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(A) NARRATIVE

In accordance with ComSubPac Operation Order No. 13-50 dated 20 May 1950 departed Submarine Base, Pearl Harbor, T.H. at 1000(W) 21 June 1950 enroute Puget Sound Area to render ASW Services. Commenced intensive shipboard training program which included daily school of the boat from 1000-1100 and 1300-1400 for all unqualified personnel. Daily dives were made as frequently as a twelve knot S.O.A. would permit. General drills and/or battle problems were conducted daily. Motion pictures were shown twice daily enroute. Practical factors for advancement in rate and study for the July examinations for pay grades E5, E4, and E3 were stressed.

21 June 1950

1000(W) Set clocks ahead to conform with plus nine time zone.

25 June 1950

1259(V) Conducted battle problem. Set problem up in Control Room
1422(V) D.R.T. and worked out new plotting. Officer and T.D.C. operators in the conning tower.

1700(V) Radar contact bearing 340°(T), range 28,900. Tracked target later identified as a merchant cargo vessel on course 100°(T), speed 13 knots, apparently enroute, San Francisco.

26 June 1950

0245(V) Ran through a snow flurry.

1214(V) Conducted battle problem. Set problem up in conning
1320(V) tower and exercised sonar plot below.

27 June 1950

0750(T) Submerged and commenced a six hour battery discharge.

1435(V) Successfully completed exercise S-21-E.

28 June 1950

0000(V) Set clocks ahead to conform with plus eight time zone.

0700(T) Ran into fog bank which later proved to reach the Strait of Juan De Fuca.

0907(T) Reported to ComFairWing Four for duty.

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28 June 1950 (Cont)

- 1735(-) Submerged and conducted one hour battery discharge.
1945(U) Successfully completed exercise S-22-E.
2100(U) Received instructions to proceed to Port Angeles, Wash.

29 June 1950

- 0700(U) Exercised with aircraft from Fleet Air Wing Four while
1300(U) approaching and transiting the Strait of Juan De Fuca.
Remained on surface for exercise and submitted a chronological log of contacts upon arrival.
1605(U) Moored to pier at Coast Guard Air Station, Port Angeles, Wash. Fog signals had been sounded for thirty-two hours in the last thirty-four hours. Fog proved to be a daily habit for the Pacific Northwest summertime.
1700(U) Set clocks ahead to conform to plus seven time zone. All times are TIME (plus seven zone) unless otherwise designated.

30 June 1950

- 1300 Commanding Officer and Executive Officer attended conference with Fleet Air Wing Four personnel at NAS Whidbey Island. Received Fleet Air Wing Four Training Plan No. 4-50 which covered the period 30 June - 2 September 1950. Operations, operating areas and communication plans were fully covered in the conference.
1500 Commanding Officer called on Rear Admiral John Perry, USN, Commander Fleet Air Wing Four.

1 July 1950

- 1040 Scheduled operations with MARTU were cancelled by telephone, visibility zero, ceiling zero.
1245 Received telephone call from Fleet Air Wing Four operations to resume operations.
1300 Underway for area Man-3, Four PBX's aloft (VP-771), visibility four miles.

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(A) NARRATIVE

1 July 1950 (Con't)

- 1400 Arrived in area. Conducted one Y-76-AW and two Y-79-AW exercises.
- 1600 Released by aircraft and proceeded to Port Angeles.
- 1725 Moored at Port Angeles.

2 July 1950

Rendered services to six PBV's of the MARTU, NAS, Seattle. Conducted a total of two Y-76-AW, three Y-79-AW and five Y-80-AW exercises. Operations were in area Man-3.

- 1735 Returned to Coast Guard Air Station, Port Angeles.

3 July 1950

- 0600 Underway enroute Gray's Harbor, Washington. Encountered heavy fog all the way.
- 1955 Anchored off Point Brown at Gray's Harbor entrance. Visibility was too poor to attempt passage to Aberdeen, Wash.

