

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

Condition "BAKER" plus. 1320 Commenced zigzagging according to diagram #11. 1340 U.S.S. MADISON commenced test firing. 1345 U.S.S. H.P. JONES commenced test firing. 1350 U.S.S. H.P. JONES completed test firing. 1417 U.S.S. MADISON completed test firing. 1515 Exercised at abandon ship drill. 1900 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 089°(T).

5. Nothing to report.

6. Due to damage caused by the flooding of Compt. A-421½-M, the below listed pyrotechnics were considered unsafe and thrown overboard. 1MK IV and 4 MK V parachute flares; 9 red star, 9 green star, 9 white star, 9 red shower, 3 green shower, 4 white shower, and 10 red smoke emergency signals; 250 red, 259 white, 255 green Very cartridges; 53 red-red, 100 green-green, 35 yellow-yellow, 88 red-yellow, 15 yellow-green, 20 red-green, 122 yellow-red-yellow, 115 red-red-red, double star cartridges and 75 float lights.

7. No remarks.

1. Same as 22 January before.

2. Nothing to report.

3. Position: 0800 Lat: 30°-55.0' N - Long: 57°-34.0'W
1200 Lat: 30°-56.5' N - Long: 56°-12.0'W
2000 Lat: 31°-04.0' N - Long: 53°-37.5'W

4. Steaming on course 089°(T) at 17 knots enroute HAMPTON ROADS, Virginia to MEDITERRANEAN Area in company with U.S.S. MADISON (CDD14) and U.S.S. H.P. JONES. Screen stationed 40° 3500 yards on either bow. U.S.S. MADISON to starboard. Ship darkened in Material condition "BAKER" plus and Condition of readiness III Surface. 0200 Set clocks ahead to zone plus 3 time. 0500 Commenced zigzagging on base course 089°(T), according to diagram #11. 1110 U.S.S. MADISON and U.S.S. H.P. JONES conducted A.A. firing practice. 1315 U.S.S. MADISON commenced test firing of A.A. battery. 1330 Exercised at General Quarters. Set Condition "ABLE". 1350 U.S.S. H.P. JONES took position on port beam distance 2000 yards for rangefinder and tracking drill. 1354 Secured from Material condition "ABLE", set Condition "BAKER" plus. 1406 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition II. 1443 Secured from Condition II, set Condition III Surface. 1515 U.S.S. H.P. JONES resumed station in screen. 1900 Ceased zigzagging resumed base course 089°(T).

5. Nothing to report.

6. Nothing to report.

7. No remarks.