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UNITED STATES SHIP GORDONIA (AF-43)Monday 1 October 1945
(Day) (Date) (Month)

0000-0400

Steaming on course 282°T., speed 11 knots, enroute from Pearl Harbor, T. H. to Buckner Bay, Okinawa Shima, Nansel Shoto, pursuant to ComServPac Movement Orders A43(1), Serial 11-356 dated 25 September 1945 and ComServPac dispatch dated 261840 September, with full load of cargo. Material condition "B" set. Navigational lights on. Generator #2 in use.

David S. Cooper
David S. Cooper, Ens. USNR.

0400-0746

Steaming as before. 0632 cahnged course to 281°T.

Irving Weiss
Irving Weiss, Lt.(jg), USNR.

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UNITED STATES SHIP GORDONIA (AF-43)Tuesday 2 October 1945
(Day) (Date) (Month)

0746-0800

Steaming as before. 0746 crossed International date line at Lat. 26°36'N. Changed time zone to (-12). 0746 changed course to 279°T.

Irving Weiss
Irving Weiss, Lt.(jg), USNR

0800-1200

Steaming as before. 0800 exercised at General Quarters Drill. 0830 secured from General Quarters Drill. 0940 made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, condition warm. 1015 cut out #1 and #2 generators for repairs, #3 generator in use. (expended 165 rounds 20MM, 1 round 3').

Charles P. Schoeffel
Charles P. Schoeffel, Ens. USNR

1200-1600

Steaming as before.

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

1600-1800

Steaming as before.

David S. Cooper
David S. Cooper, Ens. USNR

1800-2000

Steaming as before. 1920 changed course to 278°T.

Irving Weiss
Irving Weiss, Lt.(jg), USNR

2000-2400

Steaming as before.

Charles P. Schoeffel
Charles P. Schoeffel, Ens. USNR

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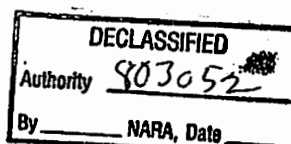
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UNITED STATES SHIP

GORDONIA (AF-43)

Wednesday 3 October

1945

(Day) (Date) (Month)

0000-0400

Steaming enroute Pearl Harbor, T.H., to Buckner Bay, Okinawa Shima, pursuant to ComServPac movement order, serial #11-356, of 26 September 1945, with full load of cargo, on course 278°T., speed 11 knots (170rpm). Navigational lights on. Condition Baker set. #1 generator in use.

David C. Kenyon

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

0400-0800

Steaming as before. 0633 changed course to 276°T.

David S. Cooper

David S. Cooper, Ens. USNR

0800-1200

Steaming as before. 0800 exercised at fire quarters, set condition afirm. 0804 first stream at scene of fire. 0813 secured from fire quarters. Set condition Baker. 0828 made daily inspection to magazines and smokeless powder samples, condition warm.

Irving Weiss

Irving Weiss, Lt.(jg), USNR

1200-1600

Steaming as before. 1225 changed course to 278°T.

Charles P. Schoeffel

Charles P. Schoeffel, Ens. USNR

1600-1800

Steaming as before.

David C. Kenyon

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

1800-2000

Steaming as before. 1936 changed course to 277°T.

David S. Cooper

David S. Cooper, Ens. USNR

2000-2400

Steaming as before. 2255 sighted ship S.S.W.K. KAMAKA bearing 245°T.

Irving Weiss

Irving Weiss, Lt.(jg), USNR

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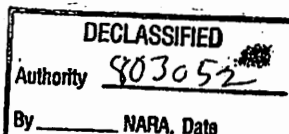
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UNITED STATES SHIP GORDONIA (AF-43)Thursday 4 October, 1945
(Day) (Date) (Month)

0000-0400

Steaming singly enroute Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H. to Buckner Bay, Okinawa pursuant to ComServPac movement order AU3(1), serial 11-356 dated 25 September 1945 with full load of cargo. Navigational lights on at full brilliancy. Material condition Baker is set.

Charles P. Schoeffel
Charles P. Schoeffel, Ens. USNR

0400-0800

Steaming as before. 0500 set ship's clocks back one hour to conform with -11 zone time.

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

0800-1200

Steaming as before. 0802 changed course to 274°T. Exercised at man overboard stations. 0815 secured from man overboard stations. Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, condition warm. 1034 changed course to 273°T.

David S. Cooper
David S. Cooper, Ens. USNR

1200-1600

Steaming as before.

Irving Weiss
Irving Weiss, Lt.(jg), USNR

1600-1800

Steaming as before.

Charles P. Schoeffel
Charles P. Schoeffel, Ens. USNR

1800-2000

Steaming as before. 1857 changed course to 274°T.

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

2000-2400

Steaming as before.

David S. Cooper
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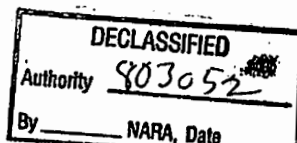
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UNITED STATES SHIP GORDONIA (AF-43)Friday 5 October 1945
(Day) (Date) (Month)

0000-0400

Steaming enroute Pearl Harbor, T.H., to Buckner Bay, Okinawa Shima, pursuant to ComServPac movement order, serial #11-356, of 26 September 1945, with a full load of cargo, on course 274⁰T. Speed 11 knots (170rpm). Navigational lights. Condition Baker set. #1 generator in use, #2 and #3 standby.

Irving Weiss
Irving Weiss, Lt.(jg), USNR

0400-0800

Steaming as before.

Charles P. Schoeffel
Charles P. Schoeffel, Ens, USNR

0800-1200

Steaming as before. 0810 made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, condition warm. 1000 Captain's inspection below decks.

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

1200-1600

Steaming as before. 1157 changed course to 273⁰T,

David S. Cooper
David S. Cooper, Ens, USNR

1600-1800

Steaming as before.

Irving Weiss
Irving Weiss, Lt.(jg), USNR

1800-2000

Steaming as before.

Charles P. Schoeffel
Charles P. Schoeffel, Ens, USNR

2000-2400

Steaming as before.

