

JUL 6 1945

CONFIDENTIAL



LOG BOOK

OF THE

U. S. S. GORDONIA

AF-43

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

COMMANDED BY

Ira V. Chapman, Jr., Lieutenant, U. S. N. R.

Attached to

..... Division,

..... Squadron,

..... Flotilla,

..... The Commander, Service Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet,

Commencing 1630 14 May, 19 45,

at Galveston, Texas,

and ending 2400 31 May, 19 45,

at sea

1 -BOWERS, Floyd Eirven	310 33 89	BGM(T), V6, USNR.
2 -BOYD, William "N", Jr.,	871 67 60	SK2c, V6, USNR.
3 -BRAND, Vernon Andrew	608 90 54	SK3c, V6, USNR.
4 -BURBANK, Elmer Lloyd, Jr.,	803 06 76	SK2c, V6, USNR.
5 -CALLAHAN, Norvin Buell	957 13 81	F2c, V6, USNR, SV.
6 -CARBREY, Martin Gerard	668 12 12	SK3c, V6, USNR.
7 -COLE, John Wesley	337 85 16	MLc, USN
8 -COLLEMAN, Gadberr Bennett, Jr.,	980 62 06	F2c(MoM4), V6, SV.
9 -CONTI, Sam Thomas	609 68 42	F2c, V6, USNR.
10 -DANIELSON, Farris Duane	565 49 71	Slc(SK), V6
11 -DE PETRIS, Raymond (n)	201 34 98	CHM(PA) USN.
12 -DERELLA, Joseph John	714 81 69	S2c, V6, USNR.
13 -DOERR, Frederick William	709 43 57	GM3c, V6, USNR.
14 -DORR, Leon Stanley	400 87 12	RM1c, V3, USNR.
15 -EPSTEIN, Reese Newton	376 10 18	MoMM2c, USN.
16 -GOLD, George William	646 19 55	SC1c(T), V6, USNR.
17 -GOODALE, Calvin Robert	202 40 71	SM2c, USN.
18 -HASTING, Roy Junior	892 95 88	Slc, V6, USNR, SV
19 -HAYES, Hershel	725 44 47	SK2c, V6, USNR.
20 -HUNTLEY, Donald Ralph	854 70 98	SK2c(T), V6, USNR.
21 -HYTE, William (n)	667 76 71	S2c, V6, USNR.
22 -JOHNSON, Fred DeLane	264 42 99	S2c, USN
23 -JONES, Ervin (n)	834 46 66	S2c, V6, USNR, SV
24 -JONES, Wilbur (n)	937 37 52	StM2c, V6, USNR, SV
25 -JUDY, Conrad Waltermore	256 86 85	S2c, V6, USNR.
26 -KAHLBAUGH, Jesse Abraham, Jr.,	983 50 66	S2c, V6, USNR, SV
27 -KELLY, Charles Wells	639 17 56	PhM2c, V6, USNR.
28 -KILDON, Micahel "V", Jr.,	759 06 63	S2c, V6, USNR.
29 -KING, Earnest (n)	839 34 74	Ck3c(T), V6, USNR.
30 -LA CREDA, Joseph Francis Jr.,	761 85 11	MoM3c(T), V6, USNR.
31 -LANCE, George Albert, Jr.,	603 93 82	EM3c, V6, USNR.
32 -LASNITER, Harvey Jordan	970 56 83	S2c, V6, USNR, SV
33 -LEISHMAN, Alexander Thomas Jr.,	909 89 91	S2c, V6, USNR.
34 -LIQUORI, Dominick (n)	909 89 96	S2c, V6, USNR, SV
35 -LUX, John Anthony	201 63 50	CSK (T), USN
36 -MACIAS, Mike (n)	377 78 73	RM2c, V6, USNR.
37 -MANN, Jackson Dean, Jr.,	556 65 66	SK1c(T), V6, USNR.
38 -MARCHELOS, Anthony Joseph	708 43 88	Slc, V6, USNR.
39 -MC CRUTER, Ernest Lee	838 54 49	StM2c, V6, USNR.
40 -MC CAULEY, James Elmer	246 95 88	S2c, V6, USNR
41 -MC DONALD, William (n)	930 75 77	StM2c, V6, USNR, SV
42 -MCLENDON, George Lee	970 56 72	S2c, V6, USNR, SV
43 -McVEY, Jesse Edward	576 55 51	SC3c, V6, USNR.
44 -MILLER, Kenneth Dale	248 54 19	S2c, V6, USNR.
45 -MILLER, Robert Burns	659 42 83	LM2c(T), V6, USNR.
46 -MOORE, Joseph Charles	759 08 76	S2c, V6, USNR.,
47 -MOORE, Willis Clyde, Jr.,	264 37 13	S2c, V6, USNR.
48 -MOSEF, "R" "J"	971 35 61	S2c, SV, USN.
49 -MOSS, Cuthar Willion	969 63 39	S2c, V6, USNR, SV
50 -MULLINS, Raymond Edwin	707 47 87	Slc, V6, USNR.
51 -MURPHEY, Leslie Laverne	645 28 63	MoLM3c, V6, USNR.
52 -MURPHY, William Kelly	264 36 85	S2c, V6, USNR.
53 -O'BRIEN, Wayne Francis	859 09 39	MoMM2c, USN-I
54 -RADDLEFORD, Jack Randall	600 71 38	F2c, V6, USNR.
54 -PETER, Edwin Logan	875 51 92	SF2c, V6, USNR.
55 -RAPP, Karl Emil	615 73 00	SK3c, V6, USNR.
56 -RENSCHLER, Lloyd Joseph	723 03 75	MoMM3c, V6, USNR.
57 -RIBARRO, Joseph Michael	714 26 38	S2c, V6, USNR.
58 -ROSS, Robert Roy	949 90 39	Flc, V6, USNR.
59 -SANDS, Robert Charles	223 43 69	GM1c, USN.
60 -SHAPIRO, Allen Isadore	634 70 01	Cox, V6, USNR.
61 -SZELEGA, John Valentine	708 01 21	RM2c, V6, USNR.
62 -SZWABOWSKI, Vincent William	400 65 00	RM1c, o-1, USNR.
63 -TAYLOR, Thomas Carmack, Jr.,	644 71 68	QM3c, V6, USNR.
64 -TERLICHER, Carl Alexander	725 84 71	CM2c, V6, USNR.
65 -THOMPSON, Robert Hays	823 34 07	F2c, V6, USNR, SV
66 -WARREN, Franklin William	268 80 92	MoMM1c, USN
67 -WENNER, Emil John Jr.,	814 11 38	QM2c(T), V6, USNR.
68 -WHARTON, Joseph Michaux, Jr.,	658 06 50	Y1c, USN.
69 -WILBUR, Chester Franklin	316 84 16	MoMM1c, USN
70 -WILKIE, Eldon Cecil	654 30 50	RM3c, V6, USNR.

