

UNITED STATES SHIP HORNET Thursday 4 June 1942
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ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 10

REMARKS

0 to 4

Steaming darkened on base course 210 true and pgc at 13.5 knots, 130 rpm, in company with Task Force 16 in cruising disposition 11-V, fleet axis 270 true. Guide in ATLANTA, OTC in ENTERPRISE. Ship in condition of Readiness III, Material Condition Baker modified. 0110 Changed speed to 15 knots, commenced zig-zagging in accordance with Plan #7. Average steam 400. Average R.P.M. 143.8.

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4 to 8

Steaming as before. 0441 Cut in boilers No. 1, 2, 6, and 8. 0540 Held General Quarters. 0635 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition II, Material Condition Baker modified. 0640 Ceased zig-zagging, changed course by ships turn to 040 true and pgc. 0737 Let fires die out under boilers No. 1, 4, and 7. Average steam 400. Average R.P.M. 145.7.

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8 to 12

Steaming as before. 0800 Cut in all boilers on the main steam line. Formation turned left to 300 true. Mustered crew on stations. Absentees: WESTFALL, O.W. SC3c, USNR., MCGEE, E.W. SC3c, USNR., and PAGE, W.T. SC3c, USNR., Absent Over Leave since 1830 May 27, 1942. 0807 Went to General Quarters on order of the O.T.C. 0811 Formation changed course to 270 true. Changed speed to 20 knots (196 rpm). 0814 Formation changed course to 240 true. Changed speed to 25 knots (246 rpm). 0855 HORNET, MINNEAPOLIS, NEW ORLEANS, ATLANTA and screening destroyers left formation and turned into wind to launch aircraft. Steadied on 158 true. Launched combat air patrol. Launched attack group of 34 scout bombers, 15 torpedo bombers, and 10 escorting fighters. Mission is enemy concentration approaching Midway from the northwest. 0954 Recovered 8-F-17 (deferred forced landing). 1006 HORNET task group turned to 240 true, keeping in sight of the ENTERPRISE task group. 1035 Received signal to form disposition 11-V. Before we could form, the YORKTOWN was attacked by enemy aircraft. For the next hour the ENTERPRISE fighter director directed the combat air patrol on various suspicious contacts. Our radar screen picked up many contacts, but all enemy planes concentrated on the YORKTOWN, which was sending up dense smoke. At about 1130 the radar screen was clear of enemy planes. 1130 Relieved combat air patrol. The base course for the rest of the day was 280 true, speed was 20 knots. We steamed on the base course at 30 knots, closing the ENTERPRISE except when conducting flight operations. Average steam 400. Average R.P.M. 265.5.

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12 to 16

Steaming as before. 1241 Recovered some fighters who were low on gas. 1300 Picked up large group of planes bearing 260 true, distant 56 miles. 1312 Sighted planes of our group returning from morning flight. 1312 Turned into wind and commenced recovering aircraft. Steaming on various courses and speeds. Steadied on course 130 true. 1409 Completed recovery of aircraft. The following planes failed to return: 15 (all) torpedo bombers, 14 scout bombers, and 10 fighters. Note: At about 1400 we received word from Midway that 11 scout bombers from the HORNET had landed there. They were to be re-fueled and sent out again. Our air group which returned did not find the enemy. They searched until their gas was low, then jettisoned their bombs and returned. It is believed that the torpedo planes made their attack. However, nothing has been heard of them since. 1409 Resumed base course. Radar reported much activity ahead of us, in the direction of the YORKTOWN. 1410 YORKTOWN reported that she was being attacked by aircraft. The sky in her direction was filled with anti-aircraft bursts. 1419 On orders from O.T.C. the NEW ORLEANS and VINCENNES, plus two destroyers proceeded to the aid of the YORKTOWN. HORNET launched five fighters to augment combat air patrol. At this time the attack seemed to be over. All fighters short on gas and ammunition were ordered to land. YORKTOWN planes were ordered to land on either

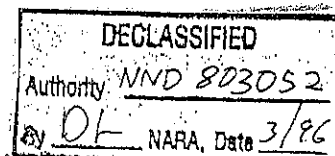
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12 to 16 continued

