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UNITED STATES SHIP ORMSBY APA 49 Saturday (Day) 20 (Date) November (Month), 19 43

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Position	0800	1200	2000
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

GCT LMT

1200 0000 Steaming under two boilers in cruising disposition 21, O.T.C. U.S.S. Maryland, Transport Division 6, third in column in company with Transport Division 4 and Transport Division 18 and various units of U.S. Fleet. Standard distance 700 yards; standard interval 1500 yards. Destroyer screen patrolling ahead. Standard speed 13,5 knots, 76 RPM. Steaming as 10 knots, 55 RPM, on base course 270°True, 270°gyro, 259°p.strg.c., 235°p.s.c..

1312 0112 Changed base course to 335°True, 335°gyro.

1324 0124 Changed base course to 000°True, 000°gyro.

1356 0135 Changed course to 045°True, 045°gyro.

1409 0209 Changed base course to 090°True, 090°gyro.

1421 0221 Speed 1/3 ahead, 33 RPM.

1430 0230 Speed 2/3 ahead, 55 RPM.

1446 0246 All hands at General Quarters.

P. J. McGILLIGAN, Lieut., U.S.N.R. O.O.D

1510 0310 Steaming on course 090°True, 090°gyro, various speeds during approach to Transport Area Able off Tarawa, Gilbert Islands.

1534 0334 Changed course to 070°True, 070°gyro

1552 0352 Stopped engines and killed all headway; arrival in transport area Able; various courses and speeds lying to in transport area maintaining station.

1709 0509 Observed gunfire directed towards transports from Tarawa Island.

1716 0516 U.S. Naval bombardment began on enemy held Tarawa Island, executed by BBs, CAs, CLs and DDs.

1803 0603 Shell fire from enemy batteries observed dropping in Transport Area; various courses and speeds moving out of range in accordance with orders signalled by O.T.C.

1907 0707 Enemy shore batteries ceased firing; proceeded into Transport Area Able.

2123 0923 First assault wave landed on the beach and engaged the enemy; resistance reported heavy. Steaming under two boilers various courses and speeds maintaining station in Transport Area Able off Tarawa, Gilbert Islands.

2340 1140 Hoisted on board for shell hole repairs Amphib Tractor number 2-27 from L.S.T. 243 of which had on board three dead from landing operations Tarawa, Gilbert Islands. Names of dead:

Approved: Examined:

Leonard Frisco
Commanding Officer.
LEONARD FRISCO, Comdr., D-M, U.S.N.R.

C. M. Houston
Navigator.
C. M. HOUSTON, Lt., D-M, U.S.N.R.

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GCT LWT

2340 1140 Lieut. E.J. Weldte, M.C., U.S.N.R.; G. R. Hensel, U.S.M.C. PFC and R.E. Bettick, U.S.M.C. #522273. No tag upon remains of G. R. Hensel; information obtained from clothing.

2345 1145 Set Condition II, Watch 1.

C. M. HOUSTON, Lt., D-M, U.S.N.R. O.O.D.

2400 1200 Lying to in Transport Area various courses and speeds maintaining station.

0210 1410 Amphib. Tractor #2-27 repaired by ships force lowered away and cast off to resume operations.

0220 1420 Held burial services for the following named officer and men who died in action while landing at a beachhead at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands: Lieut. E.J. Weldte (M.C.), U.S.N.; G.R. Hensel, PFC, USMC; and R. E. Bettick, USMC, #522273. Remains buried at sea in Lat. 01° 25'N, Long. 172° 55'E.

0345 1545 Set Condition III, Watch 1.

T. H. OCHILTREE, Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R. O.O.D.

0400 1600 Steaming as before; various courses and speeds maintaining station in Transport Area Able.

J. S. CONNOR, JR., Lieut., U.S.N.R. O.O.D.

0600 1800 Steaming as before.

0615 1815 Darkened ship.
All hands at General Quarters; various courses and speeds maintaining station in Transport Area Able.

0809 2009 Set Condition III, Watch 2.

A. M. ALCOTT, Lieut., U.S.N.R. O.O.D.

0809 2009 Steaming as before; various courses and speeds maintaining station in Transport Area Able.

P. J. McGILLIGAN, Lieut., U.S.N.R. O.O.D.

Approved: Examined:

Leonard Frisco
Commanding Officer.
LEONARD FRISCO, Comdr., D-M, U.S.N.R.

