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BATTLE OF SURIGAO STRAIT - REPORT OF.

[COVERS NIGHT ACTION IN LOWER LEYTE
GULF FOLLOWING INITIAL LANDINGS ON
20 OCTOBER 1944. IN TASK GROUP 77.2.]

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From: The Commanding Officer.
To: The Commander-in-Chief, UNITED STATES FLEET.

Via: (1) The Commander Destroyer Division ONE HUNDRED TWELVE.
(2) The Commander Destroyer Squadron FIFTY-SIX.
(3) The Commander TASK GROUP SEVENTY-SEVEN POINT TWO (Com-
mander Cruiser Division FOUR).
(4) The Commander SEVENTH FLEET.
(5) The Supreme Commander ALLIED FORCES SOUTHWEST PACIFIC.
(6) The Commander-in-Chief, U. S. PACIFIC FLEET.

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Reference: (a) PacFlt ltr. 20L-44.

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(C) Track Chart. - p.27

Part I - General Narrative.

1. General.

Information was received from Commander TASK FORCE SEVENTY-SEVEN about 1300I on 24 October 1944 that a Japanese Force, estimated at two battleships, four heavy cruisers, four light cruisers, and ten destroyers were under attack by our carrier planes in eastern SULU SEA about 0910I, 24 October. This enemy force was in a position to arrive in LETTE GULF during the night 24 - 25 October. Subsequent information showed that the enemy was headed for LETTE GULF via SURIGAO STRAIT SOUTH. The progress of this force was followed and it was brought to action by TASK GROUP SEVENTY-SEVEN POINT TWO (Rear Admiral J. B. Oldendorf, USN) in SURIGAO STRAIT SOUTH, in the early morning hours of 25 October.

This action commenced at 0024I, 25 October 1944 when first contact report by Motor Torpedo Boat 127 was relayed by Commander TASK GROUP SEVENTY-NINE POINT ELEVEN (Captain Coward, USN) to Commander TASK GROUP SEVENTY-SEVEN POINT TWO. This contact was made at 2310I with three enemy destroyers, and two large unidentified ships at a point ten miles, bearing 140 true from southeast corner of BOHOL on a northerly heading. The ensuing engagement took place with our own forces disposed to "cap" the enemy who was constrained to northerly courses in conforming to the channel. The action was fought as planned in the following sequence: first,

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destroyer torpedo attacks; second, gunfire of battleline and cruisers; third, pursuit and destruction of those ships remaining afloat.

The result of this action was total destruction of the enemy at a cost of one of our own destroyers heavily damaged by gunfire.

2. Preliminaries.

(a) On the afternoon of 24 October this ship was engaged in delivering call fire on the slopes of CATMON HILL and in repelling air attacks on our transports, from a position in the southern transport area. At 1600I this employment was discontinued on orders of Commander TASK FORCE SEVENTY-NINE, and this ship reported to Commander TASK GROUP SEVENTY-SEVEN POINT TWO. This vessel was directed to report to Commander Destroyer Squadron FIFTY-SIX to operate with DESTROYERS LEFT FLANK. This vessel continued operating with Destroyer Squadron FIFTY-SIX, less ROSS, plus HALFORD, as DESTROYERS LEFT FLANK until conclusion of the ensuing engagement.

(b) The mission of own forces was protection of shipping and landing operations in LEYTE GULF by destroying the enemy forces attempting to force entry into the gulf; the specific mission of DESTROYERS LEFT FLANK being destruction of enemy heavy ships by torpedo attack. The doctrine employed by the Task Force was the standard doctrine employing tactics to "cap" the enemy battleline, and using destroyers offensively. The doctrine employed by DESTROYERS LEFT FLANK was in accordance with the standard doctrine for a three section coordinated torpedo attack. The general plan was to intercept and engage the enemy just prior to his emergence from SURIGAO STRAIT SOUTH into LEYTE GULF. The plan of DESTROYERS LEFT FLANK was to conduct a three section coordinated torpedo attack on enemy heavy ships west of HIBUSON ISLAND and just prior to commencement of gunfire by our own battleline. It was assumed the enemy objective was to force entry into LEYTE GULF to destroy shipping therein with consequent interruption of the landing operations. Copies of operation plans and orders are not considered desirable in this report as it is assumed that this phase of the operation will be covered by tactical commanders.

(c) At commencement of the action own forces were in battle disposition similar to A-2 in U.S.F. 10A, with battleline in initial station, Latitude 10-35-00N, steaming on east and west courses between Longitude 125-16-00E and Longitude 125-27-00E. Assignment of forces was as follows:

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Battleline (Rear Admiral Weyler, USN)

MISSISSIPPI
WEST VIRGINIA
MARYLAND
TENNESSEE
CALIFORNIA
PENNSYLVANIA
Destroyers assigned (the composition of this unit is not known).

LEFT FLANK FORCES (Rear Admiral J. B. Oldendorf, USN)

LOUISVILLE
PORTLAND
MINNEAPOLIS
DENVER (Commander Cruiser Division 12, Rear Admiral Weyler, USN)
COLUMBIA
Destroyer Squadron 56, less ROSS, plus HALFORD.

RIGHT FLANK FORCE (Rear Admiral Barbooy)

PHOENIX
BOISE
SHROPSHIRE
Destroyer Division 47.

In addition to the above listed assignments, motor torpedo boats were stationed in SURIGAO STRAIT SOUTH and destroyer pickets in entrances of SURIGAO STRAIT into LEYTE GULF. DESTROYERS LEFT FLANK were divided into three attack sections as follows:

Section One

NEWCOMB (Commander Destroyer Squadron 56, Captain R. N. Smoot, USN).
R. F. LEARY
A. W. GRANT

Section Two

ROBINSON (Commander Destroyer Division 112, Captain T. F. Conley, Jr., USN).
HALFORD
BRYANT

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Section Three

H. L. EDWARDS (Commander J. W. Boulware, USN).
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Upon receipt of orders from Commander TASK GROUP SEVENTY-SEVEN POINT TWO at 0333I, DESTROYERS LEFT FLANK were ordered by Commander Destroyer Squadron FIFTY-SIX to attack enemy heavy ships. At this time attack sections were deployed by section leaders taking charge, and proceeding to attack as follows: Section One, center; Section Two, enemy right flank; Section Three, enemy left flank. The attack was conducted in accordance with doctrine and retirement made to prearranged rendezvous north of HIBUSON ISLAND.

(d) The exact composition of enemy forces encountered cannot be stated. However, it is certain that two enemy battleships and one other heavy ship were in the enemy van which was attacked by Section Two, led by Commander Destroyer Division ONE HUNDRED TWELVE in this vessel. Later information identified the two battleships as FUSO and YAMASHIRO. Identity of the other heavy ship is not positive.

Part II - Chronological Account of Action1. Sequence of Events.

(a) A complete chronological record of events is included herewith as enclosure (A). The T.B.S. log is included herewith as enclosure (B), and a track chart as enclosure (C).

