

UNITED STATES SHIP ALVIN C. COCKRELL

Friday 23 February 1945

(Day) (Date) (Month)

ADDITIONAL REMARKS

20 - 24 Steaming as before. 2002 changed course to 180° T and pgc, 176° psc. 2017 changed course to 235° T, pgc, 231° psc. 2030 changed course to 260° T and pgc, 257° psc. 2033 changed course to 274° T and pgc, 270° psc. 2130 changed course to 295° T and pgc, 290° psc. 2253 secured war cruising watch, set general quarters Condition I. 2255 Maneuvering on various courses at various speeds in vicinity of water-borne U.S. Naval Plane PBM-3D #45299 of squadroh VPB-22, at latitude 10-03 N., longitude 138-25 E. Made all preparations and started undertaking operations to transfer crew of plane to this vessel and take plane in tow.

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(DE-366)

Saturday 24 February 1951

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Steaming on various courses and at various speeds in order to rescue crew from downed plane, PBM-3D, #45299 of squadron VPB-22, in area latitude 10-03 N., longitude 138-25 E., in accordance with verbal orders from ComTaskGroup. 0010 the following named crew members of PBM-3D came aboard: H.F. STRUHEFER, A-1, Lt., USNR, C.L. LAMB, A-1, Ensign, USNR, STRANSER, A., A-1, Ensign, USNR, TADMAN, W.F., 622-38-05, AMM1c, USNR, McMULLEN, J.P., 650-63-88, ARMLc, USNR, CANNIZZARO, R.J., 710-56-01, AMM3c, USNR, FUSCO, L.C., 809-50-72, ARM3c, USNR, WILLIG, R.P., 651-02-75, AMM3c, USNR, WALDEN, W.L., 874-75-66, AMM3c, USNR, CARRICO, O.L., 627-87-46, ACM2c, USNR, THOMPSON, L.E., 723-28-75, ACM3c, USNR, MURRAY, T.H., 225-38-29, Slc, USN. 0215 man overboard while hoisting motor whaleboat. 0217 recovered man overboard, ARNOLD, Charles J., Cox., 821-49-85, USNR; no injuries.

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Maneuvering in area of downed plane as before. 0800 all hands mustered on stations; no absentees.

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8 - 12

Maneuvering in area of downed plane as before. 0910 took plane in tow, course 104° T and pgc, speed 5 knots. 1155 tow line section attached to plane parted. Commenced patrolling about plane. Made daily inspection of smokeless powder samples and magazines; conditions normal.

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12 - 16

Patrolling as before. 1220 investigated sound contact. 1223 lost contact. Commenced patrolling around plane at 2500 yards while USS MANLOVE (DE-36) attempted to take plane in tow. 1440 opened fire on plane with 20MM and 40MM guns after unsuccessful attempts to salvage plane by USS MANLOVE (DE-36). 1450 plane afire; ceased firing. Total amount of ammunition expended was 100 rounds 20MM HET, 200 rounds 20MM HEI, and 76 rounds of 40MM HEIT. USS MANLOVE (DE-36) opened fire with 3" guns. 1453 plane sank. 1455 set base course 102° T and pgc, 097° psc, at 10 knots, (149 RPM). 1500 came right to investigate object in the water. Object identified to be wing float from plane. 1504 set base course 102° T and pgc, 097° psc, at 20 knots, (309 RPM). USS MANLOVE is taking station 3000 yards on our port beam. 1513 changed speed to 15 knots, (226 RPM). 1520 USS MANLOVE designated guide. We are keeping station on the USS MANLOVE (DE-36) 3000 yards on our port beam. Due to engine trouble USS MANLOVE (DE-36) is making her best speed which is about 14 knots.

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16 - 20

Steaming as before. No remarks.

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20 - 24

Steaming as before. 2011 changed course to 107° T and pgc, 102° psc. USS MANLOVE (DE-36) took station 2000 yards bearing 180° relative from this vessel. 2110 changed course to 033° T and pgc, 2135 changed course to 355° T and pgc, 354° psc. 2155 changed course to 350° T and pgc; 2200 secured the war cruising watch, stationed the special sea detail. 2210 maneuvering on various courses at various speeds entering Mugai Channel, Ulithi Islands. 2248 anchored in Urushi Anchorage in 24 fathoms of water, sand bottom, with 90 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following bearing: Signal Tower, 082.5° T. 2255 secured the special sea detail, set the in port watch. Let fires die out under boiler #2.

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