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UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601)

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ADMINISTRATIVE &
OPERATIONAL REMARKS~~XXXX-DEBXX~~

00 - 04

Moored as before, starboard side to Pier J, Berth 16, Brooklyn Navy Yard, N.Y., N.Y. with four manila lines and three wire ropes. Ship undergoing repairs and alterations during ten day availability. Receiving the following services from the dock: steam, electricity, fresh and salt water. Port watch set.

B. Dolan
B. DOLAN.

04 - 08

Moored as before. 0730 Lit off No. 2 Boiler.

J. H. Keyes, Jr.
J. H. KEYES, Jr.

08 - 12

Moored as before. 0907 Lit fires under boiler #4. 1105 JONES, H.W., PhMlc, USN reported aboard, having been AOL since 0800 this morning.

S. N. Anastasion
S. N. ANASTASION.

12 - 16

Moored as before. 1300 Let fire die out under boiler No. 4. 1315 Paymaster reported on board. 1415 MATHESON, F.W., 262 22 60, FC1c, USN, reported on board with records, accounts and baggage from Fire Control School, Navy Yard, Washington, D.C. by authority of BuPers ltr. Pers. 633 a-hk-2 dated 23 December 1944. 1415 Paymaster left the ship.

D. L. Jones
D. L. JONES.

16 - 20

Moored as before. 1615 Lt. (jg) James L. GASSAWAY, D-V(S), USNR, was detached from temporary duty in accordance with BuPers orders 31540 - VOE. 1720 Oil barge cast off. 1730 Navy Oil Barge tied up on Port side. 1745 Commenced fueling. 1845 Mustered all Prisoners at large and restricted men. No absentees.

R. G. Goodeve
R. G. GOODEVE.

20 - 24

Moored as before. 2105 Completed fueling and received 85,205 gallon of Navy Special Fuel Oil at 60°.

T. H. Davis, Jr.
T. H. DAVIS, Jr.

Approved:

Examined:

John J. Shaffer III
John J. SHAFER III
Commander, USNR. L. BAUGHAN
R. L. BAUGHAN, Lieut. USN.

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ADMINISTRATIVE &
OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

00 - 04

Moored as before, starboard side to, to Pier J, Berth 16 in Navy Yard, New York with 4 manila and 2 wire lines. Receiving steam, water, electric and telephone service from Dock. #4 Boiler steaming.

N. R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

04 - 08

Moored as before.

D. L. Jones
D. L. JONES.

08 - 12

Moored as before. 0800 Held Quarters for muster. Following named men absent from quarters. MC LEAN, E.J., 202 39 04, Slc, USN, MC KENNA, W.J., 224 06 75, MM2c, USN, MORGAN, ME., 337 47 89, TM3c, USN, FOTTA, AJ 856 97 74, S2c, USNR, BROWN, A. (n) Jr., 296 04 84, F2c, USNR. 0855 Ensign John A. BOOKHOUT reported aboard for duty in accordance with DesLant orders P16-4/00 ffl306. 0900 MORGAN, ME., 337 47 89, TM3c, USN, reported aboard AOL one hour. 0925 Steering engine tested, condition satisfactory. 1030 FOTTA, A.J., 856 97 74, reported aboard AOL two and one half hours. 1155 BLACKBURN, E.F., 616 64 64, SoM3c, USNR, was transferred under orders to the Brooklyn Naval Hospital, New York with all records and personal property.

R. J. Goodeve
R. J. GOODEVE.

12 - 16

Moored as before. 1315 VINER, E.J., 666 56 38, Slc, USNR reported aboard for duty from the USS MC LANAHAN, authority of verbal orders ComDesRon 16 dated February 2, 1944. 1445 Boatswain Howard E. MITCHELL, USN, reported aboard reference ComDesLant dispatch 021248 - February.

W. A. Smith
W. A. SMITH.

16 - 20

Moored as before. 1600 JONES, H.W., 336 66 67, PhMlc, USN, left ship under custody of RANTA, T.E., 201 67 27, GMlc, USN, to proceed to CO Receiving Ship Pier 92, New York City. 1635 Transfer of the following mento fleet service school, Norfolk, Va. for a course of instruction in class convening February 5, 1944: MOORE, J.T., 552 13 68, FC3c, USNR, STOBNIKI, C., 608 4757, Slc, USNR. 1645 MC KENNA, W.J., 224 06 75, MM2c, USN, was delivered aboard under custody of KROPEWICK, E.H., QM3c, USN, and HART, P.F., SoM3c, USNR, having been released from House of Detention at Newark, New Jersey at 1415 this date to return to ship. Charged with assault and battery and arrested at 0200 28 January 1944. 1730 CONNORS, C.E., 648 09 14, FC3c, USNR, returned absent over leave since 1130, 2 February 1944. 1900 Mustered all restricted men. No absentees. RANTA, T.E., GMlc, USN, returned aboard having delivered JONES, H.W., PhMlc, USN to Commanding Officer, Receiving Ship Peir 92 New York, N.Y.

F. H. Weber
F. H. WEBER.

20 - 24

Moored as before. 2045 Pursuant to BuPers restricted dispatch N. 271155 of January 1944, Lt. (jg) HAHLGN G. K. FARLAND, (MC-V(G), USNR, reported aboard for duty. 2100 Pursuant to BuPers cir ltr. 173-43(6) 651 crd of 9/9/43, John J. FRIER 646 66 13, SoM3c, USNR, reported aboard for duty under custody with bag, records, and transfer papers. 1100 Pursuant to orders of the Commanding Officer, BIVENS, C.G., S2c, USNR, was transferred to USS MC LANAHAN with bag, records, and transfer papers.

C. H. Watts
C. H. WATTS.

Approved:

John J. Shaffer III
John J. SHAFER III

Examined:

R. L. Baughan
R. L. BAUGHAN

Commander, USN.

Lieut. USN.

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Lat.		40° 05' N	40° 05.5' N
Long.		73° 32' W	69° 10' W

ADMINISTRATIVE & OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAXIDARY)

00 - 04

Moored starboard side to, to Pier J, Berth 16, in Navy Yard, New York with 4 manila and 2 wire lines. Receiving steam, water, electric and telephone service from Dock. 0015 MC LEAN, E.J., 202 39 04, Slc, USN, reported aboard AOL since 1130 January 30, 1944, a period of 3 days 12 hours, 45 minutes.

W.A. Smith
W. A. SMITH.

04 - 08

Moored as before. 0515 Lit off No. 1 and 4 boilers, and prepared Engineering Plant for getting underway. 0610 Secured shore steam, 0700 Secured shore power. 0720 Secured shore fresh water. 0745 Stationed Special Sea Detail. Mustered crew at quarters. Absentees: BROWN, A. (n) 246 04 84, StM2c, USN, JAMES, C.A., 269 17 99, StM2c, USN, COCUZZA, SoM3c, USNR, SPON, A.S., 615 83 53, S2c, USNR. 0750 In accordance with orders DD601/P16-4/00 Ensign John H. KEYES, E*V(G), USNR, was detached to Commandant, Third Naval District to await further orders for temporary duty at the Destroyers Engineering School, Norfolk, Va. 0745 BROWN, A. (n), 246 04 84, StM2c, USN, reported aboard absent over leave since 2300, 2 February 1944.

F.H. Weber
F. H. WEBER.

08 - 12

Moored as before. 0830 Set Special Sea Details, all departments ready to get underway. 0850 Pilot T. Duffy, aboard, two tugs secured forward and aft. 0856, underway in accordance with ComDesLant 311747 of January 1944. Steaming on various courses and speeds to conform to channel of New York Harbor. 0907, Pilot left ship. 1015 Set Condition IIM, Watch III. 1055 Proceeding at 20 knots on course 160°T. 1100, VALENTINE, 706 96 85, GM3c, USNR, placed on Binnacle List.

N.R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

12 - 16

Steaming as before. 1200 USS NIELDS and USS ORDRONAU joined company with CDD32 in USS CHAMPLIN. 1210 Speed increased to 25 knots, base course altered to 089°T. 1333, went to General Quarters to test fire AA.MG's. Expended 47 rounds of 40MM and 51 rounds of 20MM. 1415 Secured from General Quarters set Condition IIM Watch I. 1427 Began exercising at General Drills. 1550, Secured from General Drills, Conducted Abandon Ship, Fire, Fire and Rescue, Collision, and Boarding and Salvage Drills.

N.R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

16 - 20

Steaming as before.

A. C. Knowlton
A. C. KNOWLTON.

20 - 24

Steaming as before. 2002 Changed speed to 20 knots. 2009 Crossed 300 fathom curve. 2030 Changed course to 000°T. 2105 Crossed 50 fathom curve. 2128 Ship sighted bearing 007°T. Changed course to 350°T. 2140 Changed course to 240°T. 2147 Changed course to 000°T. 2148 Target passed abeam to stbd.

S.N. Anastasion
S. N. ANASTASION.

Approved:

John J. Smith

Examined:

R.L. Baughan

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Friday

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Long.	70° 10' W		

ADMINISTRATIVE &
OPERATIONAL REMARKS~~ADMINISTRATIVE~~

00 - 04

Steaming on course 000°T at 20 knots with DesDiv 32 less Boyle in column open order distance 1000 yards. Order of ships USS CHAMPLIN, USS NIELDS, USS ORDRONAU with ComDesDiv 32 in Champlin. Boilers No. 1 and 4 in use. Ship darkened & condition of Readiness II Mike. 0100 Changed to course 344°T. 0110 Sighted lights of small craft bearing 300°T. distance 12,000 yards. 0215 Crossed 100 fathom curve. 0240 Changed course to 331°T.

T. H. DAVIS, Jr.

04 - 08

Steaming as before. 0745 Passed Buoy 13-4 abeam to port, on various courses to conform with swept channel to Casco Bay Harbor, Maine.

A. O. KNOWLTON.

08 - 12

Steaming as before. Set Special Sea details preparatory to entering Casco Bay Portland Me. 0828 Passed USS AUGUSTA abeam to port. 0905 Passed through net entrance. 0945 Anchored in Casco Bay in Berth Love with 30 fathoms of chain in 27 feet of water. 0950 Secured special sea details, set regular port watch. Secured main engines. 1105, Commanding Officer of USS NIELDS and USS ORDRONAU arrived on board. 1155 Commanding Officers mentioned left ship.

