

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

UNITED STATES SHIP BENNETT (DD473)

Friday 6 April 1945
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00-04

Steaming independently in Radar Picket Station #4, bearing $068^{\circ}30' T$, distance 58 miles from Zampa Misaki, Okinawa Jima, Ryukyu Islands on courses $005^{\circ} T \& psc$, $010^{\circ} psc$ and $185^{\circ} T \& psc$, $188^{\circ} psc$, at speed 15 knots, 147 rpm, zig-zagging by constant helm method 20° either side of base course. Ship completely darkened, in condition of readiness #3 and material condition Baker set. Boiler #1 and #3 on the main steam line. 0319 Made radar contact with unidentified aircraft bearing $019^{\circ} T$, distance 22 miles. Went to General Quarters, set material condition Able. 0330 Unidentified aircraft closed to 15 miles, turned away.

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Lt.(jg), USNR.

04-08

Steaming as before. 0415 Made radar contact on bogey bearing $215^{\circ} T$, distant 12 miles. 0420 Commenced maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to take bogey under fire. 0423 Plane identified as friendly. 0514 Made radar contact on bogey bearing $000^{\circ} T$, distant 10 miles. 0516 Bogey closed to 6,000 yards. Commenced firing all batteries. 0526 Bogey turned away. Ceased firing all batteries. Throughout the next twenty-five minutes considerable "window" was noticed on air search and fire control radars. Continued maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to permit the battery to bear on several bogeys in vicinity. 0543 Commenced firing on low flying aircraft. 0544 Ceased firing; aircraft turned away at 9,000 yards. 0552 Commenced firing all batteries on low flying aircraft to port. 0553 Aircraft opened range to port. Ceased firing. 0600 Resumed normal patrol at 15 knots, 147 rpm. Ammunition expended: 300 rounds 5"/38 cal. AA common, 476 rounds 40MM and 124 rounds 20MM. 0615 Commenced patrolling in vicinity of Radar Picket Station #4, on courses $000^{\circ} T \& psc$, $006^{\circ} psc$, $270^{\circ} T \& psc$, $273^{\circ} psc$, $180^{\circ} T \& psc$, $182^{\circ} psc$ and $090^{\circ} T \& psc$, $092^{\circ} psc$, employing constant helm zig-zagging plan. 0647 Set material condition Baker. 0656 Secured from General Quarters, set condition of readiness #3.

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06-12

Steaming as before. 0600 Mustered crew on stations, no absentees, made daily inspection of magazines and powder samples, conditions normal.

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Ensign, USNR.

12-16

Steaming as before. 1210 Made radar contact on unidentified aircraft bearing $320^{\circ} T$, distant 27 miles from this vessel. 1220 Made radar contact on additional aircraft closing from north. 1221 Went to General Quarters, set material condition Able. 1249 Unidentified aircraft opened range to north. 1253 Set material condition Baker. 1256 Set condition of readiness #3. 1337 Made radar contact on unidentified aircraft bearing $160^{\circ} T$, distant 12 miles. 1338 Went to General Quarters, set material condition Able. Commenced maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to permit batteries to bear. 1342 Commenced firing on enemy aircraft to port. 1344 Ceased firing. Plane turned away. 76 Rounds 5"/38 cal. AA common projectiles expended. 1408 Commenced exercising control of CAP. 1445 Set material condition Baker. 1450 Returned control of CAP to U.S.S. CASSIN YOUNG to north of this vessel. 1515 Set material condition Able. Received numerous reports of bogies to the north. 1539 Attacked by two enemy dive bombers identified as "Val". Commenced firing to port. One plane turned away. Second dive bomber passed low over ship, dropped bomb 100 yards off port quarter and opened on starboard bow. 1550 One "Val" shot down by CAP. Other plane opened to south. 1555 Observed "Val" on starboard beam. Commenced firing. 1556 Plane dove toward ship, was seen to catch fire, and crashed 4,000 yards on starboard beam. 1559 Commenced steaming toward area of crash to investigate parachute.

