

UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601) Monday 1 May, 1944
 (Day) (Date) (Month)

OPERATIONAL &
ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

00 - 04

Steaming as a unit of TG 27.3 composed of DesRon 16 less USS MAC KENZIE and USS KENDRICK. CTG 27.3 (CDS16) in USS LAUB. Ships in scouting line normal to base course in following order from the right: USS NIELDS, USS LAUB, USS MC LANAHAN, USS PARKER, USS BOYLE, USS CHAMPLIN, USS ORDRONAU; interval 3000 yards. Steaming on boilers #2 and #3. Ship darkened; Material condition Baker and condition of Readiness II Mike set. Base course 092°T, speed 15 knots. 0100 All clocks set ahead one hour to zone minus 1 time.

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

04 - 08

Steaming as before. 0530 Dawn Alert - went to General Quarters. 0640 Sighted plane 220°T, identified as friendly. 0642 Secured from General Quarters and set condition II Mike.

S. N. Anastasion
S. N. ANASTASION.

08 - 12

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. 35° 59.5' N. Long. 07° 32' W. 0800 Mustered all divisions on station, Absentee: MC KINNEY, J.D. 607 25 87, Sic, USNR. 0817 Both motor whaleboats tested and found satisfactory. 0913 Formation changed speed to 16 knots. 0930 Changed to formation of divisions in columns. 0945 Changed speed to 15½ knots, and changed to screening formation. 37C as per CSP 1846, USS CHAMPLIN in station "B". Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Condition normal.

N. R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

12 - 16

Steaming as before. 1200 Position: Lat. 35° 52' N. Long. 06° 19' W. 1245 Sighted coast line of Spanish Morocco bearing 120°T, range 25 miles. 1300 Formation changed course to 089°T. 1309 Changed to formation of divisions in column, interval 600 yards. 1346 Formation changed course to 056°T. 1400 Formation changed course to 082°T. 1442 Formation changed course to 070°T. 1445 Formation changed course to 075°T. 1530 Passed Europa Point abeam to port, range 7 miles. Formation changed course to 098°T; changed to screening formation 37C as per CSP 1846, USS CHAMPLIN in station "B".

B. Dolan
B. DOLAN.

16 - 20

Steaming as before.

S. N. Anastasion
S. N. ANASTASION.

20 - 24

Steaming as before. 2000 Position: Lat. 35° 55' N. Long. 03° 41.5' W. 2000 All departments reported secure. 2003 Sunset, darkened ship. Dusk Alert went to General Quarters. 2103 Secured from General Quarters, set condition II Mike. 2315 Changed speed to 14 knots. 2328 Formation changed course to 085°T.

N. R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

Examined:

F. E. Fleck, Jr.
F. E. FLECK, Jr. Lieut. Comdr., USN.
Commanding.

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

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601)

Tuesday

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Steaming as a unit of TG 27.3 composed of DesRon 16 less USS MAC KENZIE and USS KENDRICK, CTG 27.3 (CDS16) in USS LAUB. Ships in screening formation 37C as per CSP 1846, USS CHAMPLIN in station "B". Steaming on boilers #2 and #3; ship darkened, material condition Baker and condition of Readiness II Mike set. Base course 085°T, speed 14 knots. 0100 All clocks set ahead one hour to zone - 2 time.

B. Dolan
B. DOLAN.

04 - 08

Steaming as before. 0600 Dawn Alert - went to General Quarters. 0642 Secured from General Quarters, set condition II Mike. 0725 Took standard distance, form 18, speed 10 knots. 0731 Turn 45°. 0731 Changed speed to 15 knots. 0745 Column changed course to 170°T.

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

08 - 12

Steaming as before, using various courses and speeds proceeding into Mers El Kebir. 0800 Position: Lat. 35° 53'N; Long. 00° 38'W. 0803 Proceeding independently. 0805 All divisions mustered on stations. Absentee: MC KINNEY, J.D., 607 25 87, Slc, USNR. 1042 Passed gate. 1106 Moored starboard side to port side of tanker "YANKEE ARROW" in berth "Victor" at Mers El Kebir, Algeria with 5 manila lines and two wire cables. 1115 USS ORDRONAUX moored along our port side with 6 manila lines. 1123 Secured Special Sea Details, set regular port watch. 1125 Draft of ship 12'3" Aft. Commenced fueling ship. Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Condition normal.

S. N. Anastasion
S. N. ANASTASION.

12 - 16

Moored as before. 1545 Finished fueling ship, received aboard 106,055 gallons fuel oil at 72°F. Draft Fwd. 14'6"; Aft 17'5".

W. Gustin
W. GUSTIN.

16 - 20

Moored as before. 1755 Stationed Special Sea Details. 1800 All departments ready for getting underway. 1812 Underway, Captain at the conn, executive officer on the bridge, on various courses and at various speeds to shift berths. 1900 Moored port side to starboard side USS MC LANAHAN in west side of mole at Mers El Kebir, Algeria, with 4 manila lines and two wire cables. Steaming on #2 boiler for auxiliary purposes. 1903 Set regular port watch. 1930 Mustered all prisoners - at - large and restricted men; no absentees.

B. Dolan
B. DOLAN.

20 - 24

Moored as before. 2000 All departments reported secure. 2048 Sunset - darkened ship.

W. B. Schnida
W. B. SCHNEIDAU.

Examined:

F. E. Fleck Jr.
F. E. FLECK, Jr. Lieut. Comdr., USN.
Commanding.

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

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601)

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Moored port side to starboard side of USS MC LANAHAN in west side of mole at Mers El Kebir, Algeria with 4 manila lines and two wire cables. Steaming on #1 boiler for auxiliary purposes. Regular port watch set.

F. H. Weber
F. H. WEBBER.

04 - 08

Moored as before. 0706 Sunrise. Lighted ship.

S. N. Anastasion
S. N. ANASTASION.

08 - 12

Moored as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters. Absentee: MC KINNEY, J.D., 607 25 87, Slc, USNR. 1130 Magazines inspected, condition normal.

H. E. Mitchell
H. E. MITCHELL.

12 - 16

Moored as before. 1230 Shore Patrol left ship for duty with Naval Shore Patrol in Oran, Algeria. 1330 DD454 moored port side to our starboard side. 1400 Transferred 9 MK. 7 depth charges complete to DD454.

E. E. Simmons
E. E. SIMMONS.

16 - 20

Moored as before. 1945 Mustered all prisoners at - large and restricted men. No absentees.

W. J. Murbach
W. J. MURBACH.

20 - 24

Moored as before. 2000 All departments reported secure. 2049 Sunset. Darkened ship. 2240 Shore Patrol returned aboard.

W. A. Smith
W. A. SMITH.

Examined:

J. E. Fleck, Jr.
F. E. FLECK, Jr. Lieut. Comdr., USN.
Commanding.

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

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601) Thursday 4 May, 1944
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Moored port side to starboard side of USS MC LANAHAN in west side of Mole in Vulcan nest at Mers El Kebir, Algeria, with 4 manila lines and two wire cables. Steaming on #2 boiler for auxiliary purposes. Regular port watch set. Ship darkened.

R. G. Goodewe
R. G. GOODEWE.

04 - 08

Moored as before. 0705 Sunrise. 0730 Pursuant to COMDES 8th Flt. serial 0125 of 3 May 1944, Ens. W.B. SCHNEIDAU, USNR, left ship for a course of instruction at Cap Carbon Radar Station, Algeria.

N. R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

08 - 12

Moored as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters. Absentees: MC KINNEY, J.D., 607 25 87, Slc, USNR. Executed colors. 1000 Men left ship to attend beach party. 1100 CDS7 came aboard and left. Colors at Half Mast in memory of Lieut. R.D. MANSFIELD, USN, lost at sea from USS MACOMB on 23 April 1944. Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Condition normal.

W. Gustin
W. GUSTIN.

12 - 16

Moored as before.

H. E. Mitchell
H. E. MITCHELL.

16 - 20

Moored as before. 1900 Mustered all restricted man and prisoners - at - large. No absentees.

S. N. Anastasion
S. N. ANASTASION.

20 - 24

Moored as before. 2000 All departments reported secure.

B. Dolan
B. DOLAN.

Examined:

J. E. Fleck, Jr.
E. E. FLECK, Jr. Lieut. Comdr., USN.
Commanding.

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

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601)

Friday

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Moored port side to starboard side of USS MC LANAHAN in USS VULCAN nest at MERS - EL - KEBIR, Algeria with 4 manila lines and two wire cables. Steaming on No. 2 boiler for auxiliary purposes. Regular port watch set. Ship darkened.

J. A. Bookhout
J. A. BOOKHOUT.

04 - 08

Moored as before.

F. H. Weber
F. H. WEBER.

08 - 12

Moored as before. 0800 Executed colors. 0845 Mustered crew at quarters; absentees: MC KINNEY, J.D., 607 25 87, Slc, USNR. 0900 CDD32, accompanied by an inspection board from USS ORDRONAU, came aboard, breaking his pennant, and began surprise inspection. 1000 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Conditions normal.

W. J. Murbach
W. J. MURBACH.

12 - 16

Moored as before. 1229 CDD32 and inspection party left ship. Commission pennant broken. 1231 Secured from inspection, set regular port watch. 1335 Shore patrol left ship.

N. R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

16 - 20

Moored as before. 1700 A Summary Court Martial, Lieut. R. L. BAUGHAN, USN, senior member, met to try the case of BUZZARD, R.E., S2c, 603 99 62, USNR, and adjourned at 1530 to await action of the convening authority. 1900 Mustered all prisoners at large and restricted men. No absentees.

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

20 - 24

Moored as before. 2000 All departments reported secure. 2050 Sunset. Darkened ship. 2300 Shore patrol returned aboard.

W. A. Smith
W. A. SMITH.

Examined:

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

Navigator.

F. E. Fleck, Jr.
F. E. FLECK, Jr. Lieut. Comdr., USN.
Commanding.

UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601)

Saturday

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Moored portside to starboard side of USS MC LANAHAN in USS VULCAN nest at Mers - El - Kebir, Algeria, with 4 manila lines and two wire cables. Steaming on #3 boiler for auxiliary purposes. Regular port watch set. Ship darkened.

W. Gustin
W. GUSTIN.

04 - 08

Moored as before. 0725 USS STEADY (AM118) moored portside to our starboard side.

B. Dolan
B. DOLAN.

08 - 12

Moored as before. 0800 Executed colors. Mustered crew at quarters. Absentees: MC KINNEY, J.D., 607 25 87, Sic, USNR. 1000 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Conditions normal.