1620 - The designated representative of the Commandant EIGHTH Naval District Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Frontier Base, Galveston, Texas, Commander (Lieut. J. V. Chapman, USNR) came on board for the purpose of placing this vessel in commission. The Commandant's Representative read his orders from the Commandant EIGHTH Naval District to act as his representative in accepting this vessel for commission. The Commandant's Representative caused the national ensign to be hoisted in accordance with Article 286, U. S. Navy Regulations. The Commandant's Representative then turned the vessel over to Lieutenant I. V. Chapman, Jr., DM, USNR, which officer is ordered to command. Lieutenant I. V. Chapman, Jr., DM, USNR, read his orders, BuPers despatch 291229 of 30 December 1944, to assume command of this vessel. The Commanding Officer ordered the Executive Officer to set the watch. 1630 - Watch set, First Section. 1635 - The commissioning party left the ship. The officers and enlisted personnel attached to this vessel on date of commissioning are as follows:

OFFICERS

Lieutenant I. V. Chapman, Jr., DM, USNR, Commanding Officer
Lieutenant Seabury Marsh, D, USNR, Executive Officer
Lieutenant (jg) Thomas Livingstone, D, USNR, First Lieutenant
Lieutenant John Thomas Manry, III, E, USNR, Engineering Officer
Lieutenant (jg) Raymond Jensen, C-V(S), USNR, Communications Officer
Lieutenant (jg) Joseph Allegretti, SC, USNR, Supply Officer
Lieutenant (jg) John Tandler, D-V(S), USNR, Gunnery Officer
Lieutenant (jg) David Kenyon, D-V(S), USNR, Ass't Navigator
Acting Pay Clerk Kennon Breazeale, SC, USNR, Ass't Supply Officer

ENLISTED PERSONNEL

See attached list.

1630-2000 Moored port side to at Pier #40, Galveston, Texas on the following lines: bow line (4" manila), after bow spring (1" wire), forward quarter spring (1" manila), and stern line (1 1/8" wire). 1730 Guests at commissioning ceremonies left the ship. 1737 Pilot, Lieutenant Commander H. H. Hahen, USCGR came aboard. 1750 Stationed Special Sea Details. 1800 Tested main engines. 1808 Secured from testing main engines. 1822 Underway from Pier #40, Galveston, Texas proceeding on various courses and at various speeds to Pier #5, Galveston, Texas. Pilot, Captain at conn, Executive Officer (navigator) on bridge. 1842 The tug "Messenger" came alongside and made fast to the port side. 1852 Moored starboard side to Pier #5, Galveston, Texas on the following lines: Bow line, 2 after bow springs, two (2) forward quarter springs, and stern line. 1902 Tug "Messenger" cast off from port side. 1905 Pilot, Lieutenant Commander H. H. Hahen left the ship. 1910 Secured main engines. 1914 Secured from Special Sea Details, set the port watch. 1947 Commenced receiving diesel oil from dock, draft of ship forward 7'8", aft 14'2".

Thomas Livingstone

Thomas Livingstone, Lt.(jg), USNR

2000-2400 Moored as before.

Thomas Livingstone

Thomas Livingstone, Lt.(jg), USNR

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

J. V. Chapman, Jr.
J. V. CHAPMAN, Jr., Lt. U.S.N. R. COMMANDING.

S. Marsh
S. Marsh, Lieut. U.S.N. R. NAVIGATOR

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 10

NAVPERS-134 (REV. 1-44)

DECK LOG-REMARKS SHEET

UNITED STATES SHIP U.S.S. GORDONIA AF-43 Saturday, 19 MAY, 1945
 (Day) (Date) (Month)

0000-0400-- Anchored in Bolivar Roads, Galveston, Texas, in 28 feet of water, hard sand bottom, with 45 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following bearings: Bell Tower, 188.5°T, Cupola 225°T, and Old Tower 355°. Using generator #2. Ships present, AK207 and various other small craft and mechanical ships.