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16-20

Steaming as before. 1615 Stopped all engines; picked up body of Japanese pilot for recovery of intelligence material. 1620 Returned body to sea. Resumed normal patrol. 1635 Made radar contact on bogey, bearing $034^{\circ} T$, distant 19 miles. Commenced maneuvering to unmask batteries. 1639 Bogey identified as enemy dive bomber "Judy", visually. Commenced firing all batteries to starboard. Plane commenced steep dive from starboard bow, attempting to crash ship. 1639 Plane passed over bridge and crashed 40 feet on port beam. Resumed normal patrol. 1734 Commenced steaming on various courses en route to take Radar Picket Station #2, bearing $032^{\circ}30' T$, distant 55 miles from Cape Zampa Misaki, Okinawa Jima, to relieve U.S.S. COLEMAN. Latter vessel proceeding to assistance of U.S.S. BENNETT on Radar Picket Station #1. 1743 Made radar contact on bogey bearing $055^{\circ} T$, distant 22 miles. Commenced maneuvering to unmask batteries. 1759 Commenced firing to starboard on two enemy aircraft. 1801 Planes opened range. Ceased firing. CAP commenced attacking enemy planes. 1804 One enemy plane shot down by CAP. 1825 Observed enemy plane attacking LCG on port quarter. Plane identified as fighter "Irving". 1825 Commenced firing to port. 1828 Ceased firing. Plane opened range to south. Numerous bogeys continued to be reported to north, at ranges of ten miles and

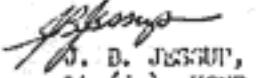
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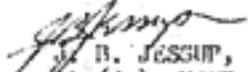
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over. 1855 Commenced steaming on various courses at 25 knots, 257 rpm, en route to Radar Picket Station #1, bearing 007°T, distant 51 miles from Cape Tampa Misaki, Okinawa Jima, to assist U.S.S. DUSH and U.S.S. COLHOUN, as ordered by ComTaskForce 51. Passed between Okinawa Jima and Yeron Jima. 1940 Changed speed to 15 knots, 147 rpm. Reported to U.S.S. CASSIN YOUNG for orders. 1946 Commenced standing north to search area in which U.S.S. DUSH sank. 1950 Commenced maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to search for survivors. Coordinated movements of several LCI in area. U.S.S. CASSIN YOUNG moored alongside U.S.S. COLHOUN.


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20-24

Steaming as before. 2024 U.S.S. PAKANA reported in area. 2215 U.S.S. PCE 885 reported in area. U.S.S. CASSIN YOUNG reported U.S.S. COLHOUN expected to sink in 15 minutes. 2300 Commenced standing to west to clear line of fire for U.S.S. CASSIN YOUNG. 2355 U.S.S. CASSIN YOUNG commenced firing on U.S.S. COLHOUN to sink that vessel.


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00-04

Steaming in vicinity of Radar Picket Station #1, bearing 007°T, distant 51 miles from Cape Zampa Misaki, Okinawa Jima, Ryukyu Islands, engaged in search for survivors of U.S.S. HUSH as ordered by ComTaskForce 51, on various courses at various speeds as directed by U.S.S. CASSIN YOUNG. Ship completely darkened, at General Quarters, in material condition Able, with boilers #1 and #3 on main steam lines. 0030 U.S.S. COLHOUN sunk by gunfire from U.S.S. CASSIN YOUNG. 0100 Latter vessel stood south to take survivors of U.S.S. HUSH and U.S.S. COLHOUN to Okinawa Jima. This vessel assumed charge of rescue operations in area. 0110 Sighted survivor in water. Directed LCI to recover man. 0142 U.S.S. PAKWA left area, proceeding as previously directed. 0225 U.S.S. STERETT reported in area to assist in rescue of survivors. 0255 Made radar contact on bogey bearing 335°T, distant 46 miles. This vessel ordered all ships to extinguish searchlights. 0310 U.S.S. STERETT commenced standing south to assist in sinking U.S.S. EMMONS and assisting U.S.S. RODMAN as directed by ComTaskGroup 52.3. 0315 Made radar contact on bogey bearing 040°T, distance 19 miles. 0323 Commenced firing main battery on bogey. 0324 Plane turned away. Ceased firing. Ammunition expended: 49 rounds 5"/38 cal. AA common projectiles.