David S. Cooper
David S. Cooper, Ens, USNR

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UNITED STATES SHIP GORDONIA (AF-43)Saturday 6 October 1945
(Day) (Date) (Month)

0000-0400

Steaming enroute Pearl Harbor, T.H., to Buckner Bay, Okinawa, Shima, pursuant to ComServPac movement order, serial #11-356 of 26 September 1945 with a full load of cargo, on course 273°T. Speed is 11 knots (170rpm). Navigational lights are lighted. Condition Baker is set. #2 generator is in use. #1 and #3 standby.

Irving Weiss
Irving Weiss, Lt.(jg), USNR

0400-0800

Steaming as before.

Charles P. Schoeffel
Charles P. Schoeffel, Ens. USNR

0800-1200

Steaming as before. 0810 made unspection of magazine and smokeless powder samples, condition normal. 1000 changed course to 271°T.

David S. Cooper
David S. Cooper, Ens. USNR

1200-1600

Steaming as before.

Irving Weiss
Irving Weiss, Lt.(jg), USNR

1600-1800

Steaming as before. 1600 changed speed to 80(rpm), 5.2 knots.

Charles P. Schoeffel
Charles P. Schoeffel, Ens. USNR

1800-2000

Steaming as before. 1932 changed course to 272°T. 2000 changed speed to 11 knots.

David S. Cooper
David S. Cooper, Ens. USNR

2000-2400

Steaming as before.

Irving Weiss
Irving Weiss, Lt.(jg), USNR

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UNITED STATES SHIP GORDONIA (AF-43) Sunday 7 October, 1945
(Day) (Date) (Month)

0000-0400

Steaming singly enroute Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H. to Buckner Bay, Okinawa, pursuant to ComServPac, dispatch, serial number 11-356, of 26 September 1945; on course 272°T., speed 170(rpm), 11.3 knots. #1 generator in use. All navigational lights on at full brilliancy. Material condition Baker is set.

Charles P. Schoeffel
Charles P. Schoeffel, Ens. USNR

0400-0800

Steaming as before. 0450 gyro compass became erratic, steering by magnetic compass. 0500 set clocks back one hour to conform with -10 time zone. 0542 changed course to 268°T., (275°pstge, 273°psc.).

David S. Cooper
David S. Cooper, Ens. USNR

0800-1200

Steaming as before. 0800 made daily inspection of magazine temperature and smokeless powder samples, condition warm. 1100 gyro back in operation, repairs completed.

Irving Weiss
Irving Weiss, Lt.(jg), USNR

1200-1600

Steaming as before.

Charles P. Schoeffel
Charles P. Schoeffel, Ens. USNR

1600-1800

Steaming as before.

David S. Cooper
David S. Cooper, Ens. USNR

1800-2000

Steaming as before. 1837 changed course to 263°T., 264°psc.

Irving Weiss
Irving Weiss, Lt.(jg), USNR

2000-2400

Steaming as before.

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

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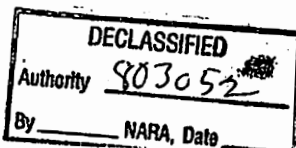
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UNITED STATES SHIP CORCORAN (DD-43)Monday 8 October 1945
(Day) (Date) (Month)

0000-0100

Steaming on course 273°T., speed 11 knots, enroute from Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H. to Buckner Bay, Okinawa, Hansel Shoto, pursuant to ComServPac movement orders #43(1), serial #11-356 dated 25 September 1945 and ComServPac dispatch of 261840 September; with full load of cargo. Navigational lights are at full brilliancy. Condition Baker set. Generator #2 in use.

David S. Cooper
David S. Cooper, Ens. USNR

0100-0300

Steaming as before. 0554 changed course to 271°T., 273°pgc. 0635 sighted ship bearing 264°T. crossing bowport to starboard. 0715 passed ship ahead to starboard bearing 000°T.

Irving Weiss
Irving Weiss, Lt.(jg), USNR

0300-1200

Steaming as before. 0810 made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, condition warm.

Charles P. Schoeffel
Charles P. Schoeffel, Ens. USNR

1200-1600

Steaming as before. 1208 changed course to 267°T., 264°pgc. 1250 changed course to 266°T., 263°pgc.

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

1600-1800

Steaming as before.

David S. Cooper
David S. Cooper, Ens. USNR

1800-2000

Steaming as before. 1930 changed course to 263.4°T., 264°pgc.

Irving Weiss
Irving Weiss, Lt.(jg), USNR

2000-2400

Steaming as before.

Charles P. Schoeffel
Charles P. Schoeffel, Ens. USNR

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Steaming enroute from Pearl Harbor, T. H. to Buckner Bay, Okinawa Shima, pursuant to ComServPac despatch serial # 11-356 of 26 September 1945, on course 204°T. and pgc., speed 11 knots (170rpm), with full load of cargo. Navigational lights lit. Generator #1 in use, #2 and #3 standbys. Material condition Batter set. 0000 reduced speed to 6.8 knots (100rpm) and changed course to 090°T. and pgc. to avoid typhoon. 0045 changed course to 180°T. and pgc. 0345 emergency stop of main engine due to fresh water cooling pump failure. 0343 fresh water cooling pump repaired and engine started, speed of 6.8 knots (100rpm) resumed.

BREAT!!

David C. Kenyon

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

0400-0800

Steaming as before. 0401 changed course to 359°T., 000°pgc. 0640 changed course to 089°T., 090°pgc., routing altered to pass south of Kazan Retto, avoiding typhoons, moving north east from Philippine Islands. 0642 sighted ship bearing 105°T., steaming on course approximately 265°T. 0745 ship sighted bearing 105°T., passed abeam to starboard, distance 8 miles.

David E. Cooper

David E. Cooper, Ens. USNR

0800-1200

Steaming as before. 0824 changed course to 090°T., 091°pgc. 0835 made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, condition Warm.

Irving Weiss

Irving Weiss, Lt.(jg), USNR

1200-1600

Steaming as before. 1200 changed course to 180°T., changed speed to 11.3 knots (170rpm) due to typhoon crossing ship's track eastward.

Charles P. Schoeffel

Charles P. Schoeffel, Ens. USNR

1600-1800

Steaming as before.

David C. Kenyon

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

1800-2000

Steaming as before. 0601 changed course to 277°T., 278°pgc., resumed course for Okinawa. 1923 sighted two ships bearing 187°T. and 188°T. steaming on converging course with this ship.

