

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS DECATUR (DDG-31) ZONE DESCRIPTION -8H DATE TUESDAY 24 DECEMBER, 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)  
AT/PASSAGE FROM YANKEE STATION TO TONKIN GULF

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L 17° 12.5' N	BY 4	
λ 107° 52.5' E	BY 4	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L 17° 18.5' N	BY 4	
λ 108° 12' E	BY 4	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L 15° 40' N	BY 2, 4	
λ 108° 56.5' E	BY 2, 4	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL  
2-ELECTRONIC  
3-VISUAL  
4-D. R.

REMARKS

0800-0804 Steaming in company with USS HANCOCK (CUA-19), USS WOODRUBURN (DD-684), and USS LYMAN K. SWINSON (DD-729) as a unit of TG 77.5 while conducting special operations in the GULF OF TONKIN in accordance with COMSEVENTHFLT quarterly OPSREQ. This ship proceeding to screen sector patrol station bearing 060° to 120°, 3000 to 5000 yds from USS HANCOCK. Base speed 12. Base course 090°. SOPA is COMCARDIN WINE, embarked in USS HANCOCK. OTC is commanding officer USS HANCOCK. Screen commander is commanding officer of this ship. Condition of readiness III and national condition YORE are set. The ship is darkened except for navigation lights. 0823 On station. 0856 Proceeding to sector patrol station bearing 240° to 240°, 3000 to 5000 yds from USS HANCOCK. Base course 260°, base speed 12 kts. 0931 On station.

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J. U. KLAAS, LT, USN

04-08 Underway as before. 0600 USS HANCOCK (CUA-19) commenced flight operations. Detached for 15E to remain within visual signaling distance of USS HANCOCK.

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J. TYNE, LT, USN

08-12 Underway as before. 0740 Mustered the crew at quarters. Absentees none. 0810 Commenced Engineering Casualty Control drills. 0830 Commenced test of FZ alarm circuit. 0930 Completed Engineering Casualty Control drills. Stationed the helo detail. 0920 pts, 14c 170°. 0939 Received helo for transfer of three passengers. 0942 Helo clear of fantail. 0954 Received helo for transfer of three passengers. 0958 Helo clear of fantail. Secured the helo detail. 1003 15 pts, 14c 030°. Continued 15E. 1020 Completed test of FZ alarm circuit. 1145 14c 215°, 15 27 pts. Detached to proceed to scene of downed helo bearing 214°, 28 miles. 1150 14c 214°.

*F. I. Lebens*  
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U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

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1216 Underway as before. 1217 C/C to 35° C/S to 20 KTS. OTC has directed this ship to discontinue mission and rejoin. 1226 C/C to 110° C/S to 27 KTS. 1238 C/C to 310° C/S to 18 KTS. Proceeding to sector patrol screen station. 1311 On station. Guide bears 000° to 120°, range 3000 to 5000 yds. Base course 280°, base speed 25 KTS. 1320 C/BC to 160° 1347 C/BC to 150° 1401 C/BS to 27 KTS 1413 C/BS to 26 KTS.

*M.K. Taylor*  
M.K. TAYLOR LT, USN

16-20 Underway as before. 1616 C/C 180° 1710 C/C 270° C/S 18 KTS 1734 C/C 000° 1758 C/C 060° C/S 08 KTS 1808 C/C 220° 1824 C/C 060° 1850 C/C 080°

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20-24 Underway as before. 1953 C/C 240°. 2050 C/C 060°. 2303 C/C 150°. 2330 C/S 120°