N. R. GLASS.

12 - 16

Anchored as before. 1257 Lighted fires under boiler #4. 1345 Set Special Sea Detail. 1408 Underway to shift anchorage. 1430 Anchored in Berth Love in 27 feet of water, Mud bottom, with 30 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor, on the following bearings: Cow Is. Ledge 081°T; Red Buoy 1183/4°T. Flag Pole 165½°T; Little Chebeag Light 073°T. 1440 Secured Boiler #4. Secured special sea detail.

S. N. ANASTASION.

16 - 20

Anchored as before 1700 Captain returned aboard. 1930 PAL and Restricted men mustered, No absentees.

N. R. GLASS.

20 - 24

Anchored as before.

C. H. WATTS.

Approved:

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R. I. Baughman

R. I. BAUGHMAN Lieut. USN

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Saturday

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Long.	70° 05' W	69° 31' W	

ADMINISTRATIVE &
OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAS DIARY)

00 - 04

Anchored in Casco Bay, Maine in Berth Love with 30 fathoms of chain, in 27 feet of water, to the starboard anchor. #1 Boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present ComDesLant in USS DENABOLA, USS TILLMAN, USS MERVINE, USS BERNADO, USS BABBITT, USS EMMONS, USS RODMAN.

W. A. Smith
W. A. SMITH.

04 - 08

Anchored as before. 0630 Tested both motor whaleboats, No. 2 out of commission being repaired. 0710 Stationed Special Sea Details. 0715 Mustered crew at quarters, absentees: COCUZZA, B.P., 312 56 17, SoM3c, USNR, JAMES, C.A., 269 17 99, StM2c, USN, SPON, G. Jr., 615 83 53, Slc, USNR. 0728 Underway, steaming at various courses and speeds past Hussey Sound to operating area. 0755 Sunrise. 0756 Secured the Special Sea Details, set Condition II Mike.

B. Dolan
B. DOLAN.

08 - 12

Steaming as before. 1017 Arrival at operating area "Able" in company with DesDiv 32 less USS BOYLE and the KALMIN, Tug #23 which is towing the target. Went to General Quarters and commenced scheduled exercises.

T. H. Davis, Jr.
T. H. DAVIS, Jr.

12 - 16

Steaming as before. 1246, Secured from General Quarters, set Watch I, Condition IIM. 1431 Went to General Quarters to conduct AA practice, firing on sleeve towed by plance from Utron 15. 1514 Completed AA practice. 1520 Conducted ammunition test firing. Total ammunition expended 13 rounds 5"/38 AA common, 24 rounds 5"/38 Mark 32, 12 rounds 40MM, 111 rounds 20MM. 1553 Secured from General Quarters. Returning to base on course 320°T, speed 20 knots.

N. R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

16 - 20

Steaming as before. 1600 Scheduled exercises for the day completed; proceeding at various courses and speeds for port. 1646 Passed mid-channel buoy; proceeding at various courses and speeds through channel to Hussey Sound. 1648 Stationed Special Sea Details. 1748 Moored portside to Pier Fox at Naval Fueling Depot, westside of Long Island, Casco Bay, Maine, with four manila lines and two wire ropes. 1755 Sunset. 1801 Secured Special Sea Details, set regular port watch. 1802 Commenced fueling. 1930 Completed fueling having received 32,832 gallons of fuel oil at 60°F. 1950 Mustered prisoners at large and restricted men. No unauthorized absentees.

B. Dolan
B. DOLAN.

20 - 24

Moored as before. 2000 All Departments reported secure. 2030 YF147 Came along side with commissary stores. 2100 YF147 Cast off. 2200 BRAWDY TM3c, and DUEARS, GM3c, left the ship for shore patrol duty on Long Island Casco Bay, Maine. 2215 JAMES, C.A., 269 12 99, StM2c, USN, returned aboard being absent over leave since 2300 2 February 1944. 2320 Shore Patrol returned aboard.

F. H. Weber
F. H. WEBER.

Approved:

John J. Sheffer III
John J. Sheffer III, Commander, USN.

Examined:

R. L. Baughan
R. L. BAUGHAN, Lieut. USN.

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Long.	70° 05'W	70° 01'W	

ADMINISTRATIVE &
OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR-DIARY)

00 - 04

Moored port side to dock F at Naval Fueling depot, westside of Long Island, Casco Bay, with 4 manila lines and 2 wire hawsers. Ship darkened. Port watch set. Boiler No. 1 steaming for Auxiliary purposes.

R. G. Goodeve
R. G. GOODEVE.

04 - 08

Moored as before. 0605 Lighted off #4 Boiler. 0740 Station Special Sea Details. 0756 Sunrise. 0758 Underway for operating area. Mustered crew on station. Absentees: COCUZZA, B.P., 312 56 17, SoM3c, USNR and SPON, G. Jr., 615 83 53, S1c, USNR.

W. A. Smith
W. A. SMITH.

08 - 12

Steaming as before. 0950 Arrived at operating area, Two Mike in company with DesDiv 32 less USS BOYLE and submarine S-16. Commenced scheduled exercises.

T. H. Davis Jr.
T. H. DAVIS, Jr.

12 - 16

Steaming as before. 1521 Completed exercises with Submarine S-16. 1545 Fired complete 11 charge depth charge pattern, deep setting in accordance with ComDesLant Special Depth Charge Exercise, No casualties. 1550 Completed exercises.

N. R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

16 - 20

Steaming as before. Steamed on various courses and speeds toward anchorage. 1637 Stationed special sea details. 1719 Passed ga te vessel abeam. 1742 Dropped Starboard anchor in Berth 18 in 42 feet of water, with 35 fathoms of chain at water's edge, Casco Bay, Maine, Mud bottom. on following bearings: Clapboard isle 329°T, Basket Isle 0325°T, Little Chebrag 106.5° T. 1746 Secured main engines. 1750 Secured special Sea Details. secured depth charges with pistols, boosters, and booster extenders from Fort McKinley. 1900 Mustered all prisoners at large and restricted men, No absentees. 1945 Veered anchor chain to 40 fathoms.

R. G. Goodeve
R. G. GOODEVE.

20 - 24

Moored as before. 0815 All departments reported secure. 2300 Number two boiler lit off. 2310 Hoisted up number one whaleboat.

J. A. Bookhout
J. A. BOOKHOUT.

Approved:

John J. Deffen III
John J. Deffen III

Examined:

R. L. Baughan
R. L. BAUGHAN

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Long.	70° 10'W	70° 42'W	69° 34'W

ADMINISTRATIVE & OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WORK DECK)

00 - 04

Anchored in Casco Bay, Maine, Berth #18 in 42 feet water with 40 fathoms of chain to the Starboard anchor. #2 Boiler and Forward Engine Room in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present USS DENEbola (ComDes-Lant) SOPA, USS AUGUSTA, USS CHAMPLIN (ComDesDiv 32) USS NIELDS, USS ORDRONAU, USS TILLMAN, USS MERVINE, USS BERNADOU, USS BABBITT, USS EMMONS, USS RODMAN and various units of US and British Fleet. 0010 Received on board ship from USS DENEbola Five (5) MK 7 and Six (6) MK 6 Depth charges as replacements. No further remarks.

D. L. Jones
D. L. JONES.

04 - 08

Anchored as before. 0555 Lit fires under No. 4 boiler. 0610 Cut in No. 4 boiler on main steam line. 0725 Stationed Special Sea Details. 0737 Underway for operating area, steering various courses at various speeds to conform channel.

C. H. Watts
C. H. WATTS.

08 - 12

Steaming as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters. Absentees: COCUZZA, B.P., 312 56 17, SoM3c, USNR, SPON, G. Jr., 615 83 53, Slc, USNR. 0802 Passed through gate. 0812 Set Condition IIM. 0813 Secured special sea details. 0918 Went to General Quarters. 0938 Commenced firing run #1 on plane making Tare type AA runs on this vessel. 0939 Ceased firing. Rounds expended: 21 rounds 5"/38 AA Common, 28 rounds 40MM. 0945 Commenced firing run #2. 0946 Ceased firing. Rounds expended: 28 rounds 5"/38 AA Common 28 rounds 40MM. 109 rounds 20MM. 1050 Streamed foxer gear. 1128 Recovered foxer gear. 1149 Steaming at various courses and speeds in operating area during exercises. Plane making George type AA runs. 1159 Commenced firing run #1.

S. N. Anastasion
S. N. ANASTASION.

12 - 16

Steaming as before. 1200, Ceased firing. 1203 Commenced firing. 1204, Ceased firing. Total ammunition expended 160 rounds 20MM, 32 rounds 40MM. 1207 Secured from General Quarters, Set Watch III. 1253 Went to General Quarters for scheduled exercises. 1403 Firing exercises completed, secured from General Quarters set Watch I. 1445 Captain held Mast and awarded the following punishments.

BROWN, A., StM2c 296 04 84 - AOL - Deck Court.
BROWN, A., StM2c 296 04 84 - Leaving post of duty - 10 Hrs. extra duty.
BOBO, R.L., Flc 710 79 26 - AWOL - Deck Court.
FOTTA, A.J., Slc 856 97 74 - AWOL - Warning.
KOVACH, M. S2c 856 97 71 - AOL - Warning.
MC KENNA, W.J., MM2c 224 06 75 - AOL - Loss of 6 Liberties.
LANDERS, C.T., GM2c 604 49 93 AOL - Loss of 3 Liberties. Retrocative.
LAWSON, W.W., Slc 300 87 12 AOL - Deck Court.
MC LEAN, E.J., Slc 202 39 04 - AOL - Loss of 10 liberties.
MINEAULT, W.R., Slc 202 38 26 - AOL - Warning.
MORGAN, M.E., TM3c 337 47 89 - AOL - Warning.
1555 All fighting and running lights tested and found satisfactory.