C. M. HOUSTON
Navigator.
C. M. HOUSTON, Lt., D-M, U.S.N.R.

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Position	0800	1200	2000
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

GCT LWT

1200 0000 Lying to off Tarawa, Gilbert Islands on various courses and various speeds in order to maintain position in transport area. In company with Transport Divisions 4, Transport Division 6 and Transport Division 18. Boilers #1 and 2 and generators #1 and 3 in use. Ship in material condition Baker completely darkened, Condition Three readiness for action. Destroyer screen patrolling in assigned area.

J. S. Connor
J. S. CONNOR, Jr., Lieut., U.S.N.R. O.O.D.

1600 0400 Lying to off Tarawa, Gilbert Islands on various courses and speeds. Maintaining position, Captain at conn.

1725 0525 All hands at General Quarters. Observed anti-aircraft fire port beam; standing by to repel enemy air attack.

1833 0633 Set Condition III, Watch 2.

A. M. Alcott
A. M. ALCOTT, Lieut., U.S.N.R. O.O.D.

2000 0800 Lying to as before; various courses and speeds maintaining position in Transport Area Able off Tarawa, Gilbert Islands.

P. J. McGilligan
P. J. McGILLIGAN, Lieut., U.S.N.R. O.O.D.

2400 1200 Lying to as before.

0217 1417 LCVP #PA 16-4 alongside and the following named casualties in the landing on Tarawa Beach, Gilbert Islands were brought on board: Wyneck, E.V., 815060, Pvt., U.S.M.C.; Silverberg, M.D., 381606, Pfc, U.S.M.C.; Knox, F.R., 535761, Pvt., U.S.M.C.; McFarland, L.H., 410583, Pfc, U.S.M.C.; Tasker, W.P., 474083, Pfc, U.S.M.C.; Daniel, T.R. 331636, Pfc, U.S.M.C.; Perdue, J. 511012, Pfc, U.S.M.C.; Gebrian, N., 357317, Pfc, U.S.M.C.; Sutherland, V.H., 360938, Pvt, U.S.M.C.; Wells, W., 291324, Cpl, U.S.M.C., deceased.

0240 1440 Lowered sight boats into the water.

0343 1543 Rescue boat away to assistance of amphibious tank in distress.

J. S. Connor
J. S. CONNOR, Jr., Lieut., U.S.N.R. O.O.D.

0400 1600 Lying to as before.

0415 1615 Held burial services for Well, W., Cpl, 291324, U.S.M.C. who died in action while landing at a beach-head at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands. Remains buried in Lat. 01°27'N, Long. 172°52'E.

T S Ochiltree
T. H. OCHILTREE, Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R. O.O.D.

Approved:
Leonard Frisco
LEONARD FRISCO, Comdr., D-M, U.S.N.R.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:
Chas M. Houston
CH. M. HOUSTON, Lt., D-M, U.S.N.R.
Navigator.

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GCT LWT

0600 1800 Lying to as before.

0604 1804 Sent loaded tank lighters into Beach Green #1 and #2.

0615 1815 Darkened ship.

0642 1842 Boats #2,3,6, 10, 12 and 26 left for beach.

0642 1846 LCVP PA6-H13 alongside and the following named casualties brought on board: Key, S.C., First Lieut., U.S.M.C.; Herman, C.R., 328788, Pfc, U.S.M.C.; Whitaker, R.E., 283180, Sgt., U.S.MC,R.; Divine, H.J., HAlc, 721-66-04, U.S.N.R., Heiser, R.H., 372811, Pfc, U.S.M.C.R., Wells, C.M., 405160, Pfc, U.S.M.C.R.

P. J. McGILLIGAN, Lieut., U.S.N.R. O.O.D.

0800 2000 Lying to as before.

0915 2115 Commenced discharging cargo (tanks and ammunition).

J. S. CONNOR, Jr., Lieut., U.S.N.R. O.O.D.

Approved:

LEONARD FRISCO, Comdr., D-M, U.S.N.R.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

C. M. HOUSTON, Lt., D-M, U.S.N.R.
Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ORMSBY APA 49 Monday (Day) 22 (Date) November (Month) , 1943

Zone description + 12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	01°N		
Long.	173°E		

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

GCT LWT

1200 0000 Lying to off Tarawa, Gilbert Islands in Transport Area Able, various courses and speeds maintaining position in company with Transport Division 6 and various units of the U.S. Fleet, O.T.C. Com/ Task Force 53.5, U.S.S. Maryland. Destroyer screen patrolling in assigned area. Boilers #1 and 2 and generators #1 and 3 in use. Ship darkened. Navigator at conn.

