as before. 1630 commenced issuing dry and fresh provisions to amphibious forces.

Raymond E. Jensen
Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400

Anchored as before. Continuing issuing dry and fresh provisions to amphibious forces. 2100 General Quarters, condition Affirm set. 2115 Secured from General Quarters, condition Baker set. Issuance of provisions resumed.

David C. Kenyon
David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

APPROVED:

I. V. Chapman, Jr.
I. V. Chapman, Jr.
Lieutenant, USNR

EXAMINED:

Seabury Marsh
Seabury Marsh
Lieutenant, USNR

U. S. N.

COMMANDING.

U. S. N.

NAVIGATOR

1000-0400

Anchored in Berth 157, Hagushi, Okinawa Shima in 48 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain out to starboard anchor on the following bearings: chimney 058^{OT}, conspicuous rock 110^{OT}, lighthouse 053^{OT}. Generators #1 and #2 in use, #3 as standby. Material condition Baker set. Issuing fresh and dry provisions to Amphibious Forces. 0003 Went to General Quarters on air raid alert, set material condition Affirm. 0045 Secured from General Quarters. 0245 Air raid alert, went to General Quarters, set material condition Affirm. 0355 Secured from General Quarters, set material condition Baker, resumed issuing provisions. ✓

John H. Tandler
John H. Tandler, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800

Anchored as before.

Raymond E. Jensen
Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200

Anchored as before. 0805 Set Special Sea Detail. 0810 Underway to shift berths to Berth H-49. Proceeding on various courses and at various speeds to Berth H-49. Captain at the conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. 0850 Anchored in Berth H-49, Hagushi, Okinawa Shima in 26 fathoms of water with 65 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor with the following anchorage bearings: lighthouse 080^{OT}, Beacon "L" 072^{OT}. 0915 Secured Special Sea Detail. Issuance of provisions resumed. 1130 Made daily inspection of magazine and smokeless powder samples; conditions warm.

David C. Kenyon
David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600

Anchored as before.

Raymond E. Jensen
Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR

1600-2000

Anchored as before. Issuance of provisions continuing.

David C. Kenyon
David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR. ✓

2000-2100

Anchored as before. Issuing provisions. 2200 Air raid alert, went to General Quarters. 2225 Secured from General Quarters.

John H. Tandler
John H. Tandler, Lt.(jg), USNR

AUGUST 9- ATOM BOMBS
11 14 HIROSHIMA
NAGASAKI

APPROVED:

I. V. Chapman, Jr.
I. V. Chapman, Jr.
Lieutenant, USNR

U. S. N.

COMMANDING.

EXAMINED:

Seabury Marsh
Seabury Marsh
Lieutenant, USNR

U. S. N.

NAVIGATOR

0-0400

Anchored in berth H-49 in Hagushi, Okinawa Jima in 26 fathoms of water with 65 fathoms of chain out to starboard anchor on the following bearings: lighthouse 080^{OT}, Beacon "L" 072^{OT}. Generators #1 and #2 on the line and #3 as standby. Material condition Baker set. Continuing to issue fresh and frozen provisions to amphibious forces.

Raymond E. Jensen
Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800

Anchored as before. Continuing issuance of provisions.

David C. Kenyon
David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200

Anchored as before, issuing provisions. 1130 Made daily inspection of magazine and smokeless powder samples; conditions normal.

John H. Tandler
John H. Tandler, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600

Anchored as before. Issuing provisions.

David C. Kenyon
David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

J-2000

Anchored as before, issuing provisions.

John H. Tandler
John H. Tandler, Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400

Anchored as before, issuing provisions. 2200 Flash Red. 2223 Secured from General Quarters. 2330 Flash Red. 2352 Secured from General Quarters.

Raymond E. Jensen
Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR

ATOM BOMB ON
HIROSHIMA

APPROVED:

I. V. Chapman, Jr.
I. V. Chapman, Jr.
Lieutenant, USNR

EXAMINED:

Seabury Marsh
Seabury Marsh
Lieutenant, USNR

U. S. N. COMMANDING.

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

000-0400

Anchored in Berth H-49 in Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa Shima in 26 fathoms of water with 65 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor with the following anchorage bearings: lighthouse 080°T, Beacon "L" 072°T, Generators #1 and #2 in use, #3 as standby. Material condition Baker set. Continuing issue of fresh and frozen provisions to Amphibious Forces.

David C. Kenyon
David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800

Anchored as before. 0620 Ceased fleet provisioning.

John H. Tandler
John H. Tandler, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200

Anchored as before. 0805 Received orders from Port Director, Hagushi to proceed to Ie Shima for discharge of provisions afloat and ashore, such orders bearing DT 092150. 0900 Made daily inspection of magazine and smokeless powder samples; conditions normal. 0940 Set Special Anchor Detail 1005 Underway from Berth H-49, Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa Jima and proceeding at various courses and speeds out to anchorage. 1025 Set course of 270°T, speed 11.5 knots (175 rpm). 1058 Changed course to 000°T. 1150 Changed course to 030°T.

Raymond E. Jensen
Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR.

