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# LOG BOOK

OF THE

U. S. S. \_\_\_\_\_ CHAMPLIN \_\_\_\_\_

(DD601)  
IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

COMMANDED BY

Francis E. Fleck, Jr. \_\_\_\_\_ Commander \_\_\_\_\_, U. S. N.

Attached to {  
Thirty-second \_\_\_\_\_ Division,  
Sixteen \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron,  
\_\_\_\_\_ Flotilla,  
8th \_\_\_\_\_ Fleet,

Commencing \_\_\_\_\_ 1 February \_\_\_\_\_, 19 45 ,

at \_\_\_\_\_ Sea \_\_\_\_\_,

and ending \_\_\_\_\_ 28 February \_\_\_\_\_, 19 45 ,

at \_\_\_\_\_ Mers-El-Kebir, Algeria \_\_\_\_\_



LIST OF OFFICERS  
ATTACHED TO AND ON BOARD THE U. S. S.

CHAMPLIN (DD601)

COMMANDED

BY Francis E. Fleck, Jr. Commander, USN U. S. N. DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THIS LOG BOOK, WITH DATE OF

REPORTING FOR DUTY, DETACHMENT, OR DEATH, FROM 1 February 45 TO 28 February 45

NAME AND FILE NUMBER (Show file No. below name)	RANK	DATE OF REPORT- ING ON BOARD	PRIMARY DUTIES	NAME, RELATIONSHIP, AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN  (Show address at which BuPers may most readily communicate with next of kin in an emergency)
		DATE OF DETACHMENT (Show detachment date below report- ing date)		
RITTENHOUSE, Basil N. Jr. 62106	Comdr.		ComDesDiv32	Mrs. B.N. RITTENHOUSE, Jr. Wife 2917 Argyle Drive Alexandria, Virginia
FLECK, Francis E. Jr. 73551	Comdr.		Commanding	Mrs. F.E. Fleck Mother #2 Lowry Lane Rosemont, Penna.
BAUGHAN, Robert L. 100220	Lieut.	9-12-42 2-16-45	Executive Off.	Eleanor Y. Baughan Wife Colonial Hall, Apt 5-T Kew Gardens, L.I., New York
WEBER, Fred H. 248006	Lt. (jg)		Engineer Off.	Mrs. F.C. Weber Mother 8439 Kendrick Place Jamaica, L.I., New York
KEYES, John H. Jr. 269162	Lt. (jg)		Asst. Eng. Off.	John H. Keyes Father 628 Alleghany Tulsa, Okla.
WILLIAMS, Raymond 377663	Lt. (jg)		Asst. Eng. Off.	Ileen N. Williams Wife 562 W. 113 St. New York, N.Y.
WITZ, Harry J. 359772	Ens.		Asst. Eng. Off.	Mrs. H.J. Witz Mother 262 Park Ave. Long Beach, Calif.
GOODEVE, Roger G. 256502	Lt. (jg)		1st Lieut.	Lindsay M. Goodeve Father 570 Park Ave. New York, N.Y.
SMITH, Wayne A. 299969	Lt. (jg)		Asst. 1st Lieut.	Mary V. Smith Wife P.O. Box 1957 Casper, Wyo.
ANASTASION, Steven N. 165531	Lieut.		Gunnery Off.	Alyce L. Anastasion Wife 179 Dwight Street New Haven, Conn.
Murbach, Warren J. 310831	Ens.		Asst. Gun. Off.	Mrs. K. Murbach. Mother 368 W. Howart Sreet Winona, Minn.
FULMORE, Sterling R. 312305	Ens.		Asst. Gun. Off.	Mrs. M. Fulmore Mother 2838 Shoal Crest, Austin, Texas.
GRAYBILL, Dewitt A. 389606	Ens.		Asst. Gun. Off.	Mrs. D.A. Graybill Wife 2043 Whitehall Street Harrisburg, Penna.
LIPFERT, Ralph G. 389772	Ens.		Asst. Gun. Off.	Gloria H. Lipfert Wife 15 Maryland Ave. Gait hersburg, Penna.
DOLAN, Byron 163587	Lt. (jg)		Comm. Off.	George Dolan Father 901 S. 16th Street Chicasha, Okla.
SCHNEIDAU, Wallace B. 225782	Lt. (jg)		CIC & Radar Officer Asst. Comm. Off.	Mrs. V.S. Schneidau Mother 5104 Pitt Street New Orleans, La.
PARKHURST, Richard L. 335817	Ens.		ASW Officer	Edith F. Parkhurst Wife % Briarback, Parkview Terrace Huntington, L.I., New York
BOOKHOUT, John A. 280449	Lt. (jg)		Asst. Com. Off.	Betty B. Bookhout Wife 8 Taft Ave. Oneonta, N.Y.
CARPENTER, Max W. 231692	Ens.		Asst. Com. Off.	Albert B. Carpenter Father Route #3 Rutherfordton, N.C.
FAALAND, Halvdan G.K. 131867	Lt. (jg)		Medical Off.	May H. Faaland Wife 694 85th Street Brooklyn, N.Y.
VERITY, John P. 370588	Ens.		Supply Off.	Mrs. John P. Verity Wife 70 Grosvenor Ave. Pawtucket, R.I.



UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601)

Thursday 1 February 1945

(Day) (Date) (Month)

00 - 04

Steaming as escort for Task Group 21.5 enroute to Malta in company with USS LAUB and USS NIELDS. OTC, C.O. USS QUINCY CTG 21.5. Screen Commander CDD32 embarked. Screen in accordance with Plan 33A. Our station 5000 yards 000°R from USS QUINCY. Base course 080°T, speed 21.5 knots. Maintaining complete SG and SC radar search. Ship darkened. Condition of Readiness II Mike and material condition Baker set. Steaming on boilers #2 and #4. 0122 Passed Cherchell light abeam to starboard distance 22,500 yards. 0307 Passed Cape Caxine light abeam to starboard distance 13,100 yards. 0325 Passed Jette De Nord light abeam to starboard, distance 16,000 yards. 0350 Passed Cape Matifou light abeam to starboard distance 16,300 yards.

*W. A. Smith*  
W. A. SMITH.

04 - 08

Steaming as before. 0420 Sighted Cap Bengut light bearing 098°T, range 36,200. 0514 Passed Cap Bengut light abeam to starboard, distance 12,800 yards. 0518 Formation changed course to 091°T. 0610 Sighted Cap Sigli light bearing 110°T, range 28,000 yards. 0707 Passed Cap Sigli light abeam to starboard, distance 10,000 yards. 0710 Sighted Cap Carbon light bearing 130°T, range 35,000 yards. 0740 Formation commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan #15, Zig-zag diagrams 1940.

*B. Dolan*  
B. DOLAN.

08 - 12

Steaming as before. 0800 Mustered crew on stations. No absentees. 0830 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Conditions normal. 0925 Ceased zig-zagging. Changed course to 068°T. 0930 Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with Plan #14, Diagrams of 1940. 1045 Ceased zig-zagging. Changed course to 091°T. 1100 Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with Plan #8, Diagrams of 1940.

*R. J. Goodeve*  
R. J. GOODEVE.

12 - 16

Steaming as before. 1255 Readjusted screen, our station 2000 yards, 45°R on port bow of USS QUINCY. 1315 USS NIELDS released from screen by CTG 21.5. 1330 Went to General Quarters. 1442 Secured from General Quarters, set condition II Mike. 1525 Ceased zig-zagging. 1526 Changed course to 080°T. 1532 Changed speed to 19 knots.

*S. N. Anastasion*  
S. N. ANASTASION.

16 - 20

Steaming as before. 1858 Formation changed course to 113°T. 1955 Formation changed course to 101°T.

*W. B. Schneidau*  
W. B. SCHNEIDAU.

20 - 24

Steaming as before. 2000 All departments reported secure. 2220 Passed Cape Bon light abeam to starboard, distance 8,500 yards. 2230 Formation changed course to 124°T. Changed speed to 17 knots.

*W. A. Smith*  
W. A. SMITH



UNITED STATES SHIP USS CHAMPLIN (DD601) Friday 2 February, 1945  
 (Day) (Date) (Month)

00 - 04

Steaming as escort for Task Group 21.5 enroute Malta in company with USS LAUB, USS QUINCY, and USS SAVANNAH; C.O. USS QUINCY as CTG 21.5; screen commander (CDD32) embarked. Base course 124°T, speed 17 knots. Our station 2000 yards, 45°R, on port bow of USS QUINCY, screening in accordance with Plan 32A CSP 1846. Ship darkened, condition of Readiness II Mike, and material condition Baker set. Steaming on boilers #2 and #4. USS LAUB left screen, proceeded on duty assigned by CTG 21.5. 0045 Changed station to 000°R, 3000 yards. 0123 Formation changed course to 106°T. 0157 USS NIELDS rejoined screen, escorts took stations in accordance with Plan 32A, CSP 1846; USS NIELDS bearing 31.5°T, distance 2000 yards, USS CHAMPLIN bearing 04.5°T, distance 2000 yards.