1540 0340 Boat #4 from U.S.S. Harry Lee alongside with the following named casualty, Taylor, E.C., Pfc, 349401, U.S.M.C., who was taken to the ship's hospital for treatment.

A. H. Alcott
A. H. ALCOTT, Lieut., U.S.N.R. C.O.D.

1600 0400 Lying to as before, Captain at conn, various courses and speeds maintaining station.

1734 0534 All hands at General Quarters.

1834 0634 Set Condition III, Watch 1.

1942 0742 Commenced discharging cargo.

F. J. McGilligan
F. J. McGILLIGAN, Lieut., U.S.N.R. O.O.D.

2000 0800 Lying to as before.

2102 0920 Held burial services for Taylor, E.C., 349401, PFC, U.S.M.C., who died in action while landing at a beach-head at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands. Remains buried in Lat. 01°23'N, Long. 172°53'E.

2305 1105 Set Condition 1-A.

J. S. Connor
J. S. CONNOR, Lieut., U.S.N.R. O.O.D.

2305 1105 Approaching anchorage off Helen Island, Tarawa, various courses and speeds.

2315 1115 Let go port anchor in 37 fathoms of water on following anchor bearings: Bikeman Island Beacon 084°True; end of pier 114 True; right tangent Helen Island 140°True.

2335 1135 Troops rail loaded commenced lowering boats.

0025 1225 First wave of boats departed for the beach.

0110 1310 Communication established with beach party ashore by TBY radio.

0140 1340 Boats commenced returning from the beach; continued unloading operations.

0145 1345 Boat alongside and the following named casualties in the

Approved:

Leonard Frisco
Commanding Officer.
LEONARD FRISCO, Comdr., D-N, U.S.N.R

Examined:

C. H. Houston
Navigator.
C. H. HOUSTON, Lt., D-N, U.S.N.R.

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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
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GCT ZBT

0145 1345 landing on Tarawa Beach, Gilbert Islands were brought on board: Offringer, H. Jr., PFC, 478016, U.S.M.C.R.; McGillis, P.W., Pfc, 497157, U.S.M.C.R.; Davis, E.T. Pfc, 367396, U.S.M.C.; Nail, J.B., Jr., Pfc, 387396, U.S.M.C.R.; Knapp, L.J., PFC, 402153, U.S.M.C.;

0534 1734 Secured from Condition 1-A; set Condition III, Watch 2.

C. M. HOUSTON, Lt., D-M, U.S.N.R. O.O.D.

0600 1800 Anchored as before.

0603 1803 Boat alongside and the remains of Benson, J.D., 331594, Pfc, U.S.M.C., killed in action during landing operations on Tarawa, Gilbert Islands were brought on board.

0615 0815 Held burial services for Benson, J.D., 331594, Pfc, U.S.M.C. who died in action while landing at a beach-head at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands. Remains buried in Lat. 01°25'N, Long 172°55'E.

0630 1830 Discontinued discharging cargo from #1 and 3 hatches upon receiving message from beach to stop discharging temporarily. Hatch crews standing by.

0730 1930 Boat alongside with the following named casualties who were wounded in action in landing operations at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands and taken to the ship's hospital for treatment: Montgomery, J.W., Pfc, U.S.M.C.; 812627; Horton, A.W., 831219, Pvt., U.S.M.C.R.; Gilley, H.L, 414235, Pvt., U.S.M.C.R.; Starkey, J.A., 346267, Pvt., U.S.M.C.; McCallum, W.E., 449054, Pvt., U.S.M.C.R.; Buongiorno, H.P., 502794, Pvt., U.S.M.C.R.; Pernot, G.W., 479538, Pvt., U.S.M.C.R.; Hopp, C., Jr., 273179, Pvt., U.S.M.C.; Soyak, J.M., 364745, Pvt., U.S.M.C.; Bonnin, J.M., 329571, Pvt., U.S.M.C.; Weisenburn, G., 419044, Pvt., U.S.M.C.; Lewellen, D., 82059, Pvt., U.S.M.C.

J. S. CONNOR, Jr., Lieut., U.S.N.R. O.O.D.

0800 2000 Anchored as before.