00-1600

Steaming as before. 1255 Stationed Special Anchoring Detail. Proceeding at various courses and speeds to anchorage with the Captain at the conn and the Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. 1405 Anchored in Berth M-24, Ie Shima, Okinawa Shima in 22 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor on the following anchorage bearings: Beacon "A" 007°T&pgc, high peak 350°T&pgc, Beacon "V" 324°T&pgc. Engines in use for auxiliary purposes. 1411 Secured special anchor detail.

David C. Kenyon
David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000

Anchored as before. 1645 Commenced discharging cargo.

Thomas Livingstone
Thomas Livingstone, Lt.(jg), USNR

2000-2400

Anchored as before.

Raymond E. Jensen
Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR.

My 4th Birthday AT WAR -
things looking UP

APPROVED:

I. V. Chapman, Jr.
I. V. Chapman, Jr.
Lieutenant, USNR

EXAMINED:

Seabury Marsh
Seabury Marsh
Lieutenant, USNR

U. S. N.

COMMANDING OFFICER

U. S. N.

NAVIGATOR

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

UNITED STATES SHIP GORDONIA (AF-43)

Saturday 11 August, 1945
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0000-0400

Anchored in Berth M-24, Ie Shima, Okinawa Shima in 22 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor on the following bearings: Beacon A 070^{OT}, Peak 350^{OT}, Beacon V 324^{OT}. Generator #1 and #2 in use, #3 as standby. Material condition Baker set. Ship darkened.

David C. Kenyon
David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800

Anchored as before.

Thomas Livingstone
Thomas Livingstone, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200

Anchored as before.

John H. Tandler
John H. Tandler, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600

Anchored as before.

Raymond E. Jensen
Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000

Anchored as before.

David C. Kenyon
David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400

Anchored as before.

John H. Tandler
John H. Tandler, Lt.(jg), USNR.

APPROVED:

I. V. Chapman, Jr.
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000-0400

Anchored in Berth M-24 Ie Shima, Okinawa in 22 fathoms of water with 65 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor on the following bearings: Beacon A 007°T, peak 350°T, Beacon V 324°T. Generator #2 in use, #1 and #3 as standbys. Material condition Baker set, ship blacked out.

Raymond E. Jensen
-Raymond E. Jensen, Lieut.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800

Anchored as before. 0531 Set Special Sea Detail. 0554 Underway for Unten Ko, Okinawa Shima pursuant to CTU 95.5.3 orders dated 110402. Captain at the conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. Proceeding at various courses and speeds out of Ie Shima Anchorage. 0600 Secured Special Sea Detail. 0611 Changed course to 090°T&pgc. Set speed of 10.5 knots (165 rpm). 0624 Changed course to 033°T&pgc. 0649 Changed course to 115°T&pgc. 0715 Set Special Sea Detail. 0720 Proceeding into Unten Ko Entrance at various courses and speeds. 0721 Anchored in TA-0931, 310°T, 6 miles from Buoy #1, Unten Ko, Okinawa Shima in 21 fathoms of water, mud and sand bottom, with 60 fathoms of chain out to the port anchor on the following anchorage bearings: right tangent Kouri Shima 155°T, Beacon X 167°T, Beacon K 188°T. Engines in use for auxiliary purposes 0744 Secured Special Sea Detail.

David C. Kenyon
David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200

Anchored as before. 0800 Commenced discharging cargo to various small craft 1000 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples; condition warm.

Thomas Livingstone
Thomas Livingstone, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600

Anchored as before. 1315 Set Special Sea Detail. 1350 Underway from Unten Ko, Okinawa Shima enroute to Toguchi Harbor, Captain at the conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge on course 290°T. 1415 Changed course to 270°T. 1435 Changed course to 208°T. 1515 Proceeded at various courses and speeds to anchorage at Toguchi Harbor. 1505 Anchored north of Sesoko Jima off entrance to Toguchi Harbor in 20 fathoms of water, mud and sand bottom, with 60 fathoms of chain out to port anchor on the following bearings: white painted rock 045°T, white circular beacon 089°T, white beacon 114°T. 1530 Secured Special Sea Detail.

John H. Tandler
John H. Tandler, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000

Anchored as before. Issuing provisions.

David C. Kenyon
David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400

Anchored as before. 2115 Secured from discharging cargo.

Thomas Livingstone
Thomas Livingstone, Lt.(jg), USNR.

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

I. V. Chapman, Jr.
I. V. Chapman, Jr.
COMMANDING OFFICER

Seabury Marsh
Seabury Marsh
Lieutenant, USNR.
NAVIGATOR

U. S. N.

NAVIGATOR

0000-0400

Anchored north of Sesoko Jima off entrance to Toguchi Harbor in 20 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to port anchor, mud and sand bottom, on the following bearings: white painted rock 045°T, white circular beacon 089°T, white beacon 114.8°T. Generator #1 in use, #2 and #3 as standbys. Material condition Baker set, ship darkened.

John H. Tandler
John H. Tandler, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800

Anchored as before. 0407 Air raid alert. 0420 Secured from General Quarters 0630 Set special anchor detail. 0649 Underway with Executive Officer at the conn and Captain and Navigator on the bridge. Proceeding on various courses and speeds through channel from Toguuchi to Ie Shima. 0723 Anchored in Berth M-24, Ie Shima, Okinawa in 22 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to port anchor on the following bearings: Beacon V 323°T, Beacon A 008°T, and Beacon N 351.5°T.