Thomas Livingstone
 Thomas Livingstone, Lt:(jg) USNR

0400-0800-- Anchored as before.

Raymond E. Jensen
 Raymond E. Jensen Lt:(jg) USNR

0800-1200--Anchored as before. 0800--Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 0805--Personnel inspection by Lt: Marsh, Executive Officer. 0830--Commander Keiffer and Material Inspection Party for T.U. 23.8.2 aboard for official material inspection. 1125--Commander Keiffer and Material Inspection Party left ship. 1200--Report of Chronometers, wound and compared.

David C. Kenyon
 David C. Kenyon, Lt(jg) USNR

1200-1600--Anchored as before.

John H. Tandler
 John H. Tandler Lt(jg) USNR

1600-2000--Anchored as before. 1648 King, Ernest(n), 839-34-74 CK3c, V6 USNR transferred to U.S. NAVAL FRONTIER BASE HOSPITAL, GALVESTON, TEXAS for treatment.

Thomas Livingstone
 Thomas Livingstone Lt:(jg) USNR

2000-2400-- Anchored as before.

Raymond E. Jensen
 Raymond E. Jensen, Lt:(jg) USNR

GORDONIA -
 Steaming

APPROVED: *I. V. Chapman, Jr.*
 I. V. Chapman, Jr.

EXAMINED: *S. Marsh*
 S. Marsh

Lieutenant

U. S. N R

COMMANDING.

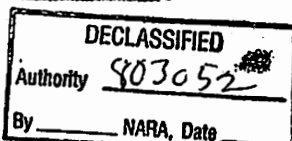
Lieutenant

U. S. N R

NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED DIRECT TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1944 O - 617208



0000-0400--Moored starboard side to, at pier #5 Galveston, Texas, on the following lines: Bowline, two(2) after bow springs, two(2) forward Quarter springs, stern line. Engine #1 on the line for auxiliary purposes. Fuel still coming aboard.
0110--Completed taking on diesel oil, having received 170,869 gallons, draft forward, 9', draft aft 16'.

Thomas Livingston

Thomas Livingston, Lt:(jg) USNR

Thomas Livingston

Thomas Livingston, Lt:(jg) USNR

0400-0800-- Moored as before.

0800-1200--Moored as before: 0805--Mustered crew at quarters, no(0) absentees. 0818--Tested main engines. 0830--Secured from testing main engines. 0857--Pilot Lt:Comdr: P.C.Goodwin, USCGR, came aboard. 0923--The tug "Miraflores" tied up on our port side. 0940--Underway from pier #5, Galveston, Texas. Pilot and Captain at conn, Executive Officer (Navigator) on the bridge. Proceeded on various courses and at various speeds out of Galveston channel. 1005 The tug "Miraflores" cast off from ship. 1012--Secured Special Sea Detail. 1033--Stopped main engine. 1036--Resumed standard speed. 1130-- Commenced swinging ship to compensate compass. 1145--Ceased swinging ship, water too rough to make an accurate compensation. Made daily inspection of magazines, and smokeless powder samples. Conditions Normal.

Thomas Livingston

Thomas Livingston, Lt:(jg) USNR

1200-1600--Steaming as before, 1249--Anchored Bolivar Roads, Galveston, Texas, in 28 feet of water, hard sand bottom, 60 fathoms of chain on starboard anchor, with the following anchorage bearings: Old Bell Tower, 183° T, Cupola 217° T, Old Tower, 359° T. 1258--Pilot Lt:Comdr: P.C.Goodwin went ashore. 1440-- Ship's boat away on official business, with Lt:(jg) Jensen Aboard.

John H. Tandler

John H. Tandler Lt:(jg) USNR

Thomas Livingston

Thomas Livingston, Lt:(jg) USNR

1600-2000--Anchored as before.

2000-2400--Anchored as before. 2030--Squalls and thunder showers.

Raymond E. Jensen Lt:(jg) USNR

Raymond E. Jensen

See Trials

APPROVED: I.V. Chapman Jr:

EXAMINED: S. Marsh

I.V. Chapman Jr
Lieutenant

U.S.N.R. COMMANDING.

S. Marsh
Lieutenant

U.S.N.R. NAVIGATOR

10-0400-- Anchored in Bolivar Roads , Galveston Texas, in 28 feet of water, hard sand bottom, with 60 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. With the following anchorage bearings: Old Bell Tower, bearing 183°T, Capola 217°T and OLD Tower, (Bolivar PENN:) 359°T. Engines are prepared to get under way immediately. Ships present: AK 207, AG 93, and various other small craft.

David Kenyon
David Kenyon, Lt:(jg) USNR

0400-0800--Anchored as before:

John H. Tandler
John H. Tandler, Lt:jg USNR

0800-1200--Anchored as before. Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 0830--Exercised at general drills. 0930--Secured from general drills. Made daily inspection of magazine and smokeless powder samples. Conditions Normal.

Thomas Livingstone
Thomas Livingstone, Lt:(jg) USNR

1200-1600 Anchored as before. 1300 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 1322--Exercised at General Quarters. 1329--Secured from General Quarters. 1337--Exercised at fire drill. 1345--Secured from fire drill. 1347--Exercised at abandon ship: 1350--Secured from abandon ship drill, and set Port Conditions. 1432--Motor launch in water and away on official ship's business at 1438. with Lt:(jg) Allegretti aboard. (Motor Launch #2)

R. E. Jensen
R.E. Jensen Lt:(jg) USNR

1600-2000-- Anchored as before. 1735-- Boat #2 returned to the ship and was stowed aboard. Lt:(jg) Allegretti returned to the ship on the boat. 1859--Lt:(jg) Thompson, of the AK 207 came aboard visiting the Supply Officers. 1934--AK 207 anchored in Bolivar Roads, bearing: 110°T from this ship.