N. R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

Approved:

John J. Shaffer
John J. Shaffer

Examined:

R. L. Baughman
R. L. BAUGHMAN

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ADMINISTRATIVE &
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16 - 20

Steaming as before. 1609 Commenced scheduled exercise Day Spotting Practice. 1736 Completed scheduled exercise - Day Spotting. 20 rounds of 5"/38 ammunition expended. Secured from General Quarters and set Condition II Mike. 1841 Commenced scheduled exercise - Night Spotting Practice.

T. H. Davis, Jr.
T. H. DAVIS, Jr.

20 - 24

Steaming as before. 2000 Completed Night Spotting Practice. 2010 Commenced Night Illumination Practice, using battle raft as target. 2022 Fired three full salvos using starshell spread to port. 2030 Released tug andraft; proceeding to Seal Island, for shore bombardment Practice base course 060°T speed 10. USS NIELDS & ORDRONAUUX exercising at Night Illumination exercise. 2215 USS NIELDS & ORDRONAUUX completed exercise, changed base course to 200°, destroyers in column formation distance 1000 yards apart.

A. O. Knowlton
A: O. KNOWLTON.

Approved:

John J. Shaffer IV
John J. Shaffer IV

Examined:

R. L. Baughan
R. L. BAUGHAN

Lieut. USN.

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Long.	68° 45'W	68° 45'W	69° 00'W

**ADMINISTRATIVE &
OPERATIONAL REMARKS**
(WAR DIARY)

00 - 04

Steaming in operating area "Able" off Casco Bay, Maine, in company with USS NIELDS, USS ORDRONAU; ships in column, distance 1000 yds, course 200°T speed 10 kts; CDD32 in Champlin. Boilers #2 and #4 steaming. Ship darkened and in material condition Baker. Condition Two Mike set. 0018 Changed course to 090°T. 0125 SG radar contact bearing 124°T, range 17,000 yards. Target heading in northerly direction at speed of about 10 knots. 0150 Target challenged and identified as two DE's

S. N. Anastasion
S. N. ANASTASION.

04 - 08

Steaming as before. 0400 Changed course to 005°T. 0715 Changed speed to 15 knots. 0717 Changed course to 000°T. 0735 Sighted Mantinicus Light bearing 345°T, range 22,000 yards. 0735 Changed speed to 20 knots. 0754 Changed course to 035°T. 0758 Sighted Seal Island bearing 013°T.

T. H. Davis, Jr.
T. H. DAVIS, Jr.

08 - 12

Steaming as before. 0845 On various courses at various speeds while making approach for firing shore bombardment practice on Seal Island. 0934 on Firing course 120°T, commenced firing from Mounts #1 & 2. 0944 Changed course to 070°T, fired eight full gun salvos. 0946 Practice completed, fired 37 rounds of 5"/38 cal ammunition. 0953 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition II - Mike. 1024 USS NIELDS & ORDRONAU completed firing shore bombardment, destroyers in column, base course 180°T speed 15 knots. 1030 All divisions mustered on station, absentees: COCUZZA, B.P., 312 56 17 S om3c, USNR, SPON, G. Jr., 615 83 53, Slc, USNR. Tested both motor whale boats & steering engine, condition satisfactory. 1109 Commenced scheduled DesLant Exercises with CIC for Fighter Direction with planes of Utron 15.

A. G. Knowlton
A. G. KNOWLTON.

12 - 16

Steaming as before. 1210 Went to General Quarters. 1222 Commenced firing AAMG exercise. 1228 Completed firing AAMG practice, expended 215 rounds 20MM. Secured from General Quarters, set watch I. 1246, Changed speed to 20 knots. 1250 Changed speed to 25 knots. 1403 Changed course to 183°T. 1500 Captain held Mast and awarded the following punishments. RAKOWSKI, B., MM2c 243 37 38, - AWOL - Deck Court. VACHON, R., Slc 208 73 69, - AOL - Warning. JAMES, C.A., StM2c 269 17 99 - AOL - Deck Court. FENEY, A.L. S2c, 810 25 82 - Asleep on watch and allowing OOD to pick up his rifle. - Summary Court Martial. WELSH, W.H. F2c, 651 56 31 - AOL - Warning. BOYD, S.C., F2c, 560 35 63 - AOL - Loss of 10 liberties. 1545 Sighted ship bearing 144°T distant 8000 yards.

N. R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

16 - 20

Steaming as before. 1800 Crossed 50 fathom curve. Several small fishing craft in sight. 1950 Changed speed to 20 knots. 1955 Changed speed to 15 knots. 1959 Changed course to 267°T

S. N. Anastasion
S. N. ANASTASION.

Approved:

John J. Shaffer III

John J. Shaffer III, Commander, USN.

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R. L. Baughan

R. L. BAUGHAN, Lieut. USN.

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Long.	73° 12'W	73° 59'W	

ADMINISTRATIVE &
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00 - 04

Steaming enroute to New York from Casco Bay, Maine in Company with USS NIELDS & USS ORDRONAUX: ships in column, interval 1000 yards course 267°T speed 15 knots. CDD 32 in CHAMPLIN. Boilers #2 & #4 steaming. Condition II Mike set. 0135 Passed (S385) USS BANG abeam to port distant 6,000 yards. 0230 Passed USS BOYLE abeam to port distant 15,000 yards.

A. O. Knowlton
A. O. KNOWLTON.

04 - 08

Steaming as before. 0645 Crossed 50 fathom curve.

S. N. Anastasion
S. N. ANASTASION.

08 - 12

Steaming as before. 0815 Both motor whale boats tested satisfactory. 0825 All Divisions mustered on station. Absentees: COCUZZA, B.P. 312 56 17, SoM3c, USNR; SPON, G. Jr., 615 83 53, Slc, USNR. 0827 Changed course to 250°T. 0856 Sighted buoy bearing 233°T. 0920 Passed buoy "Able", point Zebra abeam to port distance 800 yards. Used various courses and speeds proceeding along channel. 1100 The following Deck Courts were published: BROWN, A. 296 04 84, StM2c, USN, Offense: AOL from Feb. 2, 1944, to Feb. 3, 1944 - 8 hours and 57 minutes. Sentence: To lose \$18.00 per month of his pay for a period of Two months. Total Loss of pay amounting to \$36.00. BOBO, R.L., 710 99 26, S2c, USNR. Offense: AWOL from 800, 28 January 1944, to 31 January 1944, at 0300. Sentence: To lose \$18.00 per month of his pay for a period of Two (2) months. Total loss of pay amounting to \$36.00. LAWSON, W.W., 300 87 12, S2c, USNR. Offense: AOL from 0800, 29 Jan. 1944, to 0230, 31 January. 1944. Sentence: To lose \$15.00 per month of his pay for a period of Two (2) months. Total loss of pay amounting to \$30.00. JAMES, C.A., 269 17 99, StM2c, USN. Offense; AOL from 2300, 2 Feb. 1944, to 2215, 5 Feb. 1944. Sentence to lose \$18.00 per month of his pay for a period of Two (2) months. Total loss of pay amounting to \$36.00.

T. H. Davis, Jr.
T. H. DAVIS, Jr.

12 - 16

Steaming as before. Using various courses and speeds up Ambrose channel. 1226 Passed through anti-submarine nets. 1309 Pilot E. KENNEDY came aboard from tug. 1312 Proceeding with tug to 35th Street Pier 1326 Moored portside to south side of Pier 35th Street, Navy Yard Annex, Brooklyn N.Y. with 4 manila lines and 2 wire hawsers. 1338 Secured Special Sea Details, set regular port watch. 1338 Secured main engines. 1350 USS NIELDS moored portside to our starboard side.

R. G. Goodeve
R. G. GOODEVE.

16 - 20

Moored as before. 1700 DANIELSON, D.C., 329 13 85, TM2c, USN, WAS transferred to Naval Hospital St. Albans, N.Y. for treatment by authority of Bureau of Medicine and Surgery form "G". 1822 Darken Ship. 1930 Mustered prisoners at large and restricted men. No absentees.

Approved:

John J. Shaffer III
John J. Shaffer III, Commander, USN

Examined:

R. I. Bragman
R. I. BRAGMAN, Lieut. USN

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16 - 20 (Cont.)

1940 Eight O'Clock reports, all departments secure.

D. L. Jones
D. L. JONES.

20 - 24

Moored as before. 2020 SHORTS, J., 205 43 38, StM2c, USNR, returned aboard in custody of Dock Watchman, AWOL since 1950 this date. 2120 Commenced fueling ship from U.S. Navy Barge YO-153. 2325 Completed fueling ship. Received on board at 60°F. 43,586 gallons of Navy Special Fuel Oil.

E. E. Simmons
E. E. SIMMONS.

Approved:

Examined:

John J. Sheffer
John J. Sheffer, LTJG, Commander, USN.*R. L. Baughan*
R. L. BAUGHAN, Lieut. USN.

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00 - 04

Moored portside to southside of Pier 35, Brooklyn, New York, with four manila lines and two wire cables. The USS STERN alongside the pier forward; the USS ORDRONAU alongside the pier astern; the USS NIELDS, moored outboard, portside to our starboard side. Steaming on boiler #4 for auxiliary purposes. Receiving fresh water and telephone service from the pier.

B. Dolan
B. DOLAN.

04 - 08

Moored as before. 0560 SPON, G. Jr., Slc, USNR, returned aboard having been Absent over leave since 2300, February 2, 1944. BROWN, A. (n), StM2c, USNR, was declared Absent Without Leave since 0600 this morning after a thorough search of the ship had been made and he could not be found.

S. N. Anastasion
S. N. ANASTASION.

08 - 12

Moored as before. 0805 All Divisions mustered at quarters. FOLLOWING men were absent: COCUZZA, B.P., 312 56 17, SOM3c, USNR, BROWN, A. (n), 296 04 8, StM2c, USNR; EBERSOLE, P.A., 264 12 87, S2c, USNR. 0815 Aired bedding. 1045 Piped down all bedding. 1125 Ammunition barge came along side USS NIELDS. Smoking lamp out.

J. A. Bookhout
J. A. BOOKHOUT.

12 - 16

Moored as before. 1215 Pursuant to orders of Commander Fleet Operational Training, Commandant U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Serial 377 - 311577, Ens. Wm. GUSTIN E-V(G), USNR, reported aboard for temporary duty on board. 1400 ComDesDiv 32 transferred from this vessel to USS BOYLE, (DD600) and staff consisting of Lieut. (jg) A.F. WINSTON, Ens. R.W. MERROW, LATHROP, D.G., 341 86 41, CSM, USN; NEWTON, H.L., 266 26 60, Ylc, USN; JAMES, C.A., 269 12 97, StM2c, USN. 1410 Pursuant to U.S. Naval Hospital, Brooklyn, N.Y. orders NH4/Pl6-3, MILLER, R.E., 642 25 83, SM3c, USNR, reported on board for duty with bag, records, and transfer papers.

C. H. Watts
C. H. WATTS.

16 - 20

Moored as before. 1645 BARRETT, J.W., 205 03 65, S2c, USNR, and WILLIAMS, C. (n), 842 60 89, StM2c, USNR, Pursuant to orders from Pier 92 reported aboard for duty. 1700 TROMBLEY, O (n), 666 56 31, RdM3c, USNR, transferred to Amphibious Training Base, Little Creek, Va. for assignment by Commander Amphibious Force, Atlantic Fleet. 1712 LOWE, V.M., 402 94 40, RMLc, USN, transferred from ship, pursuant to orders ComServLant Ltr. Pl6-1(7)MM(1830-SC) of 20 January 1944. 1730 GALLAGHER, M.J., 706 87 69, S.M2c, USNR, transferred from ship pursuant to orders ComServLant, V.O. 4461 to Sound Material School, Key West, Florida. 1845 Mustered all restricted men - No absentees. 1930 EBERSOLE, P.A., 246 12 87, S2c, USNR, reported aboard absent over leave since 0800, this date.

F. H. Weber
F. H. WEBER.

Approved:

John J. Sheffer III
John J. Sheffer III, Commander, USN

Examined:

R. L. Baughman
R. L. BAUGHMAN, Lieut. USN

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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
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20 - 24

Moored as before. 2105 SHORTS, J.T., StM2c, 205 43 38, USNR, was transferred with bag, record, and transfer papers to St. Albans, Naval Hospital, Long Island N.Y. Diag. Gonococcus infection, Urethra; Authority N.M.S. Form "G" 2110 Received the following rounds of ammunition from Naval Ammunition Depot, Iona Island, N.Y.: 185 Rounds 5"/38 AAg CR28-3, 202 Rounds 5"/38 CTGN2958, 20 Rounds 5"/38 ILL 1012, 540 Rounds 20MM Het 0000, 180 rounds Het 0000, 2340 rounds 20MM Het 0000, 50 rounds 5"/38 AAC 8149, 95 rounds 5"/38 CTG N4103, 2 rounds 5"/38 CTG W3345, 6 drill projectiles 5"/38 601-0000-K, 6 drill CTG5 5"/38 105-0050-K, 2 smoke screen generators, F.S. filled. 2-8 oz. powder samples N2958 5"/38, 2-8 oz. Powder samples 4103 5"/38, 2-8 oz. powder samples W 3345 5"/38, 4320 rounds 20MM HEI 0000, 5 boxes Navy HC training candles. 2145 Pursuant to orders of ComSerForLant ltr. PL6-3/MM/(1) of 20 January 1944, WARREN, D.R., 266 72 14, AS, USN reported aboard for duty under guard with bag, records, and transfer papers from U.S. Naval Receiving Station. Disciplinary barracks, Harts Island, N.Y.

W. A. Smith
W. A. SMITH.

Approved:

John J. Steyer III
John J. Steyer III

Examined:

R. L. Baughan
R. L. BAUGHAN

Commander, USN.

Lieut. USN.

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Friday

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ADMINISTRATIVE &
OPERATIONAL REMARKS
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00 - 04

Moored portside to south side of 35th St. Pier, Naval Supply Depot, Brooklyn, N.Y. with four manila lines & two wire cables, USS NIELDS moored portside to this ship's starboard side. Boiler #4 steaming for auxiliary purposes. Receiving the following services from the dock: fresh water, telephone. Ships of DesDiv 32 present plus USS STERN. ComDesDiv 32 in USS BOYLE. 0015 COCUZZA, B.P. 312 56 17, Som3c, USNR returned on board in custody of guard of from Receiving Station, 92 Pier, New York after having been AOL from this ship since 1300, 2 February 1944. He surrendered at Receiving Ship Brooklyn, N.Y., 0800 February 10, 1944, 0800, AOL a period of 7 days, 19 hrs. & missing ship.

A. O. Knowlton
A. O. KNOWLTON.

04 - 08

Moored as before.

S. N. Anastasion
S. N. ANASTASION.

08 - 12

Moored as before. 0800 Mustered crew on station. Absentees: KEOUGH, H.F., 817 85 47, S2c, USNR; BROWN, A. (n), 296 04 84, StM2c, USN; MORGAN, M.E., 337 47 89, TM3c, USN. 0905 MORGAN, M.E., 337 47 89, TM3c, USN, returned aboard absent over leave since 0800 this date, a period of 1 hr. five minutes. 0930 BROWN, A. (n), 296 04 84, StM2c, USN, returned aboard absent without leave since 0600, 10 February 1944. A period of 27 hours and 30 minutes. 0904 Lighted fire under No. 1 boiler. 1016 Out in No. 1 boiler on the main steam line. 1020 Secured No. 4 boiler. 1130 Pursuant to orders of the Commanding Officer, ECKLUND, G.E., CGM (AA), USN, was transferred to the Navy Training School (Electric Hydraulic) Navy Yard, Washington, D.C. (with 14 days leave) for temporary duty, with baggage records and transfer papers.

T. H. Davis, Jr.
T. H. DAVIS, Jr.

12 - 16

Moored as before. 1300 Inspection of living spaces by Executive Officer. 1310 Captain returned aboard. 1410 Secured from inspection.

J. A. Bookhout
J. A. BOOKHOUT.

16 - 20

Moored as before. 1715 JOHNSON, W.M., 832 50 19, Slc, USNR, reported aboard for duty, with sea bag and records from Receiving Ship, Pier 92, N.Y., N.Y. by authority of basic orders. 1825 Sunset. 1850 COCUZZA, B.P., 312 56 17, Som3c, USNR; and BROWN, A (n), 296 04 84, StM2c, USN, were transferred with sea bags and records under armed guard to Commanding Officer, Receiving Ship, Pier 92, N.Y., N.Y. Guard: LANDERS, C.L., 604 49 83, GM3c, USNR. 1055 MC GUIRE, R.E., 724 98 26, PhM3c, USNR, reported aboard for duty with sea bag and records for duty from U.S. Naval Receiving Station, Pier 92, N.Y., NY by authority of verbal orders from ComSerLant, to be confirmed by serial 4560-SC of Feb. 11, 1944. 1905 Mustered prisoners at large and restricted men. No absentees.

B. Dolan
B. DOLAN.

20 - 24

Moored as before. 2200 LANDERS, C.L., 604 49 94, GM3c, USNR, armed guard returned on board ship.

D. L. Jones
D. L. JONES.

Approved:

Examined:

John J. [Signature]
John J. [Signature]

R. L. Baughman
R. L. BAUGHMAN, Lieut. USN

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Saturday 12 February, 1944
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Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	40° 31'N	40° 05'N	39° 21'N
Long.	73° 12'W	73° 29'W	71° 54'W

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OPERATIONAL REMARKS~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

00 - 04

Moored portside to southside of 35 St. Pier, Brooklyn, N.Y. with four mainline lines and two wire cables. USS NIELDS moored portside to our starboard side. Boiler No. 4 steaming for auxiliary purposes. Receiving fresh water and telephone service from Pier. Ships of DesDiv 32 present plus USS STERN, and USS O'NEIL. 1252 THORNE, P.A., 607 70 40, reported aboard AOL since 2300, 11 February 1944. Total time over leave 1 hr. 52 minutes. Made a prisoner at large by authority of Commanding Officer.

J. A. Bookhout
J. A. BOOKHOUT.

04 - 08

Moored as before. 0530 Making preparations for getting underway. Lighted fires under boiler #4 at 0445. 0543 MARSHALL, D.C., StM2c, USNR, and MARTIN, J.W., StM2c, USNR, reported aboard having been over leave since 2300, 11 February 1944. 0635 Pursuant to the orders of the Commandant Third Naval District, Ensign GOODEVE, R.G., D(V)G, USNR, left ship for temporary additional duty at the Fire Fighters School and the Damage Control School. 0637 USS BOYLE underway. 0645 USS ORDRONAUUX underway. 0655 USS NIELDS underway. 0705 Tug alongside and Pilot GULLSIKON on board. 0708 Underway in accordance with CTG 21.8 serial 001 of 9 February 1944 to form unit of escort screen of Convoy CU-14. CTG 21.8 in CDD32 in USS BOYLE. Steaming at various courses and speeds through swept channel out of New York harbor. 0730 Pilot left ship. Tug departed. 0756 Sunrise.

S. N. Anastasion
S. N. ANASTASION.

08 - 12

Steaming as before. 0854 Passed buoy "T" abeam to port and commenced patrolling the port side of the swept channel from buoy "T" to point Zebra as directed by CTG 21.8 confidential serial 051. 0945 Commenced patrolling the northern side of the swept channel on orders from CTG 21.8. 1100 Ships of convoy CU-14 standing down the swept channel. 1143 Passed Point Zebra abeam to starboard.

T. H. Davis, Jr.
T. H. DAVIS, Jr.

12 - 16

Steaming as before. 1205 Proceeding to take station in A/S screen of convoy CU-14. 1235 On station, bearing 335 Rel. 3000 yards from convoy guide. Convoy speed 8 knots. 1240 Patrolling station at 10 knots. 1440 Summary Court Martial convened this date to try FEENEY, J.F., 810 25 S2, S2c, USNR, accused of sleeping on watch on 1 February 1944. 1515 Summary Court Martial adjourned to await action of convening authority.