Raymond E. Jensen
Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200

Anchored as before. 0900 Made daily inspection of magazine and smokeless powder samples; conditions warm.

David C. Kenyon
David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600

Anchored as before.

Thomas Livingstone
Thomas Livingstone, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000

Anchored as before.

Raymond E. Jensen
Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400

Anchored as before. 2109 ~~Air raid probable warning.~~ 2131 Ship darkened completely, issuance of provisions secured. 2145 All clean signal. Ship lighted as necessary to issue provisions, and issuance of provisions renewed.

David C. Kenyon
David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

AUGUST 14 1945 Japan Surrendered
V J DAY

APPROVED:
I. V. Chapman, Jr.
I. V. Chapman, Jr.
Lieutenant, USNR

U. S. N. COMMANDING.

EXAMINED:
Seabury Marsh
Seabury Marsh
Lieutenant, USNR

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

0000-0400

Anchored in berth M-24 Te Shima, Okinawa in 22 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to the port anchor on the following bearings: Beacon V 323.5°T, Beacon A 005°T and Beacon N 351.5°T. Generator #1 and #2 in use with #3 as stand-by. Discharging cargo to U.S. Army.

Thomas Livingstone
Thomas Livingstone, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800

Anchored as before. 0540 - Ceased discharging cargo. 0700 Resumed discharging cargo.

John H. Tandler
John H. Tandler, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200

Anchored as before. 0900 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples; conditions warm.

Raymond E. Jensen
Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600

Anchored as before.

David C. Kenyon
David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000

Anchored as before.

John H. Tandler
John H. Tandler, Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400

Anchored as before. 2238 Air raid alert. 2300 Secured from General Quarters. 2310 Air raid alert. 2315 Secured from General quarters.

Raymond E. Jensen
Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR.

Second Bomb dropped on
NAGASAKI - Japs ASK FOR
PEACE !!

APPROVED:

I. V. Chapman, Jr.

I. V. Chapman, Jr.
Lieutenant, USNR

U. S. N.

COMMANDING.

EXAMINED:

Seabury Marsh

Seabury Marsh
Lieutenant, USNR

U. S. N.

NAVIGATOR

1000-0400

Anchored in Berth H-24, Ie Shima, Okinawa in 22 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to the Port anchor on the following bearings: Beacon V 323.5°T, Beacon A 005°T, and Beacon M 351.5°T. Generator #1 in use, #2 and #3 as stand-bys. Condition Baker set. Ship darkened except as necessary to discharge cargo. Discharging cargo to the U.S. Army.

David C. Kenyon
David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800

Anchored as before.

Thomas Livingstone
Thomas Livingstone, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200

Anchored as before. 0830 Received radio message over area network to cease offensive action against the enemy. 1000 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples; conditions warm.

John H. Tandler
John H. Tandler, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600

Anchored as before. 1240 Received orders from Port Director, Ie Shima to cease provisioning and make preparations to sail. 1300 Stevedores put ashore. 1350 Set Special Anchor Detail. 1357 Underway with Captain at conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on bridge, in accordance with Port Director, Ie Shima's orders DT 150420 for Hagushi. Proceeding at various courses and speeds to near anchorage berth, heading out to sea for Hagushi. 1414 Set course of 235°T, speed 9.5 knots (170 rom). 1425 Changed course to 210°T. 1525 Changed course to 180°T.

Raymond E. Jensen
Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000

Steaming as before. 1634 Proceeding on various courses at various speeds to enter Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa Jima. Captain at the conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. 1650 Anchored in Berth H-160, Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa Jima in 47 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor on the following bearings: Beacon K-118.5°T, Beacon L 085°T, signal station 088°T. Engines in use for auxiliary purposes. 1930 Flash Red, Control Green. General quarters, condition Afirm set.

David C. Kenyon
David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400

Anchored as before. 2130 Secured from General Quarters, condition Baker set.

John H. Tandler
John H. Tandler, Lt.(jg), USNR.

*we told Green plane would pass over - Had
Jap peace envoys aboard!*

APPROVED:

I. V. Chapman, Jr.

I. V. Chapman, Jr.
Lieutenant, USNR

U. S. N.

EXAMINED:

Seabury Marsh
Seabury Marsh
Lieutenant, USNR.

COMMANDING.

U. S. N.

NAVIGATOR

UNITED STATES SHIP GORDONIA (AF-43) Thursday 16 August 1945
(Day) (Date) (Month)

0000-0400

Anchored in berth H-160, Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa Jima in 47 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor on the following bearings: Beacon K 118.5^{OT}, Beacon L 085^{OT}, signal tower 088^{OT}. Generator #2 in use, with #1 and #3 as standbys. Condition Baker set, ship darkened.

Raymond E. Jensen
 Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800

Anchored as before. 0615 Underway from Berth H-160 for Berth H-43, Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa Jima, pursuant to Port Director's order. Captain at the conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. 0720 Anchored in Berth H-87, Berth H-43 being occupied, Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa Jima in 33 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor on the following bearings: Beacon K 106^{OT}, Beacon L 028.5^{OT} and signal station 035^{OT}. Engines in use for auxiliary purposes.

