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LST #779

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

COMMANDED BY

Lieutenant Joseph A. Hopkins

U. S. N. R.

Attached to

36th

Division,

18th Group

Squadron,

6th

Flotilla,

U. S. Pacific

Fleet,

Commencing 1 July, 19⁴⁵,

at sea enroute from Iwo Jima to Guam,

and ending 31 July, 19⁴⁵,

at sea enroute from Guam to Samar, P.I.

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UNITED STATES SHIP

Friday 27 July 1945
(Day) (Date) (Month)

0000 - 0400 Moored as before port side to dolphins off Pontoon assembly yard, Port Apra, Guam, using three doubled manilla lines and a doubled stern wire. Maintaining regular in port watch with roving security. 0005 Lt. McLellan ashore.

Peter Pierce

Ens. Peter Pierce, USNR.

0400 - 0800 Moored as before. No comment.

H. L. Luckey

Ens. H. L. Luckey, USNR.

0800 - 1200 Moored as before. 0805 Stationed special sea detail. 0817 Underway all lines clear. We are changing berths to Minecraft landing in Port Apra, Guam. 0839 Let go stern anchor. 0917 Secured from special sea detail. We are now bow to on the beach with two wires out to the beach and 100 feet of wire out on stern anchor. 1040 Ens. Scarpa, CEC, 70th N.G.B., 36th Reg. and 21 men aboard as per list, to man the four pontoon barges. 1107 LCVP #1 shoved off with Captain, Mr. Schout and Mr. Wood for departure conference.

James Glover

Lt.(jg) James Glover, USNR.

1200 - 1600 Moored as before. 1215 LCVP #1 returned. 1245 LCVP #1 shoved off. Started main engines. 1305 LCVP #1 returned. 1322 Set special sea detail. 1330 Secured stern anchor. 1333 All lines clear. Attempting to retract. 1339 Unable to retract. Using various engine speeds and rudder angles trying to work off beach. 1350 Pumping ballast. 1412 Ballast pumping completed. Still having trouble. LCVP's pushing stern about. 1430 Cleared beach. Maneuvering at various courses and speeds to make channel and clear harbor. 1432 Closed bow doors. 1456 Pumping ballast to trim ship. 1500 Cleared harbor nets on course 285 degrees true, speed flank. 1518 Secured special sea detail, set Condition III. 1530 Proceeding to sea on course 282°true, speed full, enroute to Samar, P.I.

Alan S. Wood

Lt.(jg) Alan S. Wood, USNR.

1600 - 1800 Underway as before. Speed full, course 282°T.

James Glover

Lt.(jg) James Glover, USNR.

1800 - 2000 Underway as before on course 282°T., speed full. 1915 Changed course to 250°T.

N. R. Ellis

Lt.(jg) N. R. Ellis, USNR.

2000 - 2400 Underway as before, course 250°T., speed full.

H. L. Luckey

Ens. H. L. Luckey, USNR.

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Saturday 28 July, 19 45
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0000 - 0400 Underway in passage from Guam to Samar, P.I. Speed full, course 250°T. 0115 Changed course to 261°T.

E. S. Hineline Jr.

Ens. E. S. Hineline, Jr., USNR.

0400 - 0800 Underway as before on course 261°T., speed 280 R.P.M.s.

A. E. Higgins

Lt.(jg) A. E. Higgins, USNR.

0800 - 1200 Underway as before on course 261°T., speed 280 R.P.M.s.

N. V. Wahl

Ens. N. V. Wahl, USNR.

1200 - 1600 Underway as before on course 261°T., speed full.

Peter Pierce

Ens. Peter Pierce, USNR.

1600 - 1800 Underway as before on course 261°T., speed full.

W. A. Griffith

Lt.(jg) W. A. Griffith, USNR.

1800 - 2000 Underway as before on course 261°true, speed full.

Alan S. Wood

Lt.(jg) Alan S. Wood, USNR.

2000 - 2400 Underway as before on course 261°T., speed full.

James Glover

Lt.(jg) James Glover, USNR.