R. G. Goodeve
R. G. GOODEVE.

12 - 16

Moored as before. 1230 Shore Patrol left ship. 1435 Ensign John F. KEYES, E-V(G), USNR, returned aboard and resumed his regular duties, having completed temporary duty.

W. J. Murbach
W. J. MURBACH.

16 - 20

Moored as before. 1900 Mustered all prisoners at large and restricted men. No absentees.

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

20 - 24

Moored as before. 2000 All departments reported secure. 2247 Shore Patrol returned aboard.

J. A. Bookhout
J. A. BOOKHOUT.

Examined:

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

F. E. Fleck, Jr.
F. E. FLECK, Jr. Lieut. Comdr., USN.
Commanding.

UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601)

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Moored port side to starboard side to USS MC LANAHAN in USS VULCAN nest, USS STEADY moored to our starboard side at Mers - El - Kebir with 4 manila lines and 2 wire cables. Steaming on No. 3 boiler for auxiliary purposes. Regular port watch set. Ship darkened.

W. R. Smith
W. R. SMITH.

04 - 08

Moored as before.

E. E. Simmons
E. E. SIMMONS.

08 - 12

Moored as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters. Absentees: MC KINNEY, J.D., 607 25 87, Slc, USNR. Assumed Military and Medical guard. Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Condition normal.

F. H. Weber
F. H. WEBER.

12 - 16

Moored as before. 1300 The following named men left the ship for duty at the Shore Patrol Headquarters, U.S. Navy, Oran, Algeria.
MORTON, T.W., Cox, USN.
RISCEN, F.C., TM3c, USNR.
MORIARTY, M.F., FC3c, USNR.

S. N. Anastasion
S. N. ANASTASION.

16 - 20

Moored as before. 1700 GRABOWSKI, C. (n), WT1c, USN, 238 54 97, transferred to USS VULCAN for medical treatment. 1917 Secured steam to USS STEADY. 1930 Mustered all PAL's and restricted men. No absentees.

J. A. Bookhout
J. A. BOOKHOUT.

20 - 24

Moored as before. 2045 USS MACOMB got underway from USS VULCAN nest. 2130 SHORTS, J.T., 205 43 39, StM2c, USNR, returned aboard AOL since 2000, 7 May, 1944 and was made a prisoner at large by order of the commanding officer. 2300 Shore Patrol returned.

R. G. Goodeve
R. G. GOODEVE.

Examined:

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

Navigator.

F. E. Fleck, Jr.
F. E. FLECK, Jr. Lieut. Comdr., USN.
Commanding.

UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601) Monday 8 May, 1944
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Moored port side to starboard side of USS MC LANAHAN in USS VULCAN nest, USS STEADY moored to our starboard side at Mers - El - Kebir with 4 manila lines and 2 wire cables. Steaming on #3 boiler for auxiliary purposes. Regular port watch set. Ship darkened.

H. E. Mitchell
H. E. MITCHELL.

04 - 08

Moored as before. 0550 Set Special Sea Details. 0622 Underway. Using various courses and speeds to clear harbor. 0657 Set condition II Mike. 0701 Sunrise, lighted ship. 0745 Secured Special Sea Details.

N. R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

08 - 12

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. 35° 50'N; Long. 00° 38'W. 0800 Mustered crew on station. Absentees: MC KINNEY, J.D., 607 25 87, Slc, USNR. 0835 Des Div32 less USS NIELDS commenced steaming in line in the following order: USS BOYLE, USS CHAMPLIN, USS ORDRONAU, interval 2000 yards on course 032°T at 14.5 knots. 0935 Changed course to 212°T. 1040 Changed course to 123°T. 1047 Changed course to 080°T. 1143 Des Div32 less USS NIELDS formed column and commenced steaming on various courses and speeds, standing into ARZEU harbor. Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Condition normal.

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

12 - 16

Steaming as before. 1200 Position: Lat. 35° 52'N; Long. 00° 16'W. 1302 USS CHAMPLIN, USS ORDRONAU commenced anti-submarine patrol to seaward; USS BOYLE standing in to commence shore bombardment exercises. 1513 Standing in to commence shore bombardment exercises; went to General Quarters. 1230 Stopped off Arzeu harbor to take aboard five Army observers.

B. Dolan
B. DOLAN.

16 - 20

Steaming as before. 1716 Completed firing exercises. Commenced patrolling eastern end of area. 1718 Secured from General Quarters, set condition II Mike. Ammunition expended: 34 rounds 5"/38 cal. service projectiles. 1808 All ships completed scheduled exercises. Proceeded to ARZEU Harbor to discharge Army observers. 1844 Discharged Army observers. Proceeding to Mers - El - Kebir in column formation, normal order, speed 25 knots.

S. N. Anastasion
S. N. ANASTASION.

20 - 24

Steaming as before. 2000 Position: Lat. 35° 45'N; Long. 00° 35'W. All departments reported secure. 2003 Stationed Special Sea Details; proceeding on various courses and at various speeds conforming to the channel. 2045 Moored port side to starboard side USS BOYLE in nest with USS NIBLACK astern the USS VULCAN at Mers - El - Kebir, Algeria, with 4 manila lines and 2 wire cables. Steaming on boiler #2 for auxiliary purposes. 2059 Set the regular port watch. 2100 USS ORDRONAU moored port side to our starboard side with 4 manila lines and 2 wire cables. 2130 Mustered all prisoners at large and restricted men; no absentees.

B. Dolan
B. DOLAN.

Examined:

F. E. Fleck, Jr.
F. E. FLECK, Jr. Lieut. Comdr., USN.
Commanding.

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

Navigator.

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Moored port side to starboard side of USS BOYLE in nest with USS NIBLACK at Mers - El - Kebir, Algeria, with four manila lines and two wire cables. Steaming on No. 2 boiler for auxiliary purposes. Engines on four hours notice.

F. H. Weber
F. H. WEBER.

04 - 08

Moored as before. 0515 Lighted fires under #3 boiler. 0718 USS ORDRONAUX got underway. 0720 Pursuant to orders DD601/P13/P16-4/HENKE, W.J., MoMMlc, USNR, left the ship as guard to deliver WARD, E.L., 201 58 77, MMlc, USN, to Commandant Naval Operating Base, Oran, Algeria. 0725 Stationed Special Sea Details. 0745 Underway - using various courses and speeds to clear berth.

H. E. Mitchell
H. E. MITCHELL.

08 - 12

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. 35° 43.5' N; Long. 00° 38' W. Mustered crew on station. Absentees: MC KINNEY, J.D., 607 25 87, Slc, USNR. 0821 Secured Special Sea Details. 0835 Steaming in column normal order with USS BOYLE (CDD32), and USS ORDRONAUX. 0916 Conducted division tactics. 0932 General Quarters, crews manned stations for scheduled exercises. 0934 Commenced scheduled exercises. 1008 Completed "How" runs. Ammunition expended: 360 rounds 20MM; 45 rounds 40MM. 1031 Went to General Quarters. 1113 Completed scheduled exercises. Ammunition expended on "George" runs: 15 rounds 5"/38; 64 rounds 40MM; 198 rounds 20MM. Secured from General Quarters, set condition II M. 1145 Left formation, heading for rendezvous for afternoon's exercises. Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Condition normal.

N. R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

12 - 16

Steaming as before. 1200 Position: Lat. 35° 52' N; Long. 00° 38' W. 1200 Arrived at outer Oran Harbor and commenced steaming on various courses and at various speeds waiting for the USS MADISON to take target in tow. 1320 Commenced exercises with a plane which is making simulated torpedo attacks on this ship. 1340 Plane commenced making runs for S.C. radar calibration. 1445 Commenced steaming on course 015° T at 15 knots, proceeding to designated firing area. USS MADISON has the target in tow. 1511 Arrived at designated firing area. Went to General Quarters and commenced day spotting firing practice. USS PARKER, USS MC LANAHAN, and USS LAUB joined this ship to conduct the same practice.

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

16 - 20

Steaming as before, conducting surface firing practice 1726 Completed scheduled exercises and secured from General Quarters, set condition II M, ammunition expended: 49 rounds 5"/38. 1736 Steaming on various courses and speeds in column formation returning to base. 1802 Stationed Special Sea Details. 1900 Moored port side to starboard side of USS MC LANAHAN with 4 manila lines and 2 wire cables in Mers - El - Kebir, Algeria. 1913 Secured Special Sea Details, set regular port watch. 1920 USS LAUB moored to our starboard side. 1929 All prisoners at large and restricted men mustered, no absentees. Received aboard the following officers and men for further transfer as indicated: To USS BOYLE: Lieut. (jg) E.H. JOHNSON, USNR, HATHCOCK, J.E., Cox, USNR. To USS ORDRONAUX: Lieut. C. LEONARD, USNR, FORTHYSE, A.F., BM2c, USN.

N. R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

20 - 24

Moored as before. 2000 All departments reported secure.

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

Examined:

F. E. Fleck, Jr.
F. E. FLECK, Jr. Lieut. Comdr., USN.
Commanding.

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

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601)

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Moored port side to starboard side of USS MC LANAHAN with 4 manila lines and 2 wire cables, in nest with USS PARKER, USS NIBLACK, and USS LAUB at Mers - El - Kebir, Algeria. Steaming on #2 boiler for auxiliary purposes.

W. A. Smith
W. A. SMITH.

04 - 08

Moored as before. 0545 Lighted fires under #3 boiler. 0620 Cut in #3 boiler on the main steam lines. 0710 Made all preparations for getting underway. 0730 Ensign W. GUSTIN, E-V(G), USNR, was detached in accordance with COMCLANT P16-4/00/ (30-lbt) serial 577 of 5 February 1944, having completed temporary duty. 0734 Underway for scheduled exercises. Steaming on various courses and at various speeds standing out of harbor.

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

08 - 12

Proceeding to operating area using various courses and speeds. 0800 Set condition II Mike. 0800 Position: Lat. 35° 44'N; Long. 00° 39.5'W. Mustered crew on station. Absentees: MC KINNEY, J.D., 607 25 87, Slc, USNR. 0850 Joined DesDiv31 for exercises. Formed column, USS CHAMPLIN last in column. 0934 Commenced scheduled exercises, conducting AAMG "How" practice. 0955 Completed "How" practice having expended 375 rounds 20MM, 69 rounds 40MM ammunition. 1013 Commenced AA "Baker one" exercise, went to General Quarters. 1049 Completed "Baker one" exercise having expended 8 rounds 5"/38 ammunition. Secured from General Quarters, set condition II M. 1149 Proceeding independently using various courses and speeds to operating area for scheduled shore bombardment exercise with USS EDISON. Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Condition normal.