(b) It is believed that the enclosures constitute a complete "play-by-play" narrative of the action and further comment is considered undesirable. It is desired, however, to note that the attack was made throughout in accordance with approved doctrine, that maximum use was made of land background, and that the attack was successful. It will be noted that this ship came under enemy gunfire at 0351I. This gunfire was about five hundred yards ahead, and five hundred yards short. This gunfire did not constitute a serious threat to the success of the attack. It will be noted that this section was illuminated by enemy star shells at 0352½I. This illumination was also short and it is believed that this illumination failure prevented more

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accurate gunfire by the enemy.

Part III - Performance of Equipment.

1. Performance of own Ordnance Material and Equipment.

- (a) Torpedo fire control and the torpedo battery functioned satisfactorily in all respects. No other ordnance equipment was employed. Tracking was accomplished by S. G. Radar which obtained first contact at 0255I at a range of 48800 yards. The torpedo problem was run in accordance with methods taught by Commander Fleet Operational Training Command, Pacific Fleet and the Radar and C.I.C. School, Pearl Harbor. The performance of all equipment involved was considered very good.
- (b) Five torpedoes were expended in this attack and as far as they could be observed, made normal runs.
- (c) No surface or anti-aircraft action was employed during this action.

2. Performance of Enemy Equipment.

- (a) Enemy radar did not appear to be effective, possibly due to land background. Illumination with starshell was short and for that reason was considered poor. As a result of this poor illumination, his gunfire was inaccurate. The gunfire observed appeared to be about five inch caliber, fired in salvo with a good pattern at a rapid rate of fire.

Part IV - Battle Damage

1. Own Battle Damage.

None.

2. Enemy Battle Damage.

It is difficult to assess the enemy's damage at various stages, but it is believed that he suffered very extensively from torpedo hits. In this connection it is believed that both enemy battleships were sunk as a result of combined torpedo and gun damage between 0356I and 0409I. Such destruction is indicative of heavy underwater damage. That the entire enemy force was destroyed is highly probable since the pursuit of cripples was undertaken immediately and their destruction accomplished in the first few minutes of daylight when they

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could actually be observed to sink. Observers in position to see retiring units were reported to have observed no retiring ships.

Part V - Special Comment.

- (a) Our own communications were adequate and for once even the T.B.S. was not abused. No data is available on effectiveness of the enemy's communications. No attempts at jamming of radio circuits was noted.
- (b) Radar performance of S.G. and F.D. were very good. Contact being established at 48800 yards. Circumstances provided no test of S.C.1 radar.
- (c) Air operations were not involved. Some observers believe that illumination observed in SURIGAO STRAIT as the enemy approached was by enemy aircraft flares. This is a matter of conjecture, but the only illumination observed by the writer appeared to be starshell.
- (d) A discussion of own and enemy's tactics is considered unnecessary. The enemy in relatively confined waters was restricted to northerly courses within narrow limits in order to reach his objective. Our own forces simply took station in a "capping" position in the manner of shooting at a "sitting duck". The result was as expected.
- (e) Deceptive tactics were not employed, but maximum use was made of land background. Smoke was used to conceal retirement. No estimate can be given on the effectiveness of the ship's camouflage, but it is believed that the use of land background and smoke was very effective.
- (f) C.I.C. performance was very good in providing the necessary timely and accurate information for torpedo control. In addition, a very good summary plot was maintained and an accurate navigational track kept. The methods employed by C.I.C. were the approved methods taught by Commander Fleet Operational Training Command, Pacific Fleet, and the Radar and C.I.C. School, Pearl Harbor. These methods appear effective and entirely adequate.
- (g) Navigation was entirely by radar fixes obtained by S.G. radar. The navigation being performed in C.I.C.
- (h) Engineering performance was very good.

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(i) Comments on supply activities are considered not pertinent.

(j) Comments on medical activities are considered not pertinent.

2. Opinions and Comments of the Executive Officer and other Heads of Department have been considered and consolidated in the submission of this report.

3. Lessons Learned.

Land background appears very effective in preventing discovery by the enemy. The value of smoke to conceal retirement was also demonstrated.

Conclusions.

Current approved torpedo attack doctrine and C.I.C. procedure for radar controlled torpedo attack are effective.

Recommendations.

No recommendations for improvement are submitted since the methods employed were entirely adequate. Any failure to realize maximum advantage being a matter of technique and skill rather than methods used.

Part VI - Personnel Performance.

The performance of personnel was of the highest order. The attack and retirement were made with about the same degree of efficiency and calm as prevail in rehearsal runs. The conduct of officers and crew left nothing to be desired. As a result of their valuable contribution to the success of this attack and their exemplary conduct under fire the following officers and men are being recommended for citation:

- Lieutenant Commander Morton Harvey, USN.
- Lieutenant Elmo R. Zumwalt, USN.
- Lieutenant James T. Ferguson, Jr., D-V(G), USNR.
- Lieutenant Joe W. McGlothlin, DE-V(G), USNR.
- GRIFFITH, William Ellis, 359 94 34, CTM(AA)(T), USN.
- ELKINGTON, Joe William, 616 73 36, RdM3c, V6, USNR.
- FWLER, Rufus Edgar, 375 65 02, RdM3c, V6, USNR.
- CAIN, John Joseph, 311 17 47, TM2c, V6, USNR.

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Time	Event
0024	First report of contact with enemy relayed by C.T.G. 79.11, Captain Coward, Commander Southern Attack Force-Screen, from M.T.B. 127. Contact made at 2310 I, with three enemy destroyers, two large unidentified ships, at a point ten miles, bearing 140T from south-east corner of BOHOL ISLAND on a heading of north.
0032	McGOWAN (DD678) reported several unidentified contacts bearing 193T, distant eight miles. McGOWAN in screen station four, three miles west of northwest corner HIBUSON ISLAND.
0033	C.T.G. 79.11 ordered Commander Destroyer Division 108 to assemble his group in vicinity of station #6 (Latitude 10°29'05"N; Longitude 125°18'00"E).
0042	Second report of contact with enemy relayed by C.T.G. 77.3, Rear Admiral Berkeley, Commander Close Covering Group, from M.T.B. 127. Contact on two ships, bearing 310T, 10 miles from CAMIGUEN ISLAND. This contact was sixteen miles to southward of M.T.B. 127's first enemy contact at 2310. Second contact reported as "now closing in".
0044	McGOWAN reported her unidentified surface contacts now faded, bearing 188T, distant seven miles, course 310T, speed ten knots.
0045	MONSSEN (DD798) reported to Commander Destroyer Division 108 minor accident to Duplex Oil Strainer, capable of twenty-seven knots for forty-five minutes until repairs made.
0052	McGOWAN reported unidentified surface contact bearing 188T, distant seven miles.
0056	McGOWAN reported contact has faded.
0059	TASK UNIT 77.2.2 executed 070T Turn.
0100	McGOWAN reported to C.T.G. 79.11 that unidentified contact had been challenged on channel M45. Received a weak reply, believed friendly, although name could not be made out.
0105	Attack Section 2 of Destroyer Squadron 56 (ROBINSON, HALFORD and BRYANT) under command of Commander Destroyer Division 112 in ROBINSON executed command from Commander Destroyer Division 112 "Mike speed three, follow me".
0106	Third contact report on enemy relayed by C.T.G. 79.11 from M.T.B. 533. Report of flares bearing 230T, distance ten miles from south PANACON ISLAND "Some believe they have been dropped by planes".
0109	Attack Section 2, Destroyer Squadron 56, took speed of ten knots.