David C. Kenyon
David C. Kenyon, Lt:(jg) USNR

2000-2400-- Anchored as before: 2055--Lt:(jg) Thompson returned to AK 207.

John H. Tandler

APPROVED: I. V. Chapman Jr:

EXAMINED: S. Marsh

I. V. Chapman Jr.
Lieutenant

U. S. N. R. COMMANDING.

S. Marsh
Lieutenant

U. S. N. R. NAVIGATOR

0000-0400-- Anchored as before in Bolivar Roads, Galveston, Texas, in 28 Feet of water, hard sand bottom, with 60 fathom of chain to the starboard anchor, on the following bearings: Old Bell Tower, 183°T, Cupola 217°T and Old Tower 359°T. Using generator #1. Other US Naval ships present : AK207, AKS11, ATA211, and numerous other small craft.

Thomas Livingstone
Thomas Livingstone, Lt: (jg) USNR

0400-0800--Anchored as before. 0730--Set Special Sea Detail and prepared to get under way, from anchorage in Bolivar Roads, Galveston, Texas, with Captain conning ship.

Raymond E. Jensen
Raymond E. Jensen, Lt: (jg) USNR

0800-1200-- Standing out of Bolivar Roads by various courses. Exercised at General Quarters, passed Sea Buoy (No.1) to port at 0839., set course of 140°T, speed 11.5 knots, passing from inland to International Waters. Arrived at structural test firing area, 29°-04'N, 94°-25'W at 1031 and set structural test firing course of 270 T. 1045-1130-- Test fired all guns, firing southward while at General Quarters. The 3"50 gun, 5 rounds, and 20 rounds from each of the 20mm guns. 1130-- Secured from General Quarters, all parts of guns, foundations and holding down bolts examined by Hull Board and no structural damage was found.

David C. Kenyon
David C. Kenyon, Lt: (jg) USNR

1200-1600-- Steaming as before. Landfall reported on bow at 1320. 1425--Stationed Special Sea Detail. 1536-- Anchored in Bolivar Roads in Galveston, Texas, in 28 feet of water, hard sand bottom, with 45 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor, on the following bearings: Bell Tower, 199°T, Old Tower 348.5°T, and Cupola 230°T. Using generator #1. 1547-- Secured Special Sea Detail. 1550--AK207 anchored at 282°T, distance 285 yards.

John H. Tandler
John H. Tandler, Lt: (jg) USNR

1600-2000--Anchored as before. 1603--De-gaussing secured.

Thomas Livingstone
Thomas Livingstone, Lt: (jg) USNR

2000-2400-- Anchored as before. 2100--Blacked out ship to test for light leakage. 2131--Secured from black-out test.

Raymond E. Jensen
Raymond S. Jensen, Lt: (jg) USNR

APPROVED:

I.V. Chapman, Jr:

EXAMINED: S.Marsh

Lieutenant

U.S.N.R.

COMMANDING.

Lieutenant

U.S.N.R.

NAVIGATOR

0000-0400--Anchored in Bolivar Roads , Galveston, Texas, in 28 ft; of water, hard sand bottom, with 45 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchorage, with the following anchorage bearings: Bell Tower, 199° T, Old Tower 348.5 and Cupola bearing 230° T. Engines in use for auxiliary purposes.

David C. Kenyon
David C. Kenyon, Lt:(jg) USNR

0400-0800-- Anchored as before.

John H. Tandler
John H. Tandler, Lt:(jg) USNR.

0800-1200--Anchored as before. 0800--Away motor launch #2 with Lt:(jg) Allegretti aboard, for Galveston. 0800-- Colors. 0845-- Stationed Special Sea Detail. 0845--Ensign Grogan USNR aboard to adjust ship's magnet compass. Commenced heaving in starboard anchor. 0905-- Underway from Bolivar Roads, steering various courses to comply with main channel, to sea buoy #1. 0945--Arrived at sea buoy #1, commenced swinging ship to compensate ship's compass. 1057--Compensation of compass completed. Steered various courses to comply with main channel to anchorage in Bolivar Roads. 1143--Let go port and starboard anchors in Bolivar Roads in 28 feet of water, hard sand bottom, with 45 fathoms. Both anchors fouled in hawse pipe on first command to let go. Anchored on the following bearings: Cupola, 225° T, Old Tower, 355° T. 1150 Secured engines, secured Special Sea Detail. 1157--Patrol craft C.9 came alongside to pick up compass adjuster (Ensign Grogan) 1157--Away Patrol Craft C9. 1159--Twelve o'clock reports to the Commanding Officer.

Seabury Marsh
Lt: Seabury Marsh, USNR.

1200-1600--Anchored as before. Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 1413-- Ship's boat #3 left ship with Lt:(jg) Jensen and Kelly, C.W., ship's PhM aboard. 1515-- Boat #2 returns to ship with Lt:(jg) Allegretti and Boyd Sk2c aboard and was hoisted aboard.

David C. Kenyon
David C. Kenyon, Lt:(jg) USNR

1600-2000--Anchored as before. 1645--Ships boat #3 returns to ship. 1650-- Hoisted aboard, Ships boat #3.