S. N. Anastasion
S. N. ANASTASION.

12 - 16

Steaming as before. 1200 Position: Lat. 35° 51'N; Long. 00° 15'W. 1203 Received aboard Army observers from entrance to ARZEU Harbor. 1338 Commenced scheduled exercises: Shore bombardment. USS EDISON firing first 1455 Went to General Quarters. 1510 Commenced shore bombardment exercises. 1555 Completed scheduled exercises. Ammunition expended: 34 rounds 5"/38.

W. E. Schneidau
W. E. SCHNEIDAU.

16 - 20

Steaming as before. 1603 Secured from General Quarters, set condition II M. Commenced steaming on course 288°T, at 25 knots proceeding to ARZEU. 1630 Arrived at ARZEU Bay and commenced maneuvering on various courses & speeds awaiting boat for Army observers. 1800 Army observers left the ship. 1800 MICHELSON, I., EM3c, USNR, sustained traumatic amputation of tip of distal phalanx, and traumatic evulsion of the nail of the fourth finger, right hand. Injury sustained while handling line from crash boat. Patient administered to, and placed on binnacle list. Commenced steaming on course 310°T at 25 knots. 1825 Received orders from USS LAUB to join screen of convoy UGS 40. Commenced steaming on various courses at 20 knots to comply with orders. 1839 Took station astern of USS LAUB to await assignment of station in screen of convoy. Steaming on course 055°T at 10 knots.

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

20 - 24

Steaming as before. 2000 Position: Lat. 36° 05'N; Long. 00° 15'W. All departments reported secure. 2010 Using various courses and speeds to take station #5 in convoy screen. 2054 Sunset; darkened ship.

Examined:

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

F. E. Fleck, Jr.
F. E. FLECK, Jr. Lieut. Comdr., USN.
Commanding.

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2055 Dusk Alert; went to General Quarters.
2056 Assumed station, bearing 120° T, from guide, distance 8000 yards. Convoy
steaming on base course 060° T, speed 8 knots. 2217 Secured from General Quarters;
set condition II Mike.

B. Dolan
B. DOLAN.

Examined:

J. E. Fleck, Jr.
E. E. FLECK, Jr. Lieut. Comdr., USN.
Commanding.

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

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601)

Thursday

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00 - 04

Steaming in company with TF61 as unit of Anti-aircraft screen around convoy UGS40. OTC is CTF61. Convoy course 060°T, speed 8 knots. Steaming on boilers 2 and 3. Ship darkened; in condition of readiness II Mike; material condition Baker set. 0200 USS LAUB and USS CHAMPLIN directed by escort commander to leave screen and carry out basic orders assigned by Com Des 8th Fleet. Set course 240°T, speed 18 knots. USS CHAMPLIN on port beam of USS LAUB at 2400 yards. 0330 Changed course to 242°T.

S. N. Anastasion
S. N. ANASTASION.

04 - 08

Steaming as before. 0520 Light observed on horizon bearing 270°T. 0555 Passed tug towing damaged ship and its screening vessel abeam to port 4000 yards. 0600 Sighted land to port, 8000 yards. 0642 Changed speed to 15 knots and changed course to 130°T, took station astern of USS LAUB. 0658 Sunrise. Lighted ship.

W. B. Schneidau
W. B. SCHNEIDAU.

08 - 12

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. 35° 52'N; Long. 00° 37'W. Mustered crew on station. Absentees: MC KINNEY, J.D., 607 25 87, Slc, USNR. 0804 In the following order the USS PARKER, USS MC LANAHAN, USS LAUB, USS CHAMPLIN and the USS LIVERMORE formed a column and proceeded to designated area for surface firing on course 350°T, at 20 knots. 0858 Commenced scheduled exercises. 0915 Went to General Quarters. 1109 Completed exercises and secured from General Quarters, set condition II M. Expended the following ammunition: 12 rounds of 5"/38, 468 rounds of 40MM; 1059 rounds 20MM. Commenced steaming on course 090°T, at 20 knots. 1137 Joined DesDiv31 less USS KENDRICK, and USS Mac KENZIE plus USS LIVERMORE for scheduled simulated coordinated air attacks exercise using screen plan 37 Charlie with the USS CHAMPLIN in station Peter. Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder same condition normal.

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

12 - 16

Steaming on course 160°T, speed 15 knots in operating area in company with DesDiv31 less USS KENDRICK and USS Mac KENZIE plus USS LIVERMORE for scheduled simulated coordinated air attack exercises using plan Charlie 37. USS CHAMPLIN in station "Peter". 1200 Position: Lat. 35° 54'N; Long. 00° 35'W. 1200 Commenced scheduled exercises. 1230 Completed exercises, secured from General Quarters; set condition II M. 1250 Changed course to 260°T. 1300 Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan #12. Proceeding on various courses and speeds to operating area. 1316 Commenced double echo check with USS LIVERMORE. 1350 Completed double echo check, resumed position, 1000 yards astern of USS LIVERMORE. 1444 Commenced scheduled anti-aircraft exercises; went to General Quarters. 1545 Completed exercises, having expended - 38 rounds of 5"/38, 80 rounds of 20MM, and 20 rounds of 40MM ammunition. Secured from General Quarters; set condition II M. 1550 Proceeding to port, course 195°T, speed 25 knots.

B. Dolan
B. DOLAN.

16 - 20

Steaming as before. Proceeding by various courses and speeds to Mers - El - Kebir, Algeria. 1652 Stationed Special Sea Details. 1707 Passed nets abeam. 1720 Moored starboard side to tanker YANKEE ARROW with 4 manila lines and 2 wire cables. 1733 Commenced fueling. 1737 Secured Special Sea Details, set regular port watch. 1845 Stationed Special Sea Details. 1854 Completed fueling, 40,561 gallons taken on board. 1858 All lines clear. 1900 Proceeding by various courses and speeds to berth. 1930 Moored port side to derelict French cruiser EPERVIER. 1937 Secured Special Sea Details, set regular port watch.

Examined:

J. A. Bookhout
J. A. BOOKHOUT.

J. E. Fleck, Jr.
J. E. FLECK, Jr. Lieut. Comdr., USN.
Commanding.

H. L. Baughan
H. L. BAUGHAN, Lieut. USN.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601) Thursday 11 May, 19 44

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20 - 24

Moored as before. 2000 All Departments reported secure. Mustered all prisoners - at - large and restricted men. No absentees. 2055 Sunset.

W. J. Murbach
W. J. MURBACH.

Examined:

F. E. Fleck, Jr.
F. E. FLECK, Jr. Lieut. Comdr., USN.
Commanding.

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

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601) Friday 12 May, 1944
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OPERATIONAL &
ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

00 - 04

Moored port side to derelict French cruiser EPERVIER in Mers-El-Kebir Harbor, Algeria with two wire and four manila hawsers. No. 3 boiler steaming for auxiliary purposes. Ship darkened.

R. G. Goodeve
R. G. GOODEVE.

04 - 08

Moored as before. 0630 Held Reveille.
0657 Lighted ship.

E. E. Simmons
E. E. SIMMONS.

08 - 12

Moored as before. 0800 Quarters for muster, absentee: MC KINNEY, J.D., 607 25 87, Slc, USNR. 1045 Commenced loading ammunition. 1055 The following named men reported aboard for further transfer to Commanding Officer of USS BROOKLYN.

LANDIS, B. 922 51 04 S2c, USNR.
LEE, C.H., 575 51 28, S2c, USNR.
LEE, R.D., Jr., 249 42 47, S2c, USNR.
LEHMAN, F.D., 924 24 74, S2c, USNR.
LEIGHTON, F.E., 905 71 09, S2c, USNR.
LENNON, G.T., 758 82 21, S2c, USNR.
LENHARR, H.E., 922 50 91, S2c, USNR.
LEVSKY, G.J., 246 45 19, S2c, USNR.
LEWIS, V.W., 966 49 81, S2c, USNR.
LIDDICK, D.J., 922 50 47, S2c, USNR.
LIRRO, S., 922 44 58, S2c, USNR.
LINNE, F.C., Jr. 246 14 61, S2c, USNR.
LISKA, E.J., 291 31 12, S2c, USNR.
LOCKER, D.S., 216 45 20, S2c, USNR.
LOLLAR, D.E., 273 16 51, S2c, USNR.
LONG, H.W., 924 03 59, S2c, USNR.
LOOMIS, W.C., 256 71 08, S2c, USNR.
LYNN, S.E., 557 23 78, S2c, USNR.
LYON J.R., 905 70 45, S2c, USNR.
MAGAZINO, J. (n), 246 33 19, S2c, USNR.
MALLOY, J.M., 264 44 57, S2c, USNR.
MARGIEWICZ, R.J., 249 42 03, S2c, USNR.
MARTORELL, A. 246 45 16, S2c, USNR.
MARTELL, J.L., 246 45 18, S2c, USNR.
MAROLEY, J.R., 261 01 09, S2c, USNR.
MARTOCCI, J. 922 44 60, S2c, USNR.
MOSBURN, C. 838 62 75, S2c, USNR.
MOTYAN, L. 920 95 08, S2c, USNR.
MAUER, G.H., 246 45 15, S2c, USNR.
MAYER, A.W., 836 08 81, S2c, USNR.
MOEGWEAY, J.G., 905 71 27, S2c, USNR.
MC CLEAREN, J. 834 47 83, S2c, USNR.
MC CORMICK, J. 246 45 06, S2c, USNR.

1115 GRABOWSKI, C. (n), 238 54 97, WPlc, USN, reported aboard for duty pursuant to Form "G" from Commanding Officer, USS VULCAN. 1130 Completed loading ammunition. Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Condition normal.

J. A. Bookhout
J. A. BOOKHOUT.

Examined:

F. E. Fleck
F. E. FLECK, Jr. Lieut. Comdr., USN.
Commanding.

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

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601)

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12 - 16

Moored as before. Making preparations to get underway. 1330 Underway in accordance with CDS16 serial 120900B of 5/12/44. Steaming on various courses and speeds leaving harbor and passing through channel. 1348 Set condition II Mike. 1418 Speed 20 knots. Course 059°T. Task Group formed in accordance with serial 120900B. 1425 Changed speed to 18 knots. 1438 All ships turned 30° left. 1444 All ships turned 30° right. 1456 Went to General Quarters. Conducting simulated coordinated air attack as scheduled by CDS7. 1547 Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan #6. 1550 Secured from General Quarters. Set condition II Mike.

S. N. Anastasion
S. N. ANASTASION.

16 - 20

Steaming as before. In company with USS PARKER, USS LAUB, and USS MC LANAHAN as a unit of TG80.6.2. CTG 80.6.2 in USS PARKER, base course 059°T, speed 22 knots. Zig-zagging in accordance with plan #6, USF10A. 1900 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. 1910 Formation changed course to 081°T. 1930 Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan #6, USF10A.