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Time	Event
0109 1/2	Attack Section 2, Destroyer Squadron 56, took speed of five knots. Closed distance.
0145	TASK UNIT 77.2.2 executed 050 Turn.
0149	Fourth contact report received on enemy (from unidentified MTB) bearing 140T, distant 20 miles from TAANCAN point at 0123 (southernmost tip of LEMTE). Assuming this contact to be the same as the 2310 contact of M.T.B. 127, the enemy made good a course of 075T and a speed of advance of 13.5 knots.
0152	Battle Line executed 16 turn.
0157	C.T.G. 79.11 reported to C.T.G. 77.2, Rear Admiral Oldendorf, Commander Bombardment and Fire Support Group, that MELVIN (DD680) has been directed proceed from station three (5 miles east of northwest tip of HIBUSON ISLAND) to station four, preparatory to forming for attack.
0200	Fifth contact report on enemy, relayed by C.T.G. 77.3 from M.T.B. 134. Enemy reported proceeding up the strait abeam of southern tip of PANASON ISLAND at 0158. Assuming contact on same ships as reported at 0123, course made good was 043T, speed of advance 19 knots.
0205	Sixth contact report on enemy, relayed by C.T.G. 79.11 from M.T.B. 134. Target reported very large. M.T.B. 134 attacked with undetermined results.
0206	Destroyer Squadron 56 set condition I, preparatory to attack. Destroyer Squadron 54 proceeded south to execute torpedo attack.
0209	C.T.G. 77.3 reported enemy target firing on M.T.B.s.
0214	TASK UNIT 77.2.2 went to ten knots.
0215	TASK GROUP 77.2 executed 280 Turn.
0216	C.T.G. 79.11 ordered Destroyer Squadron 54 to report immediately on picking up target.
0224	TASK UNIT 77.2.2 went to five knots.
0225	Seventh contact report on enemy. C.T.G. 77.2 reported two large ships standing up SURIGAO STRAITS - past initial line of M.T.B.s

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0228	C.T.G. 77.2 ordered C.T.G. 79.11 relay to M.T.B.s that it was desired to learn whether other targets are coming up channel.
0229	Eighth contact report on enemy, relayed by C.T.G. 77.3 from M.T.B. 134. Reported hitting heavy object in water. Possibly a submarine coming up channel.
0230	Destroyer Squadron 56 executed speed zero.
0231	C.T.G. 79.11 made standard speed twenty knots for Destroyer Squadron 54.
0234	TASK GROUP 77.2 executed 270 Turn, set condition of readiness I.
0235	Battleline executed 1 turn.
0240	C.T.G. 79.11 ordered Destroyer Squadron 54 turn on I.F.F.
0241	McGOWAN in attack group picked up unidentified surface contacts bearing 184T, distant eighteen miles.
0243	Battleline went to ten knots.
0244	McGOWAN reported three or more contacts bearing 184T, distant fifteen miles, course 000, ships in column.
0248	C.T.G. 79.11 ordered Destroyer Squadron 54 to go to twenty knots.
0252	Commander Destroyer Squadron 56 directed Destroyer Squadron 56 turn 18; speed two. Executed.
0254	C.T.G. 77.2 requested C.T.G. 79.11 inform him as soon as contact gained and number of ships.
0255	ROBINSON gained initial contact - bearing 180T, distant 4800 yards, one pip. McGOWAN reported seeing small flat target.
0257	McDERMOTT (DD677) had large target, MONSSEN (DD798) directed take smaller target farther north. Proceeded to attack. Moved down shore line. To retire to northward, making smoke. ROBINSON lost contact, bearing 180T, distant 48200 yards.
0302	Destroyer Squadron 56 changed course to 270T, speed five knots.
0304	Destroyer Squadron 56 changed course to 090T.

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- 0304 TASK GROUP 77.2 executed 18 turn.
ROBINSON regained contact on enemy bearing 170T, range 43400 yards.
TASK GROUP 77.2 went to ten knots.
Battleline executed turn 18.
Destroyer Squadron 56 changed course to 000T.
- 0306 MONSSEN ordered to standby torpedoes by Commander Destroyer Division 108.
ROBINSON track showed enemy course 000T, speed eighteen, range 42100, bearing 182T.
- 0309 C.T.G. 79.11 reported two large, one small ship, headed north in column.
- 0310 TASK GROUP 77.2 went to five knots.
ROBINSON track - enemy bearing 134T, distant 38000 yards, course 020T, speed eighteen knots.
- 0312 ROBINSON had two pips on scope.
Commander Destroyer Squadron 56 follow C.T.G. 77.2 signals.
- 0313 ROBINSON track - enemy two pips, bearing 184T, 36500 yards, course 035T, speed twenty knots.
- 0314 MISSISSIPPI reported two contacts bearing 166T, distance 42000 yards.
- 0315 C.T.G. 79.11 reported total of five targets, two of which may have been hit and are slowing.
ROBINSON had three pips on scope.
- 0318 ROBINSON plot showed six knots for enemy.
- 0320 C.T.G. 79.11 reported he believed two battleships in Japanese force.
- 0321 Commander Destroyer Division 108 reported big flash on one battleship.
ROBINSON plot - enemy three pips, bearing 182T, 33400 yards, course 055T, speed fifteen knots.
- 0323 MCGOWAN reported six targets on screen.
- 0324 C.T.G. 79.11 reported consensus is that two battleships, one or two cruisers, one destroyer, are in group. Believed some targets definitely hit.
- 0326 ROBINSON track - enemy three pips, bearing 184T, 31400 yards, course 345T, speed twelve knots.
- 0329 Battleships executed fifteen knots.