Raymond E. Jensen
Raymond E. Jensen, Lt:(jg) USNR

2000-2400--Anchored as before. 2005--Evening Colors.

John H. Tandler
John H. Tandler, Lt:(jg) USNR

APPROVED: *I.V. Chapman, Jr.*
I.V. Chapman, Jr.

EXAMINED: *S. Marsh*
S. Marsh

Lieutenant

U.S.N.R. COMMANDING

Lieutenant

U.S.N.R. NAVIGATOR

00-0400--Anchored in Bolivar Roads in 28 feet of water, hard sand bottom, with fathoms of chain out to the port anchor, with the following anchorage bearings: all Tower, 188.5° T, Cupola 225° and Old Tower 355°. Engines in use for auxiliary purposes. SOPA AKS11 and other ships present are AK207, LSMs 494 & 350 and various other merchant ships and small craft.

David C. Kenyon
David C. Kenyon, Lt: (jg) USNR

0400-0800 0800-1200

0400-0800--Anchored as before: 0600--Set special sea detail in compliance with the Commander Gulf Shakedown Unit, Auxiliary Vessel Shakedown Group, U.S. Atlantic Fleet order dated May 15 1945, (Confidential) Serial 0386. 0647--Underway for sea buoy #1, steaming various courses to conform with main channel. 0729--Arrived at sea buoy setting course 178° to make good 180° T, speed 10 knots. 1010--Exercised at General Quarters, 1025--Secured from General Quarters. 1033--Exercised at Fire Quarters. 1049--Secured from fire quarters. 1055--Exercised at collision drill. 1106--Secured from collision drill. 1111--Exercised at abandon ship drill. 1125--Secured from abandon ship drill. 1130--Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Conditions normal.

Seabury Marsh
Seabury Marsh, Lt: USNR

1200-1600--Steaming as before. 1336--Changed course to 179° T, 175° Pstg C, 171° PSC. 1525--Secured de-gaussing coils. Average RPM 161.4.

Thomas Livingstone
Thomas Livingstone, Lt (jg) USNR

1600-2000--Steaming as before. Course 180° T, speed of advance 10 knots. 1930--Changed course to 000° T. Engines ahead full 180 RPMs. Commenced full power run. 1945--Darkened ship.

Seabury Marsh
Seabury Marsh, Lieutenant, USNR

2000-2400--Heading on course of 001° T, with the captain coursing. 2040--Exercised at emergency drills. 2100--Secured from all drills. 2230--Abandoning full power run and returned to 160 RPMs because of main engine trouble, cause by faulty injection tubing of #3 cylinder. Course change to 000° T, at 2050.

Raymond E. Jensen Lt: (jg) USNR

Raymond E. Jensen

J.V. Chapman
APPROVED: J.V. Chapman

EXAMINED: S. Marsh

Lieutenant

U. S. N. R.

COMMANDING.

Lieutenant

U. S. N. R.

NAVIGATOR

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 17

NAVPERS-134 (REV. 1-44)

DECK LOG-REMARKS SHEET

UNITED STATES SHIP U.S.S. GORDONIA, (AT-43)

MONDAY 21 MAY 1945
(Day) (Date) (Month)

0000-0400--Steaming on course 000°T and Pgc. 351° P.S.C., 354 P stg C. Standard speed 10 knots (160RPM) enroute to training area to Galveston Texas. No cargo aboard. Using generator #1 & #3 with #2 as standby. 0025--Passed small fishing craft abeam to port, distance, 3000 yards. Average RPM.

Thomas Livingstone
Thomas Livingstone, Lt(jg) USNR

0400-0800--Steaming as before. Course 000°T. Speed 10.3 knots, average RPM, 161. 0444--Sighted flashing light(white) bearing 325°T distance, over twelve miles. 0455--Sighted steady white light bearing 327, over twelve miles distance. 0500--Sighted flashing white light bearing 351 T. 0548-- All engines ahead 2/3. Light identified as sea buoy #1 bearing 359°T, and South Jetty bearing 325°T. 0556--Engine room secured from pumping bilges. 0600--Revielle. 0641--Set special sea detail, passed buoy #1 to starboard. 0644--Steered various courses to conform with the main channel to anchorage in Bolivar Roads. 0723--Let go starboard anchor in 28 feet of water, hard sand bottom, thirty fathoms at the waters edge. Anchored on the following bearings: Old Tower, 340°T, Bell Tower 208.5°T, cupola 232°T, South Jetty 110°T. 0736--Secured special sea detail. Engines ready to get underway. Ship heading 170°T.

Seabury Marsh
Seabury Marsh, Lieutenant, USNR

0800-1200-- 0809, Gulf Sea Frontier representation of shakedown board arrived for shakedown exercises. Lt:(jg)Thompson, USNR, Lt:Tait, USNR AND Lt:Alexander, USNR,. Anchored as before. 1017--Exercised at General Quarters, set conditions affirm under supervision of Gulf Shakedown Officers. 1040--Secured from General Quarters 1042-- Exercised at Fire Quarters, 1044--First stream of water at scene of fire. 1052--Secured from fire drill. 1054-- Exercised at abandon ship stations. 1059--Secured from all drills, and set special sea detail. 1110--Underway from anchorage in Bolivar Roads, steering various courses to comply with main ship channel to sea buoy #1, in compliance with shakedown schedule. 1147--Passed sea buoy #1 to port, distance, 1100 yards.