W. B. Schneidau
W. B. SCHNEIDAU.

20 - 24

Steaming as before. 2000 Position: Lat. 36° 46'W; Long. 01° 20'E. 2000 All departments secure. 2050 Sunset. 2055 Dusk Alert; went to General Quarters. 2205 Secured from General Quarters, set condition II Mike. 2300 Formation changed speed to 18 knots, standard speed.

N. R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

Examined:

F. E. Fleck, Jr.
F. E. FLECK, Jr. Lieut. Comdr., USN.
Commanding.

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

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601)

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00 - 04

Steaming in Task Unit 80.6.2. CTU 80.6.2 (CDS16) in USS PARKER. This ship in station 1.5180 in formation AA. On course 081°T, at 18 knots. Steaming on #2 and #3 boilers. Ship darkened and in condition of readiness II Mike with material condition Baker set. Zig-zagging in accordance with plan #6 of USF 10A. 0125 Changed base course to 084°T.

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

04 - 08

Steaming as before. 0410 Formation changed course to 034°T to clear track of Allied convoy on westerly course; ceased zig-zagging. 0425 Formation changed course to 084°T; resumed zig-zagging. 0450 Formation changed course to 114°T, ceased zig-zagging. 0505 Formation changed course to 159°T. 0530 Dawn Alert; went to General Quarters. 0535 Formation changed course to 085°T. 0545 Resumed zig-zagging. 0632 Sunrise. Lighted ship. 0648 Secured from General Quarters; set condition II Mike.

B. Dolan
B. DOLAN.

08 - 12

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. 37° 05'N; Long. 05° 27'E. Mustered crew on station. Absentee: MC KINNEY, J.D., 607 25 87, S1c, USNR. 0802 Changed speed to 22 knots. 0935 Changed course to 088°T. 1055 USS LAUB left formation. USS CHAMPLIN ordered to take USS LAUB's station, 1.5270. Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Condition normal.

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S. N. ANASTASION.

12 - 16

Steaming as before. Zig-zagging in accordance with plan #6 USF 10A. Base course 088°T, speed 22 knots. 1200 Position: Lat. 37° 17'N; Long. 07° 11.5'E. 1505 Sighted Islands Galitons de L' Ouest and de la Galite bearing 049°T, range 24 miles. 1530 Changed course to 093°T. 1531 USS PARKER reported mine ahead of formation. 1535 Changed course to 098°T.

W. B. Schniedau
W. B. SCHNIEDAU.

16 - 20

Steaming as before. 1600 Ceased zig-zagging, executed turn to 080°T. 1603 Executed turn to 081°. 1620 Passed Ile Dela Galite abeam to port. 1715 Formation changed speed to 18 knots. 1730 Steering Engine tested and found satisfactory. 1800 Formation changed course to 109°T. 1909 Passed Iles Cani abeam to port, 4,500 yards. 1920 Both motor whaleboats tested, conditions satisfactory.

N. R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

20 - 24

Steaming as before. 2000 Position: Lat. 37° 16'N; Long. 10° 21'E. 2003 USS MC LANAHAN made sound contact and dropped a depth charge pattern. 2008 Went to General Quarters and with the USS PARKER joined the USS MC LANAHAN in searching for submarine contact. 2142 Ceased search and secured from General Quarters; set condition II Mike. Ships formed AA formation and commenced steaming on course 061°T at 23 knots.

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

Examined:

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

J. E. Fleck, Jr.
F. E. FLECK, Jr. Lieut. Comdr., USN.
Commanding.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601)

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00 - 04

Steaming as a unit of Task Unit 80.6.2, CTU 80.6.2 (CDS16) in USS PARKER. This ship on station #1.5270 in formation AA, under boilers #2 and #3; ship darkened, material condition Baker and condition of Readiness II Mike set. Course 061°T, speed 23 knots. 0020 Radar contact on Marittimo Island bearing 062°T, range 32 miles. 0030 Changed course to 047°T. 0047 Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan #6, USF 10A. 0338 Radar contact on Cape San Vito bearing 160°T, range 23 miles. 0345 Radar contact on Isle Di Ustica bearing 076°T, range 34 miles.

B. Dolan
B. DOLAN.

04 - 08

Steaming as before. 0424 Ceased zig-zagging, changed course to 035°T. 0430 Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan #6, USF 10A. 0455 Dawn Alert, went to General Quarters. 0555 Sunrise. Lighted ship. 0604 Secured from General Quarters, set condition II Mike. 0700 Changed speed to 20 knots. 0707 Changed speed to 19 knots.

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S. N. ANASTASION.

08 - 12

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. 39° 41'N; Long. 13° 38'E. Crew mustered on stations. Absentee: MC KINNEY, J.D., 607 25 87, Slc, USNR. 0846 Sound contact bearing 350°T, range 1450 yards. 0847 Fired full pattern, went to General Quarters. Streamed FXR gear. 0850 USS PARKER operating with this ship to investigate sound contact. 0907 Changed course to 340°T. 0908 Changed speed to 15 knots. 0913 Changed course to 010°T. Contacts believed to be Blackfish. Discontinued investigation and resumed formation. 0920 Set base course 040°T, speed 19 knots. Secured from General Quarters, set condition II Mike. 1114 USS LAUB sighted on horizon, returning to formation. 1134 Ceased zig-zagging. Resumed base course. Changed to column formation. USS PARKER, USS MC LANAHAN, USS CHAMPLIN. Double distance. 1138 Changed course to 012°T. 1150 Changed course to 350°T, speed 15 knots. USS LAUB took station in column ahead of this ship. 1151 Entering Bocca Piccola swept channel to Bay of Naples. Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Condition normal.

W. B. Schneidau
W. B. SCHNEIDAU.

12 - 16

Steaming as before. 1200 Position: Lat. 40° 38'N; Long. 14° 20'E. 1209 Stationed Special Sea Details. 1225 Changed course to 060°T to enter swept channel to Baia di Castellammare, Italy. 1335 Anchored in Baia di Castellammare in 13 fathoms with 60 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor. 1350 Secured Special Sea Details, set condition II Mike, main engines on 1 hour notice.

N. R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

16 - 20

Anchored as before. 1830 Main engines put on four hours notice. 1830 Lieut. C. LEONARD, USNR, and FORSYTHE, A.F., BM2c, USN, were transferred to USS ORDRONAU.

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

20 - 24

Anchored as before. 2000 All departments reported secure.

B. Dolan
B. DOLAN.

Examined:

F. E. Fleck, Jr.
F. E. FLECK, Jr. Lieut. Comdr., USN.
Commanding.

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

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601)

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00 - 04

Anchored in Baia di Castellammare, Italy in 13 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain on the starboard anchor; sand bottom. Material condition Baker and condition of Readiness II Mike set. Ship darkened. Main engines on four hours notice. Boiler #2 steaming. 0255 Sighted 40MM tracers in air bearing 290°T. 0330 Lighted fires under boiler #3.

S. N. Anastasion
S. N. ANASTASION.

04 - 08

Anchored as before. 0445 Dawn Alert; went to General Quarters. 0545 Sunrise. 0605 Secured from General Quarters, set condition II Mike.

W. B. Schneidau
W. B. SCHNEIDAU.

08 - 12

Anchored as before. 0800 All divisions mustered on station, absentee: MC KINNEY, J.D., 607 25 87, Slc, USNR. 0800 Quarters to present letters of Commendation to Lieut. (jg) B. DOLAN, USNR, and HUTHNANCE, E.D., Somlc, USNR. Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Condition normal.

N. R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

12 - 16

Anchored as before. 1251 Underway for Pozzuoli, Italy, to fuel in company with the USS PARKER, USS LAUB, and USS MC LANAHAN, on course 250°T, at 10 knots. 1320 USS MC LANAHAN suffered engineering casualty and sheered out of column and the USS LAUB stood by her. This vessel took station astern of USS PARKER and proceeded on to Pozzuoli. 1312 Changed speed to 16 knots. 1327 Changed speed to 25 knots. 1335 Changed course to 180°T. 1351 Changed course to 235°T. 1401 Changed course to 270°T. 1406 Changed course to 307°T. 1434 Changed course to 348°T. 1441 Changed course to 040°T. 1450 Changed speed to 15 knots. 1525 Commenced steering on various courses and speeds conforming to channel entering port of Pozzuoli.

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

16 - 20

Steaming as before. 1623 Moored starboard side to USS PARKER, with 3 manila lines and 2 wire cables, on port side West Ansaldo fueling jetty, Pozzuoli, Italy. 1655 Commenced fueling. Draft Fwd. 12'10", Aft. 17'13". 1853 Completed fueling having received 44,773 gallons of fuel oil at 80°F. Draft Fwd. 14'4", Aft. 17'4". Made all preparations for getting underway. 1859 Underway, Captain at the Conn, Navigator on the Bridge, on various courses and at various speeds proceeding toward USS BROOKLYN to transfer passengers. 1630 Lieut. E.H. JOHNSON, USNR, and HATHCOCK, J.E., Cox, USNR, were transferred to USS BOYLE.

B. Dolan
B. DOLAN.

16 - 20

Steaming as before. 2000 Position: Lat. 40° 44'N; Long. 14° 27'E. Proceeding toward USS BROOKLYN. 2025 Transferred passengers to the USS BROOKLYN pursuant to verbal orders from U.S.N. Receiving Station, Oran, Algeria. 2016 Darkened ship. 2030 Proceeding to anchorage at various courses and speeds. 2112 Anchored south of Mole El San Vincenzo, Naples, Italy in 18 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor; on the following bearings: Forte Dell'ova L Tangent 253°; Carmine Steeple 010°; Diga Duca Degli Abruzzi 078°. 2144 Red Naples. Went to General Quarters. 2300 White Naples. Secured from General Quarters, set condition II Mike. Engines on five minutes notice.

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Examined:

J. E. Fleck, Jr.
F. E. FLECK, Jr. Lieut. Comdr., USN.
Commanding.

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

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601)

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00 - 04

Anchored in Bay of Naples, outer roadstead south of Mole El San Vincenzo in 18 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor. Material condition Baker and condition of Readiness II Mike set. Ship darkened. Boilers #2 and #3 on five minutes notice.

N. R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

04 - 08

Anchored as before. 0445 Went to General Quarters, dawn alert. 0557 Secured from General Quarters, set condition II Mike

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

08 - 12

Anchored as before. 0800 Mustered crew on station. Absentee: MC KINNEY, JD., 607 25 87, Slc, USNR. 0900 Made all preparations for getting underway. 0915 Underway, Captain at the conn, Navigator on the bridge, on various courses and speeds to shift berths. 0957 Anchored in berth "How" 13, south of San Vincenzo, Naples, Italy, in 22 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor, on the following bearings: Carmine Steeple 001°T; Diga Duca Degli Abruzzi 061°T; Flagstaff - Forte dell' Ovo 267°T. 1006 Main engines on four hours notice. Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Condition normal.