ENTERPRISE or HORNET. 1429 Plane 5-F-24 crashed on landing, and fired its machine guns accidentally. The following casualties resulted: Lieutenant Royall R. INGERSOLL, U.S. Navy., Dead; CUMMINGS, F.W. Jr. 311871, Pvt, USMC, Dead; HUMFLEET, L.E. 316213, Pvt, USMC, Dead; IGNATIUS, W.B. 222784, Sgt., USMC, Dead; and MEYER, E.A., 283-40-50, Sea.2c, USN., Dead; Lieutenant G. W. ELLENBERG, USN, small multiple wounds on back and scalp; Lieutenant (jg) W. B. ROBB, USN, wound right shoulder; Ensign K. L. JOHNSON, USNR., small multiple wounds on back; Ensign R.L. KARZMAR, USNR., wound right cheek and left shoulder; PARKER, E.D. QM1c, USN wound buttock and testicle, BATTIS, C.B. Yeo, 3c, USN., wound neck and back; JONES, C.G. Sea.1c, USN., wound left knee; PLUMLEY, W.F. Sea.1c, USN., wound right thigh; SERFIN, J.F. Pfc, USMC., wound right shoulder; BILLINGSLEY, V.L. Pfc, USMC., wound left shoulder and left knee. All these officers and men were at their battle stations. The Pilot, Ensign SHEALEY, had been wounded in the right ankle and lower leg while fighting over the YORKTOWN. 1453 Launched three more fighters. 1516 Commenced recovering aircraft. 8-F-17 failed to return from combat patrol. 1530 Resumed base course. Average steam 400. Average R.P.M. 229.3.

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16 to 18

Steaming as before. 1609 Relieved combat air patrol. Recovered some YORKTOWN fighters. 1639 YORKTOWN planes reported contact with enemy aircraft, 20 miles ahead of YORKTOWN. 1642 YORKTOWN reported being attacked by aircraft. 1644 ENTERPRISE being attacked by torpedo planes. 1647 Launched all available fighters. 1652 Resumed base course. Attack seemed to be over. 1710 Commenced recovering aircraft. Recovered 11 scout bombers, returning from Midway. The Squadron Commander reported that three of his planes had landed in the water, but that all crews were safe. 1727 Resumed base course. 1743 Received orders from the O.T.C. to launch attack group. Average steam 400. Average R.P.M. 259.4.

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18 to 20

Steaming as before. 1803 Launched attack group of 16 scout bombers. 1815 Recovered 2 of the attack group who returned because of engine trouble. 1817 Resumed base course, speed 30 knots. 1826 Recovered forced landing, and 3 fighters. 1857 Recovered combat patrol. 1907 Resumed base course, speed 30 knots. 1931 Launched combat patrol. Recovered 2 fighters. 1939 Resumed base course. Average steam 400. Average R.P.M. 268.5.

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20 to 24

Steaming as before. 2004 Sighted ENTERPRISE group bearing 295 true. Changed course to 290 true. 2009 Slowed to 25 knots. 2013 ENTERPRISE recovered her attack group. 2015 Slowed to 20 knots. 2016 Turned into wind to parallel ENTERPRISE. 2029 Sighted Task Force 17 on the horizon bearing 329 true. 2043 Darkened ship. Commenced recovering attack group. 2059 Completed recovering all planes in air. The attack group attacked a battleship and a cruiser and got 3 good hits plus some near misses, with 1000 pound bombs, and returned without losing a plane. Plane losses from combat air patrol and attacking groups were 15 torpedo bombers, and 11 fighters, with crews, and 3 scout bombers. 2100 Received orders to form disposition 11-V, commenced maneuvering to gain position. 2114 Secured from General Quarters. Secured boilers 1, 4, and 7. Set Condition of Readiness Two, Material condition Baker. 2130 Set condition Three. 2134 Secured boiler No. 2. 2138 Assumed position in formation. Fleet axis 090 true, fleet course 090 true, speed 15 knots. 2130 VINCENNES rejoined formation. Average steam 400. Average R.P.M. 199.1.

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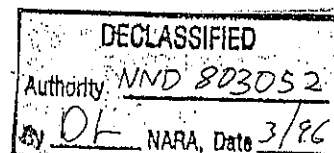
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UNITED STATES SHIP

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Friday 5

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ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 10

REMARKS

0 to 4

Steaming on fleet course and fleet axis 090 true and pgc. Boilers No. 3,5,6,8, and 9 in use for steaming purposes. Fleet in formation 11-V. Ship darkened and in condition of readiness Three. 0110 Held funeral services and buried the remains of the late Lieutenant R.R. INGERSOLL, U.S. Navy, the late CUMMINGS, F.W. Jr. Pvt, USMC., the late HUMFLEET, L.E. Pvt, USMC., the late IGNATIUS, W.B. Sgt, USMC. and the late MAYER, E.A. Sea.2c, USN., in Latitude 30° - 19' N, Longitude 174° - 52' W. 0200 Changed course to 000 true and pgc. 0244 Changed course to 090 true and pgc. 0303 Changed course to 180 true and pgc. 0330 Changed course to 090 true and pgc. 0335 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with Plan #6. 0336 Ceased zigzagging. 0348 Changed course to 270 true and pgc. Average steam 400. Average R.P.M. 145.9.

