

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

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thirty miles. 1147 U.S.S. H.P. JONES reported underwater sound contact. This ship sounded Submarine Emergency and changed course to 040°(T) and increased speed to 20 knots. Ceased zigzagging. 1158 Changed course to 038°(T), speed 17 knots and commenced zigzagging according to plan #11. 1218 Secured from Submarine Emergency. 1305 Sighted U.S.S. NEUNZER escorting Italian and Dutch submarines. 1345 Adjusted base course to 076°(T). 1400 Reduced speed to 15 knots. 1429 Reduced speed to 12 knots. 1445 Sighted CAPE SPARTEL LIGHTHOUSE bearing 099°(T), distance 15 miles. 1448 Sighted British cruisers H.M.S. WISHART and H.M.S. WITHERING bearing 015°(T), distance 9 miles. 1500 Ceased zigzagging and changed base course to 112°(T). 1508 Changed course to 250°(T). 1555 Changed base course to 072°(T), and streamed paravanes. 1605 U.S.S. MADISON left station to carry out previous orders. 1630 CAPE SPARTEL to starboard distance four miles. On various courses and speeds passing through the STRAITS OF GIBRALTAR. 1657 Exercised at General Quarters and Shore Bombardment drill. 1747 Secured from General Quarters and set Condition of readiness III Surface. 1800-1830 On course 082°(T) at various speeds recovering paravanes. 1830 On course 082°(T), speed 18 knots zigzagging on plan #11. 2204 Picked up Radar target bearing 064°(T), 29,000 yards. At 2230 the U.S.S. H.P. JONES was ordered to investigate target. 2240 Ceased zigzagging returned to base course 082°(T). At 2308 target was identified as neutral fishing vessel. 2310 Resumed zigzagging on base course 082°(T), plan #11. 2310 Sighted CAPO SACROTIF LIGHT bearing 018°(T).

5. Nothing to report.

6. Expended 12 rounds of 5" ammunition, Index 4733, for practice firing.

7. Nothing to report.

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1. Same as before.

2. Nothing to report.

3. Position: 0800 Lat: 37°-57' N - Long: 10°-00' W  
1200 Moored starboard side to quay

MERS-EL-KEBIR, ALGERIA.

4. Enroute HAMPTON ROADS, Virginia to ORAN, ALGERIA, with U.S.S. MADISON and U.S.S. H.P. JONES forming TG 27.2 with O.T.C. in U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA. Steaming on base course 082°(T), zigzagging on plan #11 speed 18 knots. 0051 U.S.S. H.P. JONES reported vessel bearing 059°(T), distance 5,000 yards. Ceased zigzagging and proceeded on course 102°(T) in order to keep clear of stranger. 0130 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #11, base course 102°(T). 0200 Set clocks ahead 60 minutes to conform with zone minus 1 time. 0800 Held General Quarters for drill. 0821 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 102°(T).