

UNITED STATES SHIP GILMER (233) Thursday 1 January, 1942
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION plus 8 REMARKS

00 to 04

We're anchored in Port Townsend,
With the anchor at short stay.
Ready for any emergency,
In a minute to get underway.
Point Wilson bears three sixteen true
From where the anchor lies;
The bearing of the light-on-dock
Is two seven nought, likewise.
The chain is thirty fathoms long
The water, seven deep;
The Skipper's in his nice soft bunk
Deep in a New Year's sleep.
He hasn't had one like it
For this is the thirtieth day,
We've hunted Nippon submarines
From their base at Crescent Bay.
We haven't found a single one,
Despite what fliers say;
Their logs and roots and trees and stumps
Have kept us underway.
Young Blatz is on the sound gear,
And Bowles is on the phones,
Sheller's on a machine gun
But his thoughts are on his home.
'Tis the night before New Years
And all through the ship
Not a creature is stirring-
Except Judkins - the drip.
He's breaking in the galley
To rustle up some Joe,
'Cause the wind is blowing briskly
And the temperature is low.
Morton's in the engine room
Keeping his turbines hot.
The Boatswain's Mate is Coxswain Rink-
Sleeping - like as not.

I've tried to rhyme my log today
But the Navigator's sure to say,
"Write it up in the regular way."

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04 to 08

Anchored as before.

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08 to 12

Anchored as before. 0800 Mustered crew on stations, no absentees.
1000 Firerooms standing by on 15 minutes notice. Made daily inspection of
magazine temperatures and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal.

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