David C. Kenyon
 David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200

Anchored as before. 0930 Commenced discharging cargo. Draft forward 13'00", draft aft 15'00". 1000 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples; conditions warm.

Thomas Livingstone
 Thomas Livingstone, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600

Anchored as before. 1510 Lieutenant J. T. Manry, III discharged from the hospital, reported back aboard for duty.

John H. Tandler
 John H. Tandler, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000

Anchored as before.

David C. Kenyon
 David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR

2000-2400

Anchored as before.

Thomas Livingstone
 Thomas Livingstone, Lt.(jg), USNR.

APPROVED:

I. V. Chapman, Jr.
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 Lieutenant, USNR

EXAMINED:

Seabury Marsh
 Seabury Marsh
 Lieutenant, USNR

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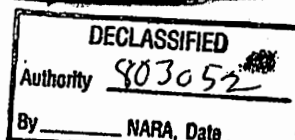
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UNITED STATES SHIP GORDONIA (AF-43)Friday 17 August, 1945
(Day) (Date) (Month)

0000-0400

Anchored in berth H-87, Hagushi, Okinawa Shima in 33 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to starboard anchor on the following bearings: Beacon K 106°T, Beacon L 028.5°T, signal station 035°T. Generator #1 in use, #2 and #3 as standbys. Condition Baker set. Issuing provisions. 0030 Ceased issuing provisions.

John H. Tandler
John H. Tandler, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800

Anchored as before.

Raymond E. Jensen
Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200

Anchored as before. 0900 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples; conditions warm.

David C. Kenyon
David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600

Anchored as before.

Thomas Livingstone
Thomas Livingstone, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000

Anchored as before.

Raymond E. Jensen
Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400

Anchored as before.

David C. Kenyon
David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

APPROVED:

I. V. Chapman, Jr.
I. V. Chapman, Jr.
Lieutenant, USNR

U. S. N. COMMANDING.

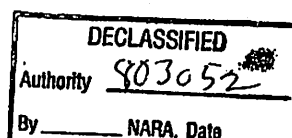
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Lieutenant, USNR.

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NORMALLY Before A Convoy sails
A Conference is held - all captains
and Radio officers attend - receive
their position in the Convoy -
In this one, ships were in several
different ports - I was told to
see the Admiral in charge - he
told me I was the Commodore -
and that I would meet all
the ships and give them
their instructions -
plenty of gun - they came
from all points of
the compass - almost
dark before we were
through -

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UNITED STATES SHIP

GORDONIA (AF-43)

Saturday 18 August 1945
(Day) (Date) (Month)

0000-0400

Anchored in berth H-87, Hagushi, Okinawa Jima in 33 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor on the following bearings: Beacon K 106°T, Beacon L 028.5°T, and signal station 035°T. Engines in use for auxiliary purposes. Generators #1 and #2 in use with #3 as standby. Discharging cargo to fleet. Condition Baker set.

Thomas Livingstone
Thomas Livingstone, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800

Anchored as before.

John H. Tandler
John H. Tandler, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200

Anchored as before. 0900 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples; conditions warm.

Raymond E. Jensen
Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600

Anchored as before.

David C. Kenyon
David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000

Anchored as before.

John H. Tandler
John H. Tandler, Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400

Anchored as before.

Raymond E. Jensen
Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR.

APPROVED:

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I. V. Chapman, Jr.
Lieutenant, USNR

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Seabury Marsh
Seabury Marsh
Lieutenant, USNR

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UNITED STATES SHIP GORDONIA (AF-43) Sunday 19 August, 1945
(Day) (Date) (Month)

0000-0400

Anchored in Berth H-87, Hagushi, Okinawa Shima in 33 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor on the following bearings: Beacon K 106⁰T, Beacon L 028.5⁰T, and signal station 035⁰T. Engines in use for auxiliary purposes. Generator #2 in use, #1 and #3 as standbys. Ship darkened. Condition Baker set. Discharging cargo to fleet.

David C. Kenyon
 David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800

Anchored as before.

Thomas Livingstone
 Thomas Livingstone, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200

Anchored as before. 0845 In accordance with A1Nav 196-45 transferred SZWAB* OWSKI, Vincent W., BMLc, 400 65 00, 0-1, USNR to Receiving Station, Buckner Bay, 1000 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples; conditions warm.

John H. Tandler
 John H. Tandler, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600

Anchored as before.

Raymond E. Jensen
 Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000

Anchored as before.

David C. Kenyon
 David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400

Anchored as before.

John H. Tandler
 John H. Tandler, Lt.(jg), USNR.

APPROVED:

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 Lieutenant, USNR

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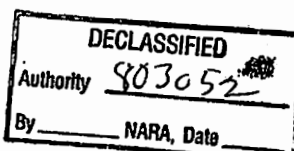
Seabury Marsh
 Seabury Marsh
 Lieutenant, USNR.