*B. Dolan*  
B. DOLAN.

04 - 08

Steaming as before. 0704 Sunrise. Lighted ship.

*R. J. Goodeve*  
R. J. GOODEVE.

08 - 12

Steaming as before. 0800 Mustered crew on stations. No absentees. 0830 Formation changed course to 140°T, speed 20 knots. Took new station 3000 yards ahead of USS QUINCY. 0901 Set Special Sea Details. 0905 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Conditions normal. 0910 Proceeding independently. 0915 Changed speed to 10 knots. Using various courses and to conform with entrance channel. 0948 Changed speed to 5 knots. 1004 Using various courses and speeds for entering Sliema Creek, Malta. 1102 Moored in berth #1, Sliema Creek, Valetta Harbor, Malta, using chain to buoy #1 forward and 1 manila line and 1 wire cable to buoy #1A aft. No. 4 boiler steaming for auxiliary purposes. 1118 Secured Special Sea Details. Set regular port watch.

*W. B. Schneidau*  
W. B. SCHNEIDAU.

12 - 16

Moored as before. 1245 HMS Boxol, fueling tanker moored to starboard side. 1254 Commenced fueling ship. Draft Fwd. 12'00"; Aft. 17'1". 1505 Completed fueling ship having received on board 71,735 gallons of fuel oil at 60°F. Draft Fwd. 14'8"; Aft. 17'3". 1510 Fueling tanker got underway. 1535 The following named men left ship for duty with Shore Patrol: LUCAS, J., 706 07 67, BM2c, USNR, (In charge); DUGGER, P., 346 90 41., GM2c, USN; THERRIAULT, J.T., 642 51 36, Rdm2c, USN; and VALENTINE, R. J., 706 96 85, GM3c, USNi.

*M. W. Carpenter*  
M. W. CARPENTER.

16 - 20

Moored as before. 1845 Mustered PAL's and restricted men. No absentees.

*B. Dolan*  
B. DOLAN.

20 - 24

Moored as before. 2000 All departments reported secure. 2320 Shore Patrol returned aboard.

*R. Williams*  
R. WILLIAMS.



UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601) Saturday 3 February, 1945  
 (Day) (Date) (Month)

00 - 04

Moored in Berth #1, Sliema Creek, Valetta Harbor, Malta using starboard anchor chain to buoy #1 forward and 1 manila line and 1 wire cable to buoy #1 aft. Steaming on #4 boiler for auxiliary purposes.

*W. A. Smith*  
 W. A. SMITH.

04 - 08

Moored as before. 0700 Lieut. (jg) A.L. CONRAD, USNR, 238-49-2, special courier, was detached having completed temporary duty on board.

*B. Dolan*  
 B. DOLAN.

08 - 12

Moored as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters. No absentees. 1000 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Conditions normal.

*R. Williams*  
 R. WILLIAMS.

12 - 16

Moored as before. The following named men left the ship to report to Naval Provost Marshall Royal Marine R.N., Picket House, Valetta, Malta, for Shore Patrol duty: STANGLE, G.H., 607 88 05, Rdm2c, USNR (In charge); BARR, K.R., 311 53 08, FC3c, USN; MISIORSKI, J.S., 642 23 58, Cox, USNR; TRAMONTI, J.F., 204 84 87, Rdm2c, USNR; GARNETT, G.C., 209 00 69, B2c, USNR.

*R. L. Parkhurst*  
 R. L. PARKHURST.

16 - 20

Moored as before. 1900 Mustered PAL's and restricted men. No absentees.

*W. J. Murbach*  
 W. J. MURBACH.

20 - 24

Moored as before. 2000 All departments reported secure. 2250 Shore Patrol returned aboard.

*F. H. Weber*  
 F. H. WEBER.



UNITED STATES SHIP CHANPLIN (DD601)

Sunday 4 February, 1945  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

00 - 04

Moored in berth #1, Sliema Creek, Valetta Harbor, Malta, using starboard anchor chain to buoy #1 Fwd. and 1 manila line and 1 wire cable to buoy #1 Aft. Steaming on #4 boiler for auxiliary purposes using #1 generator.

*J. A. Bookhout*  
J. A. BOOKHOUT.

04 - 08

Moored as before.

*R. G. Goodeve*  
R. G. GOODEVE.

08 - 12

Moored as before. 0800 Executed colors. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters. No absentees. 1030 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Conditions normal.

*R. L. Parkhurst*  
R. L. PARKHURST.

12 - 16

Moored as before. 1300 The following named men left the ship for duty with the Shore Patrol: ROBERTS, J.D., 636 57 69, TM2c, USNR; BACKENSTROSS, R.A., 800 93 06, M3c, USNR; ESTES, G.L., 800 25 52, RM3c, USNR; and TAYLOR, D.L., 706 7 79, MM2c, USNR.

*R. G. Liffert*  
R. G. LIFFERT.

16 - 20

Moored as before. 1900 Mustered PAL's and restricted men. No absentees.

*J. H. Keyes*  
J. H. KEYES, Sr.

20 - 24

Moored as before. 2000 All departments reported secure. 2300 Shore Patrol returned aboard.

*W. B. Schneidau*  
W. B. SCHNEIDAU.



UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601)

Monday 5 February 1945  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

00 - 04

Moored in Berth #1, Sliema Creek, Valetta Harbor, Malta using starboard anchor chain to buoy #1 Fwd. and one manila line and one wire cable to buoy #1 Aft. Steaming on #4 boiler for auxiliary purposes.

*S. R. Fulmore, Jr.*  
S. R. FULMORE, Jr.

04 - 08

Moored as before.

*R. G. Livfert*  
R. G. LIVFERT.

08 - 12

Moored as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters. No absentees. Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Conditions normal.

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

12 - 16

Moored as before. 1500 The following named men left ship to report to Senior Patrol Officer, Naval Provost Marshal, Royal Marine, R.N., Picket House, Valetta, Malta for duty as Shore Patrol: BLACKBURN, E.F., 616 64 64, SPM2c, USNR; DIETTE, J.F., 642 45 33, WT2c, USNR; MORTON, T.W., 244 19 06, Cox, USN; and RISCEN, F., 810 40 99, TM3c, USNR.

*W. M. Smith*  
W. M. SMITH.

16 - 20

Moored as before. 1850 Mustered PAL's and restricted men. No absentees.

*M. W. Carpenter*  
M. W. CARPENTER.

20 - 24

Moored as before. 2000 All departments reported secure. 2240 Shore Patrol returned aboard. 2300 Lighted fires under #2 boiler.

*B. Dolan*  
B. DOLAN.



UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601) Tuesday 6 February 1945  
 (Day) (Date) (Month)

00 - 04

Moored in Berth #1 Sliema Creek, Valetta Harbor, Malta using starboard anchor chain to buoy #1 Fwd. and 1 manila line and 1 wire cable to buoy #1A Aft. Steaming on #2 boiler for auxiliary purposes.

*R. Williams*  
R. WILLIAMS.

04 - 08

Moored as before.

*W. A. Smith*  
W. A. SMITH.

08 - 12

Moored as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters. No absentees. 0800 USS BALDWIN and USS FRANKFORD got underway. 0820 USS MURPHY got underway. 1030 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Conditions normal.

*M. W. Carpenter*  
M. W. CARPENTER.

12 - 16

Moored as before. 1300 Commanding Officer inspected lower decks. 1510 The following named men left the ship for Shore Patrol duty: VAN DUSEN, R.K., 598 46 86, RdM2c, USNR, (In charge); UNKUSKI, W., 204 81 08, Cox, USNR; BLACK, J.W., 614 48 97, Som3c, USNR; MOREAU, D., 204 71 55, MM2c, USNR.

*W. J. Murbach*  
W. J. MURBACH.

16 - 20

Moored as before. 1900 Mustered PAL's and restricted men. No absentees.

*F. H. Weber*  
F. H. WEBER.

20 - 24

Moored as before. 2000 All departments reported secure. 2320 Shore Patrol returned.

*J. A. Bookhout*  
J. A. BOOKHOUT.



UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601)

Wednesday 7 February 1945  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

00 - 04

Moored in Berth No. 1, Sliema Creek, Valetta Harbor, Malta using starboard anchor chain to buoy #1 Fwd. and one manila line and 1 wire cable to buoy #1A Aft. Steaming on #4 boiler for auxiliary purposes.

*R. G. Goodve*  
R. G. GOODEVE.