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04-06

Steaming as before. 0400 Bogey commenced closing range from 5 miles, bearing 078°T. Commenced exercising control of night fighter. 0401 Commenced firing to port. 0404 Plane turned away, ceased firing. Ammunition expended: 71 rounds 5"/38 cal. AA common projectiles. 0404 Plane observed to crash in flames on horizon. U.S.S. STERETT returned to area. Directed to patrol 3000 yards west of area in which LCI engaged in recovery of survivors. 0416 Made radar contact on bogey to southeast. 0500 Bogey opened range. 0625 Set condition of readiness 1-E. Commenced forming line of bearing 270°T to conduct sweep of area. 0633 Made radar contact on bogey closing from northeast, distant 16 miles. Commenced maneuvering to unmask batteries. U.S.S. STERETT conforming to movements of this vessel, approximately 2000 yards astern. 0639 Commenced firing main battery at enemy dive bomber, identified as Judy, to south. 0641 Plane opened range over Iheya Jima. Ceased firing, ammunition expended: 66 rounds 5"/38 cal. AA common projectiles. Vectored two plane CAP to south. 0648 CAP shot down one bogey. Stood west to resume sweep of area for survivors. 0655 Daylight CAP arrived on station. 0711 Set material condition Baker. 0720 Set condition of readiness #3.

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08-12

Steaming as before. 0800 Mustered crew on stations, no absences. 0801 Made radar contact on bogey bearing 060°T, distant 25 miles. 0803 Went to General Quarters, set material condition Able. CAP vectored to east. 0807 CAP shot down one bogey, reported a second. Unidentified aircraft remained in vicinity until 0820. 0833 Set material condition Baker. 0837 Secured from General Quarters, set condition of readiness #3. 0840 Made radar contact on several bogies, bearing 054°T, distant 25 miles. 0844 Bogies intercepted by CAP controlled by U.S.S. LUKE, in Radar Picket Station to east of this ship, one bogey shot down. 0845 Bogies reported bearing 052°T, distant 16 miles, closing this ship. 0847 Went to General Quarters, set material condition Able. 0848 Second bogey shot down by CAP; identified as dive bomber Val. Third Val continued to close from east, pursued by plane from CAP. 0849 Attacking fighter set left wing of Val afire, and turned away as directed by this ship. 0849 Commenced firing all batteries to port at Val. Ship now at 22 knots, 222 rpm. Commenced taking evasive action. Val passed astern of ship. 0850 Val crashed into starboard side of ship at frame 90. Ceased firing. Ammunition expended: 45 rounds 5"/38 cal. AA common projectiles, 180 rounds 40MM, 495 rounds 20MM. Subsequent investigation revealed missile penetrated hull and detonated in forward fireroom. All electrical power lost forward. Shifted steering control aft. Extensive damage caused to forward engineering plant. 0851 Fires in forward fireroom and forward engineroom extinguished immediately by escaping steam. Lighted fires under boiler #4; secured boiler #1 from topside. Set course 180°T & pgo, 183° psc to return to Okinawa Jima. Commenced rescue of personnel from damaged compartments. 0855 Increased speed to 22 knots, 222 rpm on port engines. U.S.S. STERETT commenced proceeding in company to screen this vessel. Sustained 3 men killed in action, 17 men and 1 officer wounded in action as follows:

KILLED IN ACTION

DONELLE, Frederick Klar, 212 77 61, MT2c(T), USN.

Compound Fracture of Skull, Multiple Wounds. (Killed Instantly).

AUSTIN, John Harold, 650 04 59, MT3c, V-6, USNR.

Steam Burns - Multiple Wounds - Fatal (Killed Instantly).

MULHOLLAND, Joseph Francis, 246 53 67, F2c, V-6, USNR.

Steam Burns - Fatal (died shortly after removal from forward engineroom).

WOUNDED IN ACTION

Lt. (jg) Donald Patrick Sheridan, (EM), USNR (88766).

Steam Burns - not serious.

PARRISH, Robert Elton, 269 24 72, F2c, V-6, USNR.

Steam Burns - serious.

SWIDLER, Robert Eugene, 243 88 30, MT1c, USN.

Steam Burns - serious.