4 July 1950

- 0600 Underway from anchorage through thirteen miles of a very narrow but well marked channel.
- 0730 Moored to a small 60 yard dock adjacent to the U. S. Naval Reserve Training Center, Aberdeen, Wash. LT NORRIS, USN, Inspector Instructor Naval Reserve came aboard. During the next two hours the Mayors of Aberdeen and Hoquiam, the Police Chief of Aberdeen, the Chairman of the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce, and the Chairman of the combined Gray's Harbor Splash Committee (4th of July festivities) came aboard and gave the boat a very nice welcome. It made the 14 hours of battling the fog and the hazardous channel seem worth while. For further details see Commanding Officer, U.S.S. CAHMAN (SS323) ltr 17 ser 229-50 of 5 July 1950. Seven hundred and thirty visitors came aboard during the afternoon. Visiting hours were from 1300-1630. Security measures were doubled and two sections remained aboard during visiting hours in view of GHO dispatch 272212Z June (NAVOP #14).

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(A) NARRATIVE

5 July 1950

- 0600 Underway and just cleared Gray's Harbor when the fog came rolling in. Comairwing Four cancelled exercises.
- 1909 Arrived at Port Angeles, Wash.

6 July 1950

- Rendered services to VP-1. Completed a total of four Y-63-47 and two Y-61-47 exercises. Recovery conditions for sonobuoys were extremely unfavorable - state 3 sea and wind velocity 25 knots. A total of four units were recovered.
- 1915 Moored at Port Angeles, received mail and pay day - both flown in from NAS, Whidbey Island.

7 July 1950

- Rendered ASW services to VP-1. Conducted a total of three Y-63-47 and three Y-61-47 exercises. Departed area Fox-5.
- 1630 Proceeded to anchorage at Peah Bay.
- 1715 Anchored at Peah Bay outside of breakwater.

8 July 1950

- 0500 Underway for assigned area. Scheduled to conduct an extended Y-64-47 exercise for VP-772 from 0600-1800. Heavy seas, low visibility and low ceiling. Tossed around in area until 1230 when operations were cancelled for the day.
- 1430 Anchored at Peah Bay.

9 July 1950

- 0600 Underway to render services to VP-772.
- 0800 Conducted an extended Y-64-47. When last section of P2V planes departed area, proceeded to Port Angeles.
- 1630 Reported to Com19 for operational control.
- 2000 Moored at Port Angeles.

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(A) NARRATIVE

10 July 1950

- 0700 Underway. Rendered ASW services to Task Element 98.31, LT W.T. DAVEN, USN, OCE in USS ROEBUCK (DE364) and USCGC KILMATH (WPG66). Conducted Y-27-AW and Y-28-AW.
- 1600 Secured and proceeded to area Man-8 for night exercises.
- 2000 Conducted Y-34-AW for VP-772. Anchored Meah Bay 0100
2400 11 July. Conducted advancement in rating exams for pay grade E-4 during the day for 14 men.

11 July 1950

- 0700 Underway. Rendered services to same groups as on 10 July 1950. Anchored at Meah Bay 0050 12 July 1950.

12 July 1950

- 0700 Underway. Rendered ASW services to Task Element 98.31. Conducted Y-31-AW until 1130. Afternoon exercises cancelled due to poor sound conditions, steering casualty to USS ROEBUCK and inoperative sonar gear on USS ROEBUCK.
- 1230 Anchored at Meah Bay.
- 1840 Underway for area Man-8. Conducted Y-34-AW for VP-772 until 2230 when VP-772 ran low on gasoline and secured. Anchored at Meah Bay 0020 on 13 July 1950.

13 July 1950

- Rendered services to Task Element 98.31. Conducted Y-31-AW until 1200. Afternoon exercises were cancelled due to extremely poor sonar conditions.
- 1430 Moored at Port Angeles.

14 July 1950

- Same as 13 July.
- 1200 Released by OTE 98.31 and reported to ComFleet Wing Four for operational control.
- 1500 Moored at berth 4, Esquimalt, B.C.