04 - 08

Moored as before.

*R. L. Parkhurst*  
R. L. PARKHURST.

08 - 12

Moored as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters. No absentees. 0855 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Conditions normal. 0930 Commanding Officer made inspection of the crew, living spaces, and upper decks.

*W. J. Murbach*  
W. J. MURBACH.

12 - 16

Moored as before. 1208 Secured from Commanding Officer's inspection. 1345 Captain held Mast and awarded the following punishments:

RUFFIN, J. (n), 841 81 66, StM2c, USNR Refusal to obey orders 15 hrs. extra duty  
SINGLEARY, J.L., 551 78 07, S2c, USNR Improperly standing a watch 5 hrs. extra duty  
The following named men left the ship for Shore Patrol duty: HOOKER, H.H., 234 29 18, FC2c, USN, (In charge); PARTRIDGE, A.A., 311 86 63, SF2c, USN; DEWAR, D.S., 823 25 56, SoM3c, USNR; THORNE, F.A., 607 70 40, Cox, USNR.

*S. R. Fulmore, Jr.*  
S. R. FULMORE, Jr.

16 - 20

Moored as before. 1900 Mustered PAL's and restricted men.  
No absentees.

*R. G. Lippert*  
R. G. LIPPERT.

20 - 24

Moored as before. 2000 All departments reported secure.  
2300 Shore Patrol returned aboard.

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



UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601)

Thursday 8 February, 1945  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

00 - 04

anchor Moored in Berth #1, Sliema Creek, Valetta Harbor, Malta, using starboard/chain to buoy #1 Fwd. and 1 manila line and 1 wire cable to buoy #1A Aft. Port watch set. Steaming on #2 boiler for auxiliary purposes

*W. B. Schneider*  
W. B. SCHNEIDAU.

04 - 08

Moored as before.

*S. R. Fulmore, Jr.*  
S. R. FULMORE, Jr.

08 - 12

Moored as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters. No absentees. 0945 Exercised crew at general drills. 1045 Secured from general drills. 1115 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Conditions normal. 1200 Published the findings and sentences in the cases of the following men:

SIMMONS, J.H., 669 04 61, Slc, USNR, tried by Summary Court Martial for absence over leave. Finding: Guilty. Sentence: To lose pay amounting to \$198.00 and to be discharged from the U.S. Naval Service with a Bad Conduct Discharge. Approved by Convening Authority and Immediate Senior in Command with the exception that the Bad Conduct Discharge be remitted on condition that SIMMONS, maintain a record satisfactory to his Commanding Officer for a period of six (6) months, otherwise he is to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge in accordance with section 476, NCB.

LANDERS, C.B., 604 49 93, GM3c, USNR, tried by Summary Court Martial for assault and disorderly conduct. Finding: Guilty. Sentence: To be confined for a period of two (2) months and to lose pay amounting to \$90.00. Approved by Convening Authority and Immediate Senior in Command with exception that the limits of confinement be extended to the limits of the ship.

DOULIN, J.W., 712 22 19, S2c, USNR, tried by Summary Court Martial for absence over leave and absence without leave while in a restricted status. Finding: Guilty. Sentence: To be confined for a period of two (2) months and to lose pay amounting to \$120.00. Approved by Convening Authority and Immediate Senior in Command with exception that loss of pay be reduced to \$80.00 and the limits of confinement be extended to the limits of the ship.

*R. G. Luffert*  
R. G. LUFFERT.

12 - 16

Moored as before. 1500 The following named men left the ship to report to Naval Provost Marshal, Royal Marine, R.W. Picket House, Valletta, for Shore Patrol duty: THERRIAULT J.W., 642 51 36, RdM2c, USNR; BACKENSTROSS, R.A., 80 93 06, M3c, USNR; MONSEN, E.M., 312 62 81, WT2c, USNR; MOORE, J.P., 552 13 68, FC2c, USNR.

*R. Williams*  
R. WILLIAMS.

16 - 20

Moored as before. 1900 Mustered PAL's and restricted men. No absentees.

*B. Dolan*  
B. DOLAN.

20 - 24

Moored as before. 2000 All departments reported secure. 2300 Shore Patrol returned aboard. 2315 LUCARELLI, J.P., 706 09 75, RM3c, USNR, reported aboard for further transfer to USS ORDRONAU.

*W. A. Smith*  
W. A. SMITH.



UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601)

Friday 9 February 1945  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

00 - 04

Moored in Berth No. 1, Sliema Creek, Valetta Harbor, Malta, using starboard anchor chain to buoy #1 Fwd. and one manila line and 1 wire cable to buoy #1A Aft. Steaming on #2 boiler for auxiliary purposes.

*M. W. Carpenter*  
M. W. CARPENTER.

04 - 08

Moored as before.

*R. Williams*  
R. WILLIAMS.

08 - 12

Moored as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters. No absentees. 0910 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Conditions normal.

*B. Dolan*  
B. DOLAN.

12 - 16

Moored as before. The following named men left the ship for Shore Patrol duty: STANGLE, G.H., 607 88 05, RdM2c, USNR, (In charge); TRAMONTI, J.F., 204 84 87, RdM2c, USNR; MC FARLAND, A.E., 642 31 32, Cox, USNR; MC PHERSON, T., 576 71 77, MM3c, USNR.

*J. A. Bockhout*  
J. A. BOCKHOUT.

16 - 20

Moored as before. 1605 The following man left the ship for dock Shore Patrol; Valetta Landing, Valetta Harbor, Malta: VECCHIONE, J., 647 20 01, GM2c, USNR. 1900 Mustered PAL's and restricted men. No absentees.

*F. H. Weber*  
F. H. WEBER.

20 - 24

Moored as before. 2000 All departments reported secure. 2230 Shore Patrol returned aboard.

*R. J. Goodeve*  
R. J. GOODEVE.



UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601)

Saturday 10 February, 1945  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

00 - 04

Moored in Berth #1 Sliema Creek, Valetta Harbor, Malta, using starboard anchor chain to buoy #1 Fwd. and 1 manila line and 1 wire cable to buoy #1A Aft. Steaming on #2 boiler for auxiliary purposes. 0055 DODD, R.H., 575 92 01, S2c, USNR returned aboard absent over leave since 2300, 9 February 1945.

*R. L. Parkhurst*  
R. L. PARKHURST.

04 - 08

Moored as before.

*W. J. Murbach*  
W. J. MURBACH.

08 - 12

Moored as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters. No absentees. 1000 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Conditions normal.

*J. A. Bookhout*  
J. A. BOOKHOUT.

12 - 16

Moored as before. 1400 Fueling lighter came along starboard side. 1420 The following named men left the ship to report for Shore Patrol duty: UNKUSKI, W. 204 81 08, Cox, USNR; DUGGER, P.N., 346 90 41, GM2c, USN; CHENEY, R., 823 30 65, WT3c, USNR; and ESTES, G.L., 800 25 52, Rm3c, USNR. 1420 Draft Fwd. 14'3"; Aft. 17'6". 1430 Completed fueling ship having received 10,840 gallons of fuel oil at 60°F. Draft Fwd. 14'6"; Aft. 17'6". 1535 MULQUEEN, G.J., 642 31 21, GM3c, USNR, left the ship for Shore Patrol duty as dock sentry.

*S. R. Fulmore, Jr.*  
S. R. FULMORE, Jr.

16 - 20

No absentees.

Moored as before. 1900 Mustered PAL's and restricted men.

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

20 - 24

2244 Shore Patrol returned aboard.

Moored as before. 2000 All departments reported secure.

*R. G. Liffert*  
R. G. LIFFERT.



UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601)Sunday 11 February 1945  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

00 - 04

starboard anchor chain / to buoy #1 Fwd. and 1 manila line and 1 wire cable to buoy #1A Aft. Steaming on #2 boiler for auxiliary purposes. Port watch set.

*W. B. Schneidau*  
W. B. SCHNEIDAU.

04 - 08

Moored as before.

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

08 - 12

Moored as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters. No absentees. 1000 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Conditions normal. Tested sprinkling systems in upper and lower handling rooms. Operation normal.

*S. R. Fulmore, Jr.*  
S. R. FULMORE, Jr.

12 - 16

Moored as before. 1320 The following named men left the ship for duty with Shore Patrol: MILLIARD, L., 208 65 21, MM1c, USNR, (In charge); DASHEVSKY, A. (n), 224 03 90, Ylc, USN; MISIORSKI, J.S., 642 31 58, Cox, USNR; THORNE, F.A., 607 70 40, Cox, USNR.

*M. W. Carpenter*  
M. W. CARPENTER.

16 - 20

No absentees.

Moored as before. 1900 Mustered PAL's and restricted men.

*W. A. Smith*  
W. A. SMITH.

20 - 24

2315 Shore Patrol returned aboard.

Moored as before. 2000 All departments reported secure.

*R. Williams*  
R. WILLIAMS.



UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601)

Monday 12 February, 1945  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

00 - 04

Moored in Berth #1, Sliema Creek, Valetta Harbor, Malta, using starboard anchor chain to buoy #1 Fwd. and 1 manila line and 1 wire cable to buoy #1A Aft. Steaming on #2 boiler for auxiliary purposes.

*B. Dolan*  
B. DOLAN.

04 - 08

Moored as before.

*M. W. Carpenter*  
M. W. CARPENTER.

08 - 12

Moored as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters. No absentees. 0910 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Conditions normal.

*W. A. Smith*  
W. A. SMITH.

12 - 16

Moored as before. 1500 The following named men left the ship to report to the Naval Provost, Royal Marine R.N. Pickett House, Valetta, for Shore Patrol duty: VAN DUSEN, R.K., 609 40 86, RdM2c, USNR, (In charge); BACKENS TROSS, R.A., 800 93 0 6, M2c, USNR; DE LILLO, T. (n), 205 33 07, FC3c, USNR; SIMONIDES, G.J., 807 45 66, MM3c, USNR.

*R. G. Goodeve*  
R. G. GOODEVE.

16 - 20

Moored as before. 1900 Mustered PAL's and restricted men. No absentees.

*F. H. Weber*  
F. H. WEBER.

20 - 24

Moored as before. 2000 All departments reported secure. 2300 Shore Patrol returned aboard.

*R. L. Parkhurst*  
R. L. PARKHURST.



UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601)

Tuesday 13 February 1945  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

00 - 04 Moored in Berth No. 1, Sliema Creek, Valetta Harbor, using starboard anchor chain to buoy #1 Fwd. and 1 manila line and 1 wire cable to buoy #1A Aft. Steaming on #2 boiler for auxiliary purposes. Port watch set.

*W. J. Murbach*  
W. J. MURBACH.

04 - 08 Moored as before.

*J. A. Bookhout*  
J. A. BOOKHOUT.

08 - 12 Moored as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters. No absentees. 1000 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Conditions normal.

*R. G. Godeve*  
R. G. GODEVE.

12 - 16 Moored as before.

*R. G. Lippert*  
R. G. LIPPERT.

16 - 20 Moored as before. 1700 The following named men left the ship on Shore Patrol duty. PARTRIDGE, A.A., 311 86 63, SF2c, USNR, (In charge); FREER, J.J., 646 16 13, SGM3c, USNR; BARR, K.R., 311 58 08, FC3c, USNR; LANDERS, C.L., 604 49 93, SM3c, USNR. 1900 Mustered PAL's and restricted men. No absentees.

*J. H. Keyes, Jr.*  
J. H. KEYES, JR.

20 - 24 Moored as before. 2000 All departments reported secure. 2323 Shore Patrol returned aboard.

*S. R. Fulmore, Jr.*  
S. R. FULMORE, JR.



CHAMPLIN (DD601)

Wednesday 14 February 1945

UNITED STATES SHIP

(Day) (Date) (Month)

00 - 04

Moored in Berth #1 Sliema Creek, Valetta Harbor, Malta, using starboard anchor chain to buoy #1 Fwd. and 1 wire cable and 1 manila line to buoy #1A Aft. Steaming on #2 boiler for auxiliary purposes. Port watch set.

*W. B. Schneider*  
W. B. SCHNEIDER.

04 - 08

Moored as before.

*R. G. Liffert*  
R. G. LIFFERT.

08 - 12

Moored as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters. No absentees. 0930 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Conditions normal.

*H. Keyes, Jr.*  
H. KEYES, JR.

12 - 16

Moored as before. 1500 The following named men left the ship with orders to report to Naval Provost Marshal, Royal Marine, R.N. Picket House, Valetta, for Shore Patrol duty: HUTHNANCE, E.D., 636 22 67, SoMlc, USNR, (In charge); VALENTINE, R.J., 706 91 85, GM3c, USNR; CROWELL, R.M., 225 02 44, EM2c, USNR; and MITCHELL, E.E., 607 24 63, Y3c, USNR.

*R. Williams*  
R. WILLIAMS.

16 - 20

No absentees.

Moored as before. 1900 Mustered PAL's and restricted men.

*B. Dolan*  
B. DOLAN.

20 - 24

2245 Shore Patrol returned aboard.

Moored as before. 2000 All departments reported secure.

*M. W. Carpenter*  
M. W. CARPENTER.



UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601)

Thursday 15 February, 1945  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

00 - 04

Moored in Berth #1 Sliema Creek, Valetta Harbor, Malta, using starboard anchor chain to buoy #1 Fwd. and 1 manila line and 1 wire cable to buoy #1A Aft. Steaming on #2 boiler for auxiliary purposes.

*W. A. Smith*  
W. A. SMITH.

04 - 08

Moored as before.

*B. Dolan*  
B. DOLAN.

08 - 12

Moored as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters. No absentees. 0815 LUCARELLI, J.P., 706 09 75, RM3c, USNR, left the ship to report to USS ORDRONAU, Report of injuries: On 13 February 1945, STEPHENS, G.E., 869 23 20, SF1c, USNR, while on liberty, accidentally struck right hand and sustained injury to the base of the proximal phalanx, second finger, right hand. Right hand immobilized this date. Placed on temporary limited duty not involving use of the right hand. On 14 February 1945, STANGLE, G.H., 607 88 05, RdM2c, USNR, on returning from liberty, slipped while getting into the boat and struck left elbow against a ledge, thereby sustaining a contusion of the left elbow joint. Left arm immobilized. Placed on temporary/duty this date. 1000 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Conditions normal.

*R. Williams*  
R. WILLIAMS.

12 - 16

Moored as before. 1500 Pursuant to the orders of the Commanding Officer, the following named men left the ship to report to Senior Patrol Officer, Naval Provost Marshal, Royal Marines, R.N. Picket House, Valetta, Malta: BLACKBURN, E.F., 616 64 64, SoM2c, USNR, (In charge); BARR, K.R., 311 53 08, FC3c, USN; DEWAR, D.S., 823 25 56, SoM3c, USNR; MC FARLAND, A.E., 642 31 32, Cox, USNR.

*R. I. Parkhurst*  
R. I. PARKHURST.

16 - 20

No absentees.

Moored as before. 1900 Mustered PAL's and restricted men.

*F. H. Weber*  
F. H. WEBER.

20 - 24

2245 Shore Patrol returned aboard.

Moored as before. 2000 All departments reported secure.

*W. J. Murbach*  
W. J. MURBACH.



UNITED STATES SHIP

CHAMPLIN (DD601)

Friday 16 February 1945  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

00 - 04

Moored in Berth #1 Sliema Creek, Valetta Harbor, Malta, using starboard anchor chain to buoy #1 Fwd. and 1 manila line and 1 wire cable to buoy #1A Aft. Steaming on #2 boiler for auxiliary purposes. Port watch set.

*J. A. Bookhout*  
J. A. BOOKHOUT.

04 - 08

Moored as before.

*R. G. Goodeve*  
R. G. GOODEVE.

08 - 12

Moored as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters. No absentees. 0930 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Conditions normal. 1000 Pursuant to the orders of the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Robert L. BAUGHAN, USN, 100220, was detached <sup>from duty</sup> as Executive Officer in accordance with BuPers dispatch orders dated 24 January 1945, and ordered to report to the Commandant of the nearest naval district for temporary duty pending further assignment by the Bureau of Naval Personnel. Pursuant to the orders of the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Steven N. ANASTASION, USN, 165531 was detached from duties as Gunnery Officer in accordance with BuPers dispatch orders of January 1945, and reported for duty as Executive Officer.

*F. H. Weber*  
F. H. WEBER.

12 - 16

Moored as before. 1205 Energized gyro rotor. 1500 Lighted fires under #4 boiler.

*S. R. Fulmore, Jr.*  
S. R. FULMORE, Jr.

16 - 20

Moored as before. 1630 Made preparations for getting underway. 1659 Underway to rendezvous with CTG 21.5 in accordance with VAM top secret dispatch 161035 of February 1945. Captain at the Conn, Navigator on the bridge; using various courses and speeds for clearing Sliema Creek. 1708 Set condition II Mike. 1725 Secured Special Sea Details. 1728 USS NIELDS took guide; our station 600 yards astern of USS NIELDS. Changed speed to 15 knots. Set course 320° T. 1746 Sunset. Darkened ship. Turned on running lights. 1755 Changed course to 317° T. 1846 Changed course to 010° T. Took station 2000 yards astern of USS NIELDS.

*W. A. Smith*  
W. A. SMITH.

20 - 24

Steaming as before. 2000 All departments reported secure. 2015 Turned to course 102° T. Assumed guide. 2017 Changed speed to 13 knots. 2145 Report of injury: At 0830 15 February 1945, MORTON, T.W., 244 19 06, Cox, USN, while sharpening scraper on grindstone, sustained corneal foreign body, right eye. Neither safety guard nor goggles were used. Foreign body removed and patient placed on the binnacle list.

*B. Dolan*  
B. DOLAN.



UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601)

Saturday 17 February 1945

(Day) (Date) (Month)

00 - 04

Steaming in company with USS NIELDS enroute to rendezvous with Task Group 21.5. CDD32 embarked. Course 102°T, speed 13 knots. Formation line to left. USS NIELDS 270°R, distance 2000 yards. Ship darkened and burning dim running lights. In condition of Readiness II Mike. Material condition Baker set. Steaming on boilers #2 and #4. 0115 Executed turn to right to course 282°T.

*R. G. Goodeve*  
R. G. GOODEVE.

04 - 08

Steaming as before. 0647 Changed course to 102°T, speed 20 knots. 0706 Joining TG 21.5 as A/S screen relieving USS LAUB and USS BALDWIN; screening USS QUINCY, guide, and USS SAVANNAH; taking screening stations in accordance with plan 32-A CSP 1846, our station "A". 0726 On station; base course 282°T, speed 24 knots, zig-zagging in accordance with plan #11Z.

*W. B. Schneidau*  
W. B. SCHNEIDAU.

08 - 12

Steaming as before. 0800 Mustered crew on stations. No absentees. 0920 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Conditions normal. 1100 Ceased zig-zagging. 1200 Changed speed to 22 knots.

*W. A. Smith*  
W. A. SMITH.

12 - 16

Steaming as before. 1220 Passed Point Tracino abeam to port, range 7100 yards. 1224 Changed course to 280°T. 1239 Sighted Cape Bon bearing 284°T, range 32 miles. 1430 Changed course to 280°T. Entered Tunisian War Channel. Escorts formed column ahead of guide, our station bearing 000°R, distance 3000 yards from USS QUINCY. USS NIELDS on station, 600 yards astern. 1440 Passed Cape Bon abeam to port, range 4 miles. 1504 Passed Zembretta Island abeam to port, range 4 miles. 1513 Passed Zembra Island abeam to port, range 2.5 miles.

*B. Dolan*  
B. DOLAN.

16 - 20

Steaming as before. 1615 Passed ILES Plane abeam to port 9000 yards. 1648 Passed ILES CANI abeam to starboard, 8000 yards. 1650 Changed course to 294°T. 1741 Changed course to 260°T. 1810 Sunset. Darkened ship. 1854 Passed Cape Serrat light abeam to port 6 miles. 1930 Departed Tunisian War Channel. 1933 Changed course to 272°T. Resumed screen plan 32A CSP 1846. 1944 Passed Cape Tabarca light abeam to port, 41,200 yards.

*R. G. Goodeve*  
R. G. GOODEVE.

20 - 24

Steaming as before. 2000 All departments reported secure. 2055 Passed Cape Rose light abeam to port, 43,000 yards. 2150 Cap Del Gorde light abeam to port, 21 miles. 2243 Passed Cap Toukoush light abeam to port, 15 miles.

*W. B. Schneidau*  
W. B. SCHNEIDAU.



UNITED STATES SHIP

CHAMPLIN (DD601)

Sunday 18 February, 1945  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

00 - 04

Steaming as escort for Task Group 21.5 (USS QUINCY and USS SAVANNAH) in company with USS NIELDS. OTC Commanding Officer USS QUINCY (CTG 21.5). Commander Screen (CD32) embarked. Base course 272°T, speed 22 knots. Screen Plan 32A. Our station 45°R, 2000 yards on port bow of USS QUINCY. Maintaining complete SG and SCRadar search. Ship darkened, material condition Baker and condition of Readiness II Mike set. Steaming on #2 and #4 boilers. 0040 Passed Cape Bougaroni light abeam to port, distance 27,000 yards. 0103 Formation changed course to 263°T. 0352 Passed Cape Carbon abeam to port, distance 25.5 miles.

*W. A. Smith*  
W. A. SMITH.

04 - 08

Steaming as before. 0435 Passed Cape Sigli light abeam to port, distance 33,000 yards. 0455 Sighted Cape Corbelin light bearing 203°T. 0514 Passed Cape Corbelin abeam to port, distance 28,400 yards. 0530 Sighted Cape Bengut light bearing 235°T. 0612 Changed course to 252°T. Changed speed to 16 knots. 0635 Passed Cape Bengut light abeam to port, distance 16,800 yards. 0700 USS PARKER joined screen. Escorts took stations in accordance with Plan 33A, CSP 1846. USS PARKER in station "M", USS CHAMPLIN in station "A" and USS NIELDS in station "O".

*B. Dolan*  
B. DOLAN.

08 - 12

Steaming as before. 0800 Mustered crew on station. No absentees. 0820 Formation changed course to 216°T, speed 15 knots. 0832 Taking station astern of cruisers. 0908 Proceeding independently to enter Algiers Harbor; using various courses and speeds. 1018 Moored port side to port side of Francunien VI, tanker, in Bassin de Mustapha, Berth 67, Algiers, Algeria, using 4 manila lines and 2 wire cables. 1055 Commenced fueling. Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Conditions normal.

*W. B. Schneidau*  
W. B. SCHNEIDAU.

12 - 16

Moored as before. 1210 Completed fueling, having received 40,487 gallons of fuel oil at 60°F, grade "C" Bunker fuel oil. Draft of ship Fwd. 14'6"; Aft. 17'4". 1300 Made weekly test of magazine sprinkling valves. Condition satisfactory. 1400 lighted fires under #2 boiler. 1500 Made preparations for getting underway. 1516 USS NIELDS got underway. 1525 Underway in accordance with FOWM secret dispatch serial 181116A of February 1945, Captain at the Conn, Navigator on the bridge, using various courses and speeds to clear harbor. 1538 Set condition II Mike. 1545 Set course 350°T, speed 5 knots. 1548 Stopped all engines, changed course to 000°T.

*W. A. Smith*  
W. A. SMITH.

16 - 18

Hove to as before. 1635 Changed speed to 15 knots. Changed course to 350°T. 1640 Formed column ahead of USS QUINCY. 1651 Changed speed to 20 knots. 1653 Changed course to 273°T. 1705 Escorts took station in accordance with Plan 33A, CSP 1846. USS CHAMPLIN's station "A", 280°R, distance 2000 yards from guide. Base course 273°T, speed 20 knots.

*W. B. Schneidau*  
W. B. SCHNEIDAU.

18 - 20

Steaming as before. 1833 Sunset. Darkened ship. 1900 Set clocks back one hour to zone 0 time. 1802 Passed Cherchell light abeam to port, distance 27,000 yards. 1830 Formation changed course to 265°T.

*W. A. Smith*  
W. A. SMITH.

20 - 24

Steaming as before. 2000 All departments reported secure. 2011 Passed Cape Tenez light abeam to port, 17.5 miles. 2100 Formation changed course to 240°T. 2235 Proceeded independently on various courses and speeds to new station, 45°R, distance 2000 yards on the starboard bow of USS QUINCY, according to plan 35A, CSP 1846. 2245 USS BALDWIN, USS FRANKFORD, and USS LAUB joined screen. 2252 Arrived on station. 2256 Sighted Cape Ivi light bearing 186°T. 2337 Passed Cape Ivi light abeam to port, distance 19 miles.

*B. Dolan*  
B. DOLAN.



UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601)

Monday 19 February 1945  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

00 - 04

Steaming as escort for Task Group 21.5 (USS QUINCY and USS SAVANNAH) in company with United States Ships NIELDS, LAUB, BALDWIN, FRANKFORD, and PARKER; OTC Commanding Officer USS QUINCY; Screen Commander (CDD32) embarked. Course 240°T, speed 20 knots. USS CHAMPLIN on station "O" plan 35A, CSP 1846, 47°R on starboard bow of USS QUINCY, distance 2000 yards. Ship darkened and in condition of Readiness II Mike. Material condition Baker set. Steaming on boilers #2 and #4. 0130 Passed Cape Aguille light abeam to port, distance 24,900 yards. 0200 Changed course to 275°T.

*R. J. Goodeve*  
R. J. GOODEVE.

04 - 08

Steaming as before. 0718 Formation changed course to 263°T.

*W. B. Schneidau*  
W. B. SCHNEIDAU.

08 - 12

Steaming as before. 0800 Mustered crew on stations. No absentees. 0915 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Conditions normal. 1107 Changed course to 270°T. 1130 Lighted fires under boilers #1 and #3. 1135 USS MURPHY joined formation.

*W. A. Smith*  
W. A. SMITH.

12 - 16

Steaming as before. 1230 Formation changed course to 260°T. 1230 ComDesRon 17 took command of screen. 1240 Cut in boilers #1 and #3. 1246 Proceeded on various courses and speeds to new station 60°R, 3000 yards on the starboard bow of the USS QUINCY in accordance with Plan 35A CSP 1846. 1256 Formation changed speed to 27 knots. 1258 Passed Almina lighthouse abeam to port, 8½ miles. 1308 Formation changed course to 255°T. 1311 Formation changed speed to 29 knots. 1333 Passed Tarifa Island light abeam to starboard, 2000 yards. 1348 Entered swept channel. 1440 Formation commenced zig-zagging in accordance with Plan #11Z, zig-zag diagrams of 1940. 1528 Formation ceased zig-zagging. 1531 Formation changed course 270°T. 1532 Formation changed speed to 27 knots. 1534 Formation commenced zig-zagging in accordance with Plan #11Z, zig-zag diagrams of 1940.

*B. Dolan*  
B. DOLAN.

16 - 20

Steaming as before. 1700 Detached from screen with USS NIELDS, USS PARKER, and USS LAUB by CDS17. Set course 065°T, speed 25 knots enroute Oran, Algeria. 1712 Changed speed to 20 knots, with USS CHAMPLIN as guide, USS PARKER took station 1 mile on starboard beam. USS LAUB 600 yards astern of USS PARKER in column open order. USS NIELDS 600 yards astern of USS CHAMPLIN in column open order. 1813 Sunset. Darkened ship. 1900 Changed speed to 25 knots. 1915 Executed turn to left to 045°T. 1925 Executed turn to left to 035°T. 1927 Executed turn to left to 015°T. 1930 Executed turn to right to 065°T. 1935 Changed course to 105°T.

*R. J. Goodeve*  
R. J. GOODEVE.

20 - 24

Steaming as before. 2000 All departments reported secure. 2028 Trafalgar light sighted bearing 341°T. 2053 Malabata light abeam to starboard 12,000 yards. 2110 Pt. Europa light sighted bearing 046°T. 2111 Tarifa light abeam to port, 8000 yards. 2139 Passed Pt. "X-Ray". 2141 Formation changed course to 099°T, changed speed to 20 knots. 2151 Almina light abeam to starboard 9000 yards. 2155 Secured #1 and #3 boilers. 2240 USS CHAMPLIN, USS NIELDS, USS PARKER reversed course to 279°T. Directed to report to FOGMA for duty by CTG 80.6 secret dispatch 192050A of February 1945. USS LAUB proceeding to Oran, Algeria. USS PARKER took station astern of USS NIELDS. 2335 Formation changed speed to 10 knots. 2340 Formation changed course to 320°T. 2350 Formation changed course to 328°T. 2345 Reported to FOGMA for duty.

*W. B. Schneidau*  
W. B. SCHNEIDAU.



UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601)

Tuesday 20 February 1945  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

00 - 04

Steaming in company with USS NIELDS and USS PARKER, OTC (CDD32) embarked. Ships in column in the following order: USS CHAMPLIN, USS NIELDS, USS PARKER. Steaming on boilers #2 and #4 on course 325°T, speed 10 knots. Ship darkened, condition of Readiness II Mike, material condition Baker set. 0000 Directed by FCGMA to enter Gibraltar Bay and berth at one hours notice. 0003 On various courses and speeds entering Gibraltar Harbor. Ships proceeding independently. 0050 Pilot W. PRIOR came aboard. 0104 Pilot ARNOLD came aboard and took the Conn. Pilot W. PRIOR left the ship. 0137 Moored starboard side to port side tanker Delphinola, Berth #25, Jetty #3, North moke, in Gibraltar Harbor with 4 manila lines and 2 wire cables. 0155 Pilot ARNOLD left the ship. 0200 Set all clocks ahead 1 hour to zone time minus 1. 0305 Main engines put on one hours notice. 0320 Commenced fueling.

*B. Dolan*  
B. DOLAN.

04 - 08

Moored as before. 0440 Completed fueling ship, having received on board 35,814 gallons of fuel oil at 60°F. Draft of ship Fwd. 14'3"; Aft. 17'2".

*R. G. Liffert*  
R. G. LIFFERT.

08 - 12

Moored as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters. No absentees. 1040 Made preparations for getting underway. 1045 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Conditions normal. 1155 Underway in accordance with FCGMA confidential dispatch 200949 to carry out A/S search along Moroccan coast from Malabata Point to Lat. 35° 20'N.

*M. W. Carpenter*  
M. W. CARPENTER.

12 - 16

Steaming as before. Using various courses and speeds standing out Gibraltar Harbor. 1205 Set course 180°T, speed 15 knots. 1212 Changed speed to 20 knots. Secured Special Sea Details, set condition II Mike. 1226 Changed course to 240°T. Changed speed to 12 knots. 1230 Formed scouting line, USS NIELDS 3000 yards on port beam and USS PARKER 3000 yards on starboard beam. 1335 Passed Tarifa light abeam to starboard, distance 17,000 yards. 1417 Formation changed course to 258°T, Established patrol as follows: Pt. "A" 35° 51.7'N 05° 45.6'W; Pt. B 35° 48.5'N, 06° 04'W; Pt "C" 35° 20'N 06° 12.5'W. 1425 Passed Malabata light abeam to port, distance 8000 yards. 1510 Passed Cape Spartel light abeam to port, distance 6000 yards. 1543 Formation changed course to 194°T.

*W. A. Smith*  
W. A. SMITH.

16 - 20

Steaming as before. 1819 Formation changed course to 014°T.

*B. Dolan*  
B. DOLAN.

20 - 24

Steaming as before. 2000 All departments reported secure. 2111 Changed course to 078°T. 2251 Changed course to 258°T.

*R. J. Goodeve*  
R. J. GOODEVE.



UNITED STATES SHIP

CHAMPLIN (DD601)

Wednesday 21 February, 1945  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

00 - 04

Steaming as hunt group for submarines off Northwest coast of Morocco in company with USS NIELDS and USS PARKER. CDD32 OTC, embarked. Course 258<sup>o</sup>T, speed 12 knots. Formation scouting line on bearing 014<sup>o</sup>T. USS CHAMPLIN guide, distance 3000 yards. Maintaining complete SC and SG radar search. Ship darkened and condition of Readiness II Mike, material condition Baker set. Steaming on boilers #2 and #4. 0030 Formation changed course to 194<sup>o</sup>T. 0301 Formation changed course to 014<sup>o</sup>T. 0330 Formation changed course to 194<sup>o</sup>T. 0345 Investigating sound contact. 0355 Rejoined formation. Contact non-sub.

*W. B. Schneidau*  
W. B. SCHNEIDAU.

04 - 08

Steaming as before. 0405 Formation changed course to 014<sup>o</sup>T. 0635 Formation changed course to 078<sup>o</sup>T. 0720 Passed Cape Spartel light abeam to starboard, distance 6,500 yards.

*W. A. Smith*  
W. A. SMITH.

08 - 12

Steaming as before. 0800 Mustered crew on stations. No absentees. 0814 Formation changed course to 258<sup>o</sup>T. 0934 Formation changed course to 194<sup>o</sup>T. 1000 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Conditions normal. USS PARKER assumed SC radar guard for the formation.

*B. Dolan*  
B. DOLAN.

12 - 16

Steaming as before. 1255 Changed course to 194<sup>o</sup>T. 1307 Changed course to 014<sup>o</sup>T. 1503 Changed course to 078<sup>o</sup>T.

*R. J. Goodeve*  
R. J. GOODEVE.

16 - 20

Steaming as before. 1707 Formation changed course to 258<sup>o</sup>T. 1929 Formation changed speed to 15 knots. Directed by FOGMA dispatch 211134A of February 1945 to proceed to rendezvous with UGS 73 and operate in support of convoy.

*W. B. Schneidau*  
W. B. SCHNEIDAU.

20 - 24

Steaming as before. 2000 All departments reported secure. 2005 USS NIELDS and USS PARKER opened distance to 5000 yards.

*W. A. Smith*  
W. A. SMITH.



UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601)

Thursday 22 February 1945  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

00 - 04

Steaming enroute to rendezvous with UGS Convoy 73, in company with USS PARKER and USS NIELDS; CDD32, OTC, embarked. Formation line; USS PARKER, USS CHAMPLIN, USS NIELDS; USS CHAMPLIN guide, distance 5,000 yards. Maintaining complete SG radar search. USS PARKER has air search guard. Base course 258°T, speed 15 knots. Ship darkened, condition of Readiness II Mike and material condition Baker set. Steaming on #2 and #4 boilers.

