U. S. S. SAN JACINTO

21 November

Underway with TG 38.4 enroute vicinity of Yap and Ulithi. Day devoted to Training Exercises, including Gunnery practice, by cruisers in morning and by screen during afternoon, and Radar Tracking Exercises. Routine Patrols were flown, SAN JACINTO providing the first.

Positions	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	14°25' N	13°46' N	12°20' N
Long.	133°30' E	133°57' E	135°33' E

22 November

Underway in vicinity of Yap Island, conducting Napalm Strike against Yap while enroute Ulithi; Mission to further neutralize enemy installations thereom and to conduct test of Napalm tactics. Strike was launched at 0800. Our aircraft dropped 15 Napalm-filled belly-tanks on Gagil-Tomil bivouac area, scoring 12 hits and igniting buildings in area. Only one Napalm failed to ignite. Drops were made from altitude of 75-300 feet. There was no AA and no interception in our area, although other groups did encounter meagre AA fire and 1 VF was lost by ENTERPRISE.

After recoveries were completed, all cruisers and six destroyers formed TU 38.4.2 and left disposition at 1030, for special Gunnery Exercises. At 1054, carriers formed column of heavy ships, SAN JACINTO leading, and remaining destroyers formed bent-line screen. Gunnery Exercises on towed sleeve target were conducted from 1140 until 1235, SAN JACINTO expending 1153 rounds 40MM and 2429 rounds 20MM.

Cruising disposition 5-R was resumed at 1237, axis 240°T, ENTERPRISE guide. At 1354, all units took station for entering channel, heavy ships in column, DD's forming entrance lane. Anchored in Berth 25, Northern Anchorage, Ulithi Lagoon, Western Carolines, at 1529. Commenced receiving torpedoes and replacement aircraft shortly thereafter.

Positions	0800	1200
Lat.	10°08.4' N	9°43.5' N
Long.	138°35.5' E	139°21' E

23 November - 28 November

Anchored in Berth 25, Northern Anchorage, Ulithi Lagoon, Western Carolines, making preparations for return to sea. Received ammunition and bombs, fueled at anchor from TAPPAHANNOCK, on 23rd; received dry stores and rockets on 24th; received bombs, ammunition, and lube oil on 25th; held recreation parties ashore on Mogmog Island for crew, one-fourth of ship's company daily, 24th - 27th.