Seabury Marsh
Seabury Marsh, Lieutenant USNR

1200-1600--Commenced testing of shifting of controls from bridge to after steering. Shifting controls in less than four seconds. Controls shifted several times to provide adequate training to helmsmen for this detail. 1215--Secured from all drills. 1255--Exercised at man overboard drill; all officers trained in ship handling during this drill. 1415--Secured from all drills. 1435--Stationed special sea detail. 1458--Passed sea buoy #1 abeam at 1500 yds. to starboard. Steered various courses to conform with main channel to anchorage in Bolivar Roads. 1544--Anchored in Bolivar Roads, Galveston Texas, in 26 feet of water, hard sand bottom, with 48 fathoms of chain at the waters edge, to the port anchor, on the following bearings; Bell Tower 218° True, Old Tower 325.5°T, Cupola 235.5°T, South Jetty light 113.5°. Engines in use for auxiliary purposes. 1559--Secured special sea detail, set anchor watch with Section II with the duty.

Seabury Marsh
Seabury Marsh, Lieutenant, USNR

1600-1800--Anchored as before. 1645--Paddleford, J.R. 600-71-38, F2c V6, USNR, reported aboard for duty from U.S. Naval Receiving Station, Galveston, Texas.

David C. Kenyon, Lt:(jg) USNR

1800-2000--Anchored as before.

Thomas Livingstone
Thomas Livingstone, Lt(jg) USNR

2000-2400--Anchored as before.

John H. Tandler, Lt:(jg) USNR

APPROVED:

I. V. Chapman, Jr

EXAMINED:

S. Marsh

Lieutenant

U. S. N R COMMANDING.

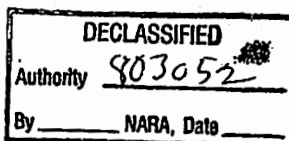
Lieutenant

U. S. N R

NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED DIRECT TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1944 O - 517808



CONFIDENTIAL

21

PAGE

NAVPERS-134 (REV. 1-44)

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

UNITED STATES SHIP

U.S.S. GORDONIA, (AF-43)

Wednesday, 23 May, 1945

(Day) (Date) (Month)

0000-0400--Anchored in Bolivar Roads, Galveston Texas, in 5 fathoms of water, hard sand bottom 31 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor, with the following bearings: Cupola, 240.30°T, Bell Tower 224°T, South Jetty 111.30°T, Old Tower 323°T.

John H. Tandler
John H. Tandler, Lt: (jg) USNR

0400-0800--Anchored as before:

Raymond E. Jensen
Raymond E. Jensen, Lt: (jg) USNR

0800-1200-- 0815--Lieutenant Bergman, shakedown inspection officer came aboard. 0822--Underway from anchorage, in Bolivar Roads. Captain at the conn, Executive Officer, Navigator, at the bridge. Proceeded at various courses conforming to the channel. 0903--Passed Galveston sea buoy abeam to port and set course 136° Gyro for Heald buoy #1, standard speed, (160 RPMs). 0929--Conditions Baker and war cruising watch. 0945--Exercised at emergency steering. 1141--Passed Heald buoy "1" abeam to port and set course of 330° Gyro for Galveston sea buoy (155 RPMs).

David C. Kenyon
David C. Kenyon, Lt: (jg) USNR

1200-1600 1200--Steering to gyro steering. 1209-- Shifted steering back to wheel-house. 1416--Set Special sea detail, Captain at the conn, Executive officer and Navigator on the bridge. 1421--Passed Galveston sea buoy #1 to starboard and proceeded by various courses conforming to the channel to anchorage in Bolivar Roads, Galveston Texas. Anchored in 28 feet of water, hard sand bottom, 30 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor, bearings: Old Tower, 347°T, Bell Tower 208°T, Cupola, 235°T. Engines in use for auxiliary purposes. 1514--Secured special sea detail.

David C. Kenyon
David C. Kenyon, Lt: (jg) USNR

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

Raymond E. Jensen
Raymond E. Jensen, Lt: (jg) USNR

2000-2400-- Anchored as before;

David C. Kenyon
David C. Kenyon, Lt: (jg) USNR

APPROVED:

I. V. Chapman

EXAMINED:

S. Marsh

Lieutenant

U. S. N. R.

COMMANDING.

Lieutenant

U. S. N. R.

NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED DIRECT TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1944 O - 61704

DECLASSIFIED

Authority

803052

By

NARA, Date

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 23

NAVPERS-134 (REV. 1-44)

DECK LOG-REMARKS SHEET

UNITED STATES SHIP U.S.S. GORDONIA, (AF-43)

THURSDAY 24 MAY 1945
(Day) (Date) (Month)

0000-0400--Anchored in Bolivar Roads, Galveston Texas in 28 feet of water, hard sand bottom, with 30 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following bearings: Old Tower 347°T, Bell Tower 208°T and Cupola 235°T. Using Generator #1 with 2&3 as stanbys.

Thomas Livingstone
Thomas Livingstone, Lt(jg)USNR

0400-0800-- Anchored as before.

John H. Tandler
John H. Tandler, Lt(jg)USNR

0800-1200--Anchored as before, 0815--Ensign Lee and Chief Momm Tucker of shakedown unit aboard. 0816--Underway from anchorage with captain on conn and executive officer and navigator on bridge. Proceeded on various courses to conform with channel to sea buoy #1. Exercised at General Quarters, Set conditions affirm, thru-out the ship. Proceeded to Lat:29°12.3 N, and Long 94°55.8'W to run the measured mile on various courses and at various speeds.

