

**USS NITRO AE-2  
DECK LOG  
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UNITED STATES SHIP

NITRO (AE-2)

Monday 1 October

1945

00 - 04 Moored starboard side to Finger Pier, Kaiser Shipyard, Portland, Oregon with standard eight inch manila lines. Receiving telephone service fresh water and electricity from the dock. No. 3 boiler steaming for auxiliary purposes. 0005 MCHALE, E. 895 77 76, MM2c(T), USNR, returned absent over leave since 0800, 28 September 1945.

*J. Beal*

E. J. BEAL, Ch. Gunner, U.S.N.

04 - 08 Moored as before.

*J. Beal*

E. J. BEAL, Ch. Gunner, U.S.N.

08 - 12 Moored as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters, Absentees: WATSON, E.J. RM3c, 0823 WATSON, E.J. RM3c returned absent over leave since 0800, 1 October 1945. 1005 Received sludge barge on port side. 1052 Lighted off #1 boiler for test.

*J. Beal*

E. J. BEAL, Ch. Gunner, U.S.N.

12 - 16 Moored as before. 1247 The following named men were transferred pursuant to the authority of ALNAV 252-45: TILMANN, August George, 906 93 02, MM1lc(T), USN-I(SA), WALMSLEY, William (n), 824 03 77, Slc, USN-I(SA), WASH# BURN, Richard Elwin, 856 76 72, SK2c(T), V6, USNR, OSE, Thomas George, 638-61 14, EM2c(T), V6, USNR. 1315 Lit fires under #4 boiler. 1335 Lifted safety valves by hand at 100lbs pressure on #4 boiler. 1415 SHEFFARD, Joseph (n), 651 95 50, Slc, V6, USNR was transferred to Naval Barracks, Portland, Oregon for further transfer to U.S.Naval Hospital, Corvallis, Oregon, pursuant to the authority of form "G". 1420 Secured #4 boiler. 1540 The following named men left the ship for Shore Patrol, LEASURE, Carl Lester, 652 98 01, QMLc, USNR(in charge), SMITH, Lee Roy, 671 16 75, GM3c, USNR.

*B. O. Denton*

B. O. DENTON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

16 - 20 Moored as before. 1655 EVANS, Richard A., 256 46 15, GMLc, USN reported pursuant to the authority of BuPers LtrPers 6303-VLJ-1/F16-3/MM dated 27 June 1945. 1815 Ensign Richard H. ALLAWAY, (DL), 462419, USNR reported on board for duty pursuant to authority of BuPers LtrPers 31542-LHC-6a of 28 August 1945.

*B. O. Denton*

B. O. DENTON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

20 - 24 Moored as before. Lt. (jg) Herman G. HOLLEMAN (C), 279380, USNR, reported on board pursuant to BuPers Orders 113831 dated 1 June 1945.

*B. O. Denton*

B. O. DENTON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

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UNITED STATES SHIP NITRO (AE-2) Tuesday 2 October 1945  
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00 - 04 Moored starboard side to Finger Pier, Kaiser Shipyard, Swan Island, Portland, Oregon. With standard mooring lines. Receiving telephone service, fresh water from the yard. #3 boiler steaming for auxiliary purposes. Sludge barge alongside. LEASHURE, Carl Lester, 652 98 01, QMc, USNR and SMITH, Leroy, 671 16 75, GM3c, USNR returned from shore patrol.

*B. O. Denton*  
B. O. DENTON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

04 - 08 Moored as before. 0730 Lighted fires under boiler #3.

*B. O. Denton*  
B. O. DENTON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

08 - 12 Moored as before. 0800 Held quarters for muster, Absentees: PHILLIPS, L.J., 939 74 79, Slc, USNR AWOL from 0645, and ROBERTS, J.D., 829 62 75, Slc, USNR, BUTLER, Edward (n), 858 62 83, Slc, USNR. 0805 Removed sludge barge from alongside. 0830 Lighted fires under boilers #3 and #4. 0835 Cut boiler #2 in on main line. 0900 All departments made preparations for getting underway. 0900 Pilot Lt. Comdr. W. B. MATHESON, USCGR came on board. 0910 Lt. SMITH, Lt. ESSEL and Lt. (jg) FETT came aboard for compass adjustment. 0920 Tug HENDERSON made fast to port quarter. Cut boilers #3 and #4 in on main line. 0925 Let fires die out under boiler #1, leaking valve. 0943 Underway for compass compensation. Pilot at conn, Captain and executive officer and navigator on bridge, using various courses and speeds. 1015 Anchored in WILLAMETTE RIVER off Swan Island with 15 fathoms of chain to port anchor, anchored in 5 1/2 fathoms of water, commenced swinging ship to compensate compass. 1125 Completed swinging ship and commenced heaving in anchor. 1125 Tug HENDERSON cast off. 1130 Underway for test run, Pilot at conn, Captain and navigator on bridge, various courses and speeds to conform to channel.

*N. Bauernfeind*  
N. BAUERNFEIND, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

12 - 16 Steaming as before, pilot at conn, Captain and navigator on bridge. 1300 Swung around to return to berth. 1445 Stationed special sea detail. 1530 Moored starboard side to Finger Pier, Kaiser Shipyards, Swan Island, Portland, Oregon with eight inch manila lines. 1535 Let fires die out under boilers #2 and #3, boiler #4 steaming for auxiliary purposes. 1535 Sludge barge made fast to port side. 1540 PHILLIPS, Lenord F., 939 74 79, Slc, USNR returned to the ship being absent without leave.

*R. D. Watson*  
R. D. WATSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

16 - 20 Moored as before. 1745 ROBERTS, J.D., 829 62 75, Slc, USN-I(SA), returned to the ship being absent over leave since 0800 this day, a total of 9 hours and 45 minutes.

*R. C. Heydenberg*  
R. C. HEYDENBERG, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

20 - 24 Moored as before.

*R. C. Heydenberg*  
R. C. HEYDENBERG, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

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Wednesday 3 October

19 45

00 - 04 Moored starboard side to Finger Pier, Kaiser Shipyard, Swan Island, Portland, Oregon with standard eight inch manila lines. #4 boiler steaming for auxiliary purposes. Receiving telephone service and fresh water from the pier. 0145 BUTLER, Edward (n), 858 62 83, S1c, USNR returned to the ship being over leave since 0800, 2 October 1945, a total of 17 hours and 45 minutes.

*R.C. Heydenberg*  
R. C. HEYDENBERG, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

04 - 08 Moored as before. 0715 Received the following stores for general mess, inspected as to quantity by APC George ISAAC and as to quality by Lt. G.L. KLINE (MC) from LANGENDORFF Bakeries, Portland, Oregon, 1010 pounds of bread.

*R.C. Heydenberg*  
R. C. HEYDENBERG, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

08 - 12 Moored as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters, Absentees: HALL, Loran (n), 932 11 83, S1c, USNR and PROSSER, Cullen Laverne, 829 32 66, S1c, USNR were absent over leave since 0800 this day. 0810 HALL, Loran (n), 932-11 83, S1c, USNR returned to the ship being absent over leave since 0800, this day, a total of ten minutes. 0940 Received the following stores for the general mess, inspected as to quantity by APC George ISAAC and as to quality by Lt. G.L. KLINE (MC) from Pioneer Fruit Distributors, Portland, Oregon, 150 lbs Broccoli, 950 lbs cabbage, 200 lbs carrots, 650 lbs celery, 283 lbs cucumbers, 864 lbs lettuce, 600 lbs onions, 115 lbs peppers, 2500 lbs potatoes-Irish, 300 lbs potatoes-yams, 807 lbs tomatoes, 675 lbs apples, 100 lbs bananas, 710 lbs frapefruit, 160 lbs lemons, 817 lbs melons, 590 lbs peaches, and 535 lbs pears. 0955 PROSSER, Cullen Laverne, 829 32 66, S1c, USNR returned to the ship being absent over leave since 0800 this day, a total of one hour and fifty-five minutes. 1000 The Deck Court of which Lt. Paul KUSSE, USNR is deck court officer convened in the case of MCHALE, Edgar Charles, 895 77 76, MM2c(T), USNR. 1010 The Deck Court of which Lt. Paul KUSSE, USNR is deck court officer adjourned to await the action of the convening authority. 1010 The Captain held mast and assigned the following: PHILLIPS, Leonard J., 939 74 79, S1c, USN-1(SA), Offense: Absent without leave from 0800, 2 October 1945 to 1540, 2 October 1945. Assigned: Thirty (30) days restriction. 1110 The HENDERSON (oil barge) cast off from the port side.