N. R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

16 - 20

Steaming as before. 1645 Convoy changed speed to 12 knots. 1715 Convoy changed speed to 14 knots. 1821 Sunset. 1822 Convoy changed speed to 13 2/3 knots.

A. O. Knowlton
A. O. KNOWLTON.

20 - 24

Steaming as before. 2030 Convoy adjusted base course to 118°T. 2300 Convoy has several stragglers.

S. N. Anastasion
S. N. ANASTASION.

Approved:

John J. Stoffer
John J. Stoffer, III

Examined:

R. L. Baughan
R. L. BAUGHAN, Lieut. USN.

Commander, USN

Lieut. USN

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Lat.	38° 04'N	37° 55.5'N	38° 11.0'N
Long.	68° 47'W	67° 36.5'W	65° 09'W

ADMINISTRATIVE and
OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAB DIARY)

00 - 04

Steaming with Task Group 21.8 in Convoy CU-14. Convoy Commodore in STK Occidental. Escort Commander, ComDesDiv 32. CTG 21.8 in USS BOYLE. Patrolling station #2. Convoy course 118°T and speed 132/3 knots. Boilers #1 and #4 in use. Ships darkened and in condition of readiness of IIM.

T. H. DAVIS, Jr.

04 - 08

Steaming as before. 0620 Dawn alert, went to general quarters. 0700 Secured from General Quarters; set condition II Mike.

A. O. KNOWLTON.

08 - 12

Steaming as before. Convoy reduced speed to 12 knots. 0950 Convoy changed base course to 083°T.

S. N. ANASTASION.

12 - 16

Steaming as before. 1214 Shifted steering to starboard motor and cable. 1454 Convoy increased speed to 13.5 knots.

N. R. GLASS.

16 - 20

Steaming as before. 1758 Sunset; Darken ship. 1815 Dusk Alert, went to General Quarters. 1852 Secured from General Quarters, set condition II Mike. 1900 Set all clocks ahead 30 minutes to zone plus 3½.

T. H. DAVIS, Jr.

20 - 24

Steaming as before.

A. O. KNOWLTON.

Approved:

John J. [Signature]

Examined:

R. L. Baughan

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Monday 14 February 19 44
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Lat.	38° 37'N	38° 39'N	38° 44.5'N
Long.	61° 30'W	60° 19'W	57° 57'W

ADMINISTRATIVE &
OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

00 - 04

Steaming as a unit of TG 21.8 escorting Convoy CU-14 to various ports United Kingdom. CTG 21.8 in CDD 32, USS BOYLE. Convoy Commodore in STK Occidental. Steaming on boilers #1 and #4. Ship darkened and in Condition of Readiness IIMike. Material Condition Baker Set. Champlin patrolling night station #2 at 14.5 knots. Course 083°T. Speed 13.5 knots.

S. N. Anastasion
S. N. ANASTASION.

04 - 08

Steaming as before. 0630 Dawn Alert; went to General Quarters. 0700 Secured from General Quarters; set condition II Mike. 0715 Shifted steering to port motor; port cable. 0725 Tested both motor whaleboats, found satisfactory.

T. H. Davis, Jr.
T. H. DAVIS, Jr.

08 - 12

Steaming as before. 0825 All divisions mustered on station. No absentees. 0830 Convoy increased speed to 14 knots. 0900 Tested both motor whaleboats and steering engine. Condition satisfactory.

A. O. Knowlton
A. O. KNOWLTON.

12 - 16

Steaming as before. 1300 Smoke sighted on horizon bearing 139°T, drawing right. 1400 Test fired all AAMG's 21 rounds 20mm and 17 rounds 40MM expended. 1450 Went to General Quarters for general drills. 1503 Sound contact bearing 082°, 1300 yards. Steering on various courses and speeds to run down contact. Contact identified as non-sub. 1542 Secured from General Quarters, set Watch I. Returning to station in screen.

N. R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

16 - 20

Steaming as before. 1600 Chantilly reported steering casualty. Remaining in vicinity as her screen. 1604 Chantilly reported steering gear repaired, returning to station #24 in convoy. 1618 Convoy changed speed to 14.2 knots. 1620 Published the findings and sentence in the case of RAKOWSKI, B. (n), 243 37 38, USN, tried by Deck Court for being under the influence of intoxicating liquor and thereby incapacitated for proper performance of duty. Finding: Guilty. Sentenced to lose thirty-two dollars (\$32.00) per month of his pay for a period of two (2) months. Total loss of pay amounting to Sixty-four dollars (\$64.00) Approved by convening authority February 11, 1944. 1637 Returned to station. 1755 Washington Express dropping astern of convoy due to engine trouble. 1759 Sunset. Darkened ship. 1800 Convoy changed course to 090°T. 1815 Dusk Alert; Went to General Quarters. 1850 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition II Mike. 1930 Set all Clocks ahead thirty minutes to zone plus three. 1935 Both motor whaleboats tested; found satisfactory.

S. N. Anastasion
S. N. ANASTASION.

20 - 24

Steaming as before.

T. H. Davis, Jr.
T. H. DAVIS, Jr.

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John J. Sheffer III

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R. L. Baughman

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Tuesday 15 February 1944
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Lat.	38° 46'N	38° 46'N	38° 40'N
Long.	54° 08'W	52° 52'W	50° 56'W

ADMINISTRATIVE &
OPERATIONAL REMARKS

~~WAR DIARY~~

00 - 04

Steaming as unit of TG 21.8 escorting convoy CU-14 to various ports of United Kingdom. CTG 21.8 in CDD 32 in USS BOYLE. Convoy Commodore in STK Occidental. Steaming on boilers #1 & #4. Ship darkened, and in Condition of readiness II Mike. Material Condition Baker set. Champlin patrolling night station #2. Convoy course 090°T speed 14.2 knots. 0030 M.S. American Express rejoined convoy.

A. O. Knowlton
A. O. KNOWLTON.

04 - 08

Steaming as before. 0630 Dawn Alert; went to General Quarters. 0700 Secured from General Quarters; set Condition II Mike. 0730 Sunrise.

S. N. Anastasion
S. N. ANASTASION.

08 - 12

Steaming as before. 0815 Both motor whaleboats tested and found satisfactory. 0820 All divisions mustered on station. No absentees. 1140 Steering gear inspected and found in good working order.

T. H. Davis, Jr.
T. H. DAVIS, Jr.

12 - 16

Steaming as before. 1225 Escorts adjusting positions to fuel from Escort Oiler. 1235 Convoy changed speed to 10 knots. 1430 Steaming on various courses to take station on mean axis. 1432 Convoy changed speed to 11 knots. 1446 Convoy changed speed to 12 knots. 1510 Convoy changed speed to 13 knots, and course to 110°T.

N. R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

16 - 20

Steaming as before. 1717 Completed fueling operations for the day, all destroyers having refueling except the USS CHAMPLIN. 1728 Convoy changed course to 090°T. 1745 USS BOYLE resumed position in the screen; all escorts adjusted positions accordingly, back on stations. 1800 Convoy changed speed to 14 knots. 1802 Sunset; Darkened ship. 1815 Dusk Alert; went to General Quarters; 1840 Secured from General Quarters; set Condition II Mike 1900 Set all clocks ahead thirty minutes to zone plus two and one-half.

A. O. Knowlton
A. O. KNOWLTON.

20 - 24

Steaming as before. 2115 Golden Eagle reported engine trouble, dropping back. 2120 Golden Eagle reported casualty under control; returning to station in convoy.

S. N. Anastasion
S. N. ANASTASION.

Approved:

John J. Smith III

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R. L. Baughan

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Wednesday 16 February, 19 44
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Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	38° 43.5'N	38° 47'N	38° 56'N
Long.	47° 14.5'W	46° 02'W	42° 55'W

**ADMINISTRATIVE &
OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WALK DIARY)**

00 - 04

Steaming as a unit of TG 21.8 escorting Convoy CUL4 CTG 21.8 in CDD 32 in USS BOYLE. Convoy Commodore in STK OCCIDENTAL. Ships darkened and in condition of readiness II mike, with material Condition Baker set. Champlin patrolling night station #2. Boilers #1 & #4 in use. Convoy course 090°T, speed 14 knots.

T. H. Davis, Jr.
T. H. DAVIS, Jr.

04 - 08

Steaming as before. 0630 Dawn Alert; went to General Quarters. 0658 Secured from General Quarters; set condition II Mike. 0720 Shifted steering to port motor; port cable.

A. O. Knowlton
A. O. KNOWLTON.

08 - 12

Steaming as before. 0815 Mustered crew on stations. No absentees. 0900 Convoy changed base course to 085°T.

S. M. Anastasion
S. M. ANASTASION.

12 - 16

Steaming as before.

B. Dolan
B. DOLAN.

16 - 20

Steaming as before. 1804 Sunset, darken ship. 1810 Motor whale boats tested. 1820 General Quarters. Dusk Alert. 1850 Secured from General Quarters, set condition II Mike. 1900 Set all clocks ahead 30 minutes to zone plus 2.

T. H. Davis, Jr.
T. H. DAVIS, Jr.

20 - 24

Steaming as before.

A. O. Knowlton
A. O. KNOWLTON.

Approved:

John J. Sheffer III
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Examined:

R. L. Baughman
R. L. BAUGHMAN

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Lat.	39° 23'N	39° 27'N	39° 51'N
Long.	39° 10'W	38° 05'W	36° 09'W

ADMINISTRATIVE &
OPERATIONAL REMARKS

~~WAR DIARY~~

00 - 04

Steaming as a unit of TG 21.8 escorting CU-14 to various ports United Kingdom. CTG 21.8 in CDD32 in USS BOYLE. Convoy Commodore in STK OCCIDENTAL. Ship darkened and in condition of readiness II M. Material Condition Baker set. Champlin patrolling night station #2 with speed 1 knot more than convoy speed. Steaming on boilers #1 & #4. Convoy course 085°T: speed 14 knots.