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14 July 1950 (Cont)

- 1545 Called on Rear Admiral H.G. DeWOLF, RMC, Flag Officer Pacific Coast.
- 1630 Called on Mr. Meyer, the American Consul at Victoria, B.C. The Commanding Officer and two officers attended a farewell reception for Admiral DeWOLF who is being relieved.

15 July 1950

- Paymaster flew in from M/S, Whidbey Island and held payday at 0930.
- 1030 Underway for Area Man-3 to render services to WARTU, Seattle. Conducted one Y-79-AW and ten Y-30-AW exercises.
- 1700 Moored at berth 4, Esquimalt, B.C.

15 July 1950

- Rendered services to WARTU, Seattle. Conducted two Y-79-AW and one Y-30-AW exercises in area Man-3.
- 1715 Moored at berth 4, Esquimalt Harbor, B.C.

17 July 1950

- 0530 Underway for area Man-8. Fogged in at 1000. Scheduled exercises for WARTU and VP-1 cancelled at 1440.
- 1640 Anchored at Nash Bay. Conducted advancement in rating exams to pay grade E-5 for six men during the day.

18 July 1950

- 0900 Underway for area Fox-5. Conducted exercise Y-34-AW with VP-691 until 1400.
- 1400 Conducted exercise Y-Fleet Air Wing Four-1 with VP-1.
- 1300 Conducted exercise Y-34-AW with VP-691 until 2130.
- 2230 Moored at Port Angeles.

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19 July 1950

A.M. exercises cancelled due to poor visibility.

1315 Underway, state 3 sea and 30 knot winds in area Fox-5. Conducted exercise Y-Fleet Air Wing Four-A with VP-1 until 1800 and Y-34-AW with VP-391 until 2100. On first dive heavy seas broke after torpedo deck loading skid loose. Skid was not recovered.

2145 Moored at Port Angeles, Wash.

20 July 1950

0930 Underway. Conducted Y-30-AW and Y-34-AW for VP-391 until 1400 and again from 1800 to 2100. Operated with VP-1 from 1400-1800. Conducted one Y-33-AW for one P2V, after which he departed because of fuel shortage. Another P2V arrived at 1610 (no services from 1445 to 1610 due to radar failure on 2nd P2V).

2125 Moored at Port Angeles.

21 July 1950

0930 Underway. Conducted exercise Y-30-AW for VP-391 until 1400. Afternoon and evening exercises cancelled. Ordered into Port Angeles to off load reserve personnel.

1500 Moored at Port Angeles.

22 July 1950

0340 Underway, visibility 200 yards, enroute outer area west of Man-S. Arrived in area and commenced an extended Y-34-AW exercise for VP-391.

23 July 1950

Continued extended Y-34-AW exercise for VP-391 until 1500.

1500 Departed area for Pier 91 Seattle.

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24 July 1950

0100 Arrived Pier 91, Seattle, Washington. Fueled and provisioned ship. Received change No. 2 to Annex A to Fleet Air Wing Four training plan No. 4-50 (Schedule for week). Commanding Officer called on Com13. Conducted advancement in rating exams for 3 men to pay grade E-6.

25 July 1950

0730 Underway. Conducted one Y-63-AW and one Y-62-AW exercise for VP-2. Recovered three sonobuoys.

1500 Conducted one Y-76-AW and one Y-63-AW exercise for FBY from
1700 Coast Guard Air Station Port Angeles.

1730 Conducted six Y-60-AW exercises for MARTU, Seattle.
2100

2200 Moored at Port Angeles.

26 July 1950

0900 Underway. Rendered services to VP-2, a B-17 from Coast
Guard Air Station, and a FBY from VP-891. Conducted a total
of two Y-63-AW, two Y-61-AW, one Y-76-AW, and seven Y-60-AW
(mod) exercises. Recovered eleven sonobuoys.