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UNITED STATES SHIP GORDONTA (AT-43)Monday 20 August, 19 45
(Day) (Date) (Month)

0000-0400

Anchored in Berth H-87, Hagushi, Okinawa Shima in 33 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to starboard anchor on the following bearings: Beacon K 106°T, Beacon L 028°T and signal station 035°T. Engines in use for auxiliary purposes. Generator #1 in use with #2 and #3 as standbys. Ship darkened, condition Baker set.

Raymond E. Jensen
Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800

Anchored as before.

David C. Kenyon
David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200

Anchored as before. 0923 Set anchor detail and made preparation for getting underway. 0940 Underway, proceeding on various courses to berth H-14. 1031 Anchored in Berth H-14, Hagushi, Okinawa Shima in 25 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. 1050 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples; conditions warm.

Thomas Livingstone
Thomas Livingstone, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600

Anchored as before. 1500 Weighed anchor. Moved 200 yards on course 060°T. 1520 Anchored in Berth H-14 in 25 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to starboard anchor on following bearings: Beacon L 069°T, Beacon K 141°T, signal tower 079.5°T.

John H. Tandler
John H. Tandler, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000

Anchored as before.

David C. Kenyon
David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400

Anchored as before.

Thomas Livingstone
Thomas Livingstone, Lt.(jg), USNR.

APPROVED:

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Lieutenant, USNR

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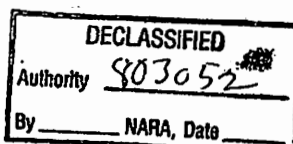
Seabury Marsh
Seabury Marsh
Lieutenant, USNR

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UNITED STATES SHIP GORDONIA (AF-43)

Tuesday 21 August, 1945
(Day) (Date) (Month)

0000-0400

Anchored in Hagushi Bay, Okinawa Shima on Berth H-14 in 25 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to starboard anchor on the following bearings: Beacon K 141°T, Beacon L 069°T, signal station 079.5°T. Generator #2 in use, #1 and #3 as standbys. Material condition Baker set, ship darkened.

John H. Tandler
John H. Tandler, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800

Anchored as before.

Raymond E. Jensen
Raymond E. Jensen, Lt(jg), USNR.

0800-1200

Abchored as before. 0830 Made daily inspection of magazine and smokeless powder samples; conditions warm.

David C. Kenyon
David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600

Anchored as before.

Thomas Livingstone
Thomas Livingstone, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000

Anchored as before.

Raymond E. Jensen
Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400

Anchored as before.

David C. Kenyon
David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

APPROVED:

I. V. Chapman, Jr.
I. V. Chapman, Jr.
Lieutenant, USNR.

U. S. N

COMMANDING.

EXAMINED:

Seabury Marsh
Seabury Marsh
Lieutenant, USNR.

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UNITED STATES SHIP GORDONIA (AF-43)

Wednesday 22 August, 1945
(Day) (Date) (Month)

0000-0400

Anchored in Berth H-14, Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa Shima in 25 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor on the following bearings: Beacon L 069°T, Beacon K 141°T and signal tower 079.5°T. Engines in use for auxiliary purposes, using generator #1 with #2 and #3 as standbys. Discharging cargo to the U.S. Army. Ship darkened, material condition Baker set.

Thomas Livingstone
Thomas Livingstone, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800

Anchored as before.

John H. Tandler
John H. Tandler, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200

Anchored as before. 0900 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples; conditions warm.

Raymond E. Jensen
Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600

Anchored as before.

David C. Kenyon
David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000

Anchored as before. 1800 Veal and lamb provisions discharged to YP-623 stored by this ship on their open deck under canvass.

John H. Tandler
John H. Tandler, Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400

Anchored as before.

Raymond E. Jensen
Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR.

APPROVED:

I. V. Chapman, Jr.
I. V. Chapman, Jr.
Lieutenant, USNR

U. S. N. COMMANDING.

EXAMINED:

Seabury Marsh
Seabury Marsh
Lieutenant, USNR

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IN BALLAST CONVOY Commodore !!

0000-0400

Anchored in Berth H-14, Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa Shima in 25 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor on the following bearings: Beacon L 069°T, Beacon K 141°T, and signal tower 079.5°T. Engines in use for auxiliary purposes, using generator #2, with #1 and #3 as standbys. Discharging cargo to the U.S. Army. Ship darkened, material condition Baker set. 0255 Ceased discharging cargo to the U.S. Army.

David C. Kenyon
David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800

Anchored as before. 0740 DeMETRIS, Raymond (n), 201 34 98, CBM(PA), USN reported aboard for duty in accordance with orders of U.S. Naval Hospital, Base #8.

Thomas Livingstone
Thomas Livingstone, Lt.(jg), USNR.
OKINAWA to Grip 2N

0800-1200

Anchored as before. 0830 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples; conditions warm. 1010 Made all preparations to get underway. 1030 Set Special Sea Detail. 1048 Underway from anchorage in berth H-14, Hagushi, Okinawa Shima pursuant to ComSerfDiv 104 despatch 200112 of 23 August 1945. Captain at the conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. Proceeded at various courses and speeds to clear harbor. 1113 With Hagushi signal station bearing 074°T, set course 208°T, speed 7 knots (110 rpm) to rendezvous at point "Choir" to form with Convoy OIG-22. Commodore of convoy in U.S.S. GORDONIA (AF-43), vice-commodore in U.S.S. LST-949, escort Commander in U.S.S. PAUL G. BAUER (DE-642), ComCortDiv73. 1115 Secured Special Sea Detail.