Raymond E. Jensen
Raymond E. Jensen, Lt:(jg)USNR

1200-1600--Continued running the measured mile on alternate courses and at various speeds. 1335--Completed speed runs and course for Galveston sea buoy, ("1") standard speed. 1515--Stationed special sea detail, Captain at the conn and Executive Officer and navigator on the bridge. 1520--Passed Galveston sea buoy #1 abeam and proceeded on various courses conforming to the channel to anchorage in Bolivar Roads Galveston Texas. Anchored in 24 feet of water, hard sand bottom, with 30 fathoms of chain out to the port anchor. Anchorage bearings: Old Tower, 320°T, South Jetty, 113°T, Old bell Tower 218°5 T, Cupola, 235°5 T. Engines in use for auxiliary purposes.

David C. Kenyon
David C. Kenyon, Lt:(jg)USNR

1600-2000--Anchored as before; 1612--Secured special sea detail. 1649--Shakedown party, accompanied by Lt:Marsh, Lt:(jg)Allagretti and P.C.Breazeale, ashore. 1737--Boat #3 left for Frontier Base on Official business.

John H. Tandler
John H. Tandler, Lt:(jg)USNR

2000-2400--Anchored as before:

Raymond E. Jensen
Raymond E. Jensen, Lt:(jg) USNRAPPROVED: *I.V. Chapman*
I.V. Chapman

EXAMINED: S.Marsh

Lieutenant

U. S. N. R.

COMMANDING.

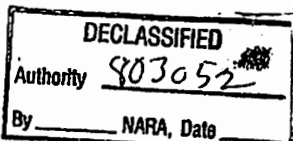
Lieutenant

U. S. N. R.

NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED DIRECT TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1944 O - 517608



CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 21

NAVPERS-134 (REV. 1-44)

DECK LOG-REMARKS SHEET

UNITED STATES SHIP

U.S.S. GORDONIA (AF-43)

Saturday, 26 May

1945

(Day) (Date) (Month)

0000-0040--Moored to Pier 43 port side to; Galveston Texas, with the following mooring lines out: bow line manila, forward bow spring, manila, after quarter spring, wire, stern line wire. No services received from dock. Engines in use for auxiliary purposes

Lt: (jg) John H. Tandler, USNR

0400-0800

Moored as before.

Lt: (jg) John H. Tandler, USNR

0800-1200

Moored as before.

0310--Mustered crew at quarters.

Lt: (jg) John H. Tandler, USNR

1200-1600

Moored as before.

Raymond E. Jensen Lt: (jg) USNR

2000-2400--Moored as before.

2010--Executed colors.

Raymond E. Jensen, Lt: (jg) USNR

APPROVED: I. V. Chapman

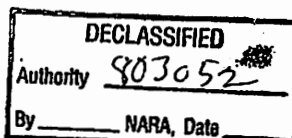
EXAMINED: S. Marsh

Lieutenant U. S. N. R. COMMANDING.

Lieutenant U. S. N. R. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED DIRECT TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1944 O - 617808



CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE

29

NAVPERS-134 (REV. 1-44)

DECK LOG-REMARKS SHEET

UNITED STATES SHIP

GORDONIA (AF-43)

Sunday 27

May

1945

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

0000-0400

Moored port side to at Pier 43, Galveston, Texas at Texas Coast Shipyard with following lines out, all doubled; bow line, manilla; forward bow spring, manilla; after quarter spring, wire; stern line, wire. No service being received from dock. #1 generator in use.

Raymond E. Jensen

Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR

0400-0800

Moored as before. 0725 #1 ship's launch off to Pier 20.

Raymond E. Jensen

Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR

0800-1200

Moored as before. Mustered crew at quarters. 0930 Taking water from dock to wash down after peak tank.

Raymond E. Jensen

Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR

1200-1600

Moored as before.

David C. Kenyon

David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR

1600-2000

Moored as before

David C. Kenyon

David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR

2000-2400

Moored as before.

David C. Kenyon

David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR

APPROVED

EXAMINED

I. V. Chapman, Jr.
I. V. Chapman, Jr.

Lieutenant, USNR

U. S. N.

COMMANDING.

Seabury Marsh
Seabury Marsh

Lieutenant, USNR

U. S. N.

NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED DIRECT TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1944 O - 611808

DECLASSIFIED

Authority

803052

By

NARA, Date

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 31

NAVPERS-134 (REV. 1-44)

DECK LOG-REMARKS SHEET

UNITED STATES SHIP GORDONIA (AF-43) Monday 28 May, 1945
(Day) (Date) (Month)

0000-0400

Moored port side to at Pier 43, Galveston, Texas, at Texas Coast Shipyard with the following mooring lines: bow line, manilla; forward bow spring, manilla; after quarter spring, wire; stern line, wire. All doubled up. No services being received from the dock. #1 generator in use.

David C. Kenyon

David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR

0400-0800

Moored as before. 0630 Boat #1 wedged under piling of dock, starboard side, eye plate and general damage.

David C. Kenyon

David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR

0800-1200

Moored as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters. No absentees. 1024 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Condition normal.

David C. Kenyon

David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR

1200-1600

Moored as before

Thomas Livingstone

Thomas Livingstone, Lt.(jg), USNR

1600-2000

Moored as before.