B. Dolan
B. DOLAN.

12 - 16

Anchored as before.

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S. N. ANASTASION.

16 - 20

Anchored as before.

W. B. Schneidau
W. B. SCHNEIDAU.

20 - 24

Anchored as before. 2000 All departments reported secure. 2014 Sunset. Darkened ship.

N. R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

Examined:

J. E. Fleck, Jr.
F. E. FLECK, Jr. Lieut. Comdr., USN.
Commanding.

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

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601)

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00 - 04

Anchored in berth How 13 south of San Vincenzo break-water at Naples, Italy in 22 fathoms of water using 60 fathoms of chain on the starboard anchor. Material condition Baker set and condition of readiness II Mike. Ship darkened. Main engines on 4 hours notice. Steaming on #2 boiler for auxiliary purposes.

J. A. Bookhout
J. A. BOOKHOUT.

04 - 08

Anchored as before. 0745 Made all preparations for getting underway.

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

08 - 12

Anchored as before. 0800 Mustered crew on stations. Absentee: MC KINNEY, J.D., 607 25 87, Slc, USNR. 0802 Underway, Captain at the conn, Navigator on the bridge, on various courses and speeds taking station astern the USS PARKER, range 1000 yards. 0852 USS CHAMPLIN in company with USS PARKER standing out of Bay of Naples, ships on various courses and speeds to clear convoy at harbor entrance. 0909 Formation entering Canal D'Ischia, course 288°T, speed 15 knots. 0947 Formation changed speed to 22 knots. 1157 Formation changed course to 340°T. Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Condition normal.

B. Dolan
B. DOLAN.

12 - 16

Steaming as before. 1200 Position: Lat. 41° 06'N; Long. 12° 46'E. Proceeding on various courses and speeds to anchorage area at Cape Anzio. 1346 Captain left the ship for USS PARKER. USS CHAMPLIN patrolling anchorage area. 1451 Captain returned aboard. 1520 Proceeding through channel to patrol area "Queen". Relieving USS EBERLE

S. N. Anastasion
S. N. ANASTASION.

16 - 20

Steaming as before. 1640 USS EBERLE came alongside to transfer mail. 1648 USS EBERLE standing clear, relieved on patrol by USS CHAMPLIN. 1723 Went to General Quarters, red alert Anzio area. 1740 Secured from General Quarters, set condition II M, watch II. Patrolling "Queen" patrol, zig-zagging in accordance with plan #14, USF 10A.

N. R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

20 - 24

Steaming as before. 2000 Position: Lat. 41° 15'N; Long. 12° 24'E. 2010 Took station 1000 yards astern of USS PARKER. 2023 Sunset, darkened ship. Dusk Alert, went to General Quarters. 2150 Secured from General Quarters, set condition II Mike. Steaming independently on 060°T toward Northern end of patrol area. 2212 Red alert, went to General Quarters. Planes approaching low from North. Many twin engine bombers passed over ship. Observed anti-aircraft fire from shore. Enemy planes in area. 2305 Secured from General Quarters, set condition II Mike. Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan #14, USF 10A on base course 029°T at 13.2. knots in patrol area.

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

Examined:

J. E. Fleck, Jr.
E. E. FLECK, Jr. Lieut. Comdr., USN.
Commanding.

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

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601)

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00 - 04

Steaming independently, patrolling area "Queen" off Cape Anzio, Italy, under boilers #2 and #3; ship darkened, material condition Baker and condition of Readiness II Mike set. Maintaining continuous watch on SC and SG radars and Sound Equipment. Zig-zagging in accordance with plan #14, USF 10A; course 029°T, speed 13.2 knots. 0100 Changed course to 209°T. 0205 Changed course to 029°T. 0315 Changed course to 209°T.

B. Dolan
B. DOLAN.

04 - 08

Steaming as before. 0435 Increased speed to 20 knots. Proceeding to rendezvous at intersection of "M" and "G" patrols to meet USS PARKER. 0447 Sighted USS PARKER 6000 yards 060°T. 0457 Took station 1000 yards astern of USS PARKER. Course 120°T, speed 12 knots. 0550 Sunrise. 0620 Joined three ship north bound convoy as escort. Station on starboard bow of leading ship. Base course 295°T, speed 6 knots. 0748 Sound contact 085°, 2,000 yards. 0753 Increased speed to 17 knots. 0756 Dropped seven charge shallow pattern, went to General Quarters. Expended 5 MK7 and 2 MK6 depth charges.

S. N. Anastasion
S. N. ANASTASION.

08 - 12

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. 41° 07.5'N; Long. 12° 39'E. On various courses and speeds attempting to verify contacts. 0827 Sound contact proved to be fish, secured from General Quarters, set condition II Mike. 0830 Resumed position in convoy screen. 0846 Changed speed to 6 knots, course 295°T. 0855 All divisions mustered on station. Absentee: MC KINNEY, J.D., 607 25 87, Slc, USNR. 1025 Changed course to 270°T. 1136 Changed course to 208°T. Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Condition normal.

N. R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

12 - 16

Steaming as before. 1200 Position: Lat. 41° 14'N; Long. 12° 15'E. 1200 Investigated sound contact which proved to be fish. 1255 Changed course to 270°T. 1303 Changed course to 029°T and commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan #14, USF 10A, at 12 knots. 1345 Dropped 2.5 lb. depth charge for test. 1402 Changed course to 209°T. 1504 Changed course to 029°T.

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

16 - 20

Steaming as before. 1610 Changed course to 209°T. 1720 Changed course to 029°T. 1810 Reversed course to investigate suspicious object. Identified as a buoy; resumed course 029°T. 1910 Changed course to 209°T. 1945 Changed course to 135°T, speed 16 knots, to rendezvous with USS PARKER.

B. Dolan
B. DOLAN.

20 - 24

Steaming as before. 2000 Position: Lat. 41° 18.5'N; Long. 12° 16'E. 2025 Sunset. Darkened ship. Sighted USS PARKER. Taking station 600 yards astern on course 296°T, speed 10 knots. 2027 Dusk Alert. Went to General Quarters. 2155 Secured from General Quarters, set condition II Mike. Proceeding to patrol area "Queen" at 13.2 knots. 2225 Course 208°T on patrol station. 2231 heard loud whistle on sound gear. Believed to be torpedo. Came hard right rudder and increased to flank speed. Submarine alert. Streamed FXR gear. 2245 Course 030°T. Making box patrol of area. Speed 15 knots. 2313 Searching in patrol area along patrol line. Course 208°T. Speed 13.2 knots.

S. N. Anastasion
S. N. ANASTASION.

Examined:

J. E. Fleck, Jr.
F. E. FLECK, Jr. Lieut. Comdr., USN.
Commanding.

R. L. Baughan
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Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601)

Friday

19

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OPERATIONAL &
ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

00 - 04

Steaming independently in patrol area "Queen" off Anzio, Italy on course 208°T, speed 13.2 knots, zig-zagging in accordance with plan #14, USF 10A, ship darkened, material condition Baker and condition of Readiness II Mike set. Steaming on boilers #2 & #3. 0001 Changed course to 028°T. 0100 Changed course to 208°T. 0200 Changed course to 028°T. 0300 Changed course to 208°T. 0345 Changed course to 110°T, speed 15 knots.

N. R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

04 - 08

Steaming as before. 0438 Changed speed to 18 knots. 0447 Changed speed to 15 knots. 0455 Took station astern of USS PARKER, course 141°T, speed 10 knots. 0526 Joined screen of convoy 60° on starboard bow of guide, range 2000 yards. Convoy speed 9 knots, course 335°T. 0530 FXR gear secured. 0549 Sunrise. Lighted ship. 0655 Left convoy to proceed independently to patrol area "Queen" on course 302°T, speed 15 knots. 0740 On patrol area. Changed course to 029°T. Changed speed to 12 knots. Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan #14 USF 10A.

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

08 - 12

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. 41° 21.5'N; Long. 12° 20.5'E. Mustered crew on station. Absentee: MC KINNEY, J.D., 607 25 87, Slc, USNR. 0815 Changed course to 209°T. 0830 Changed course to 240°T. 0930 Changed course to 029°T. 1050 Changed course to 209°T. Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Condition normal. 1159 Changed course to 029°T.

B. Dolan
B. DOLAN.

12 - 16

Steaming as before. 1200 Position: Lat. 41° 14'N; Long. 12° 13'E. 1315 Changed course to 209°T. 1415 Changed course to 029°T. 1520 Changed course to 209°T.

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16 - 20

Steaming as before. 1645 Changed course to 030°T. 1800 Changed course to 210°T. 1910 Changed course to 110°T. Proceeded to rendezvous with USS PARKER.

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

20 - 24

Steaming as before. 2000 Position: Lat. 41° 12'N; Long. 12° 20'E. All departments reported secure. 2022 Took station astern of USS PARKER, distance 1000 yards. Set course 295°T, speed 10 knots. 2026 Sunset. Dusk Alert. 2157 Secured from Dusk Alert, set condition II Mike. Proceeded independently to patrol area "Queen" on course 120°T, speed 10 knots. 2224 On patrol area "Queen". Changed base course to 030°T, speed 13.2 knots. Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan #14, USF 10A. 2305 Changed base course to 210°T.

B. Dolan
B. DOLAN.

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Commanding.

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

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601)

Saturday

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OPERATIONAL &
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00 - 04

Steaming singly patrolling area Queen off Cabo D'Anzio, Italy at 13.2 knots on base courses 210°T, and 030°T. Zig-zagging in accordance with plan #14 USF 10A. Ship darkened and in condition of Readiness II Mike, material condition Baker set. Steaming on boilers #2 and #3. 0005 Changed course to 030°T. 0105 Changed course to 210°T. 0205 Changed course to 030°T. 0305 Changed course to 210°T. 0330 Radar contact - surface - bearing 130°T, 24,000 yards. Believed to be USS BOYLE, USS MC LANAHAN plus small convoy.

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04 - 08

Steaming as before. 0410 Leaving area on course 105°T, speed 13.5 knots to join USS PARKER. 0520 Joined USS PARKER, USS BOYLE, and USS MC LANAHAN and took station #3 according to FIP 215 screen plan #2. escorting freighter, base course 320° speed 8 knots. 0605 Left screen and proceeded by various courses and speeds to convoy of LCI's directly astern. 0615 Took station on starboard side of convoy, USS MC LANAHAN on port side, base course 330°T, speed 12 knots. 0652 Left screen and proceeded to patrol area Queen on course 300°T, speed 12 knots.