40 ships
John H. Tandler
John H. Tandler, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600

Steaming as before. 1221 Changed course to 224°T. 1240 Changed course to 160°T. 1250 Changed course to 174°T. 1452 Changed course to 156°T.

Raymond E. Jensen
Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000

Steaming as before. 1610 Changed course to 151°T&pgc. 1620 Changed speed to 5 knots (90 rpm). 1810 Changed speed to 8.5 knots.

David C. Kenyon
David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400

Steaming as before. 2040 Changed course to 119°T. 2130 Changed speed to 9 (135 rpm).

John H. Tandler
John H. Tandler, Lt.(jg), USNR

Fun Being Convoy Commodore - you go where, you please - the other 40 ships have to keep station (their allotted position) on you!!!

APPROVED:
I. V. Chapman, Jr.
I. V. Chapman, Jr.
Lieutenant, USNR

EXAMINED:
Samuel Marsh
Samuel Marsh
Lieutenant, USNR

0000-0400

Steaming in convoy OKS-22 from Okinawa Shima to Saipan Island in the Marianas in accordance with orders of ComServDiv 104 D/T 200112, on course 119⁰T, speed 9 knots. Convoy Commodore and guide in U.S.S. GORDONIA (AF-43). Escort Commander, ComCortDiv 73, in U.S.S. PAUL G. BAKER (DE-642). Generator #1 in use with #2 and #3 as standbys. Material condition Baker set and ship blacked out.

Raymond E. Jensen
Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800

Steaming as before.

David C. Kenyon
David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200

Steaming as before. 0900 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples; conditions normal. Barometer dropping rapidly, wind increasing from S.E., heavy swells from S.W.

Thomas Livingstone
Thomas Livingstone, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600

Steaming as before. 1230 Reduced speed to 6.5 knots (120 rpm). 1257 Increased speed to 7.5 knots (135 rpm). 1315 Began dropping back out of station, unable to maintain speed. 1335 Stopped engines, LST crossing bow. 1337 Engines ahead one-third (80 rpm). 1412 Increased speed to 100 rpm. 1427 Changed course to 110⁰T. 1500 Changed course to 100⁰T. 1547 Changed course to 080⁰T. Heavy sea, taking some spray over bow.

John H. Tandler
John H. Tandler, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-1800

Steaming as before. 1615 Changed course to 065⁰T. 1627 Changed course to 060⁰T. 1630 Changed course to 050⁰T. 1642 Changed speed to 7.5 knots (115 rpm). 1645 Changed course to 030⁰T. 1735 Changed speed to 8 knots (120) rpm. 1745 Changed course to 025⁰T

Raymond E. Jensen
Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1800-2000

Steaming as before. Heavy rolling sea. Moderate gale. Heavy squalls. 1803 Changed speed to 8.6 knots (125 rpm). 1830 Changed speed to 8.9 knots (130 rpm). 1819 Changed speed to 9.2 knots (135 rpm). 1903 Changed speed to 8.6 knots (125 rpm). Changed course to 250⁰T. Changed speed to 6 knots (90 rpm). 1924 Changed course to 251⁰T. 1930 Turned on blue stern light. 1945 Changed course to 270⁰T&pgc. Sea and wind moderating.

David C. Kenyon
David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400

Steaming as before. 2028 Changed course to 250⁰T. 2130 Changed course to 210⁰T. 2345 Changed course to 200⁰T. Increased speed to 7.2 knots (105 rpm). Wind and sea decreasing. Proceeded on various courses and speeds while convoy was reforming.

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Thomas Livingstone, Lt.(jg), USNR.

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UNITED STATES SHIP GORDONIA (AF-43)Saturday 25 August, 1945
(Day) (Date) (Month)

0000-0400

Steaming to reform convoy OKS-22 enroute from Okinawa Shima to Saipan Island pursuant to ComServDiv 104 despatch 200112 of August 1945 on course 210°, speed 5/2 knots (105 rpm). Convoy commodore in U.S.S. GORDONIA (AF-43), vice-commodore in U.S.S. LST-949, Escort Commander, ComCortDiv73 in U.S.S. PAUL G. BAKER (DE-642). Generator #1 in use, #2 and #3 as standbys, material condition BAKER set, ship darkened. 0215 Maneuvering to take station in convoy, base course 210°T, speed 8.5 knots. Heavy following swell.

John H. Tandler
John H. Tandler, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800

Steaming as before. 0450 Changed speed to 8.5 knots (135 rpm). 0605 Maneuvering at various courses and speeds to resume station in convoy OKS-22. 0620 Changed course to 090°T. Changed speed to 9.5 knots (145 rpm). 0645 Changed speed to 8 knots (130 rpm).

Raymond E. Jensen
Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200

Steaming as before. 0805 Changed speed to 9.2 knots (135 rpm). 0821 Changed speed to 9.5 knots (140 rpm). 0845 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples; conditions normal. 1012 Changed speed to 9.8 knots (145 rpm). 1030 Changed speed to 10.1 knots (150 rpm). 1110 Changed speed to 10.4 knots (155 rpm). 1135 #2 generator went out of operation.