David E. Cooper

David E. Cooper, Ens. USNR

2000-2400

Steaming as before. 2027 exchanged calls with GEORGE F. ELLICOTT (AP105).

Irving Weiss

Irving Weiss, Lt.(jg), USNR

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0000-0400

Steaming singly enroute Pearl Harbor, T.H., Oahu, to Buckner Bay, Okinawa, pursuant to ComServPac dispatch serial #11-356, of 26 September 1945, on course 277°T., speed 11.3 knots (170rpm). All navigational lights on at full brilliancy #2 generator in use. Full load of cargo. Condition Baker is set.

Charles P. Schoeffel
Charles P. Schoeffel, Ens. USNR

0400-0800

Steaming as before. 0607 reduced speed to 6.8 knots (100rpm). 0645 increased speed to 11.3 knots (170rpm). changed course to 195°T., 196°pgc. to avoid storm area. 0713 engine stopped due to power failure of the pump. Gyro compass went out of operation due to power and battery failure, steering 200°pstgc., 198°psc. 0715 engine in operation, speed 11.3 knots (170rpm).

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

0800-1200

Steaming as before. 0830 made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, condition warm. 0950 changed course to 197°T., 200°pstgc. 1010 changed course to 194°T., 195°pgc.

David S. Cooper
David S. Cooper, Ens. USNR

1200-1600

Steaming as before. 1226 changed course to 191.5°T., 193°pgc.

Irving Weiss
Irving Weiss, Lt.(jg), USNR

1600-1800

Steaming as before.

Charles P. Schoeffel
Charles P. Schoeffel, Ens. USNR

1800-2000

Steaming as before. Ship rolling moderately.

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

2000-2400

Steaming as before.

David S. Cooper
David S. Cooper, Ens. USNR

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UNITED STATES SHIP GORDONIA (AF-43)Thursday 11 October 1945
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Steaming enroute Pearl Harbor, T.H. to Buckner Bay, Okinawa Shima, pursuant to ComServPac dispatch, serial #11-356 of 26 September 1945, on course 191.5°T. 193°pgc. Speed 11 knots (170rpm) with full load of cargo. Navigational lights are on at full brilliancy. Generator #1 in use, #2 and #3 standby. Material condition Baker is set.

Irving Weiss
Irving Weiss, Lt.(jg), USNR

0400-0800

Steaming as before.

Charles P. Schoeffel
Charles P. Schoeffel, Ens. USNR

0800-1200

Steaming as before. 0800 changed course to 244°T., 245°pgc. Stationed additional lookout because of danger of mines. 0807 #2 generator put in use, #3 generator standby, #1 generator being repaired. 0810 made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, condition warm. 1118 #1 generator repaired and a standby.

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

1200-1600

Steaming as before. 1230 changed course to 246°T., 247°pgc. 1315 changed course to 125°T., 126°pgc. to avoid low pressure area. 1415 changed speed to 6.8 knots (100rpm). 1530 changed course to 253°T., 254°pgc.

David S. Cooper
David S. Cooper, Ens. USNR

1600-1800

Steaming as before. 1635 increased speed to 11 knots (170rpm).

Irving Weiss
Irving Weiss, Lt.(jg), USNR

1800-2000

Steaming as before. 1929 changed course to 249°T.

Charles P. Schoeffel
Charles P. Schoeffel, Ens. USNR

2000-2400

Steaming as before. 2113 secured from pumping salt water from port and starboard #1 cargo fuel oil tanks; tanks empty.

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

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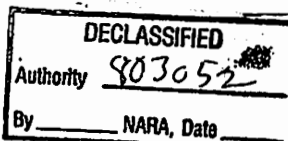
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UNITED STATES SHIP

COLUMBIA (AF-42)

Friday 12 October 1945

(Day) (Date) (Month)

0000-0400

Standing on course 249°T., speed 11 knots, enroute from Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H. to Buckner Bay, Okinawa, Mainichi Shoto, with a full load of cargo, pursuant to ComServPac movement order A43(1), serial #11-356 dated 25 September 1945 and ComServPac Dispatch of 251840 September. Navigational lights on; condition Baker set. Generator #2 in use. 0025 changed course to 090°T. to avoid storm West of Iwo Shima. 0140 sighted ship bearing 212°T. on approximate course 045°T., speed 15 knots.

David S. Cooper
David S. Cooper, Ens. USNR

0400-0600

Standing as before. 0500 set all clocks back one (1) hour to conform with (-9) time zone. 0520 changed course to 270°T. and proc. to head for Okinawa. 0601 changed course to 250°T. and proc.

Irving Weiss
Irving Weiss, Lt.(jg), USNR

0600-1200

Standing as before. 0815 made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder supplies, condition fair. 1100 changed course to 256°T.

Charles P. Schoeffel
Charles P. Schoeffel, Lt. USNR

1200-1600

Standing as before. 1540 changed course to 273°T., 274°T.

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

1600-1800

Standing as before.

David S. Cooper
David S. Cooper, Ens. USNR

1800-2000

Standing as before.

Irving Weiss
Irving Weiss, Lt.(jg), USNR

2000-2400

Standing as before.

Charles P. Schoeffel
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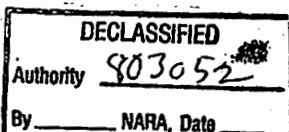
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David C. Kenyon

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

0400-0800

Steaming as before. Weather: cleared, visibility normal. 0700 started #3 generator secured #1.

David S. Cooper

David S. Cooper, Ens, USNR

0800-1200

Steaming as before. Weather: sun shining brightly, moderate waves, many white-caps, there have been a few light rain squalls. 1145 changed course to 275°T., 276°pgc.

Irving Weiss

Irving Weiss, Lt.(jg), USNR

1200-1600

Steaming as before. 1300 exercised at abandon ship stations. 1310 secured from abandon ship stations. Weather: overcast with occasional showers, short choppy sea, ship pitching easily.

Charles P. Schoerfel

Charles P. Schoerfel, Ens, USNR

1600-1800

Steaming as before. Choppy sea, ship pitching easily.

David C. Kenyon

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

1800-2000

Steaming as before. 1935 changed course to 125°T., 126°pgc. to avoid tropical disturbance at 17° North latitude 128° East longitude. Weather: squalls and variable velocity winds at beginning of watch have ceased. Visibility normal, wind steady, ship pitching easily.