N. R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

08 - 12

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. 41° 12'N; Long. 12° 30.5'E. 0800 All divisions mustered on station. Absentee: MC KINNEY, J.D., 607 25 87, Slc, USNR. 0810 On patrol area Queen. Changed course to 030°T. Commenced zig-zagging on plan #14 USF 10 A. 0845 Changed course to 210°T. 0954 Changed course to 030°T. 0957 Magazines and smokeless powder samples inspected. Condition normal. 1035 Went to General Quarters for test firing and drills. 1100 Secured from General Quarters, set condition II Mike. Ammunition expended: 15 rounds 5"/38, 55 rounds 40MM, 230 rounds 20MM. 1105 Changed course to 210°T. 1127 Changed course to 030°T.

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

12 - 16

Steaming as before. 1200 Position: Lat. 41° 15'N; Long. 12° 15.5'E. Changed course to 210°T. 1340 Changed course to 030°T. 1453 Test fired group #2 machine guns. 1515 Changed course to 210°T. 1523 Completed test firing group #2 machine guns having expended 82 rounds 20MM ammunition.

B. Dolan
B. DOLAN.

16 - 20

Steaming as before. 1620 Changed course to 030°T. 1925 Changed course to 210°T. 1847 Changed course to 030°T. 1900 Changed course to 110°T. Increased speed to 17 knots. Proceeding to dusk rendezvous with USS PARKER. 1918 Changed course to 050°T. Decreased speed to 10 knots.

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20 - 24

Steaming as before. 2000 Position: Lat. 41° 14'N; Long. 12° 12.5'E. 2005 Received mail from USS PARKER. 2008 Proceeded to fall in astern of USS PARKER, course 150°T, distance 600 yards. 2025 Changed course to 200°T, 10 knots. 2030 Dusk Alert, went to General Quarters, changed course to 120°T. 2040 Condition Red, over Anzio, Italy. 2048 All clear, changed course to 270°T to investigate surface contact. 2105 Changed speed to 20 knots. 2107 Changed speed to 25 knots, course to 298°T. 2127 Changed speed to 10 knots. 2210 Changed course to 300°T, to return to station, set condition Baker. 2222 Set condition II Mike. 2226 Commenced patrolling area Queen, course 030°T, speed 13.2 knots, zig-zagging in accordance with plan #14, USF 10A.

Examined:

N. R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

F. E. Fleck Jr.
F. E. FLECK, Jr. Lieut. Comdr., USN.
Commanding.

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

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601) Sunday 21 May 1944
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00 - 04

Steaming independently on Patrol area Queen off Anzio, Italy. Base courses 210°T and 030°T. Speed 13.2 knots. Zig-zagging in accordance with plan #14 USF 10A. Ship darkened and in condition of Readiness II Mike. Material condition Baker set. Steaming on boilers #2 and #3 on course 210°T. 0012 Changed course to 030°T. 0116 Changed course to 210°T. 0216 Changed course to 030°T. 0316 Changed course to 210°T. 0345 Changed course to 125°T. Changed speed to 15 knots. Left patrol area to rendezvous with USS PARKER.

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

04 - 08

Steaming as before. 0435 Sighted convoy bearing 150°T, range 3 miles. Identified as friendly; changed course to clear convoy track. 0520 Joined USS PARKER; took station astern, distance 1000 yards. Set course 125°T, speed 10 knots. 0544 Escorted convoy to Anzio swept channel, USS PARKER in station #2, USS CHAMPLIN in station #1, screen in accordance with table #10, 2 escorts, FTP.215. Base course 330°T, speed 10 knots. 0715 Proceeded to patrol area Queen, course 302°T, speed 12 knots.

B. Dolan
 B. DOLAN.

08 - 12

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. 41°18.5'N; Long. 12°17.5'E. Mustered crew on stations. Absentee: MC KINNEY, J.D., 607 25 87, Slc, USNR. 0850 On patrol "Queen". Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan #14 USF 10A. 0920 Changed course to 210°T. 1128 Changed course to 030°T. Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Condition normal.

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12 - 16

Steaming as before. 1200 Position: Lat. 41°18.5'N; Long. 12°16'E. 1235 Changed course to 210°T. 1340 Went to General Quarters, Red Alert Anzio area. 1352 All clear. 1358 Secured from General Quarters, set condition II Mike. 1405 Changed course to 030°T. 1525 Changed course to 210°T. 1529 Went to General Quarters, Red Alert Anzio area. 1548 Secured from General Quarters, All clear, set condition II Mike.

N. R. Glass
 N. R. GLASS.

16 - 20

Steaming as before. 1630 Changed base course to 030°T. 1740 Changed base course to 210°T. 1831 Red Alert, Anzio; went to General Quarters. 1857 Condition "White" Anzio; secured from General Quarters, set condition II Mike. Changed base course to 110°T to rendezvous with USS PARKER. 1952 Changed course to 090°T, speed 20 knots.

B. Dolan
 B. DOLAN.

20 - 24

Steaming as before. 2000 Position: Lat. 41°07'N; Long. 12°31'E. 2008 Sighted low flying plane, bearing 120°T, range 12,000 yards. 2010 Identified as JU88 "snooper". Reported to Grubstake II. 2022 Changed course to 350°T, speed 25 knots. Sighted USS PARKER bearing 355°T. 2026 Sunset. Darkened ship. 2027 Dusk alert; went to General Quarters. 2035 Yellow Anzio. 2037 Red Anzio. 2045 Joined USS PARKER. Took station 600 yards astern; course 128°T, speed 10 knots. White Anzio. 2120 Executed ship's turn 180°. Course 295°T. 2150 Proceeding to patrol Queen on course 300°T, speed 13.2 knots. 2157 Secured from General Quarters, set condition II Mike. 2312 On Queen patrol. Base course 028°T. Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan #14 USF 10A.

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Examined:

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 F. E. FLECK, Jr. Lieut. Comdr., USN.
 Commanding.

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

UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601) Monday 22 May 19 44
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00 - 04

Steaming independently in patrol area "Queen" off Anzio, Italy, on base course 028°T, speed 13.2 knots, zig-zagging in accordance with Plan #10, USF 10A. Ship darkened, material condition Baker set in condition of Readiness II Mike. Steaming on boilers #1 & #3. 0003 Changed course to 212°T. 0110 Changed course to 028°T. 0215 Changed course to 212°T. 0313 Changed course to 028°T.

N. R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

04 - 08

Steaming as before. 0400 Changed course to 212°T. 0415 Changed course to 125°T. Proceeded to rendezvous with USS PARKER. 0530 Joined USS PARKER. 0537 Changed course to 130°T. Changed speed to 15 knots. Left USS PARKER. 0645 Changed course to 330°T. Changed speed to 10 knots and joined PC626 in escorting a tug towing an LCT. 0735 Shifted steering to Port motor, port cable.

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

08 - 12

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. 41° 12.5'N; Long. 12° 36'E. Mustered crew on stations. Absentee: MC KINNEY, J.D., 607 25 87, Slc, USNR. 0805 On "Mike" patrol. Set course 130°T, speed 12 knots. Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan #14, USF 10A. 0911 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Condition normal. 1000 Test fired machine guns. Expended: 160 rounds 20MM, 20 rounds 40MM ammunition. 1105 Changed course to 310°T.

B. Dolan
B. DOLAN.

12 - 16

Steaming as before. 1200 Position: Lat. 41° 08.5'N; Long. 12° 36'E. 1245 Changed course to 130°T. 1320 Test fired machine guns. Expended: 30 rounds 20MM, 20 rounds 40MM ammunition. 1330 Increased speed to 13.2 knots. 1415 Changed course to 310°T. 1540 Left patrol to investigate approaching high speed craft. 1543 Identified as LCI. 1547 Investigating another high speed target approaching at 23 knots from 140°T. 1550 Identified as US PT boat. 1555 Returned to patrol. On course 310°T.

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16 - 20

Steaming as before. 1610 Changed course to 130°T. 1645 Changed course to 310°T. 1715 Changed course to 130°T. 1745 Changed course to 310°T. 1815 Changed course to 130°T. 1845 Changed course to 310°T. 1900 Changed course to 000°T to take station as screening vessel of Naples bound convoy. 1906 Changed speed to 10 knots. 1920 Patrolling station "How" on base course 215°T in accordance with ME4, MSC1, escorts in company, USS PARKER (CDS16), HMS FLY, HMS ALBACORE, convoy consisting of 15 LST's and 2 merchant ships. 1922 Changed speed to 11 knots. 1944 Changed course to 153°T.

N. R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

20 - 24

Steaming as before. 2000 Position: Lat. 41° 07.5'N; Long. 12° 28'E. All departments reported secure. 2027 Sunset. Darkened ship. Went to General Quarters. 2145 Secured from General Quarters, set condition IIM. 2240 Changed course to 110°T.

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

Examined:

F. E. Fleck, Jr.
F. E. FLECK, Jr. Lieut. Comdr., USN.
Commanding.

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

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601)

Tuesday

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00 - 04

Steaming as a unit of the escort group for a convoy consisting of 15 LST's and 2 merchant ships. Escorts: USS PARKER, USS CHAMPLIN, HMS FLY, and HMS ALBACORE; CDS16 in USS PARKER in command. This ship patrolling station "How" in accordance with diagram ME4, MSCI, under boilers #1 & #3, ship darkened, material condition Baker and condition of Readiness II M set. Convoy course 110°T, speed 9 knots. 0010 Radar contact on Ide Ventotene and Ide Sto Stefano bearing 165°T, range 15 miles. 0120 Radar contact on USS PHILADELPHIA with escorts bearing 068°T, range 12 miles. 0235 Convoy changed course to 065°T.

B. Dolan
B. DOLAN.

04 - 08

Steaming as before. 0407 Passed Pta Imperatore light abeam to port distance four miles. 0430 Convoy changed course to 040°T. 0434 Commenced box patrol on starboard quarter of convoy. Convoy entered swept channel. Formed into single column. 0445 Dawn Alert. Went to General Quarters. 0535 USS KEARNEY, USS ERICKSON, and USS BROOKLYN standing out of Bay of Naples. 0539 Sunrise. Secured from General Quarters, set condition II Mike. 0607 Steering various courses and speeds proceeding up swept channel astern of USS PARKER to Golfo Di Pozzuoli. 0635 USS PARKER anchored. 0654 Anchored in 20 fathoms of water in Golfo Di Pozzuoli with 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor; sand bottom; on the following bearings: Breakwater light 343°T, Nisida tangent 125°T, Castello Di Baia Light 275°T, Cap Miseno light 220°T, Church Steeple 246°T.