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Time	Event
0331	ROBINSON track - three enemy ships, bearing 184T, 29300 yards, course 020T, speed eleven. Battleships ordered open fire at 26000 yards.
0332	Enemy reported as appearing to retire.
0333	C.T.G. 77.2 ordered Commander Destroyer Squadron 56 "launch attack - hit big boys".
0334	Destroyer Squadron 56 took course 180T, working up to speed. Attack Section three to attack from sector 270T to 315T. Attack Section two to attack from 090T to 045T. Individual target plan to be used. Medium speed torpedoes.
0335	ROBINSON track - enemy three ships, bearing 186T, range 27400, course 330T, speed fifteen knots.
0340	ROBINSON went to twenty knots. Attack section two conformed. C.T.G. 77.2 reported enemy appears to be retiring.
0341	ROBINSON track - enemy three ships, bearing 189T, 24600, course 340, speed fourteen.
0343	ROBINSON went to twenty-five knots. Attack section two conformed.
0344	Changed course to 170T. Attack section two conformed. Commander Destroyer Division 112 ordered section two standby for smoke.
0345	ROBINSON track - enemy three ships, one very large followed by two large ones, bearing 194T, range 20100 yards, course 330T, speed eighteen knots. Commander Destroyer Division 112 ordered section two "This has to be quick, standby your fish". M.T.B. 253 reported five destroyers and one large ship passing northward through straits.
0346	C.T.G. 77.3 reported one of enemy appeared dead in water.
0347	ROBINSON track - enemy - evaluated as one battleship leading followed by two cruisers, bearing 196T, range 17800, course 325T, speed eighteen knots. Commander Destroyer Division 112 to section two "Half salvo".
0348	Section one went to fifteen knots.
0349	ROBINSON changed course to 158T, changed speed to thirty knots.

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- 0349 Commander Destroyer Division 112 to Attack Sec.2 "Mike speed 30"
Commander Battleship Division 3 reported that he had a group of
small targets, followed by a group of large ones.
- 0351 ROBINSON had weak contact at 1300 yards, bearing 209. This con-
tact was lost immediately and did not reappear on screen. Enemy
opened fire on ~~the~~ section ~~one~~ and splashes observed ahead and short.
ROBINSON track - enemy battleship followed by two cruisers, bearing
205T, distant 13000 yards, course 025T, speed fifteen knots.
- 0352 ROBINSON changed course to 165T.
TASK GROUP 77.2 opened fire.
Attack section one went to twenty-five knots.
- 0353 C.T.G. 77.3 ordered little ship in front left alone, big ship to
be concentrated on.
Battleline executed turn three.
- 0354 Commander Destroyer Division 112 told Attack Section two "I shall
fire when you are within range".
- 0354 "Execute WILLIAM" from Commander Destroyer Division 112 to Sec-
tion two.
Commander Battleship Division 3 and C.T.G. 77.3 ordered to open
fire by C.T.G. 77.2.
ROBINSON track - Battleship dead in water.
- 0355 Attack section two ordered make maximum speed by Commander Destroy-
er Division 112.
- 0356 ROBINSON changed speed to thirty-five knots.
ROBINSON track - three ships, battleship leading, underway again,
bearing 222, range 9340 yds, course 322T, speed fifteen knots.
Commander Destroyer Division 112 to Attack Section two "Make
smoke".
Fired torpedoes, one half salvo to starboard at leading battle-
ship, bearing 222T, range 8300 yards, course 322, speed fifteen.
Base torpedo course 250, torpedo run 8400 yards, time of run 7.4
minutes.
- 0358 Commander Destroyer Division 112 to Attack Section two 000 Turn.
ROBINSON conformed.
- 0359 Commander Destroyer Division 112 to Attack Section two "Turn on
I.F.F.". Robinson conformed.
Range to LITTLE HIBUSON ISLAND 920 yards.
Range to LITTLE HIBUSON ISLAND 580 yards. Used engines to twist
ship.
- 0401 ROBINSON all engines ahead, thirty-five knots, changed course to 025T.

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Time	Event
0401	Battleline executed turn 15.
0402	Ceased tracking enemy temporarily owing to urgent need of radar for navigation. ROBINSON swing left.
0405	DENVER being straddled. ROBINSON changed course to 000T.
0406	Made 322 rpm, changed course to 030T, proceeding to close Attack Section Three.
0407	C.T.G. 77.2 went to fifteen knots.
0407	Commander Destroyer Squadron 56 in NEWCOMB reported to C.T.G. 77.2 that LATTER's unit was firing on NEWCOMB in center of channel.
0408	Battleships ceased fire. Section One ordered to get out of channel.
0409	ROBINSON track - one ship ^{remaining} remaining , course southerly, believed number two ship in column.
0410	Commander Destroyer Division 112 to Attack Section Two "Speed five knots - course 090T, stop smoke". ROBINSON complied. Commander Destroyer Squadron 56 reported clearing channel at full speed.
0411	ROBINSON, upon orders Commander Destroyer Division 112 to Attack Section Two, went to twenty-five knots. ROBINSON track - 1 enemy ship remaining (believed to be second in column), southerly course.
0413	C.T.U. 77.2.2 executed 18 turn.
0415	ROBINSON on orders Commander Destroyer Division 112 to Attack Section Two, went to fifteen knots.
0417	GRANT reported hit, proceeding slowly out of channel.
0418	NEWCOMB clear of channel, GRANT clearing slowly.
0420	C.T.G. 77.2 ordered C.T.G. 77.3 resume fire.
0422	NEWCOMB and LEARY reported two and three miles from west coast. GRANT still proceeding at ten knots. ROBINSON changed course to 000T .. retired north of battleline.

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0422	DENVER reported large target disappeared. ROBINSON on orders Commander Destroyer Division 112 turned to course 000T.
0425	TASK UNIT 77.2.2 ordered open fire when solution obtained. Contacts reported fourteen - seventeen miles to south.
0427	LEARY ordered to follow NEWCOMB.
0428	GRANT reported badly hit, lying dead in water.
0430	C.T.G. 77.2 reported GRANT badly hit, dead in water, center of channel. Ordered all precautions taken and aid prepared.
0432	Commander Destroyer Division "X-RAY" ordered by C.T.G. 77.2 to proceed south, intercept enemy and then clear channel.
0435	One group three ships reported bearing 190T, twelve miles from cruisers.
0439	GRANT reported with no power, taking water.
0448	ROBINSON on orders Commander Destroyer Division 112 to Attack Section Two changed course ninety degrees left to 270T. Commander Destroyer Division 112 requested information on casualties. Attack Section Two - none.
0449	C.T.G. 77.2 asked Commander Destroyer Squadron 56 if all his ships accounted for.
0453	ROBINSON on orders Commander Destroyer Division 112 changed course ninety degrees left to 180T.
0456	Commander Destroyer Squadron 56 reported all of Destroyer Squadron 56 present and accounted for except for NEWCOMB who had gone to aid GRANT.
0457	C.T.G. 77.2 ordered Commander Destroyer Squadron 56 direct his ships join C.T.G. 77.2 screen.
0500	Proceeded in company LIGHT FORCES to sweep southward in SURIGAO STRAITS in pursuit of damaged ships.
0618	Observed large group of Japanese survivors in water west of HIBUSON ISLAND about five miles off shore. Attempts by this ship to rescue these survivors were unsuccessful due to their refusal to accept help. One prisoner-of-war voluntarily surrendered and was later transferred to the flagship of C.T.F. 77. Four large fires observed on Japanese ships to southward. Cruisers finished off these ships shortly after.