David S. Cooper

David S. Cooper, Ens, USNR

2000-2400

Steaming as before. Weather: partly cloudy, few scattered light rain squalls, rough sea, ship pitching.

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UNITED STATES SHIP

GORDONIA

(AT-43)

Sunday 14 October 1945

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

0000-0400

Steaming singly enroute Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H. to Buckner Bay, Okinawa, pursuant to ComServPac dispatch, serial #11-356, 26 September 1945, on course 125°T., speed 11.3 knots (170rpm). #2 generator in use. Material condition Baker is set throughout the ship. All navigational lights on at full brilliancy. Weather: overcast sky with occasional light showers, light following sea, easy ship movement.

Charles P. Schoeffel
Charles P. Schoeffel, Lt. (jg), USNR

0400-0800

Steaming as before. Smooth sea. Ship riding easily.

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

0800-1200

Steaming as before. 0815 made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, condition warm. Weather: occasional light showers, sunny, visibility excellent. Ship riding easily.

David S. Cooper
David S. Cooper, Ens. USNR

1200-1600

Steaming as before. Weather: calm sea with slight swell from South East.

Irving Weiss
Irving Weiss, Lt. (jg), USNR

1600-1800

Steaming as before. 1600 position L-21°20.2'N, L-139°14.1'E, changed course to 290°T., changed speed 6.8 knots (100rpm), headed for Okinawa to await further weather reports. 1645 changed speed to 11.3 knots (170rpm). Weather: partly cloudy; calm sea; ship pitching, easily.

Charles P. Schoeffel
Charles P. Schoeffel, Ens. USNR

1800-2000

Steaming as before. Sea calm, ship riding easily.

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

2000-2400

Steaming as before. Weather: overcast, sea calm, ship pitching easily.

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Steaming singly enroute Pearl Harbor, T.H. to Buckner Bay, Okinawa Shima, pursuant to ComServPac dispatch serial #11-356 of 26 September 1945, on course 290°T., 291°pgc., speed 11 knots (170rpm) with full lead of cargo. Navigational lights on. Generator #1 in use, #2 and #3 standbys. Material condition Baker set. Weather: overcast sky, squally weather, poor visibility moderate sea and swells.

Irving Weiss
Irving Weiss, Lt.(jg), USNR

0400-0800

Steaming as before. Weather: cloudy with light steady rain from 0600; moderate sea and swells; ship rolling easily.

Charles P. Schoeffel
Charles P. Schoeffel, Ens. USNR

0800-1200

Steaming as before. 0814 made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, condition warm. 0857 sighted and passed airplane tire, 500 yards distant, Lat. 22°15'N, Long. 136°32'E. Squally weather, heavy rain. 0933 reduced speed to 5 knots (80rpm) and began sounding fog whistle due to poor visibility on account of heavy rain. 1028 Improved visibility, speed increased to 11 knots (170rpm) and ceased sounding fog whistle. Squally weather shifting wind. Ship rolling and pitching moderately.

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

1200-1600

Steaming as before. 1435 reduced speed to 5 knots (80rpm) and began sounding fog whistle. Visibility, 1000 yards: raining. 1505 increased speed to 11 knots (170rpm), ceased sounding fog whistle. Rain ceased, visibility 5 miles. Weather during watch: intermittent rain, variable winds and visibility. Ship rolling moderately.

David S. Cooper
David S. Cooper, Ens. USNR

1600-1800

Steaming as before. Overcast with continuous rain. Sea and swell moderate. Visibility moderate to poor during heavy rain. Ship pitching and rolling moderately.

Irving Weiss
Irving Weiss, Lt.(jg), USNR

1800-2000

Steaming as before. 1800 changed course to 288°T. Weather: overcast sky, ship pitching and rolling easily.

Charles P. Schoeffel
Charles P. Schoeffel, Ens. USNR

2000-2400

Steaming as before. Overcast sky. Ship rolling easily.

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Steaming on course 288°T., speed 11 knots (170rpm) enroute from Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H., to Buckner Bay, Okinawa, with a full load of cargo, pursuant to ComServPac movement order A43(1), serial #11-356 dated 25 September 1945 and ComServPac dispatch dated 261840 September 1945. Navigational lights on. Condition Baker set. Generator #2 in use. 0100 ship sighted at 315°T. in previous watch crossed bow of this ship, distance 5 miles. 0220 ship sighted at 315°T. passed out of sight on bearing 150°T. Weather: Visibility normal, sky overcast with occasional flashes of lightning, ship rolling moderately.

David S. Cooper
David S. Cooper, Ens. USNR

0400-0800

Steaming as before. 0520 reduced speed to 100rpm. for 6.8 knots, due to heavy rain and fog. 0540 increased speed to 170rpm. for 11 knots, fog having lifted and rain let up. Weather: Overcast squally weather, sea and swell moderate. Ship pitching and rolling moderately. Periods of heavy rain and fog. Visibility good, reducing during heavy rain and fog.

Irving Weiss
Irving Weiss, Lt.(jg), USNR

0800-1200

Steaming as before. 0735 changed speed to 5.2 knots (80rpm), visibility. 0753 changed speed to 11.2 knots (170rpm), improved visibility. 0820 made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, condition warm. Weather: overcast with steady moderate rain; sea and swell from ENE; ship rolling and pitching moderately.

Charles P. Schoeffel
Charles P. Schoeffel, Ens. USNR

1200-1600

Steaming as before. 1200 changed course to 270°T., 271°pgc. 1317 reduced speed to 6.8 knots (100rpm). 1318 sighted U.S.S. BURROWS (DE 105) bearing 074°T., 8 miles distant, followed by ten other ships. 1345 obtained Loran fix from U.S.S. BURROWS, Lat. 22°-43'N, Long. 131°-31'E. 1357 changed course to 307°T., 308°pgc. Increased speed to 11 knots (170rpm). Choppy sea. Ship pitching and rolling moderately.

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

1600-1800

Steaming as before. Weather: Visibility excellent, choppy sea, ship rolling, and pitching moderately.

David S. Cooper
David S. Cooper, Ens. USNR

1800-2000

Steaming as before. 1908 changed course to 305°T., 306°pgc. Weather: Mostly cloudy, occasional threatening weather, moon visible occasionally sea and swell moderate. Visibility moderate, ship pitching and rolling moderately.