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Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

4 to 8

Steaming as before. 0420 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with Plan #1. 0430 Lighted fires under boilers No 1,2,4, and 7. 0446 Cut in boilers No. 1,2,4, and 7 on the main steam line. 0539 Held General Quarters. 0552 ELLET rejoining formation. 0620 Ceased zigzagging. Changed fleet course to 230 true and pgc. Changed speed to 20 knots, 195 rpm. 0631 Changed speed to 25 knots, 246 rpm. 0640 Secured from General Quarters. Set condition of readiness Two, material condition Baker modified. 0702 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with Plan #6. Changed course to 210 true and pgc. 0710 let fires die out under boilers No. 2,6, and 8. 0717 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course, 230 true and pgc. Average steam 400. Average R.P.M. 182.7.

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8 to 12

Steaming as before. Mustered crew on stations. Absentees: WESTFALL, O.W. SC3c, USNR., McGEE, E.W. SC3c, USNR., and PAGE, W.T. SC3c, USNR., Absent Over Leave since 1830 May 27, 1942. 1015 Steering casualty, shifted control to steering aft. 1019 Changed course to 030 true and pgc, for ENTERPRISE to launch combat patrol. 1026 ENTERPRISE commenced launching aircraft. 1030 ENTERPRISE completed launching aircraft. Changed course to 230 true and pgc. 1035 Shifted control to bridge, shifted from the port to the starboard steering unit. 1047 Changed course to 260 true and pgc. 1130 Changed course to 270 true. 1135 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Conditions normal. Average steam 400. Average R.P.M. 237.6.

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12 to 16

Steaming as before. 1237 Changed course to 000 true and pgc to avoid suspected submarine. 1242 Returned to base course. 1257 Changed course to 105 true for aircraft launching. 1304 Returned to base course. 1310 Changed course to 125 true and pgc. for aircraft recovery. 1320 Changed course to 300 true and pgc, having recovered 3 F4F-4 planes of YORKTOWN group. Average steam 400. Average R.P.M. 239.8.

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16 to 18

Steaming as before. 1611 Changed fleet course by turn movement to 070 true and pgc to recover aircraft. 1615 Lighted fires under boiler No. 6. 1618 Commenced recovery of aircraft. 1620 Completed recovery of aircraft. Changed fleet course by turn movement to 300 true and pgc. 1712 Changed fleet course by turn movement to 099 true and pgc, to launch aircraft attack group against enemy. 1732 Com-

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pleted launching. Steaming on various courses at 28 knots, 278 rpm rejoining formation. Fleet course 315 true and pge formation 11-V. Note: At 1300 this date by order of the Commanding Officer, JIMISON, R.D. Sea.lc, USN., was confined for a period of five days on bread and water, in execution of punishment assigned at mast. Average steam 400. Average R.P.M. 196.3.

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18 to 20

Steaming as before. 1833 Lighted off boilers No. 2 and 8. 1845 Sighted 5 Army bombers bearing 125 true, on parallel course. 1845 Cut in all boilers on the main steam line. 1900 Took position in formation. 1946 Increased speed to 27 knots and launched 6 fighters for combat air patrol. 1953 Slowed to 25 knots. Average steam 400. Average R.P.M. 207.3.

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20 to 24

Steaming as before. 2038 Changed course into wind with protective screen for aircraft operations. 2058 Completed recovery of aircraft, maneuvering to close ENTERPRISE group. 2135 Formation illuminated as a guide for returning aircraft. 2225 Completed recovery, all planes recovered by this vessel and ENTERPRISE. Commenced maneuvering to close ENTERPRISE group. 2240 Changed course, emergency turn to 173 true to avoid radar contact. Let fires die out under boilers NO. 1, 2, 6, and 8. 2246. Lighted fires under boiler No. 1. 2305 Secured from Condition II. Set condition III. 2312 Changed course to 280 true. Average steam 400. Average R.P.M. 206.9.

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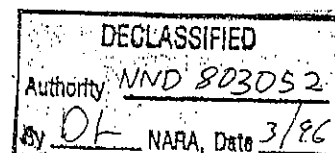
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HORNET

Saturday 6

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ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 10

REMARKS

0 to 4

Steaming in company with ATLANTA, NEW ORLEANS, MINNEAPOLIS and screening destroyers in vicinity of remainder of Task Force 16 on base course 280 true and pgc, 249 psc at standard speed 15 knots, 143 rpm. HORNET is guide of task group. Ship is darkened in material condition baker modified and condition of readiness three. Boilers 1,3,4,5,7, and 9 are in use. 0300 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with Plan 6. Average steam 400. Average R.P.M. 143.0.