0820 2020 Held burial services for Soyak, J.M., 364745, Pvt., U.S.M.C., who died in action while landing at a beach-head at Tarawa, Gilbert Island. Remains buried in Lat. 01°25'N; Long. 172°55'E.

1100 2300 Dispatched boats loaded with cargo to beach Green North.

T. H. OCHILTREE, Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R. O.O.D.

Approved:

LEONARD FRISCO, Comdr., D-M, U.S.N.R. Commanding Officer

Examined:

C. M. HOUSTON, Lt., D-M, U.S.N.R. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ORMSBY APA 49 Tuesday (Day) 23 (Date) November (Month), 1943

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Position	0800	1200	2000
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Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

GCT LWT

1200 0000 Anchored off Tarawa, Gilbert Islands in 37 fathoms of water with 120 fathoms of chain out on the port anchor in company with Transport Division 6 and various units of the U.S. Fleet. Boilers #1 and 2 and generators #1 and 2 in use. Ship darkened in material condition Baker and condition III of readiness for action.

1315 0115 LCVP 49-8 alongside with the following named casualties who were wounded in action in landing operations at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands and taken to the ship's hospital for treatment: Rayle, R. E., 470531, Pvt., U.S.M.C.R.; Rice, H.E., 814173, Pfc, U.S.M.C.

F. J. McGilligan

F. J. MCGILLIGAN, Lieut., U.S.N.R. O.O.D.

1600 0400 Anchored as before.

1605 0405 Commenced making preparation for getting underway.

1607 0407 Commenced heaving anchor.

1625 0425 All hands at General Quarters to repel air attack.
1630 0430 Anchoreaweigh.
1631 0431 Underway in accordance with orders; steaming on various courses at various speeds in order to maintain position in transport formation.

1826 0626 Secured from General Quarters; set Condtion III, Watch 1.

1855 0655 Let go the port anchor; veered chain to 90 fathoms.

1900 0800 Anchored off Tarawa, Gilbert Islands in 23 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain out on the port anchor on the following anchor bearings: Bikeman Island Beacon 083° True; North end of pier 110½°; right tangent Helen Island 138½°.

1955 0755 Boat alongside with the following named casualties who were wounded in action in landing operations at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands and taken to the ship's hospital for treatment: Cook, J.B., Slc, 563-44-79, U.S.N.R.; Armato, J.J., 804250, Pfc, U.S.M.C.; Poderzay, E., 809207, Pfc, U.S.M.C.; Cado, J.A., 257201, GunSgt., U.S.M.C.; McHenry, C.H., 812368, Pvt., U.S.M.C.; Frias, J.C., 197710, Pfc, U.S.M.C.

J. S. Connor Jr.

J. S. CONNOR, Jr., Lieut., U.S.N.R. O.O.D.

2000 0800 Anchored as before.

2045 0845 Boat alongside with the following named casualty who was wounded in action in landing operations at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands and taken to the ship's hospital for treatment: Heuer, L. M., 464817, Pfc, U.S.M.R.

Approved: Leonard Frisco
Commanding Officer.
LEONARD FRISCO, Comdr., D-M, U.S.N.R.

Examined: C. M. Houston
Navigator.
C. M. HOUSTON, Lt., D-M, U.S.N.R.

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GCT	LWT	
2110	0910	Boat alongside with the following named casualties who were wounded in action in landing operations at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands and taken to the ship's hospital for treatment: Firley, C.E., Pvt., 320873, U.S.M.C.; Moore, G.R., 485361, Pvt, U.S.M.C.; Boren, N.M., 834459, Pfc, U.S.M.C.; McNeese, M.E., 284285, Sgt., U.S.M.C.
2314	1114	Boat alongside with the following named casualties who were wounded in action in landing operations at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands and taken to the ship's hospital for treatment: Kulek, P.J., 282750, Cpl., U.S.M.C.; Hall, K.F., 343705, Pfc, U.S.M.C.; Davis, H.B., 366250, Pfc, U.S.M.C.
2344	1144	Stationed the special sea detail
2348	1148	Commenced heaving up anchor; Captain at conn, navigator on bridge.
2358	1158	Anchor aweigh; underway in accordance with orders signalled by O.T.C.

T. H. OCHILTREE, Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R. C.O.D.

2400	1200	Lying to Off Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, transport area Able, hoisting in boats
0028	1228	Set Condition III.
0055	1255	PAll-19 alongside with the following named casualty who was wounded in action in landing operations at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands and taken to the ship's hospital for treatment: Horvick, L.S.Pvt., U.S.M.C.R.
0112	1312	Lowered all boats with orders to report to U.S.S. Pursuit inside the lagoon.