HILTON, Martin (n), 202 56 67, MC2c(T), USN.

Steam Burns - not serious.

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BAGLEY, Hubert Drury, 268 28 69, CMW(T), USN.
 SOGA, Enzo Alphonse, 943 03 27, Flc, V-6, USNR SV.
 BARRIER, Samuel Carl, 610 24 17, WT2c, V-6, USNR.
 WILBUR, Granville Whitman, 203 77 85, MM2c(T), V-6, USNR.

Steam Burns - serious.
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 Steam Burns - Shrapnel Wounds
 Left Lower Quadrant Abdomen -
 critical.
 Steam Burns - not serious.
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 Shrapnel Wound - Upper Third Left
 Arm - not serious.
 Steam Burns - serious.
 Steam Burns - critical.
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 Lacerated Middle Third Left Leg -
 not serious.
 Steam Burns - serious.

SMITH, Leon Vivion, 295 62 75, MM2c, USN.
 JOHNSON, Newell "W", 368 55 12, MM2c, USN.

HURLBURST, Homer Wynkoop, 212 35 80, CFC(T), V-6, USNR.

LECKI, George Walter, 246 53 16, Flc, V-6, USNR.
 MARTIN, Joseph Anthony, 244 81 48, WT3c, V-6, USNR.
 LEE, James Zachary, 273 22 54, Flc, V-6, USNR.
 NEWHILL, James Jackson, 275 42 45, F2c, V-6, USNR SV.
 COCI, Thomas Joseph, 311 13 82, CWT(AA), USN.
 MASON, Harry Burt, Jr., 924 91 95, S1c, V-6, USNR SV.

BIRKLE, Murrell Elvin, 279 64 98, EM2c, USN.

0944 Returned steering control to bridge. Stopped port engine to permit engaging jacking gear on starboard shaft. 0950 Starboard shaft seized. 0955 Underway on course 200°T & pgo, 202 pgo, at various speeds proceeding to transport area off Okinawa Jima. 1010 Sighted floating mine ahead. Altered course to starboard to pass clear. 1017 U.S.S. STERETT commenced attempting to destroy mine. 1030 Latter vessel rejoined. 1149 Commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds awaiting further orders in area eight miles west of Okinawa Jima.

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12-16

Steaming as before. 1325 Commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds to close U.S.S. EL DORADO as ordered by ComTaskForce 51. 1410 Stopped port engine, lying to in vicinity of U.S.S. EL DORADO in transport anchorage area. 1515 Set material condition Baker. 1543 Set condition of readiness #3. 1545 Underway, steaming on various courses at various speeds to close U.S.S. CRESCENT CITY for transfer of injured as ordered by ComTaskForce 51. 1559 Stopped port engine, lying to in vicinity of U.S.S. CRESCENT CITY.

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16-20

Lying to as before. 1620 Transferred the following officer and men, all wounded in action to the U.S.S. CRESCENT CITY for treatment:

Lt.(jg) Donald Patrick Sheridan, (EM), USNR (88766).
 PARRISH, Robert Ellton, 269 24 72, F2c, V-6, USNR.
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1805 Transfer completed. Underway proceeding on various courses at various speeds en route Kerama Retto, Captain at the conn, Navigator on the bridge, as ordered by ComTaskForce 51. 1905 Went to precautionary General Quarters, set material condition Abls. 1939 Passed between anti-submarine nets of north entrance Kerama Kaikyo, Kerama Retto. Commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds conforming to the channel. 1955 Anchored in berth K-17, Kerama Kaikyo, Kerama Retto, Ryukyu Islands, in 28 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor.

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APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

R. R. Carter
 R. R. CARTER, Lieutenant, U. S. N.

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NAVIGATOR

UNITED STATES SHIP BENNETT (DD473)

Saturday 7 April 1945
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20-24

Anchored as before. 2001 Set material condition Baker. 2055 Secured from General Quarters, set condition of readiness #3.

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Ensign, USNR.

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

A. H. Gandy
A. H. Gandy, Conductor

U. S. N.

EXAMINING:

R. E. Carter
R. E. CARTER, Lieutenant

U. S. N.

NAVIGATOR: