

USS CORAL SEA (CRA-43) ZONE DESCRIPTION G/H DATE WEDNESDAY 29 JANUARY 19 69
 (Day) (Date) (Month)
 AT/PASSAGE FROM DARANG TO SINGAPORE

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L 10-54N	BY 4	
λ 110-02E	BY 4	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L 09-57N	BY 4	
λ 110-03E	BY 4	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L 08-20N	BY 2	
λ 108-51.5E	BY 2	

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

REMARKS

00-04 STEAMING AS A UNIT OF TG 77.6 IN COMPANY WITH USS JOHN PAUL JONES (DDG 32) AND USS PORTERFIELD (DD 682) IN TRANSIT FROM DARANG TO SINGAPORE IN ACCORDANCE WITH COMNAVTHETL THIRD QUARTER EMPLOYMENT SCHEDULE. SVP IS CTR 77.6 (CONCORDIA ONE EMBARKED CORAL SEA) AND CTR IS CTR 77.6.1 (COMMANDING OFFICER CORAL SEA). BASE COURSE IS 184, SPEED IS 15 KTS. READINESS CONDITION FOUR AND MATERIAL CONDITION YARE ARE SET. SHIP IS DARKENED EXCEPT FOR NORMAL NAVIGATIONAL LIGHTS. 0400 COMMENCED ENGINEERING ECONOMY TRIAL.

L. B. SMITH JR LTJG USNR

04-08 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0600 COMPLETED ENGINEERING ECONOMY TRIAL.

R. J. ROBERTSON
 R. J. ROBERTSON, LTJG, USNR.

08-02 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1045 SIGHTED MERCHANT SHIP BEARING 205, DISTANCE 12 MILES ON COURSE 025. 1100 IDENTIFIED MERCHANT SHIP AS SS VARILD, NORWIEGEN REGISTRY, ROUTED FROM RANGOON, BURMA TO HONG KONG. 1114 PASSED SS VARILD ABEAM TO STBD. DISTANCE 3 MILES

J. R. DANIELS, LTJG, USNR

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1200 C/C TO 214. 1210 SIGHTED MERCHANT TANKER BEARING 199, DISTANCE 10 MILES ON COURSE 045. 1248 MERCHANT SHIP ABEAM TO PORT, DISTANCE 7,000 YDS.

J. I. LAUB, LTJG, USNR

16-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1555 SIGHTED MERCHANT SHIP BEARING 170, DISTANCE 9 MILES. 1615 PASSED MERCHANT SHIP ABEAM TO STARBOARD, DISTANCE 6 MILES. 1842 DARKENED SHIP EXCEPT FOR NORMAL NAVIGATIONAL LIGHTS. 1900 RETARDED ALL SHIPS CLOCKS TO CONFORM WITH TIME ZONE G/H. 1911 MADE FOUR 360 DEGREE TURNS TO FACILITATE CLEANING THE HANGER DECK

W. KAZLAUSKAS
 W. KAZLAUSKAS, LTJG, USNR

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1943 C/C TO 213. 2000 C/C TO 214. 2050 SIGHTED MERCHANT SHIP BEARING 211, DISTANCE 20 MILES, ON APPROXIMATELY RECIPROCAL COURSE. 2105 C/S TO 15 KTS 2111 C/C TO 160. 2115 IDENTIFIED MERCHANT SHIP AS THE OCEAN ENTERPRISE, LIBERIAN REGISTRY, EN ROUTE FROM SINGAPORE TO HONG KONG. 2133 C/C TO 214. 2138 OCEAN ENTERPRISE PASSED ABEAM TO STARBOARD

USS CORAL SEA (CVA 43)

DATE TUESDAY 28 JAN. 1969
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS-CONTINUED

LIGHTS

WY Kazlauskas
W.Y. KAZLAUSKAS, LTJG, USN

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

RK Guderson
RK GUDERSON, LTJG, USN

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DECK LOG - REMARKS SHEET

USS CORAL SEA (CGA-43) ZONE DESCRIPTION 8H DATE TUESDAY 28 JANUARY 19 69
 (Day) (Date) (Month)

AT/PASSAGE FROM SPECIAL OPERATIONS AREA TO DANANG

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L 16-18.2N	BY 2	
λ 108-16.3E	BY 2	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L 15-42.7N	BY 2	
λ 109-10.8E	BY 2	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L 13-43N	BY 2	
λ 110-03E	BY 2	

