

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

S/N-0105-404-1560

USS JOSEPH STRAUSS (DD-440) ZONE DESCRIPTION -8H DATE MONDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 19 68
(Day) (Date) (Month)
AT/PASSAGE FROM SEA DRAGON OP AREA TO TONKIN GULF

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800 L <u>17°36.5'N</u> BY <u>2</u> λ <u>106°53.8'E</u> BY <u>2</u>		

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200 L <u>17°48.3'N</u> BY <u>2</u> λ <u>106°44.0'E</u> BY <u>2</u>		

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000 L <u>17°39.4'N</u> BY <u>2</u> λ <u>106°50.0'E</u> BY <u>2</u>		

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

REMARKS

00-04 UNDERWAY IAW CTU 70.8 MSG. 270357Z AUG. 1968, IN THE TONKIN GULF. OTC AND SOPA IS CTU 77.1.1 EMBARKED THIS SHIP STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT 12 KNOTS WHILE REMAINING IN WBLC SURVEILLANCE AREA. MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE AND CONDITION OF READINESS THREE IS SET. THE SHIP IS DARKENED. 0003 9/C TO 325°. 0056 9/C TO 135°. 0109 9/C TO 150°. 0150 9/C TO 320°. 0241 9/C TO 135°. 0250 RADAR CONTACT BEARING 018, RANGE 8,000 YDS AND CLOSING, UNABLE TO IDENTIFY CONTACT, BELIEVED TO BE HELICOPTOR. PROPER CHALLENGE SENT, NO REPLY. 0304 9/C TO 20 KTS. CONTACT OPENING RAPIDLY, NO FURTHER REPORT. 0335 9/C TO 090°. 0351 9/C TO 12 KTS.

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04-08 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0405 9/C TO 030°. 0551 9/C TO 155°
0609 9/C TO 143°. 0644 9/C TO 325°

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08-12 0730 9/C TO 140° 0812 GUIDE SHIFTED TO USS RUPERTUS 0851. MANUEVERING ON VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE CONFORMING TO THE MOVEMENTS OF THE GUIDE: 0816 9/C TO 9/C TO 120° 0823 9/C TO 300° 0829 9/C TO 10 KTS. 0835 9/C TO 327°. 0848 9/C TO 305°. 0851 9/C TO 15 KTS. 0900 9/C TO 310° 9/C TO 8 KTS. 0938 9/C TO 320° 0959 9/C TO 350° 1001 9/C TO 340° 9/C TO 15 KTS. 1016 9/C TO 8 KTS. 1018 9/C TO 295° 1020 9/C TO 20 KTS. 1023 9/C TO 278° 1028 9/C TO 145° 9/C TO 15 KTS. 1035 COMMENCED FIRE WITH MOUNT 51 AT WBLC IN MOUTH OF RIVER (NO CHARTED NAME). 1038 9/C TO 150°. 1102 EXECUTED WILLIAMSON TURN TO 325° 1107 9/C TO 10 KTS. 1146 CEASED FIRE. AMMUNITION EXPENDED: 30 ROUNDS 5"/54 CAL HIGH EXPLOSIVE PROJECTILES AND AM-CARTRIDGES WITH NO CASUALTIES. 1150 9/C TO 050° 9/C TO 25 KTS. 1152 9/C TO 070° 1154 9/C TO 20 KTS. 1155 9/C TO 050° 1205 9/C TO 12 KTS.

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12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1209 9/C TO 270° 1214 9/C TO 325° CLOSING BEACH TO FIRE ON WBLC'S AT THE MOUTH OF THE CUA TYLOA RIVER. 1217 9/C TO 255° 9/C TO 27 KTS. 1230 9/C TO 145° 9/C TO 12 KTS. COMMENCED FIRING. 1243 COMPLETED FIRING. EXPENDED 27 ROUNDS 5"/54 CAL. HIGH EXPLOSIVE PROJECTILES AND CARTRIDGES WITH NO CASUALTIES. 1246 9/C TO 065° 9/C TO 27 KTS. 1254 9/C TO 12 KTS. 1317 AGAIN APPROACHING SAME WBLC TARGET AREA 1335 9/C TO 325° SPEED 12 KTS. 1353 COMMENCED

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