Thomas Livingstone

Thomas Livingstone, Lt.(jg), USNR

2000-2400

Moored as before.

Thomas Livingstone

Thomas Livingstone, Lt.(jg), USNR

APPROVED

I. V. Chapman, Jr.
I. V. Chapman, Jr.
Lieutenant, USNR

U. S. N.

COMMANDING.

EXAMINED:

Seabury Marsh
Seabury Marsh
Lieutenant, USNR

U. S. N.

NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED DIRECT TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1944 O - 61704

DECLASSIFIED

Authority 803052

By NARA, Date

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 35

NAVPERS-134 (REV. 1-44)

DECK LOG-REMARKS SHEET

UNITED STATES SHIP GORDONIA (AT-43)Wednesday 30 May, 1945
(Day) (Date) (Month)

0000-0400

Moored port side to Pier 43, Galveston, Texas at Texas Coast Shipyards with the following lines in use: bow line, manilla; after bow spring, forward quarter spring, and stern line; all lines doubled. Engines in use for auxiliary purposes.

John H. Tandler
John H. Tandler, Lt.(jg), USNR

0400-0800

Moored as before.

John H. Tandler
John H. Tandler, Lt.(jg), USNR

0800-1200

Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 0830 Captain's Mast held in case of MURPHY, L. L., MoMM3c charged with being absent without official leave for three (3) hours and failure to relieve watch after informed of his watch. Awarded loss of five (5) liberties and twenty (20) hours extra duty. 1000 made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Condition normal. 1015 Commenced loading ship's stores. 1200 Finished loading stores.

John H. Tandler
John H. Tandler, Lt.(jg), USNR

1200-1600

Moored as before.

Raymond E. Jensen
Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR

1600-2000

Moored as before. 1805 CALLAHAN, N. B., Flc and MURPHY, L. L., MoMM3c mustered as restricted men. 1830 Liberty party mustered and went ashore.

Raymond E. Jensen
Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR

2000-2400

Moored as before.

Raymond E. Jensen
Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

I. V. Chapman, Jr.
I. V. Chapman, Jr.
Lieutenant, USNR

U. S. N.

COMMANDING.

Seabury Marsh
Seabury Marsh
Lieutenant, USNR

U. S. N.

NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED DIRECT TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1944 O - 617608

DECLASSIFIED

Authority

803052

By

NARA, Date

GALVESTON TO MOBILE ALABAMA

0000-0400

Moored post side to Pier 43, Galveston, Texas at Texas Coast Shipyard with following lines in use; bow line, manilla; after bow spring, forward quarter spring, and stern wire line. All lines doubled. Engines in use for auxilliary purposes.

Raymond E. Jensen
Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR

0400-0800

Moored as before. 0746 BOYD, W.N., SK2c returned from emergency leave. 0755 Mustered at quarters.

Raymond E. Jensen
Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR

0800-1200

Colors. 0815 Exercised at Abandon Ship Drill. 0900 Motor launch #1 away on mail trip. 1025 Mail boat back. 1040 Commander Gilliam, Assistant Industrial Manager aboard. 1045 Commander Gilliam ashore. 1045 Received fuel and water reports and magazine temperature. 1100 #1 motor launch away to pier 41.

Raymond E. Jensen
Raymond E. Jensen, Lt.(jg), USNR

1200-1600

Moored as before. 1235 Stationed all Special Sea Details. 1244 Tested main engines. 1300 Pilot, Lt. Comdr. R. W. Howard came aboard. 1306 Underway from Pier 43, Texas Coast Shipyard, Galveston, Texas proceeding at various courses and at various speeds conforming to the channel. Pilot at the conn, Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. 1420 Pilot, Lt. Comdr. R. W. Howard left the ship. 1422 Commenced swinging ship to check compasses. 1435 Secured swinging ship. 1447 With buoy #1 abeam to port, distant 1000 yards, took departure and set course 076°T and PGC, 062° PSC and 064° PStgc. 1535 Secured from Special Sea Details, set War Cruising watch, section I, average M 139.2.

Thomas Livingstone
Thomas Livingstone, Lt.(jg), USNR

1600-2000

Steaming as before. 1805 Sighted lighthouse bearing 089°T, Sabine Pass. 1837 Passed Sabine Pass Lighted Whistle Buoy #1 abeam to port, distant 14,000 yards. 1933 Changed course to 088°T to make good 187°T. 1925 Passed Sabine Bank Lighthouse abeam to starboard, distant 20,000 yards.

David E. Kenyon
David E. Kenyon, Lt.(jg), USNR

2000-2400

Steaming as before. 2125 Passed gong buoy #6 abeam to port, distant seven miles. 2125 Changed course to 118°T & Pgc 10715, Pstgc 103°. 2130 Passed ship one mile to port. 2155 Passed buoy #1 abeam to starboard, distant 3.6 miles. Course changed to 120°T & Pgc 109°, Pstgc 104°30', Psc. 2320 Changed course to 125°T & Pgc, 116° Pstgc, 1100 Psc. 2350 Changed course to 120°T & Pgc 109° Pstgc, 104°30' Psc. During this watch the Captain conned the ship

Raymond E. Jensen
Lt(jg) USNR

APPROVED

EXAMINED:

I. V. Chapman, Jr.
I. V. Chapman, Jr.
Lieutenant, USNR

U. S. N.

COMMANDING.

Seabury Marsh
Seabury Marsh
Lieutenant, USNR

U. S. N.

NAVIGATOR