

Subject: War Diary for the month of January, 1944.

Condition III Surface. 0600 Commenced zigzagging according to diagram #11 on base course 084°(T). 0900 Exercised at General Quarters, set Material Condition "ABLE". 0922 Secured from Material Condition "ABLE", set Condition "BAKER" plus. 1000 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition of readiness III Surface. 1025 Sighted ship, hull down bearing 015°(T), range 11 miles. 1036 Ceased zigzagging. Directed U.S.S. H.P. JONES to close target and investigate. 1042 Commenced steaming on various courses supporting U.S.S. H.P. JONES. 1115 Ship identified as the Swedish ship "DAGMAR SALEN". U.S.S. H.P. JONES resuming normal station. 1130 Commenced zigzagging according to diagram #11, on base course 084°(T). 1435 U.S.S. H.P. JONES reported group of strangers picked up by Radar bearing 030°(T), distance 28,000 yards. Directed U.S.S. H.P. JONES to investigate. 1443 Ceased zigzagging and changed course to 060°(T). 1445 Exercised Shore Relief Party. 1447 Changed course to 030°(T). 1450 U.S.S. H.P. JONES reported contact was false and returned to station. Changed course to 084°(T). 1500 Commenced zigzagging according to diagram #11. 1514 Exercised at Collision Drill.

5. Nothing to report.

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7. No remarks.

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1. Same as before.

2. Nothing to report.

3. Position: 0800 Lat: 38°-28'-30"N - Long: 28°-50'-30"W
 1200 Lat: 32°-45' N - Long: 27°-38.5' W
 2000 Lat: 32°-59' N - Long: 25°-10' W

4. Steaming on base course 084°(T), speed 16 knots zigzagging on plan #11, enroute HAMPTON ROADS, Virginia to MEDITERRANEAN Area in company with U.S.S. MADISON and U.S.S. H.P. JONES. This force designated as TG 27.2 with O.T.C. in U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA. 0200 Set clocks ahead sixty (60) minutes to zone plus 1 time. 0930 U.S.S. H.P. JONES left screening station for radar tracking drill. 1018 Unidentified ship sighted bearing 025°(T), distance 20,000 yards. U.S.S. H.P. JONES ordered to investigate target. 1115 U.S.S. H.P. JONES reported stranger as friendly ship. 1145 U.S.S. H.P. JONES resumed screening position 40° on port bow of this vessel. 1322 Launched planes 8-CS-4 and 8-CS-2 for A/S patrol and to tow sleeve for light weapons. 1330 Held General Quarters for drill. 1407 Completed firing of light weapons at sleeve. 1420 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition of readiness III Surface. 1509 Recovered planes 8-CS-4 and 8-CS-2. 1520 Continued zigzagging