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Sunday 29 July, 1945
(Day) (Date) (Month)

0000 - 0400 Underway as before in passage from Guam to Samar, P.I., course 261°T., speed full.

N. R. Ellis
Lt.(jg) N. R. Ellis, USNR.

0400 - 0800 Underway as before, course 261°T., speed full. 0615 C-54 Skymaster passed overhead on portside, going in same direction.

H. L. Luckey
Ens. H. L. Luckey, USNR.

0800 - 1200 Underway as before on course 261°T., and speed full.

E. S. Hine
Ens. E. S. Hine, Jr., USNR.

1200 - 1600 Underway as before on course 261°T., speed 280 R.P.M. 1312 Held General Quarters to conduct firing exercises. 1317 c/c to 280°T. 1319 c/c to 300°T. 1320 c/c to 330°T. 1321 c/s to 2/3 ahead. 1322 c/c to 350°T. 1353 Secured from firing exercises. 1357 c/s to standard. 1358 c/s to full, c/c to 261°T. 1400 c/s to flank. 1410 Secured from General Quarters, stationed regular sea watch.

A. E. Higgins
Lt.(jg) A. E. Higgins, USN.

1600 - 1800 Underway as before on course 261°T., speed flank (300 R.P.M.s).

W. V. Wahl
Ens. W. V. Wahl, USNR.

1800 - 2000 Underway as before on course 261°T., speed flank (300 R.P.M.s).

W. A. Griffith
Lt.(jg) W. A. Griffith, USNR.

2000 - 2400 Underway as before on course 261°T., speed flank. 2200 Changed speed to full (290 R.P.M.).

Peter Pierce
Ens. Peter Pierce, USNR.

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Monday 30 July, 19 45
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0000 - 0400 Underway as before on base course 261° true, speed full (290 R.P.M.s) in passage from Guan to Samar, P.I.

Alan S. Wood
Lt.(jg) Alan S. Wood, USNR.

0400 - 0800 Underway as before, course 261°T., speed 290 R.P.M.

James Glover
Lt.(jg) James Glover, USNR.

0800 - 1200 Underway as before on course 261°T., speed full, 290 R.P.M.s. 0800 Changed course to 255°T.

N. R. Ellis
Lt.(jg) N. R. Ellis, USNR.

1200 - 1600 Underway as before, course 255°T., speed full, 290 R.P.M.s. 1425 Changed course to 260°T. 1430 Southern, H.G., S2c, 865 18 95 released from brig by order of Commanding Officer.

H. L. Luckey
Ens. H. L. Luckey, USNR.

1600 - 1800 Underway as before on course 260°T., speed 290 R.P.M. 1630 Set clocks back one hour.

E. S. Hineline, Jr.
Ens. E. S. Hineline, Jr., USNR.

1800 - 2000 Underway as before on course 260°T., speed 290 R.P.M.s. 1915 Contacted ship by radar bearing 009°R., distance 10½ miles. 1945 Ship passed to port distance 1½ miles.

A. E. Higgins
Lt.(jg) A. E. Higgins, USN.

2000 - 2400 Underway as before on course 260°T., speed 290 R.P.M.s. Contacted ship by radar bearing 040°R. at 16 miles. 2028 Ship passed to starboard 5 miles. 2203 Radar contacted ship 290°R. range 14½ miles. 2230 Airplane bearing 270°R., distance 7 miles. Challenged by radar. Friendly.

N. V. Wahl
Ens. N. V. Wahl, USNR.

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Tuesday 31 July, 1945
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0000 - 0400 Underway as before on course 260°T., speed 290 R.P.M. in passage from Guam, M.I. to Samar, P.I.

W. A. Griffith
Lt.(jg) W. A. Griffith, USNR.

0400 - 0800 Underway as before on course 260°T., speed full (290 R.P.M.s).

Peter Pierce
Ens. Peter Pierce, USNR.

0800 - 1200 Underway as before on course 260°true, speed full (290 R.P.M.s).

Alan S. Wood
Lt.(jg) Alan S. Wood, USNR.

1200 - 1600 Underway as before on course 260°T., speed 290 R.P.M. 1513 Changed course to 255°T.