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REMARKS

0800-0845 STRANDING AS A UNIT OF ~~BTG~~ 77.6 IN COMPANY WITH USS JOHN PAUL JONES (DDG 32) AND USS PORTERFIELD (DD 682) IN SPECIAL OPERATIONS AREA IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONCURRENTLY SECOND THIRD QUARTER EMPLOYMENT SCHEDULE. SOPA IS CTG 77.6 COMMANDER ONE EMBARKED (CORAL SEA) AND OTC IS CTG 77.6.1 (COMMANDING OFFICER CORAL SEA). BASE COURSE IS 161, SPEED IS 12 KTS. READINESS CONDITION FOUR AND DEPARTURE CONDITION FOUR ARE SET. SHIP IS DARKENED EXCEPT FOR NORMAL NAVIGATIONAL LIGHTS.

L.B. Smith Jr.
 L.B. SMITH JR LTJG USNR.

0845-08 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE 0630 SET SPECIAL SEA DETAIL. 0630 C/C TO 170. 0650 AT 2200 27 JANUARY WHILE WORKING UNDER AN AIRCRAFT AN D.M. HELMER BS4-75-35 USN RECEIVED A 2" LACERATION ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE BACK WHEN HE CRAWLED UNDER A LADDER. TREATMENT WAS ADMINISTERED AT SICK BAY. DISPOSITION: DUTY. 0700 C/C TO 350.

R.N. Thompson
 R.N. THOMPSON LTJG USNR

0812 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE 0701 TOOK POSITION AT THE ENTRANCE OF DANANG HARBOUR (LAT. 16°17' LONG. 108°17') STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS TO EFFECT TRANSFER OF SHIP'S HELICOPTERS TO DANANG AF BASE 0937 TRANSFER COMPLETED TRANSFER. SECURED THE SPECIAL SEA AND ANCHOR DETAIL. SET COURSE 095 SPEED 27 KTS. 1022 C/C TO 133.

J.R. Daniels
 J.R. DANIELS LTJG USNR

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE 1300 EXERCISED CREW AT GENERAL QUARTERS 1347 1334 ASSUMED TACTICAL COMMAND OF USS CAMDEN (AOE-2). 1347 FORMED UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENT DISPOSITION, BASE COURSE 170, SPEED 12 KTS. 1350 COMMENCED FLIGHT OPERATIONS BASE COURSE 160, SPEED 27 KTS.

*1411 SUSPENDED FLIGHT OPERATIONS. COMMENCED APPROACH PORT SIDE CAMDEN 1451 RECEIVED FIRST MESSENGER. 1455 FIRST FUEL HOSE CONNECTED 1458 COMMENCED RECEIVING FUEL. 1459 COMMENCED TAKING ON AMMUNITION. *1400 SECURED FROM GENERAL QUARTERS DRILL.

J.I. Laub
 J.I. LAUB, LTJG USNR.

16-20 *1457 LCOB MESSENGER ASSUMED THE CONN. 1550 CDR PARKER ASSUMED THE CONN. 1556 COMPLETED TRANSFER OF FUEL. 1613 CDR OWENS ASSUMED THE CONN. 1701 CDR TYSON ASSUMED THE CONN. 1740 COMPLETED TRANSFER OF AMMUNITION. 1747 COMMANDING OFFICER ASSUMED THE CONN. 1753 ALL LINES AND HOSES CLEAR TO STARBOARD. 1755 OOD ASSUMED THE CONN. 1757 MAINTAINED



DECK LOG BOOK

OF THE

U.S.S. _____ CORAL SEA _____

CVA-43
IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

Attached to { _____ Division,
_____ Squadron,
_____ Flotilla,
SEVENTH _____ Fleet,
_____ Naval District,

Commencing 2400H 1 JANUARY, 19 69,
(zone time and date)

at SPECIAL OPERATIONS AREA,
(location)

and ending 0001G/H 31 JANUARY, 19 69,
(zone time and date)

at PASSAGE FROM DA NANG TO SINGAPORE
(location)

Approved by: _____ CAPT. JAMES FERRIS _____ Commanding
James Ferris



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Dear Mr. Roland:

This is in response to your recent inquiry to the National Archives concerning information from deck logs of USS Coral Sea for January 1969 that would support your claim with the Department of Veterans Affairs, specifically documenting that the ship anchored near Danang, Republic of Vietnam.

A copy of the relevant deck log entries is enclosed.

Sincerely,



TIMOTHY K. NENNINGER
Chief, Archives II Textual Records Reference Staff
Textual Archives Services Division