*R.C. Heydenberg*  
R. C. HEYDENBERG, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

12 - 16 Moored as before. 1345 Received the following stores, inspected as to quantity by APC George ISAAC and as to quality by Lt. G.L. KLINE(MC) from Medo Sweet Dairies, 10 gallon milk. 1515 Published the findings and sentence in the case of: MCHALE, Edgar Charles, 895 77 72, MM2c(T), USNR tried by deck court 3 October 1945, for the following offense: absent over leave from 0800, 28 September 1945 until 0005, 1 October 1945, for a period of two (2) days and sixteen (16) hours. Finding: Guilty. Sentence: To be confined for a period of fifteen (15) days and to lose twelve dollars (\$12) per month of his pay for a period of four (4) months, total loss of pay amounting to forty-eight dollars (\$48). Approved by convening authority 3 October 1945, but that portion of the sentence which involves confinement is extended to mean confinement to the limits of the ship.

*R.C. Heydenberg*  
R. C. HEYDENBERG, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

16 - 20 Moored as before.

*R.C. Heydenberg*  
R. C. HEYDENBERG, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

20 - 24 Moored as before.

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Thursday 4 October 1945  
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00 - 04 Moored starboard side to Finger Pier, Kaiser Shipyard, Swan Island, Portland, Oregon with standard eight (8) inch manila lines. Boiler #4 steaming for auxiliary purposes. Receiving telephone service and fresh water from the dock.

*R. C. Heydenberg*  
R. C. HEYDENBERG, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

04 - 08 Moored as before.

*R. C. Heydenberg*  
R. C. HEYDENBERG, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

08 - 12 Moored as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters, Absentees: MCKAMIE, Jacques, 845 82 98, Y2c(T), USNR, HUNTER, James H., 920 86 61, Slc, USNR, MURRAY, Kenneth, 822 89 70, B1c, USNR and BOGDA, James L., 960 15 71, F2c, USNR. 0806 MURRAY, Kenneth, 822 89 70, B1c, USNR returned to the ship being absent over leave since 0800 this day, a total of six (6) minutes. 0900 Received the following supplies for the general mess, inspected as to quantity by APC George Isaac and as to quality by Lt. George Kline(MC), USNR from Arden Farms Co., Portland, Oregon: fifty (50) gallons of ice cream. 0900 MCKAMIE, Jacques, 845 82 98, Y2c, USNR returned to the ship being absent over leave since 0800 this day, a total of one (1) hour. 0950 HUNTER, James H., 822 89n70, Slc, USNR returned to the ship being absent over leave since 0800, this day, a total of one (1) hour and fifty (50) minutes. 1005 BOGDA, James L., 960 15 71, F2c, USNR returned to the ship being absent over leave since 0800 this day, a total of two (2) hours and five (5) minutes. 1035 Lt. (jg) John H. MOORE (MC), 167588, USNR reported for duty on the U.S.S. NITRO as relief for Lt. George L. KLINE (MC), 323543, USNR by authority the Commander Service Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

*R. C. Heydenberg*  
R. C. HEYDENBERG, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

12 - 16 Moored as before. 1400 Received one hundred (100) gallons fresh milk from Medco Sweet Dairies.

*R. D. Watson*  
R. D. WATSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

16 - 20 Moored as before.

*R. D. Watson*  
R. D. WATSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

20 - 24 Moored as before.

*R. D. Watson*  
R. D. WATSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

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Friday 5 October

19 45

00 - 04 Moored starboard side to Finger Pier, Kaiser Shipyard, Swan Island, Portland, Oregon with standard eight inch manila lines. Number 4 boiler is steaming for auxiliary purposes.

*R. D. Watson*  
R. D. WATSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

04 - 08 Moored as before.

*R. D. Watson*  
R. D. WATSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

08 - 12 Moored as before. 0800 Quarters for muster, no absentees.

*R. D. Watson*  
R. D. WATSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

12 - 16 Moored as before. 1245 By authority of ConServRonEIGHT Ltr Fl1-1/MM (#-171) of August 15, 1945 RICHARDS, TREVOR (n) Jr., 250 78 97, MMlc(T), U.S.N. (incharge) and LEAKE, Charles Clyde, 667 46 09, Rdm2c(T), U.S.N.R., were transferred to Commanding Officer West Coast Classification Center, receiving station Puget Sound Navy yard, Bremerton Washington for classification to report any time during month of October. 1250 Lighted fire under No. one (1) boiler. 1340 Steam cut in forward deck and all winches. 1430 Reference Com-ServPac Spdltr Serial 6331-JLT/csk over FLO-4/00 Lt. George L. KLINE (MC), U.S.N.R., 323543, was transferred and relieved of duty by Lt. (jg) John H. MOORE (MC), U.S.N.R., 167588.

*P. F. Kusse*  
P. F. KUSSE, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

16 - 20 Moored as before. 1810 Fuel barge BW 1188 made fast to port side. 1855 Commence receiving fuel.

*J. L. Daley*  
J. L. DALEY, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

20 - 24 Moored as before. 2045 Secured taking fuel oil after receiving 79,404 gallons. 2225 Fuel barge BW 1188 cast off from the port side.

*R. C. Heydenberg*  
R. C. HEYDENBERG, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

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Saturday 6 October 1945

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00 - 04 Moored starboard side to Finger Pier, Kaiser Shipyard, Swan Island, Portland, Oregon with standard 8 inch manila lines. Boiler #1 steaming for Auxiliary purposes. The following men were absent over leave since 0000 this day: MILLER, George, 666 73 09, Cox, USNR, returned to the ship at 0310, a total of three hours and 10 minutes. CHANDLER, Charles H., 863 35 90, S2c USNR, returned to the ship at 0330, a total of three hours and thirty minutes. MCELLIGOTT, Maurice 224 99 44, SM2c, USN, returned to the ship at 0220, a total of two hours and twenty minutes. SWANN, Albert, 906 98 97, F2c, USNR, returned to the ship at 0035, a total of thirty five minutes. ADAIR, Henry W., 274 74 15, SC3c, USNR, returned to the ship at 0250, a total of two hours and twenty minutes. CHAMBERS, Emmett Y., 968 27 54, S2c USNR, returned to the ship at 0128, a total of one hour and twenty eight minutes. HINES, George P., 256 15 57, PHM2c, USNR, returned to the ship at 0401, a total of four hours, one minute. STEWART, William, 242 36 86, MM3c, USN, returned to the ship at 0310, a total of three hours and ten minutes. 0025 MOSS, Frederick A., 856-41 81, Bkr3c, USN-I(SA), returned to the ship being absent over leave since 1900, 4 October 1945, a total of five (5) hours and twenty five (25) minutes. 0130 Lighted fires under #3 boiler. 0230 Lighted fires under #2 boiler. 0240 Lighted fires under #4 boiler. 0245 Boiler #3 was cut in on the line. 0340 Boiler #2 was cut in on the line. 0350 Boiler #4 was cut in on the line. 0345 Preparations for getting underway were completed.

*R C Heydenberk*  
R. C. HEYDENBERK, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

04 - 08 Moored as before. 0400 Tug HENDERSON made fast to port quarter. 0413 Underway for Los Angeles, California. Pilot at conn, Captain, Executive officer and Navigator on bridge. Various courses and speeds to conform to channel proceeding down Columbia River to sea. Steaming in accordance with Commander Western Sea Frontiers restricted dispatch 261838 of September, 26, 1945.

*P F Kusse*  
P. F. KUSSE, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

08 - 12 Steaming as before, on various courses and speeds to conform to channel. Lt. Comdr. T. S. REEDER (Pilot) at conn. Captain and navigator on bridge. 0800 Quarters for muster, one (1) absentee: WHITE, William Z., 975 53 29, S2c, USNR. 0830 Transferred WHITE, William Z., 975 53 29, V6, USNR, service record, pay accounts, and health record to Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Barracks, Portland, Oregon (Straggler Status). AUTH: BuPers C/L 206-45.

*B O Denton*  
B. O. DENTON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

12 - 16 Steaming as before on various courses and speeds to conform to channel. HALL, Lt. Comdr., U.S.C.G. (Pilot) at conn, Captain and Navigator on the bridge. 1240 Captain at conn, Navigator on bridge. 1247 Lt. Comdr. HALL, U.S.C.G. (Pilot) left the ship. 1300 Columbia River Light Ship abeam to starboard, departure. Steaming on course 225° T., 224° pgc., and 192° psc, at standard speed 106 RPM, 14.4 knots. 1330 Changed course to 186° T., 185° pgc., and 161° psc.

*R D Watson*  
R. D. WATSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

16 - 20 Steaming as before on course 186° T., 185° pgc., and 161° psc.

*C V Hanson*  
C. V. HANSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

20 - 24 Steaming as before on course 186° T., 185° pgc., and 161° psc, at standard speed 106 RPM, 14.4 knots.

*B O Denton*  
B. O. DENTON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

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00 - 04 Steaming independently on course 186° T., 185° pgc., and 161° psc, enroute to Los Angeles Harbor, California, at standard speed 106 RPM, 14.4 knots.

*R. D. Watson*

R. D. WATSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

04 - 08 Steaming as before. 0400 Changed course to 175° T., 174° pgc., and 151° psc. 0430 Discovered six (6) inches of water in A-507-M.

*C. V. Hanson*

C. V. HANSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

08 - 12 Steaming as before. 0800 Mustered crew on stations, no absentees.

*B. O. Denton*

B. O. DENTON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

12 - 16 Steaming as before. 1201 Changed course to 159° T., 158° pgc., and 137° psc.

*R. D. Watson*

R. D. WATSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

16 - 20 Steaming as before.

*C. V. Hanson*

C. V. HANSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

20 - 24 Steaming as before. 2207 Passed Point Arena, California light abeam to port, distance 12 miles.

*B. O. Denton*

B. O. DENTON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

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Monday 8 October

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00 - 04 Steaming independently enroute to Los Angeles Harbor, California. on course 159° T., 158° pgc., and 137° psc, at standard speed 106 RPM, 14.4 knots. 0332 Changed course to 148° T., 147° pgc., and 128° psc.

*R. D. Watson*

R. D. WATSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

04 - 08 Steaming as before. 0425 Changed speed to one third. 0430 Stopped all engines. 0434 Changed speed to one third. 0438 Resumed standard speed, 106 RPM, 14.4 knots. 0530 Changed course to 145° T., 144° pgc., 125° psc.

*C. V. Hanson*

C. V. HANSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

08 - 12 Steaming as before. 0800 Held quarters for muster, no absentees.

*B. O. Denton*

B. O. DENTON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

12 - 16 Steaming as before. 1530 Changed course to 143° T., 142° pgc., and 126° psc.

*R. D. Watson*

R. D. WATSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

16 - 20 Steaming as before.

*C. V. Hanson*

C. V. HANSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

20 - 24 Steaming as before. 2109 Passed Pt. Arguello Light abeam to port, distance 12½ miles. 2109 Changed course to 107° T., 105° pgc., 094° psc. 2144 Passed Pt. Arguello Light abeam to port, distance 6 miles. 2235 Passed Pt. Conception Light abeam to port distance 6 miles. Changed course to 105° T., 103° pgc., 092° psc.

*B. O. Denton*

B. O. DENTON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

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Tuesday 9 October 1945

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00 - 04 Steaming independently enroute to Los Angeles Harbor, California. on course 105° T., 103° pgc., and 091° psc, at standard speed 106 RPM, 14.4 knots. 0118 Santa Barbara Light abeam to port, distance 15 miles. 0259 Changed course to 116° T., 114° pgc., and 100° psc. 0300 Anacapa Light abeam to starboard, distance 3 miles. 0321 Pt. Hueneme Light abeam to port, distance 8 miles.

*R. D. Watson*  
R. D. WATSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

04 - 08 Steaming as before. 0649 Sighted Pt. Vincinte abeam to port, distance three (3) miles. 0649 Changed course to 100° T., 099° pgc., 086° psc. 0720 Passed Pt. Fesmin abeam to port, distance two (2) miles. 0730 Passed Buoy "A" abeam to port, distance 200 yards. 0740 Changed speed to maneuvering speed. 0740 Made preparation to enter port, Captain at the conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. 0750 Passed Buoy #1 abeam to port, 30 yards.

*C. V. Hanson*  
C. V. HANSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

08 - 12 Steaming as before, Captain at the conn, executive officer and navigator on bridge, using various courses and speeds to conform to the channel. 0800 Entered breakwater, steaming into Long Beach Harbor. 0800 Mustered crew at stations, no absentees. 0801 Pilot ALASHER came aboard. 0803 Pilot took the conn. 0825 Anchored in Berth O-2, San Pedro Bay, in 7½ fathoms of water, with 45 fathoms of chain to the port anchor, on the following bearings, Buoy "4" 255° T., Navy Signal Tower 289° T., Longbeach Hotel Tower 025° T. 0850 Secured fires under boilers #2, 3 and 4. Boiler #1 steaming for auxiliary purposes.

*R. C. Haydenberk*  
R. C. HAYDENBERK, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

12 - 16 Anchored as before.

*C. V. Hanson*  
C. V. HANSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

16 - 20 Anchored as before.

*R. H. Allaway*  
R. H. ALLAWAY, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

20 - 24 Anchored as before.

*E. J. Beal*  
E. J. BEAL, Ch. Gun., U.S.N.

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NITRO (AE-2)

Wednesday 10 October 1945  
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00 - 04 Anchored in berth 0-2, San Pedro Bay, California in 7½ fathoms of water, with 45 fathoms of chain to port anchor, on the following bearings: Buoy "4" 255° T, Navy Signal Tower, 289° T., Long Beach Hotel Tower, 025° T. Boiler #1 steaming for auxiliary purposes.

*C. V. Hanson*  
C. V. HANSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

04 - 08 Anchored as before. 0420 WILLIAMS, R.S., 825 53 20, Slc, USN-I(SA), and DRUMMER, R.E., 927 41 64, M2c(T), USNR delivered on board by shore patrol, having been confined for safekeeping. 0700 Lighted fires under boiler #2.