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Lieutenant (jg), U.S. Navy.

4 to 8

Steaming as before. 0530 Lighted fires under boilers No. 2,6, and 8; let fires die out under No. 9 boiler. 0538 Cut in boiler No. 8 on the main steam line. 0548 Cut in boilers No. 2 and 6 on the main steam line. 0613 Sounded General Quarters. 0616 Let fires die out under boiler No. 2. 0656 Ceased zig-zagging, changed course to 210 true and pgc. 0657 Changed speed to 18 knots, 173 rpm. 0700 Commenced flight operations. 0702 Launched 6 fighters for combat air patrol. Changed course to 290 true and pgc, changed speed to 20 knots, 195 rpm. 0707 Lighted ship. 0708 Secured from General Quarters; set condition of readiness II, Material condition Baker, modified. 0717 Changed course to right to 300 true and pgc. 0725 Steaming on various courses at various speeds to form formation 11-V; ENTERPRISE assumed guide; fleet course and axis to 280 true. Average steam 400. Average R.P.M. 161.4.

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8 to 12

Steaming as before. 0800 Mustered crew on stations. Absentees: WESTFALL, O.W. SC3c, USNR., MCGEE, E. W. SC3c, USNR., and PAGE, T.W. SC3c, USNR., Absent Over Leave since 1830 May 27, 1942. 0826 Formation formed cruising disposition 11-V. 0922 Lighted fires under boiler No. 2. 0930 Cut in boiler No. 2 on the main steam line. Note: Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples. Conditions normal. 0944 Fleet course changed to 235 true. 0947 Commenced launching attack group. 1043 General Quarters. 1045 Launched combat patrol. 1156 Fleet course changed to 215 true. Average steam 400. Average R.P.M. 189.4.

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12 to 16

Steaming as before. 1204 Changed fleet course to 235 true and pgc. 1225 Commenced recovery of S.B.D's. Results of attack: Several hits on enemy Battleship, enemy destroyers strafed. 1253 Completed recovery of planes. 1315 Steaming at various speeds while launching aircraft. 1413 Completed launching and recovery of aircraft. 1519 Changed speed to 15 knots, 143 rpm. 1524 Changed fleet course to 220 true and pgc. HORNET left formation for air operations. 1530 Commenced launching 24 S.B.D's for attack on enemy support force and 8 VF for inner air patrol. 1545 Changed course to 200 true and pgc. 1554 Changed course to 210 true and pgc. 1558 Completed air operations, steaming at standard speed 15 knots, 143 rpm on course 250 true and pgc, rejoining formation. Average steam 400. Average R.P.M. 190.2.

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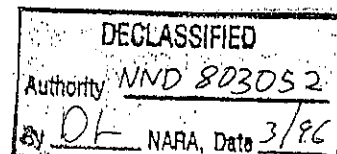
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16 to 18

Steaming as before. 1620 Formation changed course to the left to 045 true. 1629 Slowed to 10 knots gaining proper position in formation. 1648 Turned into wind to recover two deferred forced landings. 1650 Formation turned into wind. Attack group began returning. 1657 Recovered one ENTERPRISE scout bomber and one fighter. 1658 Formation assumed base course. 1722 Turned into wind to recover attack group. 1723 Formation turned into wind. 1728 Commenced recovery of attacking force. Results of attack: enemy battleship and cruiser burning fiercely, battleship abandoned, destroyers badly damaged recovering personnel in water near burning battleship. 1746 Completed recovering aircraft. All planes returned from mission. 1747 ENTERPRISE launched photographic planes. 1755 Formation resumed base course. Average steam 400. Average R.P.M. 146.2.

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18 to 20

Steaming as before. 1822 Changed course into wind and increased speed for aircraft recovery. 1845 Returned to base course, 045 true, and speed. 1920 Let fires die out under boilers No. 3 and 5. 1923 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with Plan 6. 1942 Changed course into wind for aircraft recovery on ENTERPRISE. 1951 Returned to base course. 1959 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with Plan 6. Average steam 400. Average R.P.M. 148.6.

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20 to 24

Steaming as before. 2055. Ceased zigzagging and changed fleet course to 220 true and pgc while ENTERPRISE recovered aircraft. 2109 Changed fleet course by turn movement to 050 true and pgc, 063 psc. 2110 Formed cruising disposition 10-V. HORNET guide, fleet course and axis 050 true and pgc, fleet speed 15 knots, 143 rpm. 2118 Darkened ship. Set condition of readiness three. 2119 Let fires die out under boiler No. 2. 2200 ENTERPRISE joined formation and assumed guide. HORNET's position 2000 yards astern of ENTERPRISE. Average steam 400. Average R.P.M. 144.6.

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