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**OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)**

0 - 4 Steaming in company with U.S.S. COWPENS (SOPA), U.S.S. COGHLAN, and U.S.S. CHAUNCY in operating area off Pearl Harbor, T.H., conducting night flight operations. Ship is darkened in condition of readiness II, material condition Baker set throughout the ship. Steaming on various courses at various speeds, present station 500 yards bearing 170° relative from U.S.S. COWPENS, U.S.S. ABBOT acting as plane guard. Boilers #1 and #3 in use for steaming purposes. 0146 Ceased present exercises, changed base course to 240°(T) and PGC, 232° psc, and commenced reorienting position. 0200 Took station as port A/S screening vessel, bearing 300° relative from U.S.S. COWPENS, distance 3500 yards. 0205 Changed formation speed to 18 knots. 0210 Changed course to 090°(T) and PGC, 080° psc. Took station as starboard screening vessel bearing 060° relative, distance 3500 yards from U.S.S. COWPENS. 0219 Received the following orders over the TBS, from Commander Task Unit 19.15 to screening destroyers, quote: "Take your former stations." Helmsman was given order "Left standard rudder". Speed was increased to 25 knots and ship was swung left to 020°(T) and PGC, it being the conning officers intention that this course would cause the U.S.S. COWPENS bearing to draw right slowly. Bearing did not change and ship was brought left an additional 20° steadying on 000°(T) and PGC. Bearing still did not draw right as expected and right standard rudder was given to helmsman. Speed was decreased to 20 knots. 0223 Collision being imminent, the Commanding Officer gave order, "Left full rudder," "All engines back emergency full." 0224 Collided with U.S.S. COWPENS, U.S.S. ABBOT's bow striking her starboard side about 30 feet forward of her stern. Went to General Quarters, set material condition Able. 0225 All engines stopped. 0232 U.S.S. COWPENS reported rudder jammed full right, directed U.S.S. ABBOT to back clear. 0233 All engines backing 1/3. 0234 All engines stopped. 0300 Preliminary investigation of damage showed ship to be intact and watertight aft of frame 26, below the third platform deck. Bow was twisted 75° right at frame 18, forward peak tanks, chain lockers, paint locker and underwater sound room were known to be flooded. Emergency shores were rigged in A-302L, the bulkhead at frame 30 was shored from the third platform deck down. Four submersible pumps were rigged and pumping out of lower sound room commenced. All electrical circuits and fire main forward of frame 30 were secured. 0315 Ship lying to with U.S.S. COGHLAN circling as A/S screening vessel. 0330 Went ahead 1/3 on port engine to maintain steerageway.

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4 - 8 Steaming as before, on various courses at 5 knots and less, maintaining steerageway. 0652 Secured from General Quarters. 0700 Set course 080°(T) and PGC, 072° psc, speed 5 knots, proceeding to port, screened by U.S.S. COGHLAN. 0703 Changed course to 060°(T) and PGC, 050° psc.

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8 - 12 Steaming as before. 1047 Fire broke out in damaged windlass room. Went to General Quarters, set condition Able. Stream of water on fire as it broke out. 1049 Fire out, caused by burning thru deck in CPO quarters to facilitate pumping of damaged spaces. Secured From General Quarters, set condition Baker in after part of ship. Set condition of readiness II.

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16 - 20 Steaming as before.

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20 - 24 Steaming as before.

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Long.	159° 51' West	159° 32' West	

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- 0 - 4 Steaming on course 055°(T) and PGC, 043° psc, speed 8 knots, 77 rpm. Proceeding with damaged bow, result of collision. U.S.S. COCHLAN acting as A/S screen. Ship is darkened. Repair parties manned and water-tight integrity being checked continuously. Condition Baker set aft. Condition of readiness II is set. Boilers #1 and #3 in use for steaming purposes.
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Lieut., USNR.
- 4 - 8 Steaming as before. 0602 Went to General Quarters, set condition Able. 0649 Secured from General Quarters, set material condition Baker. 0651 C/C to 080°(T), and PGC, 068° psc.
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- 8 - 12 Steaming as before. 0801 C/rpm to 7. 0813 C/rpm to 72. 0919 C/C to 074°(T) and PGC, 061° psc. 1012 C/C to 071°(T) and PGC, 060° psc. 1056 C/C to 065°(T) and PGC, 054° psc. C/rpm to 77. 1132 C/S to 82 rpm.
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- 12 - 16 Steaming as before. 1207 Changed speed 9 knots. 1209 Passed entrance buoys abeam. 1210 Changed speed to 92 rpm. 1247 Changed speed to 82 rpm. 1248 Changed rpm to 72. 1251 Changed rpm to 62. 1252 changed rpm to 52. 1259 Moored to fuel oil pier, H-3, Pearl Harbor T.H. Receiving fresh water from the pier. Boiler #3 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: Various units of the allied fleet. SOPA, CinCPac. 1425 Commenced unloading torpedoes. 1525 Completed unloading 10 torpedoes.
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- 16 - 20 Moored as before.
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- 20 - 24 Moored as before.
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