2215 Anchored at Neah Bay.

27 July 1950

0700 Underway. Conducted four Y-64-AW exercises for VP-2 and
VP-891.

1500 Remainder of operations cancelled due to low ceiling.

1645 Anchored at Neah Bay.

28 July 1950

0700 Underway. Conducted two Y-60-AW exercises for VP-2; two
Y-64-AW exercises for VP-891; two Y-63-AW exercises for
Coast Guard Air Station, Port Angeles, Wash., and one
extended Y-64-AW for VP-891. Moored at Port Angeles
0030 29 July 1950.

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(A) NARRATIVE

29 July 1950

- 1000 Underway. Mr. Byron Fish, correspondent, Seattle Times, aboard in accordance with ComSubPac dispatch 212329Z. Conducted three Y-63-AW and one Y-79-AW exercises for VP-691.
- 1550 Moored at Port Angeles. VP-691 (organized reserve squadron on two week active duty) provided air lift for four officers to HNS, Sands Point to attend dinner party celebrating completion of VP-691's active duty.

30 July 1950

First complete day alongside.

- 1410 VP-691 returned four officers from HNS, Sands Point.

31 July 1950

- 0900 Underway, fog and poor visibility.
- 1000 Operations with Coast Guard Station Aircraft cancelled. Conducted two Y-61-AW exercises for VP-2.
- 1715 Moored at Port Angeles.

1 August 1950

- 0800 Underway with Mr. Keith Patterson, Manager of radio station KNOP Port Angeles aboard in accordance with ComSubPac dispatch 212329Z (July). Conducted one each of Y-63-AW, Y-70-AW, and Y-61-AW exercises for Coast Guard Aircraft and VP-2. Record of transcription made by Mr. Patterson for local recruiting use forwarded to ComSubPac separately by Com13 P.I.O.
- 1700 Moored at Port Angeles.

2 August 1950

- 0830 Underway. Arrived in area Man-6 at 0830. First plane from VP-2 cancelled for unknown reason.
- 1030
- 1430 Conducted Y-64-AW exercise with second plane from VP-2.
- 1430
- 1645 Conducted three (3) Y-63-AW exercises for Coast Guard B-17.
- 1900 Anchored at Neah Bay.

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3 August 1950

0730 Underway.
0830
1430 Conducted exercise Y-84-AW with P2V type aircraft from VP-2.
1500
1700 Conducted three Y-83-AW exercises for Coast Guard FBY.
1815 Anchored at Neah Bay.

4 August 1950

0645 Underway. Heavy fog prevented scheduled operations with VP-2.
1100 Reported to Com13 for operation control and departed area enroute Astoria, Oregon.
2015 Moored to Pier #2, Astoria, Oregon.

5 August 1950

0700 Underway with eight officers and seventeen men from Organized Submarine Division 13-8 aboard. Made six dives and conducted various emergency drills training reserve personnel during forenoon.
1230 Rendezvoused with DE-506.
1315
1530 Conducted exercise Y-30-AW.
1720 Moored Pier #2, Astoria, Oregon.

7 August 1950

0500 Underway. Reported to ComFairWing Four for operation control. VP-894 failed to show up for scheduled operations.
1200
1400 Conducted two Y-83-AW exercises with one Coast Guard FBY.
1710 Anchored at Neah Bay.

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(A) NARRATIVE

8 August 1950

0600 Underway. Conducted exercise Y-34-4N with VP-2 until noon. Afternoon exercises cancelled.

1400
1600 Conducted familiarization surface run for planes of VP-771.

1630 Anchored at Neah Bay.

9 August 1950

0730 Underway. Conducted Y-34-4N exercise with VP-2 until 1430. Same exercise with VP-771 until 1900.

2015 Anchored at Neah Bay.

10 August 1950

0700 Underway. First exercise cancelled due to fog. Several aircraft (VP-2 and VP-771) entered area at various times between 1200 and 1630 without making sight contact.

1715 Moored at Port Angeles.

11 August 1950

0600 Underway.

1100 Operations with Coast Guard and VP-2 cancelled due to fog. Reported to Com13 for operation control and proceeded to Pier 91, Seattle.