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Time	Event.
0738	Joined other destroyers and cruisers and commenced retirement from SURIGAO STRAIT into LEYTE GULF to resume station in battle disposition.
0959	On station in battle disposition in LEYTE GULF. Action completed

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TIME	CALL	TRANSMISSION
0025	BANTAM 4 AND DUMMY FROM BUSHWACKER	CONTACT REPORT FROM MARTINI 127 BT CONTACT WITH 3 ENEMY DDS 2 LARGE UNIDENT- IFIED SHIPS AT 2310I 10 MILES SOUTHEAST CORNER OF BOHOL ISLAND HEADING NORTH VINDICATOR ACKNOWLEDGE
0028	BLUDGEONS FROM BANKER 3	STAND BY TO EXECUTE 1 TURN BANKER 2 AND BANKER 3 ACKNOWLEDGE
0032	BUSHWACKER FROM CARROT	SKUNKS ARE SEVERAL BEARING 193 DISTANCE 8 TIME 0030I
0033	DESTINY 8 FROM BUSHWACKER	ASSEMBLE YOUR GROUP IN THE VICINITY OF STATION NUMBER 6
0035	DESTINY 8 FROM BUSHWACKER	ROGER OUT
0038	BUSHWACKER FROM DESTINY 8 DESTINY 8 FROM BUSHWACKER	SAY AGAIN YOUR LAST TRANSMISSION WILL CALL YOU ON MIKE NAN
0040	CARROT FROM DUMMY	REFERENCE LAST TRANSMISSION TO BUSHWACKER PLEASE AMPLIFY YOUR REPORT
0041	DUMMY V CARROT	WAIT
0042	BANTAM 4 AND DUMMY FROM COMPOUND	CONTACT REPORT FROM MARTINI 127 HE REPORTS TWO CONTACTS AT 310 DEGREES TRUE 10 MILES FROM CAMIGUIN ISLAND NOW CLOSING IN
0044	BUSHWACKER FROM CARROT	SKUNKS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED HAVE NOW FADED 188 DISTANCE 7 MILES COURSE 310 DEGREES SPEED 10 KNOTS
0045	BUSHWACKER DESTINY 8 FROM VINDICATOR	I HAVE HAD A MINOR ACCIDENT TO DUPLEX OIL STRAINER CAN MAKE 27 KNOTS FOR THREE FOURTHS OF AN HOUR UNTIL REPAIRS CAN BE MADE 0034I BUSHWACKER ACKNOWLEDGE
0052	CARROT FROM BUSHWACKER	SKUNK 188 7 MILES

0052	CARROT FROM BUSHWACKER	ROGER WAIT TUNE IN ON CHANNEL 45
0055	CARROT FROM BUSHWACKER	AMPLIFY REPORT JUST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
0056	BUSHWACKER FROM CARROT	SKUNK PREVIOUSLY REPORTED HAS FADED
0057	GORGEOUS FROM TUFTS 4	YOU SHOULD BE ON _____ YOU ARE IN CENTER OF _____
0057	SHADYLANE 2 FROM DUMMY	EXECUTE TO FOLLOW 070 TURN KINGFISH BANTAM 6 ACKNOWLEDGE
0059	SHADYLANE 2 FROM DUMMY	STANDBY EXECUTE 070 TURN
0100	BUSHWACKER FROM CARROT	CHALLENGED SKUNK ON M25 RECEIVED 1 BY 1 COULDN'T MAKE OUT STATION CALLED BUT BELIEVE TO BE FRIENDLY HE ANSWERED PROMPTLY
0105	MELODY 2 GANG FROM MELODY 2	MIKE COURSE 070 MIKE SPEED 3 FOLLOW ME
0106	GORGEOUS FROM TUFTS 2	I THINK THOSE PEOPLE ON STARBOARD SIDE ARE ON COURSE 310 SPEED 4
0106	DUMMY FROM BUSHWACKER	MARTINI 533 REPORTS SEEING 3 STARSHELLS OR FLARES 10 MILES BEARING 230 DEGREES FROM SOUTH PANANON ISLAND SOME BELIEVE THEY HAVE BEEN DROPPED BY PLANES
0108	ABERDEEN FROM BANKER 3	POST OVER
0109	MELODY 2 GANG FROM MELODY 2	MIKE SPEED 2
0109	MELODY 2 GANG FROM MELODY 2	MIKE SPEED 1 CLOSE IN TO SPECIFIED DISTANCE
0120	DUMMY 2 FROM REPUBLIC	SAY AGAIN YOUR LAST TRANSMISSION TO SHADYLANE 2
0120	REPUBLIC FROM DUMMY 2	MY LAST TRANSMISSION TO SHADYLANE 2 070 TURN
0122	DUMMY 2 FROM REPUBLIC	ROGER OUT

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0122 DUMMY FROM KINGFISH PLEASE CHECK AND CONFIRM LAST SHACKLE

0123 DUMMY FROM KINGFISH LAST TRANSMISSION WAS 070 OVER

0123 DUMMY FROM KINGFISH WE HAVE CHECKED OUR SHACKLE CAN YOU

0126 KINGFISH FROM UNSHACKLE YOURS AND USE OTHER LETTERS

DUMMY REENCIPHERMENT 070

0126 DUMMY FROM KINGFISH ROGER OUT

0140 FURIOUS FROM BANKER 3 POSIT EXPEDITE

0145 SHADYLANE 2 FROM DUMMY EXECUTE TO FOLLOW 050 TURN

0146 SHADYLANE 2 FROM DUMMY STANDBY EXECUTE 050 TURN

0146 DUMMY FROM BUSHWACKER ARE YOU RECEIVING CONTACT REPORTS

RELAYED BY CODLIVER ON M21

0147 BUSHWACKER FROM DUMMY AFFIRMATIVE

0148 DUMMY FROM BUSHWACKER I WILL INFORM CODLIVER THAT YOU DID

RECEIVE LAST CONTACT NEAR HONKON POINT

0149 BANTAM 4 AND DUMMY FROM BUSHWACKER CONTACT FROM _____ BEARING 190 DISTANCE

20 FROM TOANCAN POINT CONTACT WAS MADE 0123I

0150 BLUDGEONS AND CENTER FROM BANKER 3 EXECUTE TO FOLLOW 16 TURN

0152 BLUDGEONS CENTER FROM BANKER 3 EXECUTE 16 TURN

0154 BANKER 2 FROM BANKER 3 I WISH YOU TO TAKE ACTION SUCH THAT

FURIOUS AND ABERDEEN WOULD STAY PUT THEY HAVE EMBARRASSED US ON TURNS

0157 DUMMY FROM BUSHWACKER BEAU GESTE HAS BEEN DIRECTED FROM STATION

NUMBER 3 PROCEED TO NUMBER 4 PREPARATORY TO FORMING FOR ATTACK

0200 BANKER 3 FROM BANKER 2 REFERENCE YOUR LAST TRANSMISSION WILCO

0200 DUMMY FROM COMPOUND MARTINI 134 REPORTS A CONTACT PROCEEDING

UP THE STRAIT ABEAM OF SOUTHERN TIP OF PANANON ISLAND

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0204 BANKER 2 FROM
DUMMY WE DID GET THAT REPORT THAT CAME OVER
THAT CHANNEL

