

Zone description \_\_\_\_\_

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	33°- 08' N	33°- 35' N	34°- 37' N
Long.	62°- 27' W	63°- 20' W	65°- 32' W

**OPERATIONAL REMARKS**

**(WAR DIARY)**

Enroute from CASABLANCA to HAMPTON ROADS in company with Task Group 27.4 OTC in the U.S.S. CROATAN, U.S.S. ALBEMARLE, U.S.S. MATAGORDA, U.S.S. STANTON, U.S.S. LYON, U.S.S. CHASE, screened by DesDiv 58 and 61 in the U.S.S. BULMER, U.S.S. HERBERT, U.S.S. ELLIS, U.S.S. UPSHUR, U.S.S. BARKER, U.S.S. LEA, U.S.S. TARBELL.

0 to 4:

As before. 0145 U.S.S. CHASE showing breakdown lights veered out of column to port. 0149 U.S.S. CHASE dropped astern to 5000 yards. 0250 U.S.S. CHASE regained position, extent of casualty unknown.

*R.E. Stark*  
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Lieut.(jg), U.S.N.

4 to 8:

As before. 0530 Convoy commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan #11, base course 275°(T). 0539 Bridge lost steering control. Made normal emergency shift to steering aft which had a momentary loss of power until the emergency diesel cut in, switched on breakdown lights. 0540 Notified OTC of steering casualty. Fire reported in the laundry, sounded fire call. 0541 Convoy ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 275°(T). 0550 Secured from fire call. Fire was in the power distribution panel in the laundry. It caused much smoke and burned out a switch box and several wires. 0553 Steering control returned to the bridge. Loss of control was caused by necessity of shifting power to the forward distribution board when fire in the laundry caused a fuze to melt on the after distribution board. 0558 Reported casualty repaired to OTC. 0610 Convoy commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan #11, base course 275°(T). 0641 Convoy ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. 0650 Convoy adjusted mean base course to 295°(T). 0700 Convoy commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan #11.

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8 to 12:

As before. 0918 Sighted friendly aircraft, PB2Y type, bearing 310°(T).

*T.E. Williamson*  
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Lieut., U.S.N.

12 to 16:

As before. 1555 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed mean base course.

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16 to 18:

As before. 1600 Adjusted mean base course to 309°(T). Resumed zig-zagging on base course 309°(T).

*M.L. Nyburg*  
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Lieut., U.S.N.

18 to 20:

As before.

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