*R. H. Allaway*  
R. H. ALLAWAY, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

08 - 12 Anchored as before. 0800 #3 boiler was cut in on the line. 0835 #2 and #4 boiler were cut in on the line. 0840 Crew was mustered at stations, Absentees: JUST, L.R., 762 01 19, Slc, USNR, absent since 0730. 0841 Lt. Comdr. G. WALLACE, USCG (Pilot) came on board. 0858 Underway on various courses and speeds for fuel docks. Pilot at conn, Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. 0940 Navy tug YTB 400 made fast to the port bow. 1015 Moored to starboard side at Pier 86 fuel docks, San Pedro, California. 1030 Cast off tug. 1050 JUST, L.R., 762 01 19, Slc, USNR returned to the ship, absent over leave since 0730, a period of 3 hours and 20 minutes. 1055 Pilot left the ship. 1120 Began receiving fuel from the dock. 1145 Began receiving fresh water from the dock.

*J. Beal*  
E. J. BEAL, Ch. Gun., U.S.N.

12 - 16 Moored as before. 1440 Lighted fires under #4 boiler. 1445 Secured from taking on oil, having received 110,363 gallons. 1505 Lighted fires under #2 and #3 boilers. 1530 Lt. Comdr. A. FORGERSON, USCG (Pilot) came on board. 1530 Secured from taking on water, having received 25,000 gallons. 1540 Completed preparations for getting underway. 1559 Cast off from Pier 86 fuel dock San Pedro, California. 1600 YTM 240 made fast port bow.

*J. L. Daley*  
J. L. DALEY, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

16 - 18 1610 YTM 240 cast off. 1623 Passed breakwater at San Pedro Bay, distance 20 yards abeam to port. 1628 Pilot Lt. Comdr. A. FORGERSON left the ship. 1628 Captain assumed the conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. 1632 Took departure set course 161° T., 161° pgc., 14.8° psc, at standard speed, 106 RPM, 14.4 knots. 1640 Secured both anchors for sea.

*C. V. Hanson*  
C. V. HANSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

18 - 20 Steaming as before.

*B. O. Denton*  
B. O. DENTON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

20 - 24 Steaming as before.

*R. D. Watson*  
R. D. WATSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

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UNITED STATES SHIP

NITRO (AE-2)

Thursday 11 October 1945

(Day) (Date) (Month)

00 - 04 Steaming independently on course 161° T., 161° pgc., 145° psc, enroute to Balboa, Canal Zone at standard speed 106 RPM, 14.4 knots.

*J. L. Daley*  
J. L. DALEY, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

04 - 08 Steaming as before on course 161° T., 161° pgc., 144° psc, at standard speed 106 RPM, 14.4 knots.

*R. C. Heydenberg*  
R. C. HEYDENBERG, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

08 - 12 Steaming as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 0805 Changed course to 161° T., 159° pgc., 143° psc.

*E. J. Beal*  
E. J. BEAL, Ch. Gun., U.S.N.

12 - 16 Steaming as before. Pursuant to authority contained in ALNAV 317-45, Lieutenant Walter S. FARR, 70839, U.S. Navy was appointed and accepted the rank of Lieutenant Commander made by the President on 3 October 1945, to rank from 3 October 1945.

*C. V. Hanson*  
C. V. HANSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

16 - 18 Steaming as before. 1800 Changed course to 133° T., 132° pgc., and 121° psc.

*B. O. Denton*  
B. O. DENTON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

18 - 20 Steaming as before.

*R. D. Watson*  
R. D. WATSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

20 - 24 Steaming as before.

*J. L. Daley*  
J. L. DALEY, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

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NITRO (AP-2)

Friday 12 October

1945

00 - 04 Steaming independly enrout to Balboa, Canal Zone on course 133° T., 132° pgc., 122° psc, at standerd speed, 106 RPM, 14.4 knots.

*R. C. Heydenberg*  
R. C. HEYDENBERG, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

04 - 08 Steaming as before. No further remarks.

*E. J. Beal*  
E. J. BEAL, Ch. Gun., U.S.N.

08 - 12 Steaming as before. 0800 Held quarters for muster, no absentees. 0825 Suffered casualty in boiler feed pump, reduced speed to two thirds, 69 RPM, 9.2 knots. 0830 Changed course to 132° T., 131° pgc., and 121° psc. 0831 Resumed standard speed 106 RPM, 14.4 knots.

*C. V. Hanson*  
C. V. HANSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

12 - 16 Steaming as before. 1200 Changed course to 127° T., 125° pgc., 116° psc.

*B. O. Denton*  
B. O. DENTON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

16 - 18 Steaming as before.

*R. D. Watson*  
R. D. WATSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

18 - 20 Steaming as before.

*J. L. Daley*  
J. L. DALEY, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

20 - 24 Steaming as before on base course 127° T., 125° pgc., and 115° psc. 2000 Changed course to 132° T., 130° pgc., and 121° psc. 2245 Changed course to 137° T., 135° pgc., and 124° psc. 2259 Changed course to 132° T., 130° pgc., and 121° psc.

*R. C. Heydenberg*  
R. C. HEYDENBERG, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

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UNITED STATES SHIP NITRO (AE-2) Saturday 13 October 1945  
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00 - 04 Steaming independently on course 132° T., 130° pgc., 122° psc, enroute to Balboa, Canal Zone, at standard speed 106 RPM, 14.4 knots. 0200 Advanced all clocks ahead one hour to conform with zone plus 7 time.

*E. J. Beal*  
E. J. BEAL, Ch. Gun., U.S.N.

04 - 08 Steaming as before.

*C. V. Hanson*  
C. V. HANSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

08 - 12 Steaming as before. 0800 Changed course to 136° T., 134° pgc., 125° psc. Mustered crew on stations, no absentees.

*B. O. Denton*  
B. O. DENTON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

12 - 16 Steaming as before.

*R. D. Watson*  
R. D. WATSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

16 - 18 Steaming as before.

*J. L. Daley*  
J. L. DALEY, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

18 - 20 Steaming as before.

*R. C. Heydenberk*  
R. C. HEYDENBERK, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

20 - 24 Steaming as before. 2130 Changed course to 116° T., 114° pgc., 108° psc.

*E. J. Beal*  
E. J. BEAL, Ch. Gun., U.S.N.

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NITRO (AE-2)

Monday 14 October 1945

(Day) (Date) (Month)

00 - 04 Steaming independently on course  $116^{\circ}$  T,  $114^{\circ}$  pgc., and  $110^{\circ}$  psc, at standard speed 106 RPM, 14.4 knots, enroute to Balboa, Canal Zone.

*C. V. Hanson*  
C. V. HANSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

04 - 08 Steaming as before. 0753 Changed course to  $121^{\circ}$  T,  $119^{\circ}$  pgc., and  $111^{\circ}$  psc.

*B. O. Denton*  
B. O. DENTON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

08 - 12 Steaming as before. 0800 Mustered crew on stations, no absentees. 0802 Changed course to  $111^{\circ}$  T,  $109^{\circ}$  pgc., and  $104^{\circ}$  psc.

*R. D. Watson*  
R. D. WATSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

12 - 16 Steaming as before.

*J. L. Daley*  
J. L. DALEY, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

16 - 18 Steaming as before.

*R. C. Heydenberg*  
R. C. HEYDENBERG, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

18 - 20 Steaming as before.

*E. J. Beal*  
E. J. BEAL, Ch. Gun., U.S.N.

20 - 24 Steaming as before.

*C. V. Hanson*  
C. V. HANSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

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UNITED STATES SHIP NITRO (AE-2) Monday 15 October 1945  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

00 - 04 Steaming independently enroute to Balboa, Canal Zone on course  
111° T., 109° pgc., and 106° psc, at standard speed of 106 RPM, 14.4 knots.  
0200 Set clocks ahead 1 hour to conform with Plus 6 time zone.

*B. O. Denton*  
B. O. DENTON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

04 - 08 Steaming as before.

*R. D. Watson*  
R. D. WATSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

08 - 12 Steaming as before. 0800 Changed course to 117° T., 115° pgc.,  
111° psc. quarters for muster, no absentees.

*J. L. Daley*  
J. L. DALEY, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

12 - 16 Steaming as before.

*R. C. Heydenberk*  
R. C. HEYDENBERK, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

16 - 18 Steaming as before.

*E. J. Beal*  
E. J. BEAL, Ch. Gun., U.S.N.

18 - 20 Steaming as before.

*C. V. Hanson*  
C. V. HANSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

20 - 24 Steaming as before. The supply, navigation, and C & R departments  
completed inventories of Title "B" equipment. 2020 Lost oil suction. Reduced  
speed to one third standard. 2022 Resumed standard speed.

*B. O. Denton*  
B. O. DENTON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

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NITRO (AE-2)

Tuesday 16 October

19 45

00 - 04 Steaming independently, enroute to Balboa, Canal Zone, on course 117° T., 115° psc., 112° psc, at standard speed 106 RPM, 14.4 knots.

*R. D. Watson*  
R. D. WATSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

04 - 08 Steaming as BEFORE.

*J. L. Daley*  
J. L. DALEY, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

08 - 12 Steaming as before. Crew mustered on stations, no absentees.

*R. C. Heydenberg*  
R. C. HEYDENBERG, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

12 0 16 Steaming as before. 1230 Changed course to 110° T., 109° psc.,  
108° psc.

*J. Beal*  
J. BEAL, Ch. Gun., U.S.N.

16 - 18 Steaming as before.

*C. V. Hanson*  
C. V. HANSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

18 - 20 Steaming as before.

*B. C. Denton*  
B. C. DENTON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

20 - 24 Steaming as before. 2000 Changed course to 116° T., 115° psc.,  
115° psc.

*R. D. Watson*  
R. D. WATSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

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NITRO (AE-2)

Wednesday 17 October 1945

(Day) (Date) (Month)

00 - 04 Steaming independently enroute to Balboa, Canal Zone on course 116° T., 115° psc., 115 psc, at standard speed 106 RPM, 14.4 knots.

*J. L. Daley*  
J. L. DALEY, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

04 - 08 Steaming as before.

*R. C. Meydenberg*  
R. C. MEYDENBERG, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

08 - 12 Steaming as before. 0800 Changed course to 114° T., 113° psc., 114° psc. 0800 Quarters for muster of crew, no absentees.

*E. J. Beal*  
E. J. BEAL, Ch. Gun., U.S.N.

12 - 16 Steaming as before. 1300 Held fire drill. 1307 Secured from fire drill. 1311 Held collision drill. 1318 Secured from collision drill. 1321 Held abandon ship drill. 1326 Secured from all drills.

*C. V. Hanson*  
C. V. HANSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

16 - 18 Steaming as before.

*B. O. Denton*  
B. O. DENTON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

18 - 20 Steaming as before.

*R. D. Watson*  
R. D. WATSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

20 - 24 Steaming as before.

*J. L. Daley*  
J. L. DALEY, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

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NITRO (AE-2)

Thursday 18 October 1945  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

00 - 04 Steaming independently on base course 114° T, 113 pgc., 114 psc, enroute to Balboa, Canal Zone, at standard speed 106 RPM, 14.4 knots.

*R C Heydenberg*  
R. C. HEYDENBERG, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

04 - 08 Steaming as before.

*J. Beal*  
E. J. BEAL, Ch. Gun., U.S.N.

08 - 12 Steaming as before. 0815 mustered crew on stations, no absentees.

*C. V. Hanson*  
C. V. HANSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

12 - 16 Steaming as before.

*B O Denton*  
B. O. DENTON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

16 - 18 Steaming as before.

*R. D. Watson*  
R. D. WATSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

20 - 24 Steaming as before. 2000 Changed course to 119° T, 117° pgc, and psc., 120°.

*R C Heydenberg*  
R. C. HEYDENBERG, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

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NITRO (AE-2)

Friday 19 October

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00 - 04 Steaming independently enroute to Balboa, Canal Zone, on course 119° T, 117° pgc., 119° psc., at standard speed, 106 RPM, 14.4 knots. 0015 Changed course to 87° T, 85° pgc., 92° psc. 0200 set clocks ahead one hour to conform with Zone + 5 time.

*E. J. Beal*

E. J. BEAL, Ch. Gun., U.S.N.

04 - 08 Steaming as before. 0544 sighted land 14 miles abeam to port. 0821 Changed course to 066° T, 064° pgc., 073° psc. 0745 Sighted Morro Puercos light bearing 125°, distance 12 miles.

*C. V. Hanson*

C. V. HANSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

08 - 12 Steaming as before. 0815 mustered crew on stations, no absentees. 0745 Sighted Morro Puercos light bearing 125° T, distance 12 miles. 0832 passed Morro Puercos light abeam to port, distance 8 miles. 0856 Sighted Frailes Del Sur light bearing 042° T, distance 12 miles. 0936 Sighted Cape Mala light, bearing 035° T, distance 18 miles. 0936 Passed Frailes Del Sur light abeam to port, distance 6 miles. 1054 Passed Cape Mala abeam to port, distance 10 miles. At approximately 1120 this date HORNBEAK, R. C., S1c, 826 4b 39 suffered an injury to his right hand while washing hatch. Hatch fell on hand causing injury. Subject man reported to sick bay and was given treatment and admitted to sick list injury not result of own misconduct. (P.F.K.)

*B. O. Denton*

B. O. DENTON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

12 - 16 Steaming as before. 1305 Changed course to 002° T, 000° pgc., and 006° psc. 1430 The Commanding Officer held mast and assigned punishment as follows: BULLOCK, Julius (n), 989 28 81, V-6, U.S.N.R., for disrespectful language to a superior officer. 1500 By order of the Commanding Officer BULLOCK, Julius, S2c, U.S.N.R. was placed in solitary confinement on bread and water for five days.

*R. D. Watson*

R. D. WATSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

16 - 18 Steaming as before. 1633 Changed course 352° T, 350° pgc., 353° psc.

*J. L. Daley*

J. L. DALEY, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

18 - 20 Steaming as before. 1804 Changed course to 357° T, 355° pgc., 002° psc. 1810 Isla Pena light abeam, distance six and one half (6½) miles. 1820 Captain at the control, the Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. 1858 Changed course to 005° T, 003° pgc., 003° psc. 1901 Changed course to 357° T, 355° pgc., 002° psc. 1918 Taboguilla light abeam to port, distance one and one half miles (1½). 1920 Changed course to 354° T, 352° pgc., 359° psc. 1920 stationed anchor detail. 1935 Steaming on various courses and speeds into Panama Bay.

*R. C. Heydenberg*

R. C. HEYDENBERG, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

20 - 24 2002 Anchored in Panama Bay in eight (8) fathoms of water, using 45 fathoms of chain to port anchor on the following bearings: Taboga Island 223° T, Range light 327½° T, Flamenco Island light 352° T. 2017 Secured fires under No. 1, 3 and 4 boilers. No. 2 boiler steaming for auxiliary purposes.

*J. L. Daley*  
J. L. DALEY, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

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NITRO (AE-2)

Saturday 20 October 1945  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

00 - 04 Anchored in Panama Bay in eight (8) fathoms of water, soft muddy bottom with 45 fathoms of chain to port anchor on the following bearings: Taboga Island 223° T, Range light 327½° T, Flamenco Island light 352° T. Boiler No. 2 steaming for auxiliary purposes.

*R. H. Allaway*  
R. H. ALLAWAY, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

04 - 08 Anchored as before. 0730 lighted fires under No. 4 boiler. 0750 Lighted fires under No. 1 and 3 boilers.

*C. V. Hanson*  
C. V. HANSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

08 - 12 Anchored as before. 0800 Quarters for muster, no absentees. 0810 cut in No. 4 boiler. 0830 Made preparations for getting underway. 0850 Cut in No. 1 and 3 boilers. 0858 Tested main engines. 0906 Underway pursuant to Port directors orders to fuel docks, Balboa, C. Z. 0921 Pilot W. G. Farrell came aboard. 0924 Pilot at control with Captain and Navigator on bridge steaming on various courses and speeds to conform with channel. 0930 Passed No. 2 bouy to starboard, distance 100 yards. 0933 Passed No. 4 bouy to starboard, distance 80 yards. 0935 Passed No. 6 bouy to starboard, distance 70 yards. 0939 Passed No. 8 bouy to starboard, distance 60 yards. 0941 Passed No. 10 bouy to starboard, distance 60 yards. 0944 Passed No. 12 bouy to starboard, distance 60 Yards. 0947 Passed No. 14 bouy to starboard, distance 70 yards. 0957 Tug Gargonia made fast to port bow. 0958 Tug Marine made fast to port quarter. 0959 Passed No. 16 bouy to starboard, distance 75 yards. 1009 Tug Marine cast off from port quarter. 1011 Passed No. 24 bouy to starboard, distance 100 yards. 1038 Moored to pier No. 1, fuel dock, Balboa, C. Z. with standard 6" manila line. 1052 Tug Gargonia cast off from port bow. 1055 Let fires die out under No. 1, 3 and 4 boilers. No. 2 boiler steaming for auxiliary purposes.

*R. D. Watson*  
R. D. WATSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

12 - 16 Moored as before. 1525 began receiving fresh water from the dock. 1550 pursuant to the orders of Office of the Naval District Commandant Navy 121 Fleet Post Office, New York, N. Y. the following named Officer come on board for transportation, Chief Carp. Philip A. Spampinato, CEC, U.S.N.R. and Chief Carp. Joseph F. Singer, CEC, U.S.N.R.

*E. J. Beal*  
E. J. BEAL, Ch. Gun., U.S.N.

16 - 20 Moored as before. 1625 Stores came aboard from N.S.D. Balboa, C. Z. on invoice No. 4607, 4608, 4609, 4610, 4611, and request No. 6-46. 1700 Steam on 4 and 5 winches to take on stores. 1716 The following men left ship to proceed to Naval Station Balboa, C. Z. FFT transfer to ComWestSeeFron - McKAMIE, Jacques Lorenzo, Y2c, 845 82 98, and GRIMES, Melvin Miller, Y3c, 922 40 31. 1850 Mustered P.A.Ls. 1856 Department reports.

*H. S. Holliman*  
H. S. HOLLEMAN, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

20 - 24 Moored as before. 2045 Finished taking on fresh water from dock 125,000 gallons received. 2130 Discovered 7 feet of water in number five (5) cargo hold. Engine room force notified and pumping commenced. Water approximately up to tank top when discovered. 2230 McELLIOTT, SM2c, 224 99 44 brought aboard under arrest by Shore Patrol.

*P. F. Kusse*  
P. F. KUSSE, Lt., U.S.N.R.

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NITRO (AE-)

Sunday 21 October

1945

00 - 04 Moored as before. HINES, Plm 2c sent to render first aid to merchant seaman at Marine Guard gate. The seaman was too drunk to give name. Treatment was for face lacerations. 0345 Pumping on No. 5 hold continues with very little if any gain, submersible pumps being put in. No. 2 boiler steaming for auxiliary purposes.

*H. S. Holleman*

H. S. HOLLEMAN, Lt., (jg), U.S.N.R.

04 - 08 Moored as before. 0800 pumping on No. 5 hold continues, with ballast pump, submersible pump, and three (3) handy billys. Six feet (6) and seven (7) inches of water in N. 5 hold. 1710 Lighter fires No. 4 boiler. 0740 lighted fires No. 1 and 3 boilers. 0755 Cut in No. 4 boiler.

*R. C. Heidenberg*

R. C. HEIDENBERG, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

08 - 12 Moored as before, preparations made for getting underway. Continue pumping on No. 5 hold. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 0835 cut in No. 1 and 3 boilers. 1032 Civilian pilot L. A. Skeels came on board. 1038 Tug Arrijan secured to port bow. 1055 underway on various courses and speeds to enter Miraflores locks in order to transect the canal. Captain, Executive Officer, Navigator and Pilot on the bridge, Pilot at conn ~~xxxx~~ 1105 Tug Arrijan cast off. 1137 Entered Miraflores locks.

*E. J. Beal*

E. J. BEAL, Ch. Gun., U.S.N.

12 - 16 Steaming as before. 1230 Leaving Miraflores locks. 1302 Entering Pedro Miguel Locks. 1332 Entering Peraiso Reach. 1400 Entering Cuarecha Reach. 1415 Entering Culibra Reach, 1425 Entering Las Cascada Reach, 1430 Entering Empire Reach, 1440 Entering Gambre Reach, 1454 Entering Mamer Curve, 1506 Entering San Pablo Reach, 1512 Entering Tabeinilla Reach, 1522 Entering Buena Vista Reach, 1534 Entering Bohio Reach, 1541 Entering Pena Blanca Reach.

*J. L. Daley*

J. L. DALEY, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

16 - 18 1614 Anchored Gatun Lake, anchorage basin in 12 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. 1722 underway from Gatun Lake using various courses and speeds. The Captain, Executive Officer, Navigator on the bridge. The pilot at the conn ~~xxxx~~ 1759 Entered Gatun Locks and Moored starboard side to pier.

*R. C. Heidenberg*

R. C. HEIDENBERG, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

18 - 20 1801 Cleared Gatun locks. Steaming on various courses and speeds to approach assigned berth.

*E. J. Beal*

E. J. BEAL, Ch. Gun., U.S.N.

20 - 24 2000 Took tug Cardenas alongside and made fast to starboard bow. 2017 Moored port side to pier 16 C Colon, C. Z., with standard eight (8) inch manila lines out and wire preventers fore and aft. 2023 Tug Cardenas cast off from alongside. 2034 Civilian pilot L. A. Skeels left ship. 2030 Secured fires under boilers 2, 3 and 4, Boiler No. 1 steaming for auxiliary purposes. 2228 Captain left ship. 2330 Commenced taking fuel aboard.

*R. H. Allaway*

R. H. ALLAWAY, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

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UNITED STATES SHIP \_\_\_\_\_

NITRO (AE-2)

Monday 22 October

1945.

00 - 04 Moored port side to berth 16 "D" Colon, Canal Zone with standard 8" manila. No. 1 boiler steaming for auxiliary purposes. Receiving fuel oil from the dock. 0220 Completed receiving fuel oil from the dock.

*E. J. Beal*

E. J. BEAL, Ch. Gun., U.S.N.

04 - 08 Moored as before.

*C. V. Hanson*

C. V. HANSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

08 - 12 Moored as before. 0800 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 0945 Lit fires under boiler No. 3. 1045 Lit fires under boiler No. 2 and 4. 1130 Stationed special sea detail, completed preparations for getting underway.

*R. H. Allaway*

R. H. ALLAWAY, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

12 - 16 Moored as before. 1202 Pilot Allen, came on board. 1205 Tug Tavernella came alongside starboard bow. 1302 Tug Cardenas came alongside starboard quarter. 1304 Under way at various courses and speeds to clear harbor. Pilot Allen at conn ~~xxx~~ Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. 1312 Tug Cardenas cast off lines. 1320 Tug Tavernella cast off lines. 1330 Pilot left the ship. 1337 Secured anchors and took departure for Norfolk, Virginia, course, 029° T, 027° pgc., and 043° psc., speed 106 RPM's, speed 14.4 knots. 1428 Sighted Farallon Suco light, bearing 060° T, distance 14 miles. 1508 Passed Farallon Suco light abeam to starboard distance 6 miles.

*B. O. Denton*

B. O. DENTON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

16 - 18 Steaming as before.

*R. D. Watson*

R. D. WATSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

18 - 20 Steaming as before.

*R. C. Heydenberg*

R. C. HEYDENBERG, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

20 - 24 Steaming as before.

*J. L. Daley*

J. L. DALEY, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

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NITRO (AE-2)

Tuesday 23 October

1945.

00 - 04 Steaming independently enroute to Norfolk, Va. on course 029° T, 027° pgc., and 042° psc., at standard speed 106 RPM., 1414 knots.

*E. J. Beal*

E. J. BEAL, Ch. Gun., U.S.N.

04 - 08 Steaming as before.

*B. O. Denton*

B. O. DENTON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

08 - 12 Steaming as before. 0800 Mustered crew on stations, no absentees.

*R. D. Watson*

R. D. WATSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

12 - 16 Steaming as before. 1230 Changed course to 034° T, 032° pgc., and 047° psc.

*R. C. Heydenberk*

R. C. HEYDENBERK, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

16 - 18 Steaming as before.

*J. L. Daley*

J. L. DALEY, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

18 - 20 Steaming as before.

*E. J. Beal*

E. J. BEAL, Ch. Gun., U.S.N.

20 - 24 Steaming as befor.

*B. O. Denton*

B. O. DENTON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

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Wednesday 24 October 1945  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

00 - 04 Steaming independently, enroute to Norfolk, Virginia, on course 034° T., 032° pgc., and 047° psc., at standard speed 14.4 knots. 106 RPM.

*R. D. Watson*  
R. D. WATSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

04 - 08 Steaming as before.

*R. C. Heydenberk*  
R. C. HEYDENBERK, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

08 - 12 0800 Changed course 026° T, 025° pgc., 040° psc. 0815 Mustered crew on stations, no absentees. 1037 Passed Navassa Island abeam to port, distance 14 miles.

*J. L. Daley*  
J. L. DALEY, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

12 - 16 1200 Changed course 022° T, 021° pgc., 037° psc. 1300 held fire drill. 1306 secured from fire drill. 1310 held abandon ship drill. 1315 secured rom all drills.

*E. J. Beal*  
E. J. BEAL, Ch. Gun., U.S.N.

16 - 18 Steaming as before.

*B. O. Denton*  
B. O. DENTON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

18 - 20 Steaming as before. Changed speed to standard speed 90 RPM's, 12.3 knots. 1825 Point Caleta abeam to port, distance 8 miles. 1832 Changed course to 000° T., 059° pgc., and 014° psc.

*R. D. Watson*  
R. D. WATSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

20 - 24 2000 Changed course to 352° T., 351° pgc., 359° psc. 2022 Cape Maysi light abeam to port, distance eight (8) miles.

*R. C. Heydenberk*  
R. C. HEYDENBERK, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

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Thursday 25 October 1945  
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00 - 04 Steaming independently, enroute to Norfolk, Virginia, on course 352° T, 351° pgc and 359° psc., at standard speed 12.3 knots, 90 RPM.

*J. L. Daley*  
J. L. DALEY, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

04 - 08 Steaming as before at standard speed 12.3 knots, 90 RPM. 0430 Sighted Castle Island light bearing 340°, distance 20 miles. 0432 Changed course to 331° T, 330° pgc and 334° psc. 0437 Changed course to 326° T, 325° pgc and 327 psc. 0444 All engines stopped. 0447 All engines ahead one third. 0448 Changed course to 331° T 330° pgc and 334 psc. 0450 All engines ahead standard speed. 0600 Made standard speed 106 RPM, 14.4 knots. 0602 Changed course to 350° T, 349° pgc and 356° psc. 0608 Passed Castle Island light abeam to starboard, distance 4 miles. 0700 Sighted Fortune Island bearing 006° T, distance 18 miles.

*E. J. Beal*  
E. J. BEAL, Ch. Gun., U.S.N.

08 - 12 Steaming as before. 0805 Passed Fortune Island light abeam to starboard, distance 4 miles. 0806 Changed course to 007° T, 006° pgc and 025° psc. 0815 Mustered crew on stations, no absentees. 0820 Sighted Crooked Island Bird light house, distance 16 miles. 0920 Passed Crooked Island Bird light house abeam to starboard, distance 2.6 miles.

*B. O. Denton*  
B. O. DENTON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

12 - 16 Steaming as before. 1435 Dixon Light House abeam to port, distance 12 miles, Changed course to 356° T, 355° pgc and 011° psc.

*R. D. Watson*  
R. D. WATSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

16 - 18 Steaming as before.

*R. C. Heydenberk*  
R. C. HEYDENBERK, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

18 - 20 Steaming as before.

*J. L. Daley*  
J. L. DALEY, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

20 - 24 Steaming as before.

*E. J. Beal*  
E. J. BEAL, Ch. Gun., U.S.N.

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Friday 26 October

1945.

00 - 04 Steaming on course 356° T, 355° pgc and 011° psc, en route to Norfolk, Virginia. Standard Speed 106 RPM., 14.4 knots.

*B O Denton*

B. O. DENTON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

04 - 08 Steaming as before.

*R D Watson*

R. D. WATSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

08 - 12 0800 Changed course to 353° T, 352° pgc, 011° psc. Standard speed reduced to 90 RPM, 12.3 knots. 0805 Mustered crew on stations, no absentees.

*R C Heydenberk*

R. C. HEYDENBERK, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

12 - 16 Steaming as before. 1200 Standard speed reduced to 81 RPM's, 11.0 Knots.

*J. L. Daley*

J. L. DALEY, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

16 - 18 Steaming as before on course 353° T, 352° pgc and 011° psc, standard speed 81 RPM, 11.0 knots.

*J. B. Neal*

J. B. NEAL, Ch. Gun., U.S.N.

18 - 20 Steaming as before.

*B O Denton*

B. O. DENTON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

20 - 24 Steaming as before.

*R D Watson*

R. D. WATSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

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00 - 04 Steaming on course 353° T, 352° pgc, 014° psc, enroute to Norfolk, Virginia, Standard speed 81 RPM, 11.0 knots.

*R. C. Heydenberk*  
R. C. HEYDENBERK, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

04 - 08 Steaming as before.

*J. L. Daley*  
J. L. DALEY, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

08 - 12 Steaming as before. 0800 Increased standard speed to 106 RPM, 14.4 knots. 0800 Mustered crew on Stations, no absentees.

*E. J. Beal*  
E. J. BEAL, Ch. Gun., U.S.N.

12 - 16 Steaming as before.

*B. O. Denton*  
B. O. DENTON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

16 - 18 Steaming as before. 1732 Changed course to 356° T, 355° pgc, and 017° psc. 1745 Changed course to 350° T, 349° pgc and 011° psc.

*R. D. Watson*  
R. D. WATSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

18 - 20 Steaming as before.

*R. C. Heydenberk*  
R. C. HEYDENBERK, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

20 - 24 Steaming as before. 2000 Changed course 000° T, 359° pgc and 016° psc.

*J. L. Daley*  
J. L. DALEY, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

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Sunday 28 October

1945

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00 - 04 Steaming independently on course 000° T, 359° pgc, 016° psc, enroute to Norfolk, Va., at standard speed 106 RPM., 14.4 knots. 0300 Changed course to 306° T, 305° pgc, and 314° psc.

*E. J. Beal*  
E. J. BEAL, Ch. Gun., U.S.N.

04 - 08 Steaming as before. 0400 Sighted quick flashing red light bearing 306° T. 0419 Passed quick flashing red light abeam to port distance 5 miles. 0421 Reduced speed to 1/3. 0438 Changed course to 261° T, 260° pgc, 263° psc. 0439 Resumed standard speed. 0459 Sighted flashing green light. 0503 Passed flashing green light abeam to port distance 4 miles. 0520 Sighted flashing red light bearing 315° T. 0532 Passed flashing green light abeam to port, Changed course to 273° T, 272° pgc, 276° psc. 0553 Sighted flashing white light, bearing 291° T. 0558 Sighted Cape Charles light bearing 291° T. 0607 Sighted Cape Henry light bearing 269° T. 0659 Passed flashing white light abeam to port distance 1 1/2 miles. Changed course to 263° T, 262° pgc, 265° psc. 0725 Passed flashing white bouy abeam to port distance 500 yards, reduced speed, changed course to 281° T, 280° pgc and 296 psc. 0732 All engines ahead standard. 0743 various speeds to pick up pilot. 0755 Pilot Herry came aboard. 0758 Pilot S. S. Herry took over conn.

*B. O. Denton*  
B. O. DENTON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

08 - 12 0803 Bouy (CN) starboard beam 1000 yards. 0805 Stationed anchor detail. 0805 Mustered crew on stations, no absentees. 0806 Passed bouy (2B) to starboard beam 500 yards. 0812 Passed bouy #2 to starboard beam 500 yards. 0820 Passed bouy #4 to starboard beam 500 yards. 0830 Passed bouy #6 to starboard beam 500 yards. 0838 Passed bouy #8 to starboard beam 500 yards. 0850 Passed bouy #10 to starboard beam 500 yards. 0910 Passed bouy #12 to starboard beam 500 yards. 0906 ~~XXXX~~ Entered Willor Wghby Rock passege. 0924 Passed tower on old point comfort. 0928 Passed Fort Wool to Port. 0931 Passed bouy #14 on starboard beam 1500 yards. 0950 Entering Hampton roads and anchored. 0959 Pilot left ship. 1000 Anchored berth 3 Norfolk, Va., bearings Middle grand 229° T, Clock Tower 145° T. Fort Wool 079° T. Anchored in 11.5 fathoms water with 60 fathoms chain to port anchor. 1005 Secured fires in Number 1, 3 and 4 boilers with Number 2 as auxiliary. 1045 Secured steem on deck.

*H. S. Hollerman*  
H. S. HOLLEMAN, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

12 - 16 Anchored as before. 1300 Ch. Corp. Philip A. Spampinato, CEC, USNR., and Ch. Corp. Joseph F. Singer, CEC, USNR., left ship heving been provided transportation pursuant to orders of Office of Naval District Commandant Navy 121 Fleet Post Office, New York, N. Y.

*R. H. Allaway*  
R. H. ALLAWAY, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

16 - 20 Anchored as before.

*C. V. Hanson*  
C. V. HANSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

20 - 24 Anchored as before.

*E. J. Beal*  
E. J. BEAL, Ch. Gun., U.S.N.

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Monday 29 October  
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00 - 04 Anchored in berth 3 Norfolk, Va. in 11.5 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Number 2 boiler steaming for auxiliary purposes. Anchor bearings, Middle ground 229° T, Clock Tower 145° T, Fort Wool 049° T.

*J. L. Daley*  
J. L. DALEY, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

04 - 08 Anchored as before. 0640 MUMFORD, James (n) SK1c, USNR, 658 91 84 returned aboard by shore patrol absent six (6) hours and ten (10) minutes overleave, having been detained for safe keeping since 2300, 28 October, 1945.

*R. H. Allaway*  
R. H. ALLAWAY, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

08 - 12 Anchored as before. 0800 Held quarters for muster, no absentees. 0910 Lighted fires under Number 4 boiler. 1010 Lighted fires under Number 1 and 3 boilers. 1055 Secured fires under Number 1 and 3 boilers. 1055 Number 2 and 4 boiler steaming for auxiliary purposes.

*C. V. Hanson*  
C. V. HANSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

12 - 16 Moored as before. 1300 Transferred the following ordnance material to district ordnance office Norfolk, Va. Cartridges .22 Cal Ball long rifle lot AL5088-43, 2000 rounds. Cartridges .30 Cal Ball M2 Grade R lot TW-185589 and D.O.R. 13749, 1552 rounds. Cartridges .45 Cal Ball M1911 grade 1 mixed lots 2504 rounds. Cartridges .45 Cal Blank for line throwing gun lot 10 140 rounds. Cartridges Paper 7½ chilled shot 12 gauge shot gun shells 50 rounds. Cartridges very signal light, M2 white 20 rounds, Cartridges very signal light M2 red 20 rounds; Cartridges very signal light M2 green 20 rounds, Destructors AMK-3 two, 1555 Let fires die out under Number 1 and Number 3 boilers.

*H. G. Holleman*  
H. G. HOLLEMAN, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

16 - 20 Moored as before. 1615 Let fires die out under Number 2 boiler. Number 4 boiler is steaming for auxiliary purposes. 1630 HORNBEEK, Rice C., 831 29 76, Slc, V-6, U.S.N.R. was transferred with bag and hammock to the U.S. Naval Hospital, Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Va. (Auth. Form "G"), fro treatment, not misconduct.

*R. D. Watson*  
R. D. WATSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

20 - 24 Anchored as before.

*B. O. Denton*  
B. O. DENTON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

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(Day) (Date) (Month)

00 - 04 Anchored in berth 3 Norfolk, Va. in 11½ fathoms water with 60 fathoms chain to port anchor. Number 2 boiler steaming for auxiliary purposes. Anchor bearings Middle ground 229° T, Clock Tower 145° T, Fort Wool 079° T.

*P. F. Kusse*  
P. F. KUSSE, Lieut., U.S.N.R.

04 - 08 Anchored as before.

*R. C. Meydenberg*  
R. C. MEYDENBERG, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

08 - 12 Anchored as before. 0810 Held Quarters for muster, no absentees.

*H. G. Holloman*  
H. G. HOLLOMAN, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

12 - 16 Anchored as before.

*J. L. Daley*  
J. L. DALEY, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

16 - 20 Anchored as before.

*R. H. Allaway*  
R. H. ALLAWAY, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

20 - 24 Anchored as before.

*C. V. Hanson*  
C. V. HANSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

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Wednesday 31 October 1945  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

00 -04 Anchored in berth No. 3 Norfolk, Va. in 11½ fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. No. 4 boiler is steaming for auxiliary purposes. Anchor bearings Middle ground 229° T, Clock Tower 145° T, Fort Wool 079° T.

*R. D. Watson*  
R. D. WATSON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

04 - 08 Anchored as before.

*J. L. Daley*  
J. L. DALEY, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

08 - 12 0610 Mustered crew at quarters, no absentees. 0840 Commanding Officer held mast and assigned punishment as follows: LUMFORD, James W., 658 91 84, SK1c (T), V-6 USNR., for being drunk in public, was restricted for two (2) weeks. 0930 WATSON, T. E. Jr., 724 11 56, SK2c (T), USNR., left ship on seven (7) days leave.

*R. H. Allaway*  
R. H. ALLAWAY, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

12 - 16 Anchored as before. 1330 TABOR, Charles Norman, 311 70 53 SF1c, USN., returned from 21 days leave.

*E. J. Beal*  
E. J. BEAL, Ch. Gun., U.S.N.

16 - 20 Anchored as before.

*B. O. Denton*  
B. O. DENTON, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

20 - 24 Anchored as before.

*P. F. Kusse*  
P. F. KUSSE, Lt. U. S. N. R.

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