W. J. McGILLIGAN, Lieut., U.S.N.R. O.O.D.

0400	1600	Lying to as before various courses and speeds maintaining station.
0447	1647	Held burial services for Hopp, Carl, 273179, (rate unknown), U.S.M.C. who died in action while landing at a beach-head at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands. Remains buried in Lat. 01°25'N; Long. 172°55'E.

J. S. CONNOR, Jr., Lieut., U.S.N.R. O.O.D.

0600	1800	Lying to as before.
0620	1820	Underway in accordance with orders signalled by O.T.C. U.S.S. Maryland, in cruising formation, ~~third ship in center~~

Approved:

LEONARD FRISCO, Comdr., D-M, U.S.N.R. Commanding Officer

Examined:

U. M. HOUSTON, Lt., D-M, U.S.N.R. Navigator

UNITED STATES SHIP ORMSBY APA 49 Tuesday (Day) 23 (Date) November (Month), 19 43

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GCT LWT

0620 1820 column, guide on U.S.S. Monrovia and in company with various units of the U.S. Fleet. Speed 13 knots, 71 RPM on course 270° True, 270° gyro. Proceeding to Coney Island Area.

0655 1855 Executed Turn 18 to course 090° True, 090° gyro.

0731 1931 Executed Turn 1 to 080° True, 080° gyro.

0740 1940 Executed Turn 1 to 090° True, 090° gyro.

A. M. Alcott
A. M. ALCOTT, Lieut., U.S.N.R. O.O.D.

0800 2000 Steaming as before.

P. D. McGilligan
P. D. McGILLIGAN, Lieut., U.S.N.R. O.O.D.

Approved:

Leonard Frisco
Commanding Officer.
LEONARD FRISCO, Comdr., D-M, U.S.N.R.

Examined:

C. M. Houston
Navigator.
C. M. HOUSTON, Lt., D-M, U.S.N.R.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ORMSBY APA 49 Wednesday (Day) 24 (Date) November (Month), 19 43

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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
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GCT LWT

2400 1200 Lying to as before.

0 30 1230 Began discharging cargo from #1 hatch.

0100 1300 The following named casualties were transferred to the U.S.S. Monrovia for further disposition in accordance with orders of Com Task Force 53.1: Tasker, W.P., Pfc, 474083; Frias, J.C., Pfc, 487740; Wells, G.M., Pfc, 405160; Knox, F.R., Pft, 535761; McFarland, L.H. Pfc, 410583; Poderzay, E.(n), Pfc, 809207; Cado, J.A., GySgt, 257207; Gilley, H.L., Pvt, 414235; Buongiorno, N.R., Pfc, 502794; Heuer, L.M., Pfc, 464817; Butler, R.E. Pfc, 463817; Moore, G.R. Pvt, 486361; McHenry, C.E., Pvt., 812368; Armato, J.J., Pfc 804250; Boren, H.M. Pfc, 834459; Hall, K.F., Pfc, 323705; Flaherty, J.E., Pvt, 817566; Knapp, E.J., Pfc, 402153; Horten, A.M., Pfc, 831219; Kloppenbur, H.G., Pvt, 516914; McCallum, W.E., Pfc, 449054; Lewallen, A. (n), Pvt, 820959; Finley, C.E., Pvt 329873; Pernot, C.W., Pvt 479538; Montgomery, J.W., Pfc, 812627; Weisenburn, G.R., Pvt, 419011; McNeese, E.B., Sgt, 284285; Gebrian, N. (n) Pfc, 357317; Perdue, T. (n), Pfc, 511012; Davis, E.J., Pfc, 357396; Sutherland, V.H., Pvt, 360938; Bonnin, J.M., Cpl, 329571; Whitaker, R.E., Sgt, 283180; Wymer, E.D. Pvt, 815066; Rice, H.E., Pvt, 814173; Divine, A.J. Male, 721-66-04; Herman, C.R., Pfc, 328788; Nail, J.E., Pfc, 387162.

0210 1410 Finished discharging cargo from #1 hatch.

0310 1510 Finished discharging casualties to the U.S.S. Monrovia.

0315 1515 Commenced discharging cargo from #3 hatch.

0335 1535 Finished discharging cargo from #3 hatch.

0336 1536 Commenced disembarking troops (engineers).