0205 BANKER 4 GANG
FROM BUSHWACKER MARTINI 134 REPORTS TARGET WAS VERY LARGE
HE HAS ATTACKED WITH UNDETERMINED RESULTS

0207 FURIOUS AND ABERDEEN
FROM BANKER 2 PERS-
ONALLY COMPLY WITH BANKER 3s MESSAGE ON STATION
KEEPING

0209 DUMMY FROM COMPOUND THE TARGET OF MARTINI IS TRYING TO ..
DRIVE THEM OFF WITH GUNFIRE

0211 DRUMSTICK FROM
BANKER 3 IN COURSE OF TURN THE RANGE BETWEEN YOU
AND BANGTAIL HAS OPENED TO 1000 YARDS USE
2/3 SPEED UNTIL YOU HAVE OPENED THAT DIST-
ANCE TO FULL AMOUNT

0213 SHADYLANE 2 FROM
DUMMY EXECUTE TO FOLLOW SPEED 2

0214 SHADYLANE 2 FROM
DUMMY STANDBY EXECUTE SPEED 2

0214 SHADYLANE FROM
DUMMY STANDBY TO EXECUTE 280 TURN

0215 SHADYLANE FROM
DUMMY STANDBY EXECUTE 280 TURN

0215 SHADYLANE FROM
DUMMY EXPEDITE GETTING INTO POSITION

0215 BANTAM 4 GANG
FROM BUSHWACKER REPORT ON HIS CIRCUIT IMMEDIATELY IF YOU
VE PICKED UP THAT TARGET ON YOUR SCOPE

0216 NAPOLEON FROM
BANKER 4 YOU ARE CLOSING IN ON IRONSIDES RAPIDLY

0217 IRONSIDES FROM
NAPOLEON WHAT IS YOUR CORPEN

0219 NAPOLEON FROM
IRONSIDES MIKE CORPEN 280

0219 BANTAM 6 GANG FROM
BANTAM 6 STANDBY TO EXECUTE TURN 170 MELODY 2
ACKNOWLEDGE

0221 BANTAM 6 GANG FROM
BANTAM 6 RELAY THAT

0223 SHADYLANE 2 FROM
DUMMY EXECUTE TO FOLLOW SPEED 1

0224 SHADYLANE 2 FROM
DUMMY EXECUTE SPEED 1

0225 BANKER 3 FROM
DUMMY TWO LARGE SHIPS ARE STANDING UP SURIGAO
STRAIT PASSED INITIAL LINE OF PT X WE ARE
GETTING INTO SATION ON BANGTAIL NO. 60
DEGREES AND 200 YARDS

0227 FURIOUS ABERDEEN
BANKER 2 FROM BANKER 3 I HAVE PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED THE PRINCIPLE THAT THE GUIDE IS IN THE VAN

0228 BUSHWACKER FROM DUMMY PLEASE RELAY TO PT BOATS THAT IT IS DESIRED TO DETERMINE WHETHER OTHER TARGETS ARE COMING UP THE CHANNEL

0229 DUMMY FROM COMPOUND PT134 JUST REPORTED THAT HE HIT A HEAVY OBJECT IN THE WATER THAT IT MIGHT BE A SUBMARINE COMING UP THE CHANNEL

0230 BANTAM 6 GANG FROM
BANTAM 6 EXECUTE ON RECEIPT SPEED 0 MELODY 2 ACKNOWLEDGE

0231 BANTAM 4 GANG FROM
BUSHWACKER STANDARD SPEED IS NOW 20 KNOTS WHICH WE ARE MAKING

0232 SHADYLANE FROM DUMMY SIGNAL EXECUTE TO FOLLOW 270 TURN
0234 SHADYLANE FROM DUMMY EXECUTE 270 TURN
0234 SHADYLANE FROM DUMMY EXECUTE UPON RECEIPT HOW CHARLIE 1

0235 BLUDGEONS V BANKER 3 STANDBY TO EXECUTE 1 TURN EXECUTE 1 TURN

0237 ABERDEEN FROM BANKER 3 CLOSE UP ON GUIDE

0240 BANTAM 4 GANG FROM
BUSHWACKER BOJANGLES

0241 CONFUCIOUS FROM CARROT SKUNKS SIGNAL 184 18

0243 BLUDGEONS CENTER FROM
BANKER 3 EXECUTE TO FOLLOW SPEED 2 STANDBY EXECUTE

0244 BUSHWACKER FROM CARROT NOW SEE THREE OR MORE SKUNKS BEARING
0245 BUSHWACKER FROM CARROT 184 DISTANCE 15 COURSE 000
THOSE SKUNKS ARE IN COLUMN

0247 DRUMSTICK FROM BANKER 2 INTERROGATORY CORPEN

0247 BANTAM 4 GANG FROM
BUSHWACKER STANDBY TO EXECUTE SPEED 5

0248 BANTAM 4 GANG FROM
BUSHWACKER EXECUTE SPEED 5 CORRECTION SPEED 4

0248 BANKER 2 FROM
DRUMSTICK MIKE CORPEN 220

0252 BANTAM 6 GANG FROM
BANTAM 6 EXECUTE UPON RECEIPT TURN 18 SPEED 2

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0254 BUSHWACKER FROM DUMMY PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU HAVE
TARGET ON SCREEN AND NUMBER OF TARGETS
YOU HAVE

0255 CONFUCIOUS FROM CARROT I JUST SAW A SMALL FLAT TARGET

0257 VINDICATOR LIGHTHEAD
FROM COMPOUND
BLUENOSE HAS THE LARGE ONE YOU TAKE
THE SMALL ONE FARTHER TO THE NORTH
PROCEED TO ATTACK X FOLLOW DOWN
SHORELINE X FOLLOW GAPS IN THEM RETIRE
TO NORTHWARD X MAKE SMOKE

0302 BANTAM 6 GANG FROM
BANTAM 6
EXECUTE ON RECEIPT TURN 18 SPEED 1

0302 SHADYLANE FROM DUMMY STANDBY TO EXECUTE 18 TURN
0304 SHADYLANE FROM DUMMY EXECUTE 18 TURN
0304 SHADYLANE 2 FROM DUMMY EXECUTE SPEED 2
0304 SHADYLANE 2 FROM DUMMY EXECUTE TURN 18
0304 BLUDGEONS FROM BANKER 3 EXECUTE TURN 18