Irving Weiss
Irving Weiss, Lt.(jg), USNR

2000-2400

Steaming as before. Weather: cloudy with moon occasionally visible, light swell ship rolling and pitching moderately.

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Steaming enroute Pearl Harbor, T.H. to Buckner Bay, Okinawa Shima, pursuant to C-Conservancy. dispatch serial #11-356 of 26 September 1945, on course 305°T., 306° p.c., speed 11 knots (170rpm), with full load of cargo. Navigational lights on. Material condition Baker set. Generator #1 in use, #2 and #3 standbys. Light swell from the east. Ship rolling easily.

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

0400-0600

Steaming as before. 0640 sighted three ships bearing 075°T., distance 15 miles. 0703 sighted five additional ships on bearing 085°T., port of same group sighted at 075°T. Visibility excellent. Ship rolling easily.

David S. Cooper
David S. Cooper, Ens. USNR

0600-1200

Steaming as before. 0843 sighted land at 290°T., distance 30 miles. 0945 made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, condition warm. Changed course to 304°T., 305° p.c. 1040 set special anchor detail. 1041 reduced speed to 7.3 knots (113rpm). 1045 steaming at various courses and speeds, lying off entrance to Buckner Bay, Okinawa Shima. Captain at the conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. 1145 passed buoy #1 abeam to port, distance 50 yards.

Irving Weiss
Irving Weiss, Lt.(jg), USNR

1200-1600

Steaming as before. 1215 passed buoy #2 abeam to starboard, distance 400 yards. 1230 passed buoy #4 abeam to starboard, distance 100 yards. 1247 passed buoy #5 abeam to port distance 200 yards. 1428 anchored in Berth Baker six zero, Buckner Bay, Okinawa Shima, in thirteen (13) fathoms of water, mud soft shoal, with forty-five (45) fathoms of chain cut to starboard anchor, following anchorage bearings: HECF; 067°T.; Beacon Charlie, 061°T.; Kuba Saki, signal station, 345°T.; China Saki, 194°T. 1445 secured degaussing coils.

Charles P. Schoeffel
Charles P. Schoeffel, Lt.(jg), USNR

1600-1800

Anchored as before.

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

1800-2000

Anchored as before.

David S. Cooper
David S. Cooper, Ens. USNR

2000-2400

Anchored as before.

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DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

UNITED STATES SHIP

GORDONIA (AT-43)

Thursday 18 October

1945

(Day) (Date) (Month)

0000-0400

Anchored in berth Baker sixty (60), Buckner Bay, Okinawa, in thirteen (13) fathoms of water, mud soft shoal, with forty-five (45) fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor on the following anchor bearings: HECB, 087°T.; Beacon Charlie, 061°T.; Kuba Saki, 345°T.; China Saki Peak, 194°T. Engine in use for auxiliary purposes. #2 generator in use.

Charles P. Schoeffel
Charles P. Schoeffel, Ens. USNR

0400-0800

Anchored as before.

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

0800-1200

Anchored as before. 0810 inspected magazines and smokeless powder samples, condition warm.

David S. Cooper
David S. Cooper, Ens. USNR

1200-1600

Anchored as before.

Irving Weiss
Irving Weiss, Lt.(jg), USNR

1600-1800

Anchored as before.

Charles P. Schoeffel
Charles P. Schoeffel, Ens. USNR

1800-2000

Anchored as before.

David C. Kenyon
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2000-2400

Anchored as before.

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BUCKNER BAY - to TOKYO

Anchored in berth Baker 60, Buckner Bay, Okinawa, in 13 fathoms of water, mud, soft shoal bottom, with 45 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor, and the following anchorage bearings: Beacon "C" bearing 061°T., Kuha Saki signal station bearing 345°T., China Saki Peak bearing 194°T. Engine in use for auxiliary purposes. Generator #1 in use, #2 and #3 as standbys.

Irving Weiss
Irving Weiss, Lt.(jg), USNR

0400-0800

Anchored as before. 0615 set special anchor detail. 0617 tested main engine. 0620 tested engine and telegraph. 1625 out in degaussing coils. 1925 underway, Berth 60, Buckner Bay, Okinawa, enroute to Tokyo, Japan, pursuant to orders from Port Directors, Navy #3756, dated 18 October 1945. Captain at the conn, executive officer and navigator on the bridge. Proceeding at various course and speed to conform to the channel. 0707 passed buoy #5 abeam to starboard, distance 100 yards. 0712 passed buoy #4 to port, distance 200 yards. 0724 passed buoy #2 abeam to port, distance 250 yards. 0723 passed buoy #3 abeam to starboard, distance 25 yards. 0730 secured special anchor detail. 0735 passed buoy #1 abeam to starboard, distance 300 yards. 0735 took departure from Buckner Bay, Okinawa and set course 089°T., speed 11.3 knots (170rpm). Full load of cargo.

Charles P. Schoeffel
Charles P. Schoeffel, Lt.(jg), USNR

0800-1200

Steaming as before. 0810 made daily inspection of magazine and smokeless powder samples, condition normal. 0843 changed course to 072°T., 074 rpm. 1050 changed course to 050°T., 051 rpm. 1105 generator #3 put in use, #1 and #2 standbys. Weather clear and sea calm. Ship riding easily.

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

1200-1600

Steaming as before. Visibility excellent. Ship rolling and pitching easily.

David S. Cooper
David S. Cooper, Ens, USNR

1600-1800

Steaming as before. Weather; visibility excellent. Sea and swell slight. Ship pitching and rolling easily.

Irving Weiss
Irving Weiss, Lt.(jg), USNR

1800-2000

Steaming as before. 1857 changed course to 051°T. Weather; clear and bright moon light; light swells; ship pitching and rolling moderately.

Charles P. Schoeffel
Charles P. Schoeffel, Lt.(jg), USNR

2000-2400

Steaming as before. Ship pitching easily.

David C. Kenyon
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Steaming on course 051°T., speed 11 knots (170rpm) enroute from Okinawa, R.I. to Tokyo Bay, Honshu, Japan with full load of cargo, pursuant to orders from Port Director, Navy 3250 dated 18 October 1945. Navigational lights on. Material condition Baker set. Generator #1 in use. Weather: visibility excellent with almost full moon only occasionally obscured. Ship pitching moderately.