David G. Kenyon
David G. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600

Steaming as before. 1215 Increased speed to 10.4 knots (155 rpm).

Thomas Livingstone
Thomas Livingstone, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000—Steaming as before.

Raymond E. Jensen
Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400

Steaming as before. 2300 Changed course to 118°T, 119°pgc and reduced speed to 9.8 knots (145 rpm). 2320 Changed speed to 10.1 knots (150 rpm). 2325 Changed speed to 10.4 knots (155 rpm).

David G. Kenyon
David G. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

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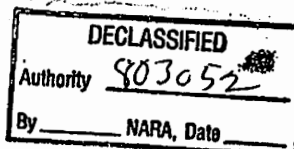
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UNITED STATES SHIP

GORDONIA (AF-43)

Sunday 26 August 1945
(Day) (Date) (Month)

0000-0400

Steaming in convoy OKS-22 enroute Okinawa Shima to Saipan in accordance with ComServDiv104 visual despatch 200112 of August 1945, on course 118⁰T, speed 10.4 knots (155 rpm). Convoy Commodore in this ship. Our position in convoy #41. Escort Commander in U.S.S. PAUL G. BAKER (DE-642). Generator #2 in use with #1 and #3 as standbys. Material condition Baker set. No cargo aboard. Ship darkened. Ship rolling deeply due to heavy swells on starboard quarter.

Thomas Livingstone
Thomas Livingstone, Lt.(jg), USNR

0400-0800

Steaming as before.

John H. Tandler
John H. Tandler, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200

Steaming as before. 0900 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples; conditions normal.

Raymond E. Jensen
Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600

Steaming as before. 1330 Changed course to 124⁰T, 125⁰pgc.

David C. Kenyon
David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000

Steaming as before.

John H. Tandler
John H. Tandler, Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400

Steaming as before. 2000 Changed course to 129⁰T.

Raymond E. Jensen
Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR.

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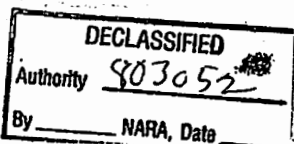
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UNITED STATES SHIP GORDONIA (AT-43) Monday 27 August 1945
(Day) (Date) (Month)

0000-0400

Steaming in convoy OKS-22 enroute Okinawa Jima to Saipan, Marianas in accordance with ComServDiv 104 visual despatch 200112 of August 1945 on course 129^{OT}, 130^{OPC}, speed 10.4 knots (155 rpm). Convoy Commodore in this ship, our position in convoy #41. Escort Commander in U.S.S. PAUL G. BAKER (DE-642). Generator #1 in use, #2 and #3 as standbys. Material condition Baker set, ship darkened. No cargo aboard.

David C. Kenyon
 David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0500-0800

Steaming as before. 0630 Changed course to 123^{OT}.

Thomas Livingstone
 Thomas Livingstone, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200

Steaming as before. 0900 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples; conditions normal. 1000 Exercised at General Quarters. 1010 Exercised at fire drill. 1030 Secured from drills.

John H. Tandler
 John H. Tandler, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600

Steaming as before. 1325 Changed course to 119^{OT}.

Raymond E. Jensen
 Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-1800

Steaming as before.

David C. Kenyon
 David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1800-2000

Steaming as before. 1800 Set all ship's clocks ahead one (1) hour to conform to -10 zone time.

Thomas Livingstone
 Thomas Livingstone, Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400

Steaming as before.

John H. Tandler
 John H. Tandler, Lt.(jg), USNR.

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UNITED STATES SHIP

GORDONIA (AF-43)

Tuesday 28 August 1945
(Day) (Date) (Month)

0000-0400

Steaming in convoy OKS-22 enroute Okinawa Shima to Saipan in accordance with ComServDiv104 orders of August 20, 1945 on course 119^{OT}, speed 10.4 knots (155 rpm). Convoy Commodore and guide in U.S.S. GORDONIA (AF-43) in position #41. Escort Commander in U.S.S. PAUL G. BAKER (DE-642). Generator #2 in use with #1 and #3 as standbys. Material condition Baker set and ship darkened.

Raymond E. Jensen
Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800

Steaming as before.

David C. Kenyon
David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200

Steaming as before. 0907 Decreased speed to 8.5 knots (135 rpm). 1000 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples; conditions normal.

Thomas Livingstone
Thomas Livingstone, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600

Steaming as before. 1340 Changed speed to 9 knots (145 rpm). 1530 Changed speed to 10 knots (155 rpm).

John H. Tandler
John H. Tandler, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000

Steaming as before. 1600 Changed course to 114^{OT}.

David C. Kenyon
David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400

Steaming as before. 2100 Changed course to 120^{opgc}, 119^{OT}. 2338 Decreased speed to 10 knots (150 rpm).

Thomas Livingstone
Thomas Livingstone, Lt.(jg), USNR.

