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REPORT FOR COMMANDING OFFICER U.S.S. PHELPS

Operating under Commander Task Group 11.4, U.S. Pacific Fleet
(Commander Destroyer Squadron ONE).

TASK ORGANIZATION:

- 11 Rear Admiral A.W. Fitch (ComCarDiv 1).
- 11.2 MINNEAPOLIS, NEW ORLEANS. Rear Admiral T.C. Kinkaid.
- 11.4 Desron 1 less HULL, MACDONOUGH. Captain A.R. Early.
- 11.5 LEXINGTON. Captain F.C. Sherman.

Changes: On 1 April MACDONOUGH, HULL detached Task Force 11,
joined Task Force 15.

On 1 April MONAGHAN, FARRAGUT detached Task Force 15,
joined Task Force 11.

On 14 April AYLWIN detached Task Force 15, joined
Task Force 11.

On 26 April DALE detached as escort for U.S.S.
KASKASKIA.

1 APRIL, 1942.

Docked in dry dock #2, NYPHTH.

2 APRIL, 1942.

Moored in berth 15, NYPHTH.

3 APRIL, 1942.

Moored in berth 15, NYPHTH.

4 APRIL, 1942.

Moored in berth 15, NYPHTH.

5 APRIL, 1942.

Docked in dry dock #1, NYPHTH.

6 APRIL, 1942.

Docked in dry dock #1, NYPHTH.

7 APRIL, 1942.

Docked in dry dock #1, NYPHTH.

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8 APRIL, 1942.

GCT LCT Docked in dry dock #1, NYPHTH.

0255 Air raid alarm sounded.

0315 Secured from air raid stations, no planes appeared.

9 APRIL, 1942.

Docked in dry dock #1, NYPHTH.

10 APRIL, 1942.

Docked in dry dock #1, NYPHTH.

11 APRIL, 1942.

Moored in berth 2, NYPHTH. Completed special availability for insulation of Fire Control Radar, 20mm guns, depth charge projectors, and dome for QC gear.

12 APRIL, 1942.

GCT LCT Moored alongside ammunition wharf, West Lock, Oahu, TH.

1630 0700 Desron 1 less MACDONOUGH, HULL, AYLWIN plus BAGLEY got underway with Task Group 11.2 for gunnery practices in Hawaiian Area.

2130 1200 Posit. 20-40 N., 157-17 W., wind N.E., force 6, sea rough. Course and speed made good - 226^oT., 10.6 knots.

2200 1230 Fired A.A. guns at "Drone" plane making torpedo runs.

0530 2000 Posit. 19-22 N., 157-45 W.

0600 2030 Fired Night Battle Practice.

13 APRIL, 1942.

GCT LCT
1730 0800 Posit. 19-22 N., 157-45 W., sky overcast, wind NE.E., force 7, sea rough.

1830 0900 Fired Day Surface Practice.

2000 1030 Fired 20 M.M. guns at towed sleeve target.

2130 1200 Posit. 20-16 N., 157-56 W. Course and speed made good - 239^oT., 1.9 knots.

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13 APRIL, 1942. (Cont'd)

<u>GCT</u>	<u>LCT</u>	
0130	1600	Entered Pearl, Course and speed made good - 239 ⁰ T., 1.9 knots.

14 APRIL, 1942.

<u>GCT</u>	<u>LCT</u>	
1730	0800	Moored Pearl, buoy x-8. AYLWIN detached Task Force 15 and joined Task Force 11.

15 APRIL, 1942.

<u>GCT</u>	<u>LCT</u>	
1730	0800	Moored Pearl, buoy x-8 Got underway in company with Task Force 11, composed of LEXINGTON, MINNEAPOLIS, NEW ORLEANS, Desron 1 less MACDONOUGH, HULL, enroute for operations against the enemy in South Pacific Areas.
2130	1200	Posit. 20-47 N., 157-41 W., course and speed made good - 153 ⁰ T., 8.8 knots.
2215	1245	LEXINGTON fired High Altitude A.A. Practice.
0050	1520	Formed Cruising Disposition 11SV.
0530	2000	Posit. 20-00 N., 157-13 W.

16 APRIL, 1942.

<u>GCT</u>	<u>LCT</u>	
1730	0800	Posit. 17-18 N., 158-04 W., steaming in Cruising Disposition 11SV, wind East, force 6, sea rough.
2130	1200	Posit. 16-42 N., 158-28 W., course and speed made good - 170 ⁰ T., 10.3 knots.
0530	2000	Posit. 15-07 N., 159-02 W.

17 APRIL, 1942.

<u>GCT</u>	<u>LCT</u>	
1730	0800	Posit. 12-29 N., 161-05 W., cruising disposition 11SV.
2130	1200	Posit. 11-39 N., 160-16 W., course and speed made good - 210 ⁰ T., 8.8 knots.
0530	2000	Posit. 10-24 N., 160-36 W.

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18 APRIL, 1942.

<u>GCT</u>	<u>LCT</u>	
1730	0800	Posit. 07-55 N., 161-29 W., Cruising Disposition 11SV.
1815	0845	Sighted 2 friendly PBY patrol planes bearing 045° T., distant 5 miles.
2130	1200	Posit. 07-15 N., 161-33 W., course and speed made good - 196° T., 11 knots.
0530	2000	Posit. 08-05 N., 160-16 W.

19 APRIL, 1942.

<u>GCT</u>	<u>LCT</u>	
1730	0800	Posit. 06-23 N., 160-48 W., Cruising Disposition 11SV. 12 V.M.F. planes flown off LEXINGTON for Palmyra Island Base.
2130	1200	Posit. 06-02 N., 160-33 W., course and speed made good - 141° T., 3.9 knots.
0230	1700	Set clocks back to plus (10) LZT.
0600	2000	Posit. 04-35 N., 161-04 W.