S. M. Anastasion
S. M. ANASTASION.

04 - 08

Steaming as before. 0600 General Quarters, Dawn Alert. 0658 Secured from General Quarters set condition II Mike. 0710 Shifted steering to starboard cable and starboard motor. 0712 Bridge lost steering control; shifted steering to steering gear room. The starboard motor had not been switched on. 0717 Changed speed to 20 knots to regain station 0720 Shifted steering control to the bridge. 0725 On Station; changed speed to 15 knots. 0746 Convoy commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan #11.

T. H. Davis, Jr.
T. H. DAVIS, Jr.

08 - 12

Steaming as before. 0825 Both motor whaleboats tested and found satisfactory. 0830 All divisions mustered on station. No absentees. 0935 Stationed fueling detail. 0945 Convoy ceased zig-zagging. Proceeded by various courses and speed to tanker CONASTOGA. 1100 Commenced fueling. 1140 Completed fueling. Fuel received 26,425 gals. at 60°F. Patrolling area until CONASTOGA regains position in convoy.

A. C. Knowlton
A. C. KNOWLTON.

12 - 16

Steaming as before. 1200 FOTTA, A.J. S2c placed on binnacle list. 1201 Steaming on various courses and speeds to resume station. 1230 Convoy commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan #11. 1245 Patrolling on station #2.

N. R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

16 - 20

Steaming as before. 1635 USS ORDRONAUX dropped depth charges on a possible sound contact. Searching area. Screen assumed 5 unit stations. 1636 Streamed foxer gear. 1648 Sound contact bearing 112°T range 500 yards. Went to General Quarters. 1650 Fired two MK 7 depth charges at shallow settings. 1659 Secured from General Quarters, Set Condition IIM. 1712 USS ORDRONAUX returned to screen. Resumed normal screening stations. 1720 Convoy ceased zig-zagging. 1730 Convoy changed base course to 055°T. 1800 Convoy changed course to 034°T. 1801 Darkened ship. 1822 Dusk Alert, went to General Quarters. 1842 Secured from General Quarters, Set condition IIM. 1845 Assumed night station. 1900 Set all clocks ahead to zone plus 1½. 1935 Both motor whaleboats tested. Operation normal.

S. M. Anastasion
S. M. ANASTASION.

20 - 24

Steaming as before.

T. H. Davis, Jr.
T. H. DAVIS, Jr.

Approved:

John J. [Signature]

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CHAMPLIN (DD601)

Friday

18

February, 1944

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

Zone description Plus 1 $\frac{1}{2}$

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	42° 08'N	42° 55'N	44° 31'N
Long.	33° 56'W	33° 18'W	33° 17.5'W

ADMINISTRATIVE &
OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

00 - 04

Steaming as a unit of TG 21.8 escorting CU-14 bound for various ports, United Kingdom. CTG 21.8 CDD 32 in USS BOYLE. Convoy Commodore in STK OCCIDENTAL. Ship darkened and in condition of Readiness II Mike; Material Condition Baker set. USS CHAMPLIN patrolling night station #2, speed 15 knots. Steaming on boilers #1 and #4. Convoy course 034°T; speed 14 knots. 0250 Surface radar contact bearing 000°T; range 14,000 yards; went to general quarters. 0320 Surface radar contact identified as rain squall; secured from General Quarters, set Condition II Mike.

A. O. Knowlton
A. O. KNOWLTON.

04 - 08

Steaming as before. 0600-0630 Sea condition increased from 1 to 5. Wind force increased from 1 to 4. 0630 Dawn Alert Went to General Quarters. 0705 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition II Mike. 0731 Sunrise.

S. N. Anastasion
S. N. ANASTASION.

08 - 12

Steaming as before. 0800 All divisions mustered on station. No absentees. 0830 Motor whaleboats tested, condition satisfactory. 1025 Convoy changed speed 13.5 knots. 1129 Convoy changed course to 004 T.

T. H. Davis, Jr.
T. H. DAVIS, Jr.

12 - 16

Steaming as before. 1400 Convoy increased speed to 14 knots. 1435 Exercised at BTP "A".

N. R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

16 - 20

Steaming as before. 1755 Both Motor whaleboats tested and found satisfactory. 1800 Convoy ceased zig-zagging. 1830 Dusk Alert. Manned all battle stations. 1855 Secured from General Quarters and set condition II Mike. 1900 Clocks advanced $\frac{1}{2}$ hour to zone plus 1.

A. O. Knowlton
A. O. KNOWLTON.

20 - 24

Steaming as before.

S. N. Anastasion
S. N. ANASTASION.

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Saturday 19 February, 1944
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description Plus 1 1/2

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	47° 12.5'N	48° 08'N	49° 54'N
Long.	33° 02'W	32° 58'W	32° 46'W

ADMINISTRATIVE &
OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(JOURNAL)

00 - 04

Steaming as a unit of TG 21.8 escorting CU-14 bound for various ports, United Kingdom, CTG 21.8 CDD32 in USS BOYLE. Convoy Commodore in STK OCCIDENTAL. Ship darkened and in condition of Readiness II Mike; Material condition Baker set. USS CHAMPLIN patrolling night station #2, speed 15 knots. Steaming on boilers #1 and #4. Convoy course 004°T, speed 14 knots.

T. H. DAVIS, Jr.

04 - 08

Steaming as before. 0720 Dawn alert, went to General Quarters, manned all battle stations. 0745 Secured from General Quarters. Set condition II Mike, Watch II.

N. R. GLASS.

08 - 12

Steaming as before. 0800 Convoy commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan #11. 0900 Tested both motor whaleboats and steering engine, condition satisfactory. 1000 Convoy altered base course to 002°T.

A. O. KNOWLTON.

12 - 16

Steaming as before. 1423 Test fired machine guns. No casualties. Ammunition expended: 16 rounds 40MM; 35 rounds 20MM. 1439 Exercised at emergency drills. 1505 Secured from drills.

S. N. ANASTASION.

16 - 20

Steaming as before. 1700 Convoy changed course to 005°T. 1835 Sunset - Darkened ship. 1849 Went to General Quarters - Dusk Alert. 1900 Convoy ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 005°T. 1920 Secured from General Quarters; set condition II Mike. 1931 Sighted Lighted ship bearing 349°T distance 20,100 yards. Went to General Quarters. Proceeded to investigate ship. Changed speed to 25 knots and course to 350°T. 1940 Changed speed to 20 knots. 1948 Changed speed to 15 knots.

T. H. DAVIS, Jr.

20 - 24

Steaming as before. 2005 Returning to station on various courses and speeds, Ship investigated was "Pedro Christophersen" of Swedish Registry and was diverted from convoy track. 2015 Secured from General Quarters and set Condition II Mike Watch III. 2025 On station. 2320 Lighted ship sighted bearing 060°T, 12 miles, passed clear of convoy.

N. R. GLASS.

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UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601)

Sunday

20

February

19 44

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

Zone description Plus 1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	52° 53'N	53° 49'N	55° 10'N
Long.	32° 39'W	32° 32'W	31° 45'W

ADMINISTRATIVE &
OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAB-DEARY)

00 - 04

Steaming as a unit of TG 21.8 escorting CU-14 bound for United Kingdom. CTG 21.8 CDD32 in USS BOYLE. Convoy Commodore in STK OCCIDENTAL. Ship darkened and in condition of readiness II Mike; Material condition Baker set. USS CHAMPLIN patrolling night station #2, speed 15 knots. Steaming on boilers #1 and #4. Convoy course 005°T, speed 14 knots.

R. O. Knowlton
R. O. KNOWLTON.

04 - 08

Steaming as before. 0730 Dawn Alert. Went to General Quarters. Convoy zig-zagging in accordance with plan #11. 0750 Secured from General Quarters. Set condition II Mike.

S. N. Anastasion
S. N. ANASTASION.

08 - 12

Steaming as before. 0820 All divisions mustered on station. No absentees. 0832 Convoy ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course, 005°T. 0835 Motor whaleboats tested; condition satisfactory.

T. H. Davis Jr.
T. H. DAVIS, Jr.

12 - 16

Steaming as before.

N. R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

16 - 20

Steaming as before. 1700 Convoy changed course to 030°T. 1722 Assumed night station. 1730 Convoy changed course to 055°T. 1755 Both motor whale boats tested and found in normal condition. 1800 Convoy changed course to 080°. 1817 Convoy changed speed to 11 knots. 1821 Darkened ship. 1800 The Captain held Mast and awarded the following punishments.

SPON, G. Jr., 615 83 53, Slc, USNR.

OFFENSE: Absent over leave from 2300, February 2, 1944, to 0650, February 10, 1944, and missing ship.

Punishment: Summary Court Martial.

MARTIN, J.W., 556 02 99, StM2c, USNR.

OFFENSE: AOL from 2300, February 1944, to 0543, February 12, 1944.

Punishment: To lose Five (5) liberties in U.S.

MARSHALL, D.D., 604 70 37, StM2c, USNR.

OFFENSE: AOL from 2300, February 11, 1944, to 0543, February 12, 1944.

Punishment: To lose Five (5) liberties in U.S.

MARSHALL, D.C., 604 70 37, StM2c, USNR.

OFFENSE: Failure to relieve watch after properly being called:

Punishment: Three (3) hours extra duty.

THORNE, F.A., 607 70 40, Slc, USNR.

OFFENSE: AOL from 2300, February 11, 1944, to 0052, February 12, 1944.

Punishment: To lose Five (5) liberties in U.S.

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16 - 20 (Cont.)

EBERSOLE, P.A., 246 12 87, Slc, USNR.

OFFENSE: AOL from 0800, February 1944, to 1930, February 10, 1944.

Punishment: Warning.

BLAKE, H.J., 575 76 07, StM2c, USN.

OFFENSE: Leaving post of duty without being properly relieved.

Punishment: Three (3) hours extra duty.

LAWSON, W.W., 300 87 12, S2c, USN.

OFFENSE: Negligence in performance of assigned duty.

Punishment: Deck Court.

VACCARO, D.A., 207 40 23, Slc, USNR.

OFFENSE: Inattention to duty.

Punishment: Three (3) hours extra duty.

FARINA, R., 643 19 22, S2c, USNR.

OFFENSE: Inattention to duty.