0305 MELODY 2 FROM BANTAM 6 090 IS COURSE DO NOT EXECUTE SPEED 2
YET

0306 VINDICATOR FROM DESTINY STANDBY TORPEDOES

0307 BANTAM 6 GANG FROM
BANTAM 6
EXECUTE UPON RECEIPT SPEED 2 MELODY
2 ACKNOWLEDGE

0309 BANTAM 6 FROM
BUSHWACKER
WILL YOU PLEASE RELAY 2 LARGE 1 SMALL
HEADED NORTH IN COLUMN

0310 SHADYLANE FROM DUMMY SPEED 1 STANDBY TO EXECUTE
0311 SHADYLANE FROM DUMMY EXECUTE SPEED 1

0312 BANTAM 6 GANG FROM
BANTAM 6
FOLLOW DUMMY 2S SIGNALS

0314 DUMMY FROM BANGTAIL SKUNKS 2 166 DIST 42000 YDS

0315 DUMMY FROM BUSHWACKER TOTAL 5 TARGETS 2 MAY HAVE BEEN HIT
AND ARE SLOWING UP

0316 DUMMY FROM RESIDENT WHICH ARE YOU TURNING TO
0317 RESIDENT FROM DUMMY STATION REQUESTING PERMISSION TO GET
UNDERWAY REPEAT CALL
0317 DUMMY FROM RESIDENT THIS IS RESIDENT
0317 RESIDENT FROM DUMMY AFFIRMATIVE

0319 BUSHWACKER FROM DUMMY PLEASE REPORT TYPE OF TARGET

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0320 DUMMY FROM BUSHWACKER WILL REPORT WHEN I GET INFORMATION
THINK THEY ARE 2 BES

0321 DUMMY FROM DESTINY 8 JUST SAW A BIG FLARE ON ONE OF THEM

0322 DUMMY FROM FEARLESS 2 BUSHWACKER IS TRYING TO GET A MORE
ACCURATE ACCOUNT ON TYPE OF SHIPS
SOME BELIEVE THEY ARE BES

0323 BUSHWACKER FROM CARROT RADAR INDICATES 6 TARGETS

0324 DUMMY FROM BUSHWACKER CONSENSUS IS THAT THERE ARE 2 BES 1 OF
2 CRUISERS AND 1 DD BELIEVE SOME OF
THE TARGETS WERE DEFINITELY HIT WE
SAW SOME

0326 DUMMY FROM BUSHWACKER SEVERAL FISH FIRED AT ONE GROUP

0326 VINDICATOR FROM DESTINY
8 EXECUTE 4 TURN

0327 BLUDGEONS FROM DUMMY STANDBY TO EXECUTE SPEED 3
0329 BLUDGEONS FROM DUMMY EXECUTE SPEED 3

0331 DUMMY FROM FEARLESS 2 PRIVATEER HAS PICKED UP ENEMY COMMON
CIRCUIT

0331 COMPOUND FROM DUMMY THE GROUP ON RIGHT HAND SIDE REPORTED
MAKING SMOKE THE OTHER IS JUST READY
TO FIRE

0331 BLUDGEONS FROM DUMMY OPEN FIRE AT 26000 YARDS

0332 DUMMY FROM COMPOUND REPORTS ENEMY APPEARS TO BE
RETIRING

0333 BANTAM 6 FROM DUMMY LAUNCH ATTACK HIT THE BIG BOYS
0334 BANTAM 6 GANG FROM
BANTAM 6

COURSE 090 WORK UP TO SPEED IN MAKING
ATTACK SECTION 3 270 DEGREES TO 315
DEGREES SECTION 2 IN 090 TO 045 USE
INDIVIDUAL PLAN MEDIUM SPEED FOR FISH

0336 COMPOUND FROM DUMMY BANTAM 6 IS LAUNCHING ATTACK

0337 CENTER FROM BANKER 3 CONCUR SECTION _____ 4000 FROM
NEAREST BB

0339 BANTAM 6 GANG FROM SECTION 1 WILL STAY MELODY 2 SPEED 4
BANTAM 6

0340 DUMMY FROM FEARLESS INTERROGATORY SPEED

0340 DUMMY 1 FROM DUMMY ENEMY APPEARS TO BE RETIRING

0342 FEARLESS 2 FROM DUMMY MIKE SPEED 1

0343 MELODY 2 GANG FROM
MELODY 2 SPEED 5

0344	MELODY 2 GANG FROM MELODY 2	STANDBY FOR SMOKE
0345	MELODY 2 GANG FROM MELODY 2	THIS HAS TO BE QUICK STANDBY YOUR FISH
0345	DUMMY FROM FEARLESS	MARTINI 253 5 DESTROYERS AND ONE LARGE VESSEL PASSING NORTH THROUGH STRAIT
0346	DUMMY FROM COMPOUND	HE HAS BEEN HITTING THEM WITH 5 INCH ONE OF THEM APPEARS TO BE DEAD IN THE WATER
0347	MELODY 2 GANG FROM MELODY 2	HALF SALVOS
0348	BANTAM 6 GANG FROM BANTAM 6	SECTION 1 SPEED 3
0349	MELODY 2 GANG FROM MELODY 2	MIKE SPEED 30
0349	DUMMY FROM BANKER 3	HAVE GROUP OF SMALL ONES FOLLOWED BY BIG ONES WHEN BIG ONES REACH 26 THOUSAND YARDS I WILL OPEN
0350	DUMMY FROM BANKER 3	REPEAT ABOVE
0351	SHADYLANE FROM DUMMY	ABOUT TO OPEN FIRE
0352	SHADYLANE FROM FEARLESS	2 - OPEN FIRE
0352	BANTAM 6 GANG FROM BANT- AM 6	SECTION 1 SPEED 5
0353	_____ FROM COMPOUND	LEAVE THE LITTLE ONE OUT IN FRONT TRY TO GET _____
0353	MELODY 2 GANG FROM MELODY 2	STANDBY
0353	BLUDGEONS FROM BANKER 2	EXECUTE TURN 3
0354	MELODY 2 GANG FROM MELODY 2	I SHALL FIRE WHEN YOU ARE WITHIN RANGE
0354	MELODY 2 GANG FROM MELODY 2	EXECUTE WILLIAM
0354	BANKER 3 COMPOUND FROM DUMMY	OPEN FIRE
0355	MELODY 2 GANG FROM MELODY 2	MAXIMUM SPEED