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Steaming in convoy OKS-22 enroute from Okinawa Shima to Saipan Island pursuant to ComservDiv 104 despatch 200112 of August 1945, on course 119°T, speed 9.5 knots, 150 rpm). Convoy Commodore in U.S.S. GORDONIA (AF-43), Vice-Commodore in U.S.S. LST-949; Escort Commander, ComCortDiv73 in U.S.S. PAUL G. BAKER (DE-642). Generator #1 in use, #2 and #3 as standbys. Material condition Baker set, ship darkened. 0010 Changed course to 125°T.

John H. Tandler, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800

Steaming as before. 0720 Changed course to 131°T.

Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples; conditions normal.

David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600

Steaming as before. 1410 Formed convoy in two columns for anti-aircraft target firing practice. 1545 Set General Quarters for anti-aircraft firing at sleeve target.

Thomas Livingstone, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-1800

Steaming as before. 1610 Commenced target practice with starboard 20mm and 3"/50 guns. 1631 Changed course to 175°T, changed speed to 8 knots (140 rpm) 1735 Ceased firing practice. Sixty (60) rounds of 3"/50 and 2,733 rounds of 20mm ammunition expended, no casualties. 1740 Secured from General Quarters 1800 Changed course to 130°T. Commenced reforming convoy OKS-22, in accordance with convoy plan.

John H. Tandler, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1800-2000

Steaming as before. 1820 Detached U.S.S. LSM-783 and LCI-103 in accordance with basic orders. 1908 Changed speed to 9.5 knots (145 rpm). 1938 Changed speed to 10.4 knots (155 rpm).

Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400

Steaming as before. 2007 Reduced speed to 10.3 knots (153 rpm). 2022 Changed speed to 10.1 knots (150 rpm). 2030 Changed speed to 9.5 knots (140 rpm). 2230 Changed course to 101°T, 102°pgc. Reduced speed to 9.2 knots (135 rpm). 2238 Changed speed to 9.3 knots (138 rpm). 2345 Changed speed to 8.6 knots (125 rpm).

David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

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Seabury Marsh
Lieutenant, USNR

0000-0400

Steaming in convoy OIS-22 enroute Okinawa Shima to Saipan in accordance with ComServDiv 104 visual despatch 200112 of August 1945, on course 101^{OT}, 102^{OPC}, speed of 8.3 knots (120 rpm). Convoy Commodore and guide in this ship, our position is #41, ComCortDiv73 in U.S.S. PAUL G. BAKER (DE-642). Using generator #2, with #1 and #3 as standbys. No cargo aboard, ship darkened, material condition Baker set. 0110 sighted unidentified white light bearing 090^{OT}, distant 50 miles. 0245 sighted Saipan Island bearing 090^{OT}, distant 35 miles. 0323 Changed course to 096^{OT}.

Thomas Livingstone, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800

Steaming as before. 0530 Proceeding at various speeds and courses preparing to enter Saipan Harbor. Captain at the Conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. 0600 Set Special Sea Detail. 0713 Passed through anti-submarine nets to enter Saipan inner harbor. Passed #1 buoy abeam on port hand, distant about 30 yards. 0759 Anchored in Berth L-50 Saipan Harbor, Saipan Island, Marianas in 16 fathoms of water, coarse sand bottom, with 50 fathoms of chain out to port anchor on the following bearings: Beacon G 079^{OT}, Beacon F 099.5^{OT}, signal station 067^{OT}. Generator #3 in use, #1 and #2 as standbys.

John H. Tandler, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200

Anchored as before.

Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600

Anchored as before.

David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-1800

Anchored as before.

Thomas Livingstone, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1800-2000

Anchored as before.

John H. Tandler, Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400

Anchored as before.


Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR.

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Saipan to P.H.

0000-0400

Anchored in Berth L-50 Saipan Harbor, Saipan, Marianas Islands in 16 fathoms of water with 50 fathoms of chain out to the port anchor, on a course sand bottom, on the following bearings: Beacon G 079.2°T, Beacon F 099.5°T, and IIECP signal station 067°T. Generator #1 in use and #2 and #3 as standbys. Material condition Baker set, ship darkened, anchor lights lit, engines in use for auxiliary purposes.

David C. Kenyon
David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800

Anchored as before.

Thomas Livingstone
Thomas Livingstone, Lt.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200

Anchored as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters; no absentees. 0805 Secured from quarters. 0930 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples; conditions normal.

David C. Kenyon
David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600

Anchored as before. 1402 Lieut. Joshua H. GARRETT, 72782, USN reported aboard as a passenger in accordance with orders from OinC, Receiving Station, Navy #3245, dated 31 August 1945. 1540 Set Special Sea Detail.

Raymond E. Jensen
Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR.

1600-2000

1600 Underway from Saipan, Marianas Islands for Pearl Harbor, Oahu Island, T.H. pursuant to the routing instructions of the Port Director of Saipan dated 31 August 1945. Proceeding at various courses and speeds out of Saipan Harbor with the Captain at the conn and the Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. 1656 Set course of 047°T and speed of 10.8 knots (163 rpm). 1813 Changed course to 107°T.

Thomas Livingstone
Thomas Livingstone, Lt.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400

Steaming as before. 2023 Changed course to 101°T.

John H. Tandler
John H. Tandler, Lt.(jg), USNR.

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