20 APRIL, 1942.

<u>GCT</u>	<u>LCT</u>	
1800	0800	Posit. 02-42 N., 162-16 W., Cruising Disposition 11SV.
2200	1200	Posit. 02-09 N., 162-34 W., course and speed made good - 208° T., 10.8 knots.
2300	1300	Fired 20 M.M. guns at sleeve target.
0600	2000	Posit. 00-57 N., 163-36 W.

21 APRIL, 1942.

<u>GCT</u>	<u>LCT</u>	
1230	0200	Crossed equator in Long. 164-42 W.
1800	0800	Posit. 01-03 S., 165-38 W., Cruising Disposition 11SV.

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21 APRIL, 1942 (Cont'd)

<u>GCT</u>	<u>LCT</u>	
2200	1200	Posit. 01-39 S., 166-09 W., course and speed made good - 223 ⁰ T., 13 knots.
0300	1700	Set clocks to plus (10½) LZT.
0630	2000	Posit. 02-49 S., 167-25 W.

22 APRIL, 1942.

<u>GCT</u>	<u>LCT</u>	
1830	0800	Posit. 04-41 S., 169-46 W., Cruising Disposition 11SV. Received following message from Task Force Commander: "AFTER FUELING FROM KASKASKIA AT POINT ACORN 11-45 S 178-37 W STARTING 25TH X THIS FORCE WILL THEN PROCEED POINT BUTTERNUT 16-S 161-45 E TO ARRIVE BY ZERO TWO HUNDRED ZED ONE MAY WILL RENDEZVOUS WITH AND OPERATE AS PART OF TASK FORCE SEVENTEEN.
2110	1040	LEXINGTON plane reported contact with enemy submarine bearing 115 ⁰ T., distant 70 miles.
2230	1200	Posit. 04-41 S., 169-46 W., course and speed made good 331 ⁰ T., 13.5 knots.
0330	1700	Set clocks to plus (10¾) LZT.
0645	2000	Posit. 06-19 S., 171-55 W.

23 APRIL, 1942.

<u>GCT</u>	<u>LCT</u>	
1945	0800	Posit. 08-09 S., 147-07 W., Cruising Disposition 11SV.
2245	1200	Posit. 08-47 S., 174-38 W., course and speed made good - 232 ⁰ T., 14 knots.
2345	1300	Fired 20 M.M. and 5" guns - Burst Target Practice.
0715	2000	Posit. 09-43 S., 175-54 W.

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25 APRIL, 1942.

<u>GCT</u>	<u>LCT</u>	
1915	0800	Posit. 11-05 S., 178-14 W., Cruising Disposition 11SV. Changed date for East Longitude by despatch from Task Force Commander.
2217	1102	U.S.S. KASKASKIA escorted by U.S.S. SIMS joined formation.
2315	1200	Posit. 11-05 S., 178-14 W., course and speed made good - 234° T., 11.9 knots. U.S.S. SIMS left formation and proceeded on duty assigned.
0145	1430	Task Force commenced fueling, using special formation.
0600	1845	Ceased fueling for day and formed Cruising Disposition 11SV.
0715	2000	Posit. 12-10 S., 178-39 W.

26 APRIL, 1942.

<u>GCT</u>	<u>LCT</u>	
1747	0642	Re-commenced fueling using special formation.
1915	0800	Posit. 13-16 S., 179-28 W.
2315	1200	Posit. 13-40 S., 179-47 W., course and speed made good - 209° T., 5.8 knots.
0415	1700	Set clocks to minus (12½), cross 180th meridian.
0524	1809	Ceased fueling. U.S.S. KASKASKIA escorted by U.S.S. DALE left formation on duty assigned. Formed Cruising Disposition 11SV.
0730	2000	Posit. 14-27 S., 179-40 W.

27 APRIL, 1942.

<u>GCT</u>	<u>LCT</u>	
1930	0800	Posit. 14-32 S., 177-07 E., Cruising Disposition 11SV.
2330	1200	Posit. 14-42 S., 177-07 E., course and speed made good - 252° T., 8.4 knots.
0730	2000	Posit. 15-36 S., 175-15 E.

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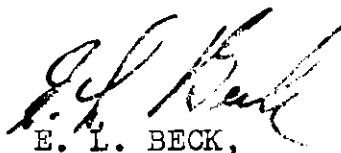
<u>GCT</u>	<u>LCT</u>	
1930	0800	Posit. 16-30 S., 172-59 E., Cruising Disposition 11SV. Fired special 5" and 20 M.M. anti-submarine practice at balloon targets.
2330	1200	Posit. 16-55 S., 172-24 E., course and speed made good - 242° T., 11.8 knots.
0530	1700	Set clocks to minus (12).
0800	2000	Posit. 17-27 S., 171-08 E.

29 APRIL, 1942.

<u>GCT</u>	<u>LCT</u>	
2000	0800	Posit. 18-23 S., 168-45 E, Cruising Disposition 11SV.
2400	1200	Posit. 18-47 S., 168-06 E., course and speed made good - 246° T., 11.5 knots.
0500	1700	Set clocks to minus (11½).
0730	2000	Posit. 18-03 S., 166-42 E.

30 APRIL, 1942.

<u>GCT</u>	<u>LCT</u>	
2030	0800	Posit. 16-00 S., 161-35 E., Cruising Disposition 11SV.
0030	1200	Posit. 16-19 S., 161-57 E., course and speed made good - 293° T., 15.6 knots.
0830	2000	Posit. 17-15 S., 161-30 E.



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