David S. Cooper
David S. Cooper, Ens USNR

0400-0800

Steaming as before. 0646 changed course to 053°T., 054°pgc. Weather: mostly cloudy, fresh breeze from 080°T. Sea, slight swell, moderate. Visibility excellent. Pitching and rolling easily.

Irving Weiss
Irving Weiss, Lt.(jg), USNR

0800-1200

Steaming as before. 0800 exercised at General Quarters. 0807 exercised at Fire Quarters. 0823 secured from Fire Quarters. 0825 secured from General Quarters. 0840 made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, condition warm. 0925 changed course to 050°T.

Charles P. Schoeffel
Charles P. Schoeffel, Ens. USNR

1200-1600

Steaming as before. 1208 changed course to 047°T., 048°pgc. Squally weather, sky overcast, ship pitching easily.

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

1600-1800

Steaming as before. Weather squally with driving rain. Ship pitching easily.

David S. Cooper
David S. Cooper, Ens. USNR

1800-2000

Steaming as before. Weather: steady rain becoming heavy occasionally. Visibility moderate reduced to poor in heavy rains. Sea and swell moderate. Ship pitching and rolling moderately.

Irving Weiss
Irving Weiss, Lt.(jg), USNR

2000-2400

Steaming as before. 2000 changed speed to 11.3 knots (170rpm). Weather overcast and squally; light swell; ship pitching and rolling moderately.

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Steaming enroute from Buckner Bay, Okinawa Shima, to Tokyo, Japan, pursuant to orders from the Port Director, Navy 3256, Okinawa Shima dated 18 October 1945, on course 047°T., 048°pgc, speed 11 knots (170rpm). Navigation lights lit. Material condition Baker set. Carrying a full load of cargo. Generator #2 in use, #1 and #3 standbys. Cloudy with clear patches. Ship pitching easily.

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

0400-0800

Steaming as before. 0505 changed speed to 5.2 knots (80rpm), started sounding fog whistle. Visibility reduced to 200 yards by rain. 0515 changed speed to 11 knots (170rpm), ceased sounding fog whistle. Visibility normal. Weather: overcast, wind shifting to north, sea and swell increasing. 0755 sighted two ships 022°T. approximately 11 miles on reciprocal course, exchanged calls with Johnnie Hutchens (DE360) received Loran fix from him.

David S. Cooper
David S. Cooper, Ens, USNR

0800-1200

Steaming as before. 0908 changed course to 050°T. 051°pgc. 0945 changed course to 046°T., 047°pgc. 0946 made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions warm. 1109 reduced speed to 150rpm. for 10 knots. Weather: cloudy, with sun occasionally visible, squally weather. Sea moderate, with heavy swell from the NE. Ship pitching and rolling moderately.

Irving Weiss
Irving Weiss, Lt.(jg), USNR

1200-1600

Steaming as before. 1201 changed course to 043°T. 1322 changed speed to 9.2 knots (135rpm). 1345 changed course to 035°T. Weather: overcast, strong wind and heavy swells from NE., ship pitching moderately to heavily. Reduced speed due to heavy pounding-sea and wind increasing steadily-speed about 4 knots.

Charles P. Schoeffel
Charles P. Schoeffel, Ens. USNR

1600-1800

Steaming as before. Sky overcast, strong wind, heavy swells from NE., ship pitching moderately to heavily, shipping sea on forecastle.

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

1800-2000

Steaming as before. 1812 changed speed to 8.3 knots (120rpm) because of overheating of engine. Weather: squally, overcast, ship pitching moderately to heavily.

David S. Cooper
David S. Cooper, Ens, USNR

2000-2400

Steaming as before. 2000 changed course to 040°T., 041°pgc. Weather: overcast and squally. Sea very rough with high swell condition, strong wind from NE. Visibility moderate. Ship pitching moderately to heavily.

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Steaming singly enroute Buckner Bay, Okinawa to Tokyo, Japan, pursuant to orders from Port Directors, Navy #3256 dated 18 October 1945, on course 040°T., speed 8.9 knots (130rpm), with full load of cargo. #1 generator in use. Material condition Baker set. All navigational lights on at full brilliancy. Weather: overcast with occasional light rain, sharp wind and heavy swell coming from ENE, ship pitching moderately to heavily.

Charles P. Schoeffel
Charles P. Schoeffel, Ens. USNR

0400-0800

Steaming as before. Cloudy and gloomy weather. Rain during the dark hours. Strong wind and heavy swells from the NE. Ship pitching moderately.

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

0800-1200

Steaming as before. 0801 changed course to 044°T., 045°pgc. 0945 made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, condition warm. Weather: steady light rain driven by strong wind from NE., occasional squalls. Sea and swell moderating slightly. Ship pitching moderately.

David S. Cooper
David S. Cooper, Ens. USNR

1200-1600

Steaming as before. 1230 increased speed to (135rpm) for 9.2 knots. 1500 changed course to 050°T., 051°pgc. 1505 power failure due to Lube oil failure. 1508 power cut in #1 generator in use. Weather: overcast heavy driving rain. Sea very rough with high swell condition. Visibility moderate. Ship pitching moderately to heavily rolling easily.

Irving Weiss
Irving Weiss, Lt.(jg), USNR

1600-1800

Steaming as before. 1610 changed speed to (100rpm), poor visibility. 1644 changed speed to 9.2 knots (135rpm). 1700 changed course to 044°T. Weather: overcast with continuous rain, strong wind from 055°T., sea and heavy swell from NE, ship pitching and rolling moderately to heavily.

Charles P. Schoeffel
Charles P. Schoeffel, Ens. USNR

1800-2000

Steaming as before. 1758 reduced speed to 8.3 knots (120rpm). 1809 reduced speed to 6.8 knots (100rpm) because of poor visibility caused by heavy driving rain. 1818 sounding fog whistle. 1830 ceased sounding fog whistle. 1839 increased speed to 8.3 knots (120rpm), visibility clearer. Cloudy and dark night. Strong wind driving periodic heavy rain. Heavy swells from NE. Ship pitching moderately.

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

2000-2400

Steaming as before. 2200 commenced taking fathometer readings at fifteen minutes intervals. Ship in the vicinity of Zeni Su near the entrance to Tokyo Kaiwan. Weather: visibility normal, rain ceased, cloudy with occasional glimpse of the moon. Ship rolling and pitching moderately in NE swell.