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0356	MELODY 2 GANG FROM MELODY 2	MAKE SMOKE
0358	MELODY 2 GANG FROM MELODY 2	000 TURN STRONGHOLD ACKNOWLEDGE
0358	CENTER FROM BANKER 3	CORPEN 9 AND GET READY TO FIRE
0359	MELODY 2 GANG FROM MELODY 2	BOJANGLES
0359	BLUDGEONS FROM BANKER 3	EXECUTE TO FOLLOW TURN 15
0401	BLUDGEONS FROM BANKER 3	EXECUTE TURN 15
0402	BANTAM 6 GANG FROM BANTAM 6	SECTION 1 GET READY TO FIRE
0403	ABERDEEN FROM BANKER 2	DID YOU RECEIVE TURN SIGNAL
0404	BANKER 2 FROM ABERDEEN	WILCO OUT
0405	ALL SHIPS FROM DUMMY	LOOK OUT FOR THE CALIFORNIA SHE DID NOT RECEIVE TURN SIGNAL
0406	SHADYLANE FROM DUMMY	PRIVATEER IS BEING STRADDLED
0407	SHADYLANE FROM DUMMY	EXECUTE UPON RECEIPT SPEED 3
0408	DUMMY FROM BANTAM 6	YOU'RE FIRING ON BANTAM 6 WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CHANNEL
0408	BLUDGEONS FROM BANKER 3	CEASE FIRING
0409	BANTAM 6 FROM DUMMY	GET OUT OF CHANNEL
0410	MELODY 2 GANG FROM MELODY 2	SPEED 5 COURSE 090 EXECUTE TO FOLLOW
0410	DUMMY FROM BANTAM 6	WE ARE GETTING OUT AT FULL SPEED
0411	MELODY 2 GANG FROM MELODY 2	EXECUTE SPEED 5 COURSE 090
0411	MELODY 2 GANG FROM MELODY 2	STOP SMOKE
0412	CASHBOX FROM BANTAM 6	CLEAR CHANNEL AS FAST AS POSSIBLE
0412	DUMMY FROM CLAWBACK	REQUEST TO UNLOAD GUNS
0413	SHADYLANE 2 FROM DUMMY	EXECUTE 18 TURN
0414	ABERDEEN FROM BANKER 3	FURIOUS IS GOING BEHIND TO TAKE STATION ON DRUMSTICK

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0415	MELODY 2 GANG FROM MELODY 2	EXECUTE SPEED 3
0417	DUMMY 1 FROM DUMMY	HAVE CRAPGAME REPORT COURSE ALBATROSS IS PROCEEDING SLOWLY WEST- WARD
0418	BANTAM 6 GANG FROM DUMMY	BARNEGAT IS OUT OF CHANNEL ALBATROSS IS PROCEEDING SLOWLY OUT OF CHANNEL
0420	COMPOUND FROM DUMMY	RESUME FIRE
0420	BANKER 2 FROM BANKER 3	REGAIN BATTLE LINE WHETHER YOU HAVE YOUR SHIP BACK IN LINE
0421	DUMMY FROM BANTAM 6	BARNEGAT AND CASHBOX 2 AND 3 MILES FROM WEST COAST ALBATROSS IS TILL PROCEEDING AT 10 KNOTS
0422	DUMMY FROM PRIVATEER	LARGE TARGET HAS DISAPPEARED FROM SIGHT
0422	MELODY 2 GANG FROM MELODY 2	000 TURN
0423	DUMMY FROM PRIVATEER	TARGET REFERRED TO BEARING 209 DIST 19
0424	BANKER 4 GANG FROM BANKER 2	EXECUTE TO FOLLOW 9 TURN SPEED 2
0425	SHADYLANE 2 FROM DUMMY	OPEN FIRE WHEN YOU HAVE A SOLUTION
0425	DUMMY FROM FEARLESS	SKUNK 184 DIST 14 TO 17 MILES
0426	BANKER 4 FROM BANKER 2	EXECUTE 9 TURN
0427	CASHBOX FROM BANTAM 6	FOLLOW BARNEGAT
0427	BANKER GANG 2 FROM BANKER 2	EXECUTE TO FOLLOW TURN 000
0428	BANTAM 6 FROM _____	ALBATROSS HAS BEEN HIT AND IS LYING DEAD IN THE WATER
0430	BANKER GANG 2 FROM BANKER 2	EXECUTE TURN 000

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0430	SHADYLANE FROM DUMMY	ALBATROSS IS BADLY HIT AND IS DEAD IN THE WATER IN MIDDLE OF CHANNEL TAKE ALL PRECAUTIONS AND BE READY TO GIVE HELP
0431	SHADYLANE FROM DUMMY	EXECUTE 190 TURN
0432	CRAPGAME FROM DUMMY	PROCEED SOUTH INTERCEPT ENEMY AND THEN CLEAR CHANNEL
0435	DUMMY FROM FEARLESS	ONE GROUP OF 3 SHIPS BEARING 190 NEAREST 12 MILES
0435	BANKER GANG 2 FROM BANKER 2	EXECUTE 270 TURN
0437	GABRIEL STRONGHOLD FROM MELODY 2	EXECUTE SPEED 2
0438	BANKER GANG 2 FROM GANKER 2	BANKER GANG 2 ON COURSE 270 AT SPEED 10
0439	DUMMY BANTAM 6 FROM REPUBLIC	ALBATROSS HAS BEEN HIT NO POWER TAKING WATER
0448	MELODY 2 GANG FROM MELODY 2	STANDEY EXECUTE 9 TURN ADVISE IF YOU HAVE ANY CASUALTIES
0449	BANTAM 6 FROM DUMMY	ARE ALL YOUR BOYS ACCOUNTED FOR
0452	MELODY 2 FROM STRONGHOLD	NO CASUALTIES
0453	MELODY 2 GANG FROM MELODY 2	EXECUTE 9 CORPEN
0456	DUMMY FROM BANTAM 6	ALL BANTAM 6 PRESENT AND ACCOUNTED FOR EXCEPT BARNEGAT WHO HAS GONE TO AID OF ALBATROSS
0457	BANTAM 6 FROM DUMMY	HAVE YOUR GANG JOIN MY SCREEN AM NOW FIVE MILES TO EAST
0504	MELODY 2 GANG FROM MELODY 2	EXECUTE SPEED 3 CORPEN 5

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ABERDEEN	CALIFORNIA (BB44)
ALBATROSS	A W GRANT (DD649)
BANGTAIL	WEST VIRGINIA (BB46)
BANKER 2	COMBATDIV 2
BANKER 3	COMBATDIV 3
BANKER 4	COMBATDIV 4
BANTAM 4	COMDESRON 54
BANTAM 6	COMDESRON 56
BARNEGAT	NEWCOMB (DD586)
BLUDGEON	BATTLESHIPS
BUSHWACKER	CTG 79.11
CARROT	McGOWAN (DD678)
CASHBOX	R P LEARY (DD664)
CENTER	DESDIV XRAY
CLAWBACK	PORTLAND (CA33)
CONFUCIOUS	REMEY (DD688)
COMPOUND	CTG 77.3
DESTINY 8	COMDESDIV 108
DRUMSTICK	PENNSYLVANIA (BB38)
DUMMY	CTG 77.2
FEARLESS 2	COMCRUDIV 2
FURIOUS	TENNESSEE (BB43)
GABRIEL	BRYANT (DD665)
GORGEOUS	(TANKER GROUP)
KINGFISH	MINNEAPOLIS (CA36)
LIGHTHEAD	COMDESRON 24
MELODY 2	COMDESDIV 112
MELODY 2 GANG	DESDIV 112
NAPOLEON	MARYLAND (BB46)
PURPLE	ROBINSON (DD562)
PRIVATEER	DENVER (CL58)
REPUBLIC	COLUMBIA (CL56)
RESIDENT	KILLEN (DD593)
SHADYLANE	TG 77.2
STRONGHOLD	HALFORD (DD480)
TUFTS 4	CTG 77.7
VINDICATOR	MONSSEN (DD798)

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