

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

15 knots. 1020 Catapulted plane 8-CS-2. 1022 Catapulted plane 8-CS-4, to tow sleeve for screening destroyers. 1115 U.S.S. MADISON commenced firing light weapons at towed sleeve. 1130 U.S.S. MADISON completed exercise. 1209 Ceased zigzagging, continued on various courses and speeds to recover aircraft. 1214 Recovered plane 8-CS-4 and 8-CS-2. 1221 Changed course to 084°(T). 1230 Commenced zigzagging plan #11, speed 15 knots. 1437 U.S.S. H.P. JONES reported doubtful sound contact and left station to investigate. 1438 Sounded Submarine Emergency. 1439 U.S.S. H.P. JONES reported contact to be a fish. 1440 Secured from submarine emergency. 1448 Commenced firing 5" battery for drill. 1644 U.S.S. H.P. JONES reported sound contact bearing 030°(T). Changed course to 099°(T) by emergency turn method. Increased speed to 20 knots. 1648 U.S.S. H.P. JONES reported contact to be false. Changed course to 054°(T), and speed to 15 knots. 1653 Changed course to 084°(T). 1700 Commenced zigzagging on plan #11 base course 084°(T). 1930 Held General Quarters for drill. 1943 Changed speed to 15.5 knots (155 RPM). 1945 Changed speed to 15 knots. 2001 Secured from Condition "ABLE", set Material Condition "BAKER" plus. 2013 Secured from General Quarters.

5. Nothing to report.

6. The following ammunition was expended by the 5"/25 Cal. Battery for target practice: 11 rds. SPD 4733 A.A. Common.

29 January

1. Same as before.

2. Nothing to report.

3. Position: 0800 Lat: 34°-31'-45"N - Long: 7°-40' W  
1200 Lat: 35°-22' N - Long: 6°-47' W  
2000 Lat: 36°-05' N - Long: 04°-46.5' W

4. TG 27.2 consisting of U.S.S. MADISON, U.S.S. H.P. JONES and this vessel, with O.T.C. in this vessel, enroute HAMPTON ROADS, Virginia to MEDITERRANEAN Area, on course 084°(T), speed 15 knots, zigzagging on plan #11. 0145 Picked up radar contact bearing 116°(T), distance 31,000 yards. 0155 Sighted plane with running lights bearing 170°(T), distance 6000 yards. Lost sight of plane on bearing 220°(T). 0245 Radar contact indicates three targets, believed to be a Tanker and two PC escorts which had been previously been reported. Targets passed abeam to starboard, 8000 yards distance. 0232 Ceased zigzagging resumed base course 084°(T). 0333 Commenced zigzagging on plan #11. 0445 Adjusted base course to 043°(T). Sighted ship bearing 050°(T), distance 20,000 yards. 0833 Changed base course to 038°(T), and speed to 17 knots. 1002 Sighted two small vessels 339°(T), 20,000 yards. 1015 Commenced firing 5" A.A. Battery for drill. Completed practice at 1030. 1035 Sighted land bearing 088°(T),