0340 1540 Finished disembarking troops.

O. R. Irgang
C. R. IRRGANG, Lieut., U.S.N.R. O.C.D.

0400 1600 Lying to as before.

0510 1710 U.S. Navy plane crashed into the water off the port bow about two miles distant. Crew rescued by destroyers in the vicinity.

0524 1724 All hands at General Quarters to repel air attack.

0535 1735 Secured from General Quarters on all clear signal.

0555 1755 Commenced preparations for getting underway.

J. S. Connor
J. S. CONNOR, JR., Lieut., U.S.N.R. O.C.D.

Approved:
Leonard Frisco
Commanding Officer.
LEONARD FRISCO, Comdr., D-N, U.S.N.R.

Examined:
C. M. Houston
Navigator.
C. M. HOUSTON, Lt., D-M, U.S.N.R.

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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
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GCT LWT

2400 1200 Lying to as before.

0 30 1230 Began discharging cargo from #1 hatch.

0100 1300 The following named casualties were transferred to the U.S.S. Monrovia for further disposition in accordance with orders of Com Task Force 53.1: Tasker, W.P., Pfc, 474083; Frias, J.C., Pfc, 487740; Wells, G.M., Pfc, 405160; Knox, F.R., Pft, 535761; McFarland, L.H. Pfc, 410583; Poderzay, E.(n), Pfc, 809207; Cado, J.A., GySgt, 257207; Gilley, H.L., Pvt, 414235; Buongiorno, N.R., Pfc, 502794; Heuer, L.M., Pfc, 464817; Butler, R.E. Pfc, 463817; Moore, G.R. Pvt, 486361; McHenry, C.E., Pvt., 812368; Armato, J.J., Pfc 804250; Boren, H.M. Pfc, 834459; Hall, K.F., Pfc, 323705; Flaherty, J.E., Pvt, 817566; Knapp, E.J., Pfc, 402153; Horten, A.M., Pfc, 831219; Kloppenbur, H.G., Pvt, 516914; McCallum, W.E., Pfc, 449054; Lewallen, A. (n), Pvt, 820959; Finley, C.E., Pvt 329873; Pernot, C.W., Pvt 479538; Montgomery, J.W., Pfc, 812627; Weisenburn, G.R., Pvt, 419011; McNeese, E.B., Sgt, 284285; Gebrian, N. (n) Pfc, 357317; Perdue, T. (n), Pfc, 511012; Davis, E.J., Pfc, 357396; Sutherland, V.H., Pvt, 360938; Bonnin, J.M., Cpl, 329571; Whitaker, R.E., Sgt, 283180; Wymer, E.D. Pvt, 815066; Rice, H.E., Pvt, 814173; Divine, A.J. Male, 721-66-04; Herman, C.R., Pfc, 328788; Nail, J.E., Pfc, 387162.

0210 1410 Finished discharging cargo from #1 hatch.

0310 1510 Finished discharging casualties to the U.S.S. Monrovia.

0315 1515 Commenced discharging cargo from #3 hatch.

0335 1535 Finished discharging cargo from #3 hatch.

0336 1536 Commenced disembarking troops (engineers).

0340 1540 Finished disembarking troops.

O. R. Irgang
C. R. IRRGANG, Lieut., U.S.N.R. O.C.D.

0400 1600 Lying to as before.

0510 1710 U.S. Navy plane crashed into the water off the port bow about two miles distant. Crew rescued by destroyers in the vicinity.

0524 1724 All hands at General Quarters to repel air attack.

0535 1735 Secured from General Quarters on all clear signal.

0555 1755 Commenced preparations for getting underway.

J. S. Connor
J. S. CONNOR, JR., Lieut., U.S.N.R. O.C.D.

Approved:
Leonard Frisco
Commanding Officer.
LEONARD FRISCO, Comdr., D-N, U.S.N.R.

Examined:
C. M. Houston
Navigator.
C. M. HOUSTON, Lt., D-M, U.S.N.R.

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Zone description + 12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

GCT	LWT	
0600	1800	Lying to as before.
0618	1818	Darkened ship.
0625	1825	Underway in accordance with orders O.T.C. U.S.S. Maryland in single column cruising formation in company with U.S.S. Mayyland and U.S.S. J. Franklin Bell. Destroyer screen patrolling ahead on course 290°True, 290°gyro. Speed 14 knots, 77 RPM.
0704	1904	Changed course to 230°True, 230°gyro.