*B. Dolan*  
B. DOLAN.

04 - 08

Steaming as before. 0405 Used various courses and speeds to take station in screen of UGS convoy 73. 0440 Commenced patrolling station No. 7 of article 4374 FTP 223A, 8 escorts, 3000 yards astern of last ship, right-hand column. Convoy course 078°T, speed 9.5 knots.

*R. J. Goodeve*  
R. J. GOODEVE.

08 - 12

Steaming as before. 0800 Mustered crew on stations. No absentees. 0915 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Conditions normal. 1030 Leaving formation with USS NIELDS and USS PARKER. Formed scouting line. Changed course to 345°T, speed 20 knots. 1130 Changed course to 120°T.

*W. B. Schneidau*  
W. B. SCHNEIDAU.

12 - 16

Steaming as before. 1235 Using various courses took station in screen of UGS convoy 73. Our station #7 in accordance with FTP 223A, article 4374, 8 escorts, 3000 yards astern of column 9. Convoy base course 078°T, speed 9.5 knots. 1237 Changed speed to 12 knots. Commenced patrolling on station. 1552 Changed speed 14 knots.

*W. A. Smith*  
W. A. SMITH.

16 - 18

Steaming as before. 1602 Changed speed to 12 knots. 1805 Convoy commenced forming into four columns.

*B. Dolan*  
B. DOLAN.

18 - 20

Steaming as before. 1915 Sunset. Darkened ship. 1918 USS CHAMPLIN, USS NIELDS, and USS PARKER detached by escort commander, UGS convoy 73. Used various courses and speeds proceeding to join UGS 73 in support of convoy as directed by FOGMA dispatch 211134A of February 1945.

*R. J. Goodeve*  
R. J. GOODEVE.

20 - 24

Steaming as before. 2000 All departments reported secure. 2043 Changed course to 280°T. 2050 Assumed station #7 in accordance with FTP 223A, article 4374. Station is 2000 yards astern of last ship of right hand column of convoy. Patrolling on station. Course of convoy 272°T, speed 9 knots. USS CHAMPLIN patrolling at speed of 13.2 knots. USS PARKER on station #5, USS NIELDS on station #6. Convoy changed course to 229°T. 2230 Changed patrol speed to 10.5 knots.

*W. B. Schneidau*  
W. B. SCHNEIDAU.



UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601)

Friday 23 February 1945  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

00 - 04

Steaming as support group for GUS convoy #73, in company with USS NIELDS and USS PARKER. Screen Commander in USS MOFFETT. CDD32 embarked. Our station 5000 yards astern of last ship in right column. Screen in accordance with 7 escort Plan #4 of FTP 223A. Patrolling station in accordance with patrol plan #1 Case #2, FTP 223A. Maintaining SG radar search. Base course 229°T, speed 10.5 knots. Ship darkened. Condition of Readiness II Mike and material condition Baker set. Steaming on #2 and #4 boilers.

*W. A. Smith*  
W. A. SMITH.

04 - 08

Steaming as before.

*B. Dolan*  
B. DOLAN.

08 - 12

Steaming as before. 0800 Mustered crew on stations. No absentees. 0809 Sunrise. Lighted ship. 0825 USS CHAMPLIN, USS NIELDS, and USS PARKER detached by escort commander of GUS convoy #73. Set course 065°T, speed 15 knots. enroute Gibraltar. Formation scouting line. 0930 Made daily inspection of magazines and someless powder samples. Conditions normal.

*R. G. Goodlove*  
R. G. GOODLOVE.

12 - 16

Steaming as before.

*W. B. Schneidau*  
W. B. SCHNEIDAU.

16 - 20

Steaming as before. 1704 Changed course to 335°T. 1800 Formed scouting line 085°T. 1801 Turned to 040°T. Commenced A/S patrol between Cape Spartel and Cape Trafalgar as directed by FOGMA. 1910 Turned to 165°T. 1913 Sunset. Darkened ship. 1918 Changed speed to 12 knots.

*W. A. Smith*  
W. A. SMITH.

20 - 24

Steaming as before. 2000 All departments reported secure. 2045 Turned to course 075°T. 2103 Turned to course 345°T. 2226 Turned to course 100°T. 2238 Turned to course 165°T.

*B. Dolan*  
B. DOLAN.



UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601)

Saturday 24 February 1945

(Day) (Date) (Month)

00 - 04

Steaming as A/S patrol off Straits of Gibraltar in company with USS NIELDS, and USS PARKER. OTC CDD32 embarked. Formation scouting line; USS PARKER bearing 085°T, USS NIELDS 265°T, distances 3000 yards. USS CHAMPLIN guide. Ship darkened and in condition of Readiness II Mike. Material condition Baker set. Steaming on #2 and #4 boilers. Course 165°T. 0147 USS PARKER left formation to investigate sonar contact, 345°T. 0320 USS PARKER rejoined formation. 0345 Left formation to investigate sonar contact. Changed speed to 15 knots. 0350 Contact identified as wreck. Rejoining formation.

*R. J. Goodeve*  
R. J. GOODEVE.

04 - 08

Steaming as before. 0405 On station. 0407 Formation changed course to 165°T. 0532 Formation changed course to 345°T. 0648 Formation changed course to 165°T. 0720 Formation changed course to 180°T.

*W. B. Schneidau*  
W. B. SCHNEIDAU.

08 - 12

Steaming as before. 0800 Mustered crew on stations. No absentees. 0802 Sunrise. Lighted ship. 0804 Turned to course 345°T. 0920 Turned to course 165°T. 0930 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Conditions normal. 1038 Turned to course 345°T. 1044 Formation changed speed to 15 knots. 1051 Formation changed speed to 12 knots. 1152 Turned to course 165°T.

*W. A. Smith*  
W. A. SMITH.

12 - 16

Steaming as before. 1332 Turned to course 075°T. 1347 Turned to course 345°T. 1507 Turned to course 165°T.

*B. Dolan*  
B. DOLAN.

16 - 18

Steaming as before. 1630 Turned to 075°T. 1637 Turned to 345°T. 1747 Turned to 165°T.

*R. J. Goodeve*  
R. J. GOODEVE.

18 - 20

Steaming as before. 1830 Formation changed course to 345°T. 1914 Formation changed course to 165°T.

*W. B. Schneidau*  
W. B. SCHNEIDAU.

20 - 24

Steaming as before. 2000 All departments reported secure. 2014 Turned to course 345°T. 2024 Turned to course 165°T. 2045 Turned to course 345°T. 2107 Formation changed speed to 5 knots. 2115 Turned to course 075°T. 2120 Formation changed speed to 12 knots. 2125 Turned to course 345°T. 2214 Turned to course 165°T. 2222 Formation changed speed to 10 knots. 2349 Turned to course 345°T.

*W. A. Smith*  
W. A. SMITH.



UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601)

Sunday 25 February, 1945  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

00 - 04

Steaming in scouting line in company with USS PARKER, and USS NIELDS, CDD32 (OTC) embarked. Formation line of bearing, USS PARKER 085°T, USS NIELDS 265°T, distance 3000 yards from guide; USS CHAMPLIN guide. Alternate courses 345°T and 165°T, speed 10 knots. Maintaining complete SG radar search, USS NIELDS has air <sup>search</sup> guard. Ship darkened, material condition Baker and condition of Readiness II Mike set. Steaming on boilers #2 and #4. 0125 Formation turned to 165°T. 0300 Formation turned to 345°T.

*B. Dolan*  
B. DOLAN.

04 - 08

Steaming as before. 0423 Turned to 165°T. 0503 Changed speed to 15 knots. 0510 Changed speed to 10 knots. 0551 Turned to 345°T. 0716 Turned to 165°T.

*R. J. Goodeve*  
R. J. GOODEVE.

08 - 12

Steaming as before. 0800 Mustered crew on stations. No absentees. 0819 Formation changed speed to 12 knots. 0836 Formation changed course to 345°T. 0943 Formation changed course to 165°T. 0945 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Conditions normal. 1035 Formation changed course to 230°T. 1059 Formation changed course to 310°T. 1100 USS PARKER coming alongside to transfer sea mail. 1125 Completed transfer of sea mail. 1148 Formation changed course to 040°T.

*W. B. Schneidau*  
W. B. SCHNEIDAU.

12 - 16

Steaming as before. 1242 Turned to 165°T. 1400 Turned to 310°T. 1458 Turned to 040°T. 1547 Turned to 165°T. Tested sprinkling system in all upper and lower handling rooms. Conditions satisfactory.