Punishment: Three (3) hours extra duty.

LANDERS, C.L., 604 49 93, GM3c, USNR.

OFFENSE: Violation of Executive Officers Order 1-43. Second Offense:

Punishment: Deck Court.

1940 USS O'NEILL reported casualty to master gyro. Is steering by magnetic compass. 1955
 USS STERN reported casualty to Master gyro. Is steering by magnetic compass.

S. N. Anastasion
 S. N. ANASTASION.

20 - 24

Steaming as before.

T. H. Davis, Jr.
 T. H. DAVIS, Jr.

Approved:

John J. Shaffer III
 John J. Shaffer III, Commander, USN.

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 R. L. BAUGHAN, Lieut, USN

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UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601)

Monday

21

February

, 19 44

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

Zone description Plus 1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	55° 30'N	55° 47.5'N	55° 47.5'N
Long.	29° 08'W	28° 13'W	26° 36'W

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OPERATIONAL REMARKS~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

00 - 04

Steaming as a unit of TG 21.8 escorting CU-14 bound for United Kingdom. CTG 21.8 CDD32 in USS BOYLE. Convoy Commodore in STK OCCIDENTAL. Ship darkened and in condition of Readiness. II Mike; Material Condition Baker set. USS CHAMPLIN patrolling night station #2. Steaming on boilers #1 and #4. Convoy course 080°T, speed 11 knots. Wind force 6, large heavy seas.

N. R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

04 - 08

Steaming as before.

A. O. Knowlton
A. O. KNOWLTON

08 - 12

Steaming as before. 0800 Both motor whale boats tested and found in normal condition. 0804 Sunrise. 0900 Mustered crew on stations. No absentees. 1155 PETERSBURG reported steering casualty. Is dropping back. CROWN POINT is straggling 10,000 yards astern of convoy.

S. N. Anastasion
S. N. ANASTASION.

12 - 16

Steaming as before. 1500 Convoy changed course to 093°T. 1545 PETERSBURG took station astern of 35. CROWN POINT resumed station 34.

T. H. Davis, Jr.
T. H. DAVIS, Jr.

16 - 20

Steaming as before. 1759 Darkened ship.

N. R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

20 - 24

Steaming as before.

A. O. Knowlton
A. O. KNOWLTON.

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UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601)

Tuesday

22

February, 19 44

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

Zone description Plus 1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	55° 59' N	56° 05' N	56° 01.5' N
Long.	23° 25' W	22° 31' W	20° 01' W

ADMINISTRATIVE &
OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

00 - 04

Steaming as a unit of TG 21.8 escorting Convoy CU-14 to United Kingdom. CTG 21.8 as CDD32 in USS BOYLE. Convoy Commodore in STK OCCIDENTAL. Ship darkened and in condition of Readiness II Mike. Material condition Baker set. Champlin patrolling night station #2. Steaming on boilers #1 and #4. Convoy course 093°T, speed 11 knots.

S. M. Anastasio
S. M. ANASTASIO.

04 - 08

Steaming as before. 0725 Shifted steering to port motor and port cable.

T. H. Davis, Jr.
T. H. DAVIS, Jr.

08 - 12

Steaming as before. 0800 USS CHAMPLIN assumed S.C. Radar guard. 0820 Both motor whaleboats tested and found satisfactory. 0825 All divisions mustered on stations; No absentees. 1010 Convoy changed speed to 12 knots.

N. R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

12 - 16

Steaming as before. 1245 Convoy increased speed to 13 knots. 1424 Convoy changed course to 095°T. 1555 Convoy changed speed to 14 knots.

A. C. Knowlton
A. C. KNOWLTON.

16 - 20

Steaming as before. 1600 Convoy commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan #11. 1738 Sunset. Darkened ship. 1745 Dusk Alert, manned all battle stations. 1800 Convoy ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course of 095°T. 1830 Secured from Dusk Alert, and set condition II Mike. 1900 All clocks set ahead 30 minutes to zone plus 3.

T. H. Davis, Jr.
T. H. DAVIS, Jr.

20 - 24

Steaming as before.

N. R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

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UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601)

Wednesday
(Day)23
(Date)February, 19 44
(Month)Zone description Plus $\frac{1}{2}$

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	55° 53'N	55° 51'N	55° 28'N
Long.	15° 17'W	13° 49'W	10° 50'W

ADMINISTRATIVE &
OPERATIONAL REMARKS~~(CLASSIFIED)~~

00 - 04

Steaming as a unit of TG 21.8 escorting convoy CU-14 to United Kingdom. CTG 21.8 as CDD32 in USS BOYLE. Convoy Commodore in STK OCCIDENTAL. Ship darkened and in condition of Readiness II Mike. Material condition Baker set. USS CHAMPLIN patrolling night station, #2, speed 15 knots. Steaming on boilers #1 and #4. Convoy course 095°T, speed 14 knots.

A. Q. Knowlton
A. Q. KNOWLTON.

04 - 08

Steaming as before. 0645 Dawn alert, went to General Quarters. 0710 Convoy commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan #11. 0720 Secured from General Quarters, set condition II Mike. 0742 Sunrise.

S. N. Anastasion
S. N. ANASTASION.

08 - 12

Steaming as before. 0810 Mustered crew on station; No absentees. 0815 Both motor whaleboats tested and found satisfactory. 0955 Shifted stations with USS NIELDS, from station #2, to station #6. 1000 A Deck Court, Lieut. R. L. BAUGHAN, USN, met to try the cases of LAWSON, W.W., 300 87 12, S2c, USN; and LANDERS, C.L., 604 49 93 GM3c, USNR, and adjourned at 1030.

T. H. Davis, Jr.
T. H. DAVIS, Jr.

12 - 16

Steaming as before. 1232 Convoy changed speed to 13 knots. 1435 Convoy changed speed to 13½ knots. 1445 Deck Court finding published as follows: LANDERS, C.L., 604 49 93, GM3c, USNR - Reading unofficial matter on watch. Sentence: To lose \$30.00 of his pay, \$15.00 each month for 2 months. LAWSON, W.W., 300 87 12, S2c, USN - Negligence of duty. Sentence: To lose \$20.00 of his pay, \$10.00 each month for 2 months.

N. R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

16 - 20

Steaming as before. 1600 Convoy ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course of 095°T. 1630 Convoy changed formation to four columns. 1700 USS NIELDS taking position 10 miles ahead of convoy as a picket. USS CHAMPLIN assumed position #4 from Table XII of E.C.I for five escorts. 1730 Both motor whaleboats tested and found satisfactory. 1736 Sunset - darkened ship. 1754 Dusk Alert - manned all battle stations. 1800 Convoy changed course to 092°T. 1815 Secured from general quarters and set condition II Mike. 1830 Assumed night station. 1700 Set all clocks ahead thirty minutes to Zero time zone.

A. Q. Knowlton
A. Q. KNOWLTON.

20 - 24

Steaming as before. 2050 SURPRISE exhibited break-down lights. Fell astern of column and resumed speed. 2324 Crossed 100 Fathom curve.

S. N. Anastasion
S. N. ANASTASION.

Approved:

John J. Stenger III

Examined:

R. L. Baughan

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UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601)

Thursday

24

February

, 19 44

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

Zone description Zero

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	55° 28'N		
Long.	06° 30'W		

ADMINISTRATIVE &
OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

00 - 04

Steaming as a unit of TG 21.8 escorting convoy CU-14 to United Kingdom. CTG 21.8 is CDD32 in USS BOYLE. Convoy Commodore in STK OCCIDENTAL. Ship darkened and in Condition of Readiness II Mike. Material condition Baker set. USS CHAMPLIN patrolling night station #4, speed 14.5 knots. Steaming on boilers #1 and #4. Convoy course 087°T, speed 13.5 knots. Sighted TORY ISLAND light bearing 140°T, range 25 miles. 0140 Convoy and screen turned on dim running lights. 0145 Convoy changed course to 082°T.

T. H. Davis, Jr.
T. H. DAVIS, Jr.

04 - 08

Steaming as before. 0410 Convoy changed course to 072°T. 0410 Sighted Inishtrahull light bearing 104°T, distance 14 miles. 0519 Passed Inishtrahull light to starboard. 0525 Convoy changed course to 077°T. 0540 Convoy changed course to 097°T. 0550 Convoy changed course to 117°T. 0550 OVERSAY light sighted. 0630 Convoy formed in two columns. 0717 Convoy speed changed to 14 knots. 0725 Escort ships left convoy. Steaming on various courses and speeds to form column of escort ships.

N. R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

08 - 12

Steaming as before. 0835 Set clocks ahead 1 hour to zone -1. 0938 Proceeding independently up channel of LOUGH FOYLE. 0956 Stationed Special Sea Details. 1012 Pilot HAGGERTY came aboard. 1013 Steaming on various courses and speeds conforming to LOUGH FOYLE. 1155 Moored portside to USS BOYLE with 4 manila lines and 2 wire cables, at LISAHALLY, N. IRELAND.

N. R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

12 - 16

Moored as before. 1220 USS STERN moored starboard side this ship. 1345 Commenced fueling. Draft Forward 11'6". Aft. 17'1". 1500 Ceased fueling, Draft Forward 14'6". Aft. 17'2". Took on 89350 gals. grade A at 83°.

T. H. Davis, Jr.
T. H. DAVIS, Jr.

16 - 20

Moored as before. 1630 Pursuant to orders of the Commanding Officer, dated 24 February 1944, Ens. WEBER, USNR, left the ship in charge of PHILIBERT, L.E., 225 25 35, Sem3c, USN, MORIARTY, M.F., 607 25 54, FC3c, USNR, to report to Senior Shore Patrol Officer, LONDONDERRY, N. IRELAND.

C. H. Watts
C. H. WATTS.

20 - 24

Moored as before. 2000 All departments reported secure.