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USS DECATUR (DDG-31) ZONE DESCRIPTION -8H DATE WEDNESDAY 25 DEC 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)  
AT/PASSAGE FROM South China Sea TO \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L <u>13° 54.5' N</u>	BY <u>2,4</u>	
λ <u>109° 26.5' E</u>	BY <u>2,4</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L <u>14° 29' N</u>	BY <u>1,2,4</u>	
λ <u>109° 37' E</u>	BY <u>1,2,4</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L <u>16° 13.4' N</u>	BY <u>1,2,4</u>	
λ <u>109° 36.8' E</u>	BY <u>1,2,4</u>	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL  
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3-VISUAL  
4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 Steaming in company with USS HANCOCK (CVA-19), USS WEDDERBURN (DD-684), and L.K. SWENSON (DP-729) as a unit of TG 77.5 while conducting special operations in South China Sea in accordance with COMSEVENTHFLT quarterly OPSREQ. This ship is in sector patrol screen station bearing 000° to 120° range 3000 to 5000 yds from USS HANCOCK. Base course is 150°, base course speed 12 KTS. SOPA is COMCARDIU NINE in USS HANCOCK. OTC is Commanding Officer, USS HANCOCK. Screen commander is Commanding Officer this ship. Condition of readiness THREE and material condition YOKE are set. The ship is darkened with exception of navigational lights. 0130 C/B to 173°.

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M.K. TAYLOR LT, USN

04-08 underway as before 0720 C/L 270 C/S 0810 to 0740 C/L 030 Mustered deck crew on station. No absences

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08-12 underway as before. 0845 Stationed the Helo detail for personnel transfer. 0853 Received three passengers; helo clear of fantail. Secured the Helo detail. 0900 Manned the rail for passing by USS HANCOCK. 0945 Secured from manning the rail, proceeding to sector patrol screen station. 1102 On station. Guide bears 140°-180°, distance 3000-3000 yards. 1125 Stationed Helo detail for personnel transfer. 1140 Received four passengers; helo clear of fantail. 1141 Secured the Helo detail; proceeding to plane guard station. Flight course 020°, speed 17 kts.

*T.M. Mustin*  
T.M. MUSTIN, LT, USN

12-16 Underway as before. 1200 Stationed the plane guard detail. C/B 18 kts. 1216 Secured the plane guard detail. C/B 000°, 4BS 26 kts. 1320 C/B 060°, 4BS 22 kts. 1358 Stationed the helo detail. C/L 125°, 4S 21 kts. 1400 Received Helo

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12-16 (cont'd) for one personnel transfer. 1402 Maneuvering to return to plane guard station. 1418 C/120°, C/S 22 Kts. 1420 Secured helo for personnel transfer. 1421 Helo clear of fantail. Maneuvering to return to plane guard station. 1500 yards astern of USS HANCOCK. B/C 090°, B/S 26 Kts. 1425 Secured the helo detail. 1443 C/BC 055°, B/S 22 Kts. 1505 Stationed the plane guard detail. 1515 On station. 1524 Secured the plane guard detail. 1525 C/BC 310°, C/S 26 Kts.

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 F.T. LEBENS, LT, USN.

16-18 Underway as before. 1620 Stationed the Helo Detail for personnel transfer. 1642 Secured the plane guard Helo Detail, leaving completed personnel transfer. Helo clear from fantail. Maneuvering to resume plane guard station. 1710 Stationed the plane guard detail. 1735 Secured the plane guard detail. C/C to 295°. 1750 C/C to 080°. Stationed the plane guard detail.

*T.M. Mostin*  
 T.M. MOSTIN, LT, USN.

18-20 Underway as before. 1753 On station 1500 yds astern of USS HANCOCK. Base course 090°, base speed 25 KTS. 1810 USS HANCOCK completed slight operations. Secured the plane guard detail. 1812 C/BC to 295° C/S to 26 KTS Proceeding to sector patrol screen station. 1828 On station. Guide bears 040° to 080°, 3000 to 5000 yds. 1843 COMDESDIV 112 in USS GOLDSBOROUGH (DDG-20) assumed duties as Screen Commander. 1931 C/S to 23 KTS

*M.K. Taylor*  
 M.K. TAYLOR, LT, USN.

20-24 Underway as before. 2000 Steaming various courses at various speeds proceeding to conclusions with USS MT KATMAI for nightline transfer. Stationed the replenishment detail. 2027 Proceeding alongside MT KATMAI's starboard side. Captain at the conn. 2033 First line on deck. 2035 commenced transfer. 2054 all lines clear proceeding to life guard station 1000 yds astern USS MT KATMAI. 2102 Secured the replenishment detail on station. B/C 315, B/S 12 Kts. 2315 Proceeding to station 240° to 340°, 3000 to 5000 yds from USS HANCOCK. 2345 ON Station

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