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0000-0400

Steaming singly on course 044°T., 045°pgc. at (120rpm) for 8.3 knots, enroute Buckner Bay, Okinawa Shima to Tokyo, Kaiwan, Japan pursuant to orders of Port Director, Navy 3256 Okinawa Shima dated 18 October 1945 with full load of cargo. Navigational lights on at full brilliancy. Material condition Baker set. Generator #3 in use, #1 and #2 standing by. 0125 increased speed to (150rpm) for 10 knots. 0215 reduced speed to (140rpm) for 9.5 knots. Weather: overcast with intermittent driving rains. Strong winds from 055°T. Sea very rough with high swells from 065°T. Visibility moderate reduced to poor during rain. Ship pitching and rolling moderately.

Irving Weiss
Irving Weiss, Lt.(jg), USNR

0400-0800

Steaming as before. 0425 changed speed to 5.2 knots (80rpm), ship crossing bow. 0426 changed speed to (140rpm), 9.5 knots. 0532 cut out #3 generator and cut in #1 generator. Weather: overcast, continuous rain and steady wind from 040°T. heavy swell from 105°T., ship pitching moderately to heavily, rolling moderately. 0750 sounding fog whistle.

Charles P. Schoeffel
Charles P. Schoeffel, Ens. USNR

0800-1200

Steaming as before. 0810 made daily inspection of magazine and smokeless powder samples, condition warm. 0816 changed course to 036°T. Changed speed to 9.3 knots (135-140rpm). Ceased sounding fog whistle. 0835 sounding fog whistle. 0930 ceased sounding fog whistle. 1000 changed course to 039°T. 1016 exchanged positions with SS GREAT REPUBLIC. 1105 changed course to 031°T. 1106 changed course to 000°T. 1110 changed course to 020°T. 1120 changed course to 014°T. Cloudy but bright. Strong wind and heavy seas. Ship pitching and rolling moderately.

David C. Kenyon
David C. Kenyon, Lt.(jg)1 USNR

1200-1600

Steaming as before. 1250 sighted land, Fuji San Honshu, Japan, bearing 010°T. 1300 commenced taking fathometer soundings, no bottom at 250 fathoms. 1400 changed course to 034°T., 035°pgc. to pass through routing point. Changed speed to 6.5 knots (145rpm). 1420 changed speed to 10.1 knots (150rpm). 1440 changed speed to 10.4 knots (155rpm). 1533 changed course to 040°T., 041°pgc. Weather: overcast, visibility good, swell and sea moderately.

David S. Cooper
David S. Cooper, Ens. USNR

1600-1800

Steaming as before. 1608 changed speed to 1/3 ahead. Changed course to 051°T. 052°pgc. to avoid ship on receptacle course. 1615 changed course to 044°T., 045°pgc. Changed speed to standard (155rpm) for 10 knots. Exchanged call with APA 193 SANBORNE. 1630 changed course to 049°T., 050°pgc. 1637 changed speed to (100rpm) for 5 knots. Weather: cloudy, and sun occasionally visible, squally weather. Swa and swell moderate, visibility good.

Irving Weiss
Irving Weiss, Lt.(jg), USNR

1800-2000

Steaming as before. 1817 changed course to 253°T. 1825 proceeding at various courses off entrance to Tokyo Harbor until daylight. Weather: cloudy, gentle wind, calm sea.

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UNITED STATES SHIP GORDONIA (AF-43)Tuesday 23 October, 1945
(Day) (Date) (Month)

2000-2400

Steaming as before. 2128 changed course to 184°T., 2200 changed course to 234°T. 2230 changed course to 042°T. 2332 changed course to 064°T. 2339 changed course to 042°T. Maneuvering on Iro Saki Light awaiting daylight to approach Tokio. Cloudy weather but calm sea. Ship riding easily.

David C. Kenyon
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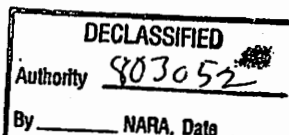
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David S. Cooper
David S. Cooper, Ens. USNR

0400-0800

Steaming as before. 0408 changed course to 039°T., 040°pgc. 0502 power failure, shifted from #3 generator to #1 generator. 0504 shifted from #1 generator to #3 generator, power regained on #3 generator. 0526 changed speed to (170rpm) for 11 knots. 0535 changed course to 044°T., 045°pgc. 0548 changed course to 049°T., 050°pgc. 0620 changed course to 064°T., 065°pgc. 0720 power failure, shifted from #3 generator to #1 generator. 0735 changed course to 064°T. 0755 changed course to 047°T.

Irving Weiss
Irving Weiss, Lt.(jg), USNR

0800-1200

Steaming as before. 0815 made daily inspection of magazine and smokeless powder samples, condition warm. 0820 proceeding at various courses to conform to swift channel. 0908 changed course to 030°T. 1053 changed course to 080°T. 1100 changed course to 064°T. 1126 changed speed to 10.9 knots (160rpm). 1135 changed course to 070°T. 1142 changed course to 066°T., changed speed to 6.8 knots (100rpm).

Charles F. Schoeffel
Charles F. Schoeffel, Ens. USNR

1200-1600

Steaming as before. 1210 changed speed to 5 knots (80rpm). 1224 changed speed to 11.3 knots (170rpm). 1300 changed course to 356°T. 1325 changed course to 014°T. 1330 proceeding on various courses and at various speeds conforming to the swept channel into Tokyo Bay, the Captain at the conn and the Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. 1425 assigned Berth E9 but found berth occupied by AK119. 1527 Anchored with in berth F24, Tokio Kaiwan, Japan. 45 fathoms of chain out to the port anchor on the following anchorage bearings, Kanon Saki Light 175°T., Right Tangent of Fort #1, 145°T. 1535 secured from special anchoring detail.

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

1600-1800

Anchored as before. No wind or sea. Visibility good.

David S. Cooper
David S. Cooper, Ens. USNR

1800-2000

Anchored as before.

Irving Weiss
Irving Weiss, Lt.(jg), USNR

2000-2400

Anchored as before.