E. B. Nickel
E. B. NICKEL, Lieut., U.S.N.R. O.O.D.

0800	2000	Steaming as before.
0952	2152	Changed course to 170°True, 170°gyro.
1145	2345	Changed course to 090°True, 090°gyro. Average steam 440; average RPM 78.

O. R. Irrgang
O. R. IRRGANG, Lieut., U.S.N.R. O.O.D.

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Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ORMSBY APA 49 Thursday (Day) 25 (Date) November (Month), 1943

Zone description / 12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	01°N	01°N	
Long.	173°E	173°E	

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

GCT	LWT	
1200	0000	Steaming under two boilers in cruising formation in company with O.T.C. U.S.S. Maryland, U.S.S. J. Franklin Bell and various units of the U.S. Fleet; third in column, 700 yards astern of the U.S.S. J. Franklin Bell, on base course 015°True, 015°gyro, standard speed 14 knots, 77 RPM. Ship darkened in material condition Yoke, condition III readiness for action. Average steam 440; average RPM 77.5.
		J. S. CONNOR, Jr., Lieut., U.S.N.R. O.O.D.
1600	0400	Steaming as before.
1715	0515	All hands at General Quarters.
1811	0611	In compliance with signal from O.T.C., U.S.S. J. Franklin Bell assumed tactical command of this unit, various courses and speeds maneuvering in accordance with orders.
1814	0614	Set Condition III.
1820	0620	Changed base course to 190°True, 190°gyro.
1832	0632	Reduced speed to 54 RPM, 10 knots.
1842	0642	Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with orders on Plan [illegible] #14.
1927	0727	Increased speed to 15 knots, 83 RPM. Average steam 440; average RPM 75.
		E. B. NEUMEL, Lieut., U.S.N.R. O.O.D.
2000	0800	Steaming as before.
2100	0900	Sighted several ships on horizon bearing 190°True.
2133	0933	Changed speed to 10 knots, 55 RPM
2137	0937	Ceased zig-zagging; resumed base course 190°True.
2140	0940	Ordered to join formation; port column U.S.S. Zeilin, U.S.S. Middleton, U.S.S. Harry Lee; starboard column U.S.S. Feland; U.S.S. J. Franklin Bell, U.S.S. Ormsby and U.S.S. Bellatrix. Battleships U.S.S. Tennessee and U.S.S. Colorado and various destroyers forming screen ahead.
2153	0953	Changed course to 038°True, 038°gyro and joined formation in proper station.
2208	1008	Commenced zig-zagging on Plan #6 base course 038°True, 038°gyro. Speed 10.5 knots, 58 RPM. Average steam 447; average RPM 66.
		O. R. IRGANG, Lieut., U.S.N.R. O.O.D.

Approved:

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Examined:

C. M. HOUSTON, Lieut., D-N, U.S.N.R. Navigator.

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Zone description + 12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

GCT LWT

2400 1200 Steaming as before.

0259 1459 Ceased zig-zagging; resumed base course.

0335 1535 Decreased speed to 33 RPM; 1/3 ahead various courses and speeds approaching Transport Area.

0345 1545 Stop. Arrived Transport Area Able, Tarawa, Gilbert Islands; various courses and speeds maintaining position. Average steam 450; average RPM 56.1.

A. M. ALCOTT, Lieut., U.S.N.R. O.O.D.

0400 1600 Lying to as before off Tarawa, Gilbert Islands; various speeds and helm orders to maintain position.

0553 1753 Standard ahead 67 RPM, 12 knots course 210°True, 210°gyro proceeding from Transport Area to sea in accordance with orders in company with U.S.S. Feland, U.S.S. J. Franklin Bell, U.S.S. Harris, U.S.S. Harry Lee and various units of the U.S. Fleet.

P. J. McGILLICAN, Lieut., U.S.N.R. O.O.D.

0600 1800 Steaming as before.

0620 1820 Changed course 200°True, 200°gyro. Average steam 441; average RPM 60.

J. S. CONNOR, Jr., Lieut., U.S.N.R. O.O.D.

0800 2000 Steaming as before.

0803 2003 Changed course to 240°True, 240°gyro. Increased speed to 15 knots, 83 RPM.

1000 2200 Changed course 195°True, 195°gyro.

1100 2300 Changed course 150°True, 150°gyro. Average steam 440; average RPM 85.5.

A. M. ALCOTT, Lieut., U.S.N.R. O.O.D.

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