1535 Moored at Pier 91.

12 August 1950

Operated during the forenoon with 13th U.D. Submarine Reserves. Made seven dives and one man overboard drill.

14 August 1950

0000 Underway for operating area. Reported to ComFleet Wing Four for operation control. Scheduled to operate until 2400 conducting Y-34-4N with VP-771. Stormy weather and poor visibility prevented operations.

1545 Operations resumed until 15 August.

1900 Anchored at Neah Bay.

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15 August 1950

0700 Underway. Conducted an extended Y-64-AW exercise with planes from VP-771 from 0930 until 2400. Remained in area Man-C overnight.

16 August 1950

0830 Conducted Y-64-AW exercises with planes from VP-2 and VP-661.
1630
2130 Moored at Port Angeles.

17 August 1950

0800 Underway. Rendered ASW services to VP-661, VP-2 and United States Coast Guard Cutter WINOMAH. Conducted two Y-70-AW exercises, five Y-60-AW exercises, one Y-63-AW exercise, and one Y-61-AW exercise (coordinated with U.S. Coast Guard Cutter WINOMAH).

1715 Moored at Port Angeles.

18 August 1950

Fog prevented first scheduled exercise.

1030 Underway. Fog delayed operations further.

1233 Conducted special exercise Y-61-AW with VP-2 and U.S. Coast
1445 Guard Cutter WINOMAH.

1445 Reported to Com13 for operational control.

1900 Moored Pier 91, Seattle.

19 August 1950

Operated during forenoon with eleven members of the Organized Submarine Reserve Division (13 W.D.) aboard. Made seven dives and two man overboard drills.

20 August 1950

2200 Reported to ComFairing Four for operation control.

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(A) NARRATIVE

21 August 1950

0730 Underway from Pier 91 Seattle, enroute operating area.
1145 Operations with aircraft cancelled.
1215 Submerged to conduct Y-27-AW and Y-30-AW with U.S. Coast
Guard Cutter WINOMAH.
1230 Operations cancelled by WINOMAH due to extremely poor sonar
conditions.
1320 Moored at Port Angeles.

22 August 1950

0600 Underway. Conducted two Y-70-AW exercises and one Y-60-AW
with planes from VP-881, and one Y-63-AW and one Y-61-AW
with plane from VP-2. Fog and rain squalls prevented
further exercises.
1700 Moored at Port Angeles.

23 August 1950

0430 Underway for area Man-3.
0630 Conducted Y-64-AW with VP-2. An extended Y-64-AW was
1230 scheduled for VP-881 from 1300-2400. Operations were
cancelled at 1430.
1730 Anchored at Nash Bay.

24 August 1950

0730 Underway for area Man-3.
0830 Forenoon exercises with VP-2 not conducted due to poor
1430 visibility.
1430 Scheduled extended Y-64-AW exercise with VP-881 (until 2130)
1700 was cancelled at 1700. Proceeded to Port Angeles.
2300 Moored at Port Angeles.

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25 August 1950

Post operations critique with personnel from Fleet Air Wing Four was cancelled due to fog.

1245

Fair Wing Four Training Officer and Asst. Operations Officer landed on Coast Guard Air Strip and delivered mail. Short operational critique held on the spot. Released by ComFairWing Four.

1310

Underway enroute Pearl Harbor. Reported to ComSubPac for duty. Set time back one hour to plus eight time zone.

26 Aug 1950 -- 1 Sept 1950

Enroute Submarine Base, Pearl Harbor, T.H. Enroute training program continued.

271230(U)

Set clocks back one hour to conform with zone plus nine time.

280000(V)

Commenced full power endurance run.

290000(V)

Successfully completed exercise S-11-E.

300645(V)

Unsuccessfully attempted to sink mine by gunfire in Lat. 31° 07.5'N Long. 149° 19'W.

301200(V)

Set clocks back one hour to conform with zone plus ten time.

011500(U)

Moored at Submarine Base, Pearl Harbor.

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