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S. N. ANASTASION.

08 - 12

Anchored as before. 0807 Underway in company with USS PARKER (CDS16) for Naples, Italy on various courses and speeds conforming to channels. 0922 Moored portside to USS PARKER with 4 manila lines and 2 wire cables. USS PARKER moored portside to SS ANNARELLA for fuel. 0930 Secured Special Sea Details, set condition II Mike. 0945 Commenced fueling. 1000 Lieut. T. H. DAVIS, Jr. USNR, 97732 detached pursuant to BuPers dispatch 042040 of May 1944. 1015 Magazines and smokeless powder tested, condition normal. 1110 Stationed Special Sea Details, completed fueling, received 57,229 gallons at 60°F. Draft before fueling Fwd. 12'6", Aft. 16'10"; After fueling, 14'8", Aft. 17'2". 1120 Underway in accordance with CDS16 dispatch 230824, on various courses, increasing speed to 27 knots. 1155 Set course 270°T, speed 27 knots.

N. R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

12 - 16

Steaming as before. 1200 Position: Lat. 40° 46.5'N; Long. 14° 07.5'E. 1240 Used various courses and speeds to remain within radio-telephone range of the USS PARKER. 1254 Proceeded toward Anzio, Italy, to join USS PHILADELPHIA. Set course 313°T, speed 25 knots. 1342 Changed course to 288°T. 1400 Passed USS LAUB, with escort, abeam to port, range 1000 yards. 1425 Changed course to 290°T. 1520 Used various courses and speeds to join USS PHILADELPHIA bearing 118°T, range 7 miles.

B. Dolan
B. DOLAN.

16 - 20

Steaming as before. 1615 Relieved USS MC LANAHAN. Took station 3000 yards, 40° on port bow of USS PHILADELPHIA. Base course 106°T, speed 13 knots. Zig-zagging in accordance with plan #11Z. 1825 Ceased zig-zagging. 1827 Adjusted base course to 100°T. 1930 Changed course to 039°T. 1937 Steaming at various courses and speeds proceeding through channel to anchorage at Naples, Italy.

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F. E. FLECK, Jr. Lieut. Comdr., USN.
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R. L. Baughan
R. L. BAUGHAN, Lieut. USN.

Navigator.

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Steaming as before. 2000 Position: Lat. 40° 44'N;
Long. 14° 04'E. All departments reported secure. 2020 Sunset. Darkened Ship.
2050 USS PHILADELPHIA anchored Pozzuoli harbor. USS KENDRICK and USS CHAMPLIN
screening her to seaward. 2226 Proceeding into harbor to anchor inshore of
USS PHILADELPHIA. Stationed anchor details. 2230 Using side-lights on various
courses and speeds to anchorage. 2338 Anchored in Gulf of Pozzuoli with 60
fathoms of chain to starboard anchor in 20 fathoms of water. 2355 Secured Special
Sea Details, set condition II Mike.

W. B. Schneidau
W. B. SCHNEIDAU.

Examined:

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

Navigator.

F. E. Fleck, Jr.
F. E. FLECK, Jr. Lieut. Comdr., USN.
Commanding.

UNITED STATES SHIP

CHAMPLIN (DD601)

Wednesday

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Anchored in Golfo Di Pozzuoli, Italy with 60 fathoms of chain in 20 fathoms of water in company with various ships of Desron 16, USS BROOKLYN, USS PHILADELPHIA, USS ERICKSON, USS KEARNEY. Main engines on 30 minutes notice, material condition Baker and condition of Readiness II Mike set. 0230 USS PHILADELPHIA and escorts left port. 0245 USS BROOKLYN and escorts left port. 0318 "Red" air alert, Naples area. 0345 All clear.

N. R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

04 - 08

Anchored as before. 0545 USS KENDRICK underway, standing out. 0724 Executed operation "Alert", NWAO. Expended one 2½ lb. depth charge. 0746 Expended one 2½ lb. depth charge. USS PARKER underway, standing out.

B. Dolan
B. DOLAN.

08 - 12

Anchored as before. 0800 Mustered crew on station. Absentee: MC KINNEY, JD., 607 25 87, Slc, USNR. 0820 Stationed Special Sea Details. 0839 Underway for fuel dock using various courses and speeds. 0918 Moored starboard side to Western side of fueling dock in Harbor of Pontili Ansaldo, Pozzuoli, Italy with 4 manila lines and 2 wire cables. 0922 Commenced fueling ship. 0925 Secured Special Sea Details. 0952 Completed fueling ship, having received 57,229 gallons at 60°F. Draft before fueling, Fwd. 14'0"; Aft. 17'2". Draft after fueling, Fwd. 14'4"; Aft. 17'6". 1114 Stationed Special Sea Details. 1127 Underway from fueling dock, using various courses and speeds to clear dock. 1135 Standing out of Golfo Di Pozzuoli, course 130°T, speed 10 knots. 1138 Secured Special Sea Details, set condition II Mike. 1145 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Condition normal.

H. E. Mitchell
H. E. MITCHELL.

12 - 16

Steaming as before on various courses and speeds to anchorage at Naples, Italy. 1200 Position: Lat. 40° 46.5'N; Long. 14° 10'E. 1326 Anchored in berth "How" #13 south of Mole San Vincenzo breakwater in Naples Bay naval anchorage, Italy with 75 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor in 22 fathoms of water, muddy bottom, on the following bearings: Diga Duca Degli Abruzzi light 060°; Forte De L'ovo 092°; Carmine Steeple 002°. 1351 Engines on 30 minutes notice. 1450 Engines on four hours notice. The following named men left the ship to report to Naval Provost Marshall, 29 Via San Giacomo, Naples, Italy for duty with the U.S. Naval Shore Patrol: HIGGENS, D.G., 647 56 65, TM3c, USNR, POTT, L.E., 337 12 13, SM3c, USN. 1500 Secured boiler #1. Boiler #3 steaming for auxiliary purposes.

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16 - 20

Anchored as before. MC KINNEY, JD., 607 25 87, Slc, USNR transferred to Receiving Ship, Pier 92, New York, N.Y. as a straggler having been AWOL since 1000, 21 April 1944. 1925 Shore patrol returned aboard. 2100 Main engines placed on one hours notice.

W. B. Schneider
W. B. SCHNEIDAU.

20 - 24

Anchored as before. 2000 All departments reported secure. 2015 F HERRMAN, Pfc, USA and ALESSI, J. Pfc, USA, reported aboard to conduct meteorological observations. 2021 Sunset, darkened ship.

N. R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

F. E. Fleck, Jr.
F. E. FLECK, Jr. Lieut. Comdr., USN.
Commanding.

Examined:

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

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

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Thursday

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Anchored in berth "How" - #13 south of Mola San Vincenzo breakwater in Naples Bay Naval Anchorage, Italy, in 22 fathoms of water, mud bottom with 75 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor, on the following bearings: Diga Duca Degli Abruzzi light 060°T; Forte Del'Ovo 092°T; Carmine Steeple 002°T. Ship darkened, material condition Baker and condition of Readiness II Mike set. Boilers #2 and #3 in stand-by condition, main engines on one hours notice.

B. Dolan
B. DOLAN.

04 - 08

Anchored as before. 0537 Sunrise. Lighted Ship.

H. E. Mitchell
H. E. MITCHELL.

08 - 12

Anchored as before. 0800 Mustered crew on stations. No absentees. 1130 Main engines placed on four hours notice. Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Condition normal.

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12 - 16

Anchored as before. 1300 Shore Patrol, MULQUEEN, G.J., GM3c, USN, and BLACK, J.W., SM3c, USNR left ship for duty with Provost Marshall, Via San Giacomo, Naples, Italy.

N. R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

16 - 20

Anchored as before.

W. J. Murbach
W. J. MURBACH.

20 - 24

Anchored as before. 2000 All departments reported secure. 2015 P.J. GUMP and J.A. ALESSI, U.S. Army arrived on board to conduct meteorological observations. 2316 Red Naples, went to General Quarters. 2345 White Naples, secured from General Quarters, set modified condition watch. 2000 Main engines placed on thirty minutes notice.

J. A. Bookhout
J. A. BOOKHOUT.

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

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601)

Friday

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00 - 04

Anchored with 75 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor 22 fathoms of water, muddy bottom, in berth #13 south of Mole San Vincenzo breakwater in Naples Bay, naval anchorage, Italy on the following bearings: Diga Duca Degli Abruzzi Light 060°; Western end of Diga Duca Degli light 037°; Ft. Delova 092°; Carmine Steeple 002°. Ship darkened, material condition Baker and condition of Readiness II Mike set. Boilers #1 and #4 steaming. Main engines on 60 minutes notice. 0020 Expended one 2½ lb. demolition charge. 0145 Expended one 2½ lb. demolition charge. 0245 Expended one 2½ lb. demolition charge.

W. B. Schneidau
W. B. SCHNEIDAU.

04 - 08

Anchored as before. 0345 Expended one 2½ lb. demolition charge. 0445 Expended one 2½ lb. demolition charge. 0537 Sunrise. 0545 Expended one 2½ lbs. demolition charge. 0635 P.J. GUMP, and J. ALESSI, USA left ship having completed meteorological observations.

W. A. Smith
W. A. SMITH.

08 - 12

Anchored as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters. No absentees. 0815 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Condition normal. 0850 Main engines put on four hours notice. 1115 With permission of the Commanding Officer the following named man was relieved of his messing duties and placed on the sick and venerial restricted list by Lt. (jg) H.A.K. FAALAND, (MC), USNR: SHORTS, J.T., StM2c, 205 43 38, USNR.

F. H. Weblar
F. H. WEBLAR.

12 - 16

Anchored as before. 1250 The following named men left the ship to report to the Naval Provost Marshall, 29 Via San Giacomo, Naples, Italy, for duty with U.S. Naval Shore Patrol: DUNN, R.R., GM2c, USN, BORMAN J.F., Cox, USN.

S. N. Anastasion
S. N. ANASTASION.

16 - 20

Anchored as before. 1810 Shore Patrol returned aboard.

R. G. Goodeve
R. G. GOODEVE.

20 - 24

Anchored as before. 2000 All departments reported secure. 2355 "Red Naples"; Captain and Navigator on the bridge.

B. Dolan
B. DOLAN.

Examined:

F. E. Fleck
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UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601)

Saturday

27

May

1944

(Day)

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OPERATIONAL &
ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

00 - 04

Anchored with 75 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor in 22 fathoms of water, muddy bottom, in berth How #13 south of Mole San Vincenzo breakwater in Naples Bay, Naples, Italy, on the following bearings: Diga Duca Degli Abruzzi light 060°T, Western end of Diga Duca Degli Mole 037°T, Forte Delova 092°T, Carmine Steeple 002°T. Ship darkened. Material condition Baker and modified condition of Readiness set. Boiler #4 steaming for auxiliary purposes. Main engines on four hours notice. 0010 White Naples.