*W. A. Smith*  
W. A. SMITH.

16 - 20

Steaming as before. 1717 Turned to 310°T. 1835 Turned to 040°T. 1913 Turned to 165°T.

*B. Dolan*  
B. DOLAN.

20 - 24

Steaming as before. 2000 All departments reported secure. 2012 Changed speed to 10 knots. 2040 Turned to 345°T. 2207 Turned to 165°T. 2342 Turned to 345°T.

*R. J. Goodeve*  
R. J. GOODEVE.



UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601) Monday 26 February 1945  
 (Day) (Date) (Month)

00 - 04

Steaming in scouting line in company with USS NIELDS and USS PARKER, CDD32 (OTC), embarked, USS CHAMPLIN unit guide. USS PARKER on bearing 085°T, USS NIELDS on bearing 265°T; distance 3000 yards. Course 345°T, speed 10 knots. Ship darkened and in condition of Readiness II Mike. Condition Baker set. Steaming on boilers #2 and #4. 0115 Formation changed course to 165°T. 0305 Formation changed course to 345°T.

*W. B. Schneldau*  
 W. B. SCHNELDAU.

04 - 08

Steaming as before. 0445 Turned to 165°T. 0655 Turned to 075°T. USS NIELDS and USS PARKER formed <sup>column</sup> astern. 0601 Changed speed to 20 knots. Proceeding to Gibraltar. 0610 Changed course to 095°T. 0624 Turned to 125°T. 0627 Turned to 095°T. 0638 Passed Tarifa light abeam to port; distance 8000 yards. 0641 Changed course to 065°T. 0648 Changed speed to 15 knots. 0705 Changed course to 050°T. Turned on running lights. 0707 Changed course to 045°T. 0716 Changed course to 020°T. 0730 Stationed Special Sea Details. Changed course to 000°T. 0742 Using various courses and speeds entering Gibraltar Harbor. Captain at the Conn, Navigator on the bridge. 0758 Moored port side to starboard side of British tanker Benbybile in Berth #35, in Gibraltar Harbor, using 4 manila lines and 2 wire cables. Sunrise. Lighted ship.

*W. A. Smith*  
 W. A. SMITH.

08 12

Moored as before. 0825 Secured the Special Sea Detail. Set regular port watch. 0830 Commenced fueling ship. Draft of ship fwd. 13'1"; Aft. 17'3". 0915 Mustered crew on stations. No absentees. 0919 USS PARKER moored alongside to starboard. 0955 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Conditions normal. 1015 Main engines placed on one hours notice. 1035 Completed fueling, having received on board 1064 barrels of fuel oil at 60°F. Draft of ship fwd. 14' 6"; Aft. 17'4".

*W. J. Murbach*  
 W. J. MURBACH.

12 - 16

Moored as before. 1340 Stationed Special Sea Details. 1355 All departments reported readiness for getting underway. 1412 Underway to shift berths, using various courses and speeds, Captain at the Conn, Navigator on the bridge. 1422 Moored port side to starboard side to USS PARKER at Ordnance Wharf, Berth #40, Gibraltar Harbor, using 4 manila lines and 2 wire cables. 1433 Main engines placed on four hours notice. Gyro remaining in operation. 1525 Pursuant to the orders of the Commanding Officer, Lieut. (jg) B. DOLAN, USNR, left the ship in charge of the following named men to report for duty to Senior Patrol Officer, British Pickett House, Main Street, Gibraltar: UNKUSKI, W. 204 81 08, Cox, USNR; DUEARS, R.B., 563 04 75, GM3c, USNR; MOORE, J.T., 552 13 68, FC2c, USNR; SAMS, E., 654 31 63, MM1c, USNR. 1525 Pursuant to verbal orders from ComDes8th Fleet of 18 January 1945, GALOFARO, A.M., 898 32 92, S2c, USNR, reported aboard for duty with bag, records, and transfer papers.

*S. R. Fulmore, Jr.*  
 S. R. FULMORE, Jr.

16 - 20

Moored as before. 1915 Mustered PAL's and restricted men. No absentees.

*W. B. Schneldau*  
 W. B. SCHNELDAU.

20 - 24

Moored as before. 2000 All departments reported secure. 2200 Shore Patrol returned aboard.

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



UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601)

Tuesday 27 February 45

(Day) (Date) (Month), 19

00 - 04

Moored port side to starboard side of USS PARKER at Ordnance Wharf, Gibraltar Harbor using 4 manila lines and 3 wire cables. Steaming on #4 boiler for auxiliary purposes.

*W. A. Smith*  
W. A. SMITH.

04 - 08

Moored as before. 0725 Stationed Special Sea Detail. 0730 Pursuant to orders of the Commanding Officer, dated 27 February 1945, HOFFMAN, R.M., 313 09 99, Slc, USNR, was transferred with bag, records, and transfer papers to the USS PARKER. 0757 Underway for Oran, Algeria, in accordance with FOGMA serial 261056A of February 1945, Captain at the Conn, Navigator on the bridge, using various courses and speeds to clear harbor.

*S. R. Fulmore, Jr.*  
S. R. FULMORE, Jr.

08 - 12

Steaming as before. 0800 Mustered crew on stations. No absentees. 0820 Secured the Special Sea Details; set condition II Mike. Made all preparations for Full Power Trial. Lighted fires under #1 and #3 boilers. 0903 Set course 120°T, speed 15 knots. 0907 Changed speed to 20 knots. 0922 Changed course to 099°T, speed to 28 knots. 1000 Commenced Full Power Trial, speed 33 knots. 1130 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Conditions normal.

*B. Dolan*  
B. DOLAN.

12 - 16

Steaming as before. 1305 Changed speed to 31 knots. 1400 Completed Full Power Trial.

*R. J. Goodeve*  
R. J. GOODEVE.

16 - 20

Steaming as before. 1645 Stationed the Special Sea Details. 1655 Using various courses and speeds proceeding to Mers El Kebir anchorage. 1710 Moored portside to starboard side of tanker "Yankee Arrow" in Mers El Kebir, Algeria using 4 manila lines and 3 wire cables. 1715 Commenced fueling ship. Draft fwd. 13'6"; aft. 17'3". 1725 USS NIELDS moored to starboard side. 1830 Completed fueling, having received aboard 32,350 gallons at 60° F. Draft fwd. 14'6"; aft. 17'3". 1848 USS NIELDS underway. 1904 Underway to shift berths. 1918 Moored starboard side to port side of USS NIELDS, at Berth #3, North Mole, Mers El Kebir, Algeria, using 4 manila lines and 3 wire cables. 1930 Mustered PAL's and restricted men. No absentees.

*M. W. Carpenter*  
M. W. CARPENTER.

20 - 24

Moored as before. 2000 All departments reported secure.

*R. G. Lippert*  
R. G. LIPPERT.



UNITED STATES SHIP CHAMPLIN (DD601) Wednesday 28 February 1945  
 (Day) (Date) (Month)

00 - 04

Moored starboard side to port side of USS NIELDS at Berth #3 North Mole, Mers El Kebir, Algeria, using 4 manila lines and 3 wire cables. Steaming on #3 boiler for auxiliary purposes.

*R. Williams*  
R. WILLIAMS.

04 - 08

Moored as before.

*B. Dolan*  
B. DOLAN.

08 - 12

Moored as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters. No absentees. 0900 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Conditions normal.

*M. W. Carpenter*  
M. W. CARPENTER.

12 - 16

Moored as before. 1355 Pursuant to USS CHAMPLIN DD601/P16-4/OC/ski, Serial 319 of 5 January 1945, Ensign Harry J. WITZ, USNR, reported aboard for duty upon completion of temporary duty at Oil Burner School, Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Penna.

*R. J. Good Eve*  
R. J. GOOD EVE.

16 - 20

Moored as before. 1610 Pursuant to orders from Commanding Officer, Receiving Station, NOB, Norfolk, Va. of 6 February 1945, the following named men reported aboard for duty with bag, records, hammocks, and transfer papers: OLSEN, C.H., 875 39 12, FC3c, USNR; GILES, K.E., 638 36 05, S2c, USNR; NICHOLS, L., 834 39 70, Slc, USNR; KENVILLE, L.J., 868 60 05, SF3c, USNR. Pursuant to orders from Commanding Officer, Receiving Station, Oran, Algeria, of 28 February 1945, the following named man reported aboard for duty with bag, records, hammock, and transfer papers: CHIASSON, G. (n), 256 42 50, TM3c, USN. 1900 Mustered PAL's and restricted men. No absentees.

*F. H. Weber*  
F. H. WEBER.

20 - 24

Moored as before. 2000 All departments reported secure. 2230 Shore Patrol returned aboard.

*R. L. Parkhurst*  
R. L. PARKHURST.