James Glover
Lt.(jg) James Glover, USNR.

1600 - 1800 Underway as before on course 255°T., speed full (290 R.P.M.s).

N. R. Ellis
Lt.(jg) N. R. Ellis, USNR.

1800 - 2000 Underway as before, course 255°T., speed full, 290 R.P.M.

H. L. Luckey
Ens. H. L. Luckey, USNR.

2000 - 2400 Underway as before, course 255°T., speed full.

E. S. Hineline, Jr.
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6th Flotilla,
U. S. Pacific Fleet,

Commencing 1 August, 1945,

at Sea in passage from Guam to Samar, P. I.,

and ending 31 August, 1945,

at San Pedro Bay, P. I.

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Wednesday 1 August, 19 45
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0000 - 0400 Underway as before in passage from Guam, M.I. to Samar, P.I. on course 250°T., speed full, 290 R.P.M. 0200 Sighted flashing white light bearing 020°R. 0320 Identified flashing light on Suluan Island.

A. E. Higgins
Lt.(jg) A. E. Higgins, USN.

0400 - 0800 Underway as before on course 255°T., speed full (290 R.P.M.). 0415 Slowed to standard speed. 0600 Changed course to 283°T. 0610 Began maneuvering at various speeds and courses to enter Leyte Gulf at Surigao Strait as directed by signal station on shore. 0722 Small boat alongside with charts of Leyte Gulf and harbors therein. 0725 Proceeding on course 295°T., speed standard.

N. V. Wahl
Ens. N. V. Wahl, USNR.

0800 - 1200 Underway as before on course 295°T., speed full. Starboard engine stopped for repairs to fuel pump. Maneuvering on various courses to the entrance of Guiuan Harbor, Samar. 0840 Starboard engine repaired. 0848 Starboard engine stopped for repairs. 0905 Starboard engine repaired. 0949 Special sea detail. 1001 Cleared harbor entrance. Maneuvering at various courses and speeds following liberty ship carrying pilot. 1019 Lowered LCVP #1. 1055 Pilot, Lt. W. T. Shea aboard. Maneuvering to anchorage. 1152 Anchored in 7 fathoms with 35 fathoms of chain to bow anchor. 1158 Secured from special sea detail. Set in port watch.

W. A. Griffith
Lt.(jg) W. A. Griffith, USNR.

1200 - 1600 Anchored as before. 1245 Pilot, Lt. W. T. Shea ashore. 1300 Captain and Executive Officer ashore.

Peter Pierce
Ens. Peter Pierce, USNR.

1600 - 2000 Anchored as before. 1615 Representative of U. S. Naval Receiving Ship aboard. 1630 Receiving ship representative ashore. 1640 Lt.(jg) Crossman, Port Director's representative, aboard. 1655 Lt.(jg) Crossman ashore.

W. A. Griffith
Lt.(jg) W. A. Griffith, USNR.

2000 - 2400 Anchored as before. 2050 Captain and Executive Officer aboard.

Peter Pierce
Ens. Peter Pierce, USNR.

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PASSAGE FROM Guam TO Samar, P.I. Sunday 29 July 1945

ZONE DESCRIPTION Minus 10 Joseph A. Hopkins, Lieutenant U.S.N.R. COMMANDING.

Main weather and navigation log table with columns for Hour, Wind, Barometer, Temperature, Clouds, and Visibility.

POSITION, CURRENT, GYRO COMPASS IN USE, STANDARD MAGNETIC COMPASS tables.

FUEL, WATER, DRAFT BEFORE LEAVING PORT, DRAFT AFTER ENTERING PORT, MAGAZINE TEMPERATURES tables.

GENERAL DRILLS AND EXERCISES table with Morning and Afternoon sections.

SUBMERGED RUN DATA - SUBMARINES table with columns for Run No., Time to Submerge, Greatest Depth.

HYDROGRAPHIC AND METEOROLOGICAL REMARKS table with columns for Sea Temp, Surf, Swell, etc.

HYDROGRAPHIC AND METEOROLOGICAL REMARKS text area with signature of James W. Schout.