W. J. Murbach
W. J. MURBACH.

04 - 08

Anchored as before.

F. H. Weber
F. H. WEBER.

08 - 12

Anchored as before. 0800 Quarters for muster. No absentees. 0845 Inspection party left ship to assist CDS16 in Surprise Inspection of USS PARKER. 1130 Inspection party returned aboard. Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Condition normal.

J. A. BOOKHOUT
J. A. Bookhout

12 - 16

Anchored as before. 1300 The following named left the ship to report to the Naval Provost Marshal, 29 Via San Giacomo, Naples, Italy, for duty with U.S. Navy Shore Patrol: BARR, K.R., FC3c, USN; MORIARTY, M.F., FC3c, USNR.

H. E. Mitchell
H. E. MITCHELL.

16 - 20

Anchored as before.

N. R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

20 - 24

Anchored as before. 2000 All departments reported secure. 2010 FRIED, J.B., Cpl. USA, KEILLER, E., Pfc, USA and DOULIN, J., Pfc, USA, reported on board to conduct meteorological observations. 2024 Sunset. Darkened ship. 2120 Shore Patrol returned aboard.

E. E. Simmons
E. E. SIMMONS.

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UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601)

Sunday

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Anchored with 75 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor in 22 fathoms of water, muddy bottom, in berth #13 south of Mole San Vincenzo breakwater in Naples Bay Naval Anchorage, Italy in the following bearings: Diga Duca Degi Abruzzi light 060°T, Western end of Diga Duca Degli light 037°T, Forte Delova 092°T, Carmine Steeple 002°T. Ship darkened material condition Baker and condition of Readiness modified II Mike set. Boiler #4 steaming for auxiliary purposes. Main engines on 4 hour notice.

W. A. Smith
W. A. SMITH.

04 - 08

Anchored as before. 0620 FRIED, J.B., Cpl., USA, KEILLER, E., Pfc, USA, and DOULIN, J., Pfc, USA, left ship after completing Meteorological observations.

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

08 - 12

Anchored as before. 0800 Mustered crew on station. No absentees. 0930 Quarters for Captain's Inspection of Personnel and living spaces. Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Condition normal.

W. B. Schniedau
W. B. SCHNIEDAU.

12 - 16

Anchored as before. 1215 Secured from Captain's Inspection. 1300 Shore Patrol left ship. MISIORSKI, J.S., Cox, USN, and LANDERS, C.L., GM3c, USNR.

J. A. Bookhout
J. A. BOOKHOUT.

16 - 20

Anchored as before. 1754 Lighted fires under boilers No's 1 & 3. 1940 Stationed Special Sea Details. Making preparations to get underway.

S. N. Anastasion
S. N. ANASTASION.

20 - 24

Anchored as before. 2000 All departments reported readiness to get underway. 2008 Underway, proceeding to rendezvous with convoy off Pozzuoli, Italy, using various courses and speeds to conform with swept channel. 2010 MISIORSKI, J.S., Cox, USN, and LANDERS, C.L., GM3c, USNR serving on Shore Patrol in Naples, Italy were unable to return aboard. 2014 Crew fell in at Quarters. 2021 Steaming astern of USS PARKER, PC546 and HMS ENSAY. 2023 Secured from Quarters. 2023 Secured Special Sea Details and set watch I. 2100 Joined convoy and took position astern. 2330 On station; plan Me Four Position Roger, in accordance with MSC I.

W. B. Schniedau
W. B. SCHNIEDAU.

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UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601) Monday 29 May 19 44
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00 - 04

Steaming in company with USS PARKER (CDS16), PC546, HMS ENSAY escorting convoy of LST's, LCI's, and one M/V. USS CHAMPLIN in station "Roger" in accordance with ME-4 steaming on base course 290°T, speed 9 knots. Ship darkened, material condition Baker set, in condition of Readiness II M. Steaming on boilers #1 & #3. 0235 Took station astern of convoy. 0315 Passed I. di Zannone abeam to port distance 3000 yards. 0330 Returned to stationed "Roger".

N. R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

04 - 08

Steaming as before. 0430 Convoy changed course to 340°T. 0440 Dawn Alert. 0541 Sunrise. 0556 Secured from Dawn Alert; set condition II Mike. USS BOYLE and USS MC LANAHAN took stations "Peter" and "Fox", respectively in the screen in accordance with ME-6 MSCI. 0658 Proceeded to patrol area "Queen", course 192°T, speed 10 knots. 0720 Changed course to 190°T. 0733 Changed course to 216°T.

B. Dolan
B. DOLAN.

08 - 12

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. 41° 16.5'N; Long. 12° 33'E. Mustered crew on stations. Absentees: MISIORSKI, J.S., 642 31 58, Cox, USNR, LANDERS, C.L., 604 49 93, GM3c, USNR. 0812 Changed course to 270°T, speed 15 knots. 0840 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Conditions normal. 0911 Changed course to 030°T, speed 12 knots. On patrol Queen off Anzio, Italy. Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan #14 USF 10A. 0926 Motor whaleboats tested; satisfactory. 1014 Changed course to 211°T. 1125 Changed course to 030°T.

S. N. Anastasion
S. N. ANASTASION.

12 - 16

Steaming as before. 1200 Position: Lat. 41° 18'N; Long. 12° 17'E. 1220 Changed course to 211°T. 1400 Published the findings and sentence in the case of BUZZARD, R.E., 603 99 62, S2c, USNR, tried by Summary Court Martial for absence over leave and absence without leave. Findings - guilty by own plea; sentence: To lose Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per month of his pay for a period of six months, total loss of pay amounting to One Hundred and Fifty dollars (\$150.00) and to be discharge from the U.S. Naval Service with a bad conduct discharge. Approved by Convening Authority, except that the bad conduct discharge be remitted on condition that BUZZARD maintain a satisfactory record for six months. Findings and sentence approved by Immediate Senior in Command on 27 May 1944. 1422 Changed course to 030°T. 1520 Changed course to 211°T.

W. B. Schneidau
W. B. SCHNEIDAU.

16 - 20

Steaming as before. 1630 Changed course to 030°T. 1745 Changed course to 210°T. 1855 Changed course to 110°T to join USS PARKER.

N. R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

20 - 24

Steaming as before. 2000 Position: Lat. 41° 08'N; Long. 12° 29'E. All departments reported secure. 2035 Sunset. Dusk Alert. Took station astern the USS PARKER, distance 600 yards. Set course 270°T, speed 12 knots. 2145 Returned to patrol area "Queen", set course 030°T, speed 13.2 knots. commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan #14 USF 10A. 2155 Secured from Dusk Alert; set condition II Mike. 2212 "Red" Anzio; went to General Quarters. 2300 Changed course to 210°T. 2311 "White" Anzio; secured from General Quarters, set condition II Mike.

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UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601) Tuesday 30 May 19 44
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00 - 04

Steaming on patrol Queen off Anzio, Italy on boilers #1 and #3. Ship darkened, material condition Baker and condition of Readiness II M set. Course 211°T, speed 12 knots; zig-zagging in accordance with plan #14 USF 10A. 0000 Red Anzio. 0010 Changed course to 029°T. 0036 Changed speed to 13.2 knots. 0040 Unidentified plane passed down starboard side, range about 1000 yards. 0045 White Anzio. 0058 Red Anzio. 0100 Changed course to 211°T. 0105 White Anzio. 0155 Red Anzio. 0200 Changed course to 029°T. 0225 White Anzio. 0300 Changed course to 211°T.

A. N. Anastasion
S. N. ANASTASION.

04 - 08

Steaming as before. 0401 Ceased zig-zagging. Changed course to 105°T. Changed speed to 15 knots. Proceeded to rendezvous with USS PARKER. 0435 Changed speed to 12 knots. 0450 Rendezvoused with USS PARKER. 0505 Changed course to 240°T, speed 20 knots to investigate radar contact, bearing 280°T, range 11 miles. 0525 Sighted and identified contact as English Destroyer R23. 0535 Proceeded to patrol area Queen on course 204°T, speed 15 knots. 0542 Sunrise. Lighted ship. 0620 Commenced patrol on area Queen. Changed course to 030°T. Changed speed to 12 knots. Commenced zig-zagging on plan #14 USF 10A.

W. B. Schneidau
W. B. SCHNEIDAU.

08 - 12

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. 41° 22.5'N; Long. 12° 19'E. All divisions mustered on stations, absentees: MISIORSKI, J.S., 642 31 58, Cox, USNR, and LANDERS, C.L., 604 49 93, GM3c, USNR. 0841 Changed course to 210°T. 0905 Magazines and smokeless powder samples tested, conditions normal. 0915 Exercised at steering casualty drill. 1039 Went to General Quarters to conduct surface firing practice. 1140 Secured from firing practice. Expended: 25 rounds 5"/38, 140 rounds 40MM, and 105 rounds 20MM ammunition. No casualties. Set condition II Mike.

N. R. Glass
N. R. GLASS.

12 - 16

Steaming as before. 1200 Position: Lat. 41° 15.5'N; Long. 12° 17'E. 1207 Used various courses and speeds to recover target. 1226 On patrol area "Queen". Set course 030°T, speed 12 knots. 1335 Changed course to 210°T. 1441 Conducted steering casualty drills. 1445 Changed course to 030°T.

B. Dolan
B. DOLAN.

16 - 20

Steaming as before. 1715 Changed course to 030°T. 1820 Changed course to 210°T. 1928 Ceased zig-zagging. Changed course to 105°T. Changed speed to 15 knots. Proceeded to rendezvous with USS PARKER.

W. B. Schneidau
W. B. SCHNEIDAU.

20 - 24

Steaming as before. 2000 Position: Lat. 41° 10.5'N; Long. 12° 24'E. All departments reported secure. 2005 Changed course to 045°T. 2025 Changed speed to 10 knots. 2036 Sunset, darkened ship. 2049 Steaming in company with USS PARKER and USS KENDRICK on base course 270°T, speed 12 knots. USS CHAMPLIN on station, 1500 yards on USS PARKERS port quarter. 2057 Dusk Alert. 2206 Secured from Dusk Alert, set condition II M. 2210 Steaming on various courses to patrol area Queen having left company of USS PARKER and USS KENDRICK. 2235 Changed course to 028°T, speed to 13.2 knots. Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan #14 USF 10A. 2320 Changed course to 210°T.

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