B. Dolan
B. DOLAN.

Approved:

John S. Steffen III

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R. L. Baughman

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UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601)

Friday, 25 February, 1944
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description Minus 1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

ADMINISTRATIVE &
OPERATIONAL REMARKS
~~(WAVE DATA)~~

00 - 04

Moored port side to starboard side of USS BOYLE (DD600) with four manila lines and two wire cables at Berth D, NOB LISAHALLY, N. IRELAND; one wire cable to pier #2 Boiler steaming for auxiliary purposes. Other ships of Task Group 21.8 also moored to fueling pier. CTG 21.8 in USS BOYLE. 0015 Pursuant to orders Commanding Officer, USS CHAMPLIN, 24 February 1944, Shore Patrol returned aboard, Ens. WEBER USNR, in charge.

A. O. Knowlton
A. O. KNOWLTON.

04 - 08

Moored as before.

C. H. Watts
C. H. WATTS.

08 - 12

Moored as before. 0800 Mustered crew at Quarters. ABSENTEES: PRIEST, A. 313 03 81, S2c, USNR. 1140 Summary Court Martial, Lieut. R. L. BAUGHAN, USN, senior member, met to try case of SPON, G. Jr., 615 83 53, S2c, USNR, and adjourned at 1200 to await action of the convening authority.

B. Dolan
B. DOLAN.

12 - 16

Moored as before.

N. R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

16 - 20

Moored as before. 1630 STANGLE, G.H., 607 88 05, Rdm3c, USNR, VAN DUSEN, R.K., 608 46 86, Rdm3c, USNR, left ship for shore patrol, LONDONDERRY, N. IRELAND. 1854 Sunset, Darkened ship. 1900 Eight o'clock reports. All departments, report secure.

W. A. SMITH.
W. A. Smith

20 - 24

Moored as before. 2120 PRIEST, A. 313 03 81, S2c, USNR, returned aboard after being absent over leave from 0100, 25 February 1944.

J. A. Bookhout
J. A. BOOKHOUT.

Approved:

John J. Shaffer III

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R. L. Baughan

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UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601)

Saturday 26 February 1944
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description Minus 1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

ADMINISTRATIVE &
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00 - 04

Moored port side to starboard side of USS BOYLE which is moored port side to the fueling dock, berth D, LISAHALLY, N. IRELAND with two wire cables and four manila lines. Boiler #2 steaming for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: Task Group 21.8 with CTG 21.8 in USS BOYLE. 0100 Shore patrol returned aboard.

T. H. Davis, Jr.
T. H. DAVIS, Jr.

04 - 08

Moored as before.

W. A. Smith
W. A. SMITH.

08 - 12

Moored as before. 0815 All divisions mustered on stations, no absentees. 0830 Tested steering engine and gear, satisfactory. 0850 Inspection party left ship to conduct inspection of USS NIELDS. 1157 Inspection party returned aboard.

N. R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

12 - 16

Moored as before. 1330 Commander Destroyer Division 32, accompanied by inspection board from USS NIELDS (DD616), came aboard, breaking his pennant and began Annual Military Inspection. 1510 Set condition II Mike, watch I, Set Material Condition Baker throughout the ship. 1515 Ship went to General Quarters for Damage Control Practice and Battle Problem.

D. L. Jones
D. L. JONES.

16 - 20

Moored as before. Ship at General Quarters. 1605 Secured from General Quarters. 1615 Commander Destroyer Division 32 and inspection board left the ship, hauled down Commander Destroyer Division 32's pennant and hoisted commission pennant. 1735 LAWRENCE F.J., 602 29 79 FC32, USNR, TRAMONTI, J (n), 204 84 87, RdM3c, USNR, left the ship as members of Shore Patrol in LONDONDERRY, N. IRELAND. 1856 Executed colors. 1900 Mustered Prisoners at Large and Restricted men, no absentees. 1930 Eight o'clock reports. All departments reported secure.

H. E. Mitchell
H. E. MITCHELL.

20 - 24

Moored as before.

E. E. Simmons
E. E. SIMMONS.

Approved:

John J. Sheffer III
JOHN J. SHEFFER III

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R. L. Baughman
R. L. BAUGHMAN, Lieut. USN

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UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601)

Sunday

27

February, 19 44

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(Month)

Zone description Minus 1

Position	0800	1200	2000
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Long.			

ADMINISTRATIVE &
OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

00 - 04

Moored port side to starboard side USS BOYLE which is moored port side to berth Dog, fueling docks, NOB LISAHALLY, Northern IRELAND with four manila lines and two wire cables. Present as a unit of TG 21.8. Other units present: USS BOYLE, USS NELDS, USS ODRONAU, USS STERN, USS O'NIELL CTG 21.8 and CDD32 in USS BOYLE. Boiler #3 steaming for auxiliary purposes. Ship darkened. 0050 Shore patrol returned aboard from duty with U.S. Naval Shore Patrol, LONDONDERRY, N. IRELAND.

M. Anastasion
VS. N. ANASTASION.

04 - 08

Moored as before.

D. L. Jones
D. L. JONES.

08 - 12

Moored as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 0914 Lighted fires under No. 1 boiler. 1100 Cut in #1 boiler on auxiliary steam line. 1105 Let fires die out under #3 boiler. 1145 MILLER, 1J. 607 25 83, FC2c, USNR and VAN SICKLE, S.A., 706 95 30, Rdm3c, USNR, left ship for members of Shore Patrol in LONDONDERRY, N. IRELAND.

H. E. Mitchell
H. E. MITCHELL.

12 - 16

Moored as before. 1330 COMMODORE BAUGHMAN, Commandant, NOB, LONDONDERRY, N. IRELAND made informal inspection of ship.

N. R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

16 - 20

Moored as before. 1605 Shifted auxiliary steaming forward. 1800 Executed colors. Darkened ship.

F. H. Weber
F. H. WEBER.

20 - 24

Moored as before. 2000 All departments secure.

N. R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

Approved:

John J. Shaffer III
John J. Shaffer III, Commander, USN.

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R. L. BAUGHMAN, Lieut. USN.

UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601)

Monday

28

February, 19 44

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Position	0800	1200	2000
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**ADMINISTRATIVE &
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~~(WAVE MARK)~~

00 - 04

Moored portside to starboard side USS BOYLE which is moored port side to berth Dog, fueling docks, NOB LISAHALLY, Northern IRELAND with four manila lines and two wire cables. Present as a unit of TG 21.8. Other units present: USS BOYLE, USS NEILDS, USS ORDRONAU, USS STERN, USS O'NEILL. CTG 21.8 (CDD32) in USS BOYLE. Boiler #1 steaming for auxiliary purposes. Ship darkened. 0045 Shore Patrol returned aboard from duty with U.S. Naval Shore Patrol, LONDONDERRY, N. IRELAND.

A. O. Knowlton
A. O. KNOWLTON.

04 - 08

Moored as before.

F. H. Weber
F. H. WEBER.

08 - 12

Moored as before 0800 Mustered crew at quarters. No absentees. 1030 USS O'NEILL got underway. 1200 Inspected magazines and small arms lockers; conditions normal.

C. H. Watts
C. H. WATTS.

12 - 16

Moored as before. 1300 This vessel assumed the guard duty. 1319 Commenced fueling ship, draft forward 14'6", draft aft. 19'. 1342 Shore Patrol left ship with Ens. GUSTIN, USNR in charge. 1420 Completed fueling ship, having received on board 105 bbls. of fuel oil at 56°F. Draft forward 14'8", draft aft 17'2".

J. A. Bookhout
J. A. BOOKHOUT.

16 - 20

Moored as before. 1900 Sunset, Darken ship. 1905 Mustered all PAL'S and Restricted men, no absentees.

W. A. Smith
W. A. SMITH.

20 - 24

Moored as before. 2000 All departments reported secure.

J. A. Bookhout
J. A. BOOKHOUT.

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UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601)

Tuesday
(Day)29
(Date)February
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Zone description Minus 1

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		55° 24'N	55° 39'N
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ADMINISTRATIVE &
OPERATIONAL REMARKS~~(WAR DIARY)~~

00 - 04

Moored port side to the starboard side of the USS BOYLE which is moored to Berth D, fueling dock, LISAHALLY, N. IRELAND, with four manila lines and 2 wire cables. The USS STERN is moored to our starboard side. Ship darkened. Boiler #1 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: TG 21.8 less USS O'NEILL. CTG 21.8 CDD32, in USS BOYLE. 0050 Shore Patrol returned aboard.

T. H. Davis, Jr.
T. H. DAVIS, Jr.

04 - 08

Moored as before.

S. N. Anastasion
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08 - 12

Moored as before. 0800 Crew mustered on stations, no absentees. 0955 Stationed Special Sea Details, pilot, C. O'DONNELL came aboard. 1038 Underway in tow of tug. 1040 Tug cast off, steaming on various courses and speeds conforming to channel of Lough FOYLE, N. IRELAND. Movement in accordance with Escort Control Officer, LONDONDERRY, N. IRELAND secret dispatch 281449 of February, Task Group, 21.8 less USS IRA JEFFREY in company CTG 21.8 C. L. MELSON, Commander, USN, in USS BOYLE.

N. R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

12 - 16

Steaming as before. 1202 Pilot left the ship. 1215 Commenced steaming on various courses and speeds in Lough FOYLE for scheduled exercises. Commenced calibrating SC, SG and FD radars. 1323 Completed calibrating the radar and commenced compensating the magnetic compass.

T. H. Davis, Jr.
T. H. DAVIS, Jr.

16 - 20

Steaming as before, on various courses while compensating magnetic compass, speed 5 knots. 1635 Completed compensating magnetic compass. Proceeding on various courses and speeds to join CTG 21.8. 1810 Both whaleboats tested and found satisfactory. 1812 Units of TG 21.8 assembled at rendezvous off entrance to River FOYLE in column normal order distance 1000 yards. Course 270°T. 1830 Changed course to 000°T.

A. O. Knowlton
A. O. KNOWLTON.

20 - 24

Steaming as before. 2015 Changed course to 116°T. 2100 Sighted OVERSAY ISLAND LIGHT bearing 075°T. 2222 Changed course to 146°T. 2247 Sighted ALTACARRY HEAD LIGHT bearing 126°T. 2250 Sighted RATHLIN ISLAND LIGHT bearing 128°T. 2300 Changed course to 116°T.

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