Charles F. Schoeffel
Charles F. Schoeffel, Ens. USNR

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NAVIGATOR

on the way from Japan
to San Diego - passed through
many "Horned" mines
floating on surface -
had been separated from
their anchors by storms.
Day time easy to avoid - but
at night - kept your
fingers crossed

Everyone wore an inflatable
life saver around waist almost
24 hours a day - from start of
war to end -

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DECK LOG-REMARKS SHEET

UNITED STATES SHIP

GORDONIA (AF-43)

Friday

26

October

1945

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

0000-0400

Anchored in berth Easy 94, Tokyo Kaiwan, Japan, in 18 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to the port anchor; sand bottom; on the following anchorage bearing, Fort #3, 128°T., Breakwater lighthouse 279°T. Engine in use for auxiliary purposes. #3 generator in use.

Charles P. Schoeffel
Charles P. Schoeffel, Ens, USNR

0400-0800

Anchored as before.

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

0800-1200

Anchored as before. 0800 made daily inspection of magazine and smokeless powder samples, condition warm.

Irving Weiss
Irving Weiss, Lt.(jg), USNR

1200-1600

Anchored as before.

Charles P. Schoeffel
Charles P. Schoeffel, Ens, USNR

1600-1800

Anchored as before.

Irving Weiss
Irving Weiss, Lt.(jg), USNR

1800-2000

Anchored as before.

Irving Weiss
Irving Weiss, Lt.(jg), USNR

2000-2400

Anchored as before.

Charles P. Schoeffel
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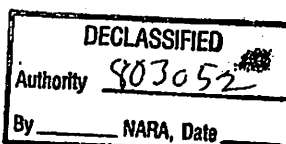
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DECK LOG-REMARKS SHEET

UNITED STATES SHIP GORDONIA (AF-43)Sunday 28 October, 1945
(Day) (Date) (Month)

0000-0400

Moored to mooring buoys #9 and #10, Yokosuka Ko, Japan, with the following mooring lines in use: Bow 1 1/8" wire and two 6" manila; Stern 1 1/8" wire. Engines in use for auxiliary purposes. Generators #1 and #2 in use, #3 standby. Discharging cargo.

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

0400-0800

Moored as before. Discharging cargo.

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

0800-1200

Moored as before. 0800 made daily inspection of magazine and smokeless powder samples, condition warm. Discharging cargo.

Charles P. Schoeffel
Charles P. Schoeffel, Ens. USNR

1200-1600

Moored as before. Discharging cargo.

Irving Weiss
Irving Weiss, Lt.(jg), USNR

1600-1800

Moored as before. Discharging cargo.

Charles P. Schoeffel
Charles P. Schoeffel, Ens. USNR

1800-2000

Moored as before. Discharging cargo.

Charles P. Schoeffel
Charles P. Schoeffel, Ens. USNR

2000-2400

Moored as before. Discharging cargo.

Irving Weiss
Irving Weiss, Lt.(jg), USNR

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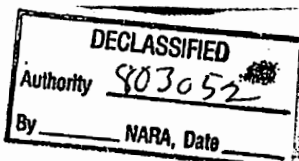
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DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

UNITED STATES SHIP

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Monday 29 October, 1945
(Day) (Date) (Month)

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Moored to mooring buoys #1 and #10, Yokosuka Naval Base, Tokyo Haven, Japan, with the following gear: bow, 1 1/2" wire, 2-3" snaila; stern, 1 1/2" wire. 100 lb line for pulling buoys. #1 and #2 buoys for use. Line 10, 100 lb.

Charles P. Schoffele

0550-0000

1000-0000 Defect: Displacement error of

Driving Wess
Irving Wess, Lt. (jg), USAF

100-1212

could not believe. She made daily inspections of beggars and homeless people in the city, especially around the Christmas time. In 1915 and 1916 came along side to her the "Mother of the Poor".

David C. Thompson
David C. Thompson, Jr. (jc), UAC.

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arrived at base. Incoming cargo, 1445 AM. 2215 cleared the port anchor of this ship, anchor raised. 1455 AM. 2215 got underway and stood departure.

David H. Cooper

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corrected as before. Discharge in cu. ft. sec.

David C. Kenyon
DATE: 1. 10. 60, P.O. (10), U.S.

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David H. Cooper
Capt. U.S. Marine, ETC. U.S.A.

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Moored to mooring buoys #9 and #10, Yokosuka Naval Base, Yokosuka Ko., Tokyo Kaiwan, Japan, with the following mooring lines in use: Bow, 1 1/8" wire, 2-6" manila; stern, 1 1/8" wire. generators #1 and #2 in use. Discharging cargo on fleet issue basis.

David S. Cooper
David S. Cooper, Ens. USNR

0400-0800

Moored as before. Discharging cargo.

David S. Cooper
David S. Cooper, Ens. USNR

0800-1200

Moored as before. Discharging cargo. 0800 made daily inspection of magazine and smokeless powder samples, condition normal. 0900 Pursuant to orders of ComServDiv 102 dated 28 October 1945, the following named men reported aboard for duty: ALDRIN, Kenneth A., Cox, 329 41 46, USN; BEELER, James M., Cox, 564 91 46, V-6; BLUTEAU, David F., Cox, 600 89 18, V-6; BRADENBURG, Fred E., Cox, 627 80 45, V-6; BROWN, Will T., Cox, 637 59 74, V-6; BLUTEAU, Carl A., Cox, 600 82 15, V-6; UNDEM, Roy M., Slt, 730 26 45, V-6; PERKINS, Miller, Slt, 978 36 06, V-6.

Irving Weiss
Irving Weiss, Lt.(jg), USNR

1200-1600

Moored as before. Discharging cargo.

Charles P. Schoeffel
Charles P. Schoeffel, Ens. USNR

1600-2000

Moored as before. Discharging cargo.

Irving Weiss
Irving Weiss, Lt.(jg), USNR

2000-2400

Moored as before. Discharging cargo.

Charles P. Schoeffel
Charles P. Schoeffel, Ens. USNR

I did more piloting here in Tokyo. - Visited Tokyo and Imperial Palace - no problems - after discharge of all cargo proceeded to Los Angeles USA - entered Naval Hospital for Battle Fatigue - Released and to New York - I was commanding officer of troop train - at New York Released to Ready Reserve - and home - then returned to USCG as chief officer SSG Com 27 2502 (New) at Mobile Alabama.

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