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# DECK LOG BOOK

OF THE

U. S. S. MONTICELLO

(LSD-35)

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

Attached to {

AMPHIBIOUS READY GROUP - BRAVO Division,

NINTH AMPHIBIOUS Squadron,

SEVENTH Flotilla,

Naval District,

Commencing -8 (H) 0000 01 SEPTEMBER, 19 68,  
(zone time and date)

at ENROUTE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM,  
(location)

and ending -8 (H) 2359 30 SEPTEMBER, 19 68,  
(zone time and date)

at OFF DANANG HARBOR, REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM  
(location)

Approved by: R. F. Stanton Commanding

R. F. STANTON, CAPT, USN

USS MONTICELLO (LSD-35) ZONE DESCRIPTION -8(H) DATE SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

AT/PASSAGE FROM SUBIC BAY, P.I. TO REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM.

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
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λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
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POSITION	ZONE	TIME
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LEGEND:	1-CELESTIAL
	2-ELECTRONIC
	3-VISUAL
	4-D. R.

REMARKS

08-04 Steaming as a unit of TG 76.5 in accordance with CTG 76.5 OPPLAN 101-68 from Subic Bay, P.I., to area of operations off the east coast of I Corps, Republic of South Vietnam. Steaming in a column formation composed of USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10) in Station F-1 and this ship in Station 2, formation course 284°T, speed 19 Kts. Formation Guide is USS TRIPOLI, bearing 284°T, distance 1000 yds. SOPA and OTC is CTG 76.5, COMPHIBRON NINE, embarked in TRIPOLI. Condition of Readiness IV and Material Condition YOKE are set. Ship is darkened except for navigation lights. 0808 Formation c/c to 310°T, speed 13 Kts. 0810 c/c 310°T 0813 c/s to 180 RPM, 18 Kts. LT RIESGO, OOD, assumed the conn. 0815 A/E stop, A/E back 1/3, A/E back 2/3, A/E back full, sounded 6 short blasts, sounded ships collision alarm, right full rudder, lost steering control, steersman took control upon hearing collision alarm, rudder was then right 10°. 0816 Captain on the bridge. 0817 This ship's port bow collided with USS TRIPOLI's stbd quarter. 0818 A/E stop. Sent D.C. investigating team to inspect ship's structure. 0825 A/E ahead 1/3 0832 Material Condition ZEBRA set. 0835 A/E stop. 0857 secured from collision quarters, no personnel casualties, no major material damage. Superficial damage assessment as follows: stantions port bow from hull nose to about frame 36 carried away; two chocks damaged, numerous nicks port side vicinity main deck; a small tear below the main deck port bow, boatswain's locker hatch sprung. 0910 A/E ahead 1/3, c/c 319°T, c/s 5 Kts. 0912 c/c 314°T. 0914 c/s 10 Kts. 0927 detached to proceed independently to night steaming area. 0938 c/c 312°T 0940 c/s 12 Kts. 0942 c/s 15 Kts. 0943 c/c 317°T 0945 c/c 315°T 0947 c/s 16 Kts.

*Riesgo*

R. E. RIESGO, LT, USN

04-08 Underway as before. 0430 c/c 354°T 0444 c/c 315°T 0454 c/c 006°T 0457 c/c 001°T 0501 c/c 310°T 0515 c/c 319°T 0536 c/c 310°T 0558 c/s 8 Kts. 0604 c/s 5 Kts. 0617 c/s 12 Kts. 0626 c/c 283°T c/s 5 Kts. 0703 c/c 310°T 0709 c/c 130°T 0728 c/c 310°T.

*Walter*

J. A. WALTER, LTJG, USNR

08-12 Underway as before. 0745 Mustered the crew on station. Absentees: none. 0845 c/c 130°T 0935 Set the Helo detail. 0939 Helo #0556 on deck. 0941 Helo departed. 0942 Secured the Helo detail 1049 c/c 310°T 1112 c/c 349°T 1130 c/c 310°T.

*Edmonds*

P. L. EDMANDS, LT, USNR

12-16 Underway as before. 1244 Set the Helo detail. 1314 Helo #0556 on deck. 1315 Helo departed. Secured the helo detail. 1350 c/s 10 Kts 13

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REMARKS—CONTINUED

12-16 (cont) 1355 1320 c/c 129°T 1330 c/c 130°T 1350 Set the Helo detail 1350 c/s 10 kts 1355 Secured the Helo detail. c/s 5 kts c/c 310°T 1418 c/c 130°T 1428 c/c 114°T 1435 Set the Helo detail. 1502 Secured the Helo detail. 1507 c/s 10 kts. 1523 c/s 5 kts.

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P. J. RYDER, LTJG, USNR

16-18 Underway as before. 1634 c/c 310°T 1722 c/c 359°T 1723 c/c 079°T

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R. E. RIESGO, LT, USN

18-20 Underway as before. 1821 c/c 292°T 1827 c/c 259°T 1848 c/c 149°T 1849 c/s 10 kts. 1853 c/s 7 kts. 1855 c/c 143°T 1915 Execute formation L.

Monticello guide in Station L, Station 2 USS MEKICK (AKA-97), Station 3 USS OGDEN (LPD-5). Formation course 143°T, speed 7 kts. 1935 c/c 131°T 2008 c/s 12 kts 2010 c/s 13 kts. 2153 c/c 124°T 2225 c/c 049°T departing formation. 2236 c/s 10 kts. c/s 5 kts. 2321 c/c 297°T 2329 c/c 269°T

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P. L. EDMANDES, LT, USNR  
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J. A. WALTER, LTJG, USNR

20-24 Underway as before. 2008 c/s 12 kts. 2010 c/s 13 kts. 2153 c/c 124°T 2225 c/c 049°T departing formation 2236 c/s 10 kts c/s 5 kts 2321 c/c 297°T 2329 c/c 269°T

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P. L. EDMANDES, LT, USNR

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USS Monticello LSD-35 ZONE DESCRIPTION -8 (H) DATE Monday 2 Aug 1968  
(Day) (Date) (Month)  
AT/PASSAGE FROM Operating Area DaNang RUN

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

LEGEND:	1-CELESTIAL
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REMARKS

00-04 Underway IAW CTG 76.5 Op Order 101-68 off the coast of DaNang, RUN in operating area Barbara A4 and B4 on course 269°T, speed 5 knots (52 RPM). Condition of readiness IV and material condition Yoke is set. Ship darkened except for running lights. 0052 C/C to 009°T. 0107 C/C to 019°T. 0207 C/C to 229°T. 0320 C/C to 049°T.

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Z.A. MOOT, LT, USN

04-08 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. MANEUVERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE REMAINING IN ASSIGNED NIGHT STEAMING AREA BARBARA A4, B4. 0640 C/C TO 140°T C/S TO 10KTS 0653 C/S TO 15KTS 0655 C/C TO 154°T

*[Signature]*  
R.E. RIESGO, LT, USN

08-12 Underway as before. 0740 C/C 054° C/S 10KTS. 0745 MUSTERED the crew on station. Absentees: none. 0750 C/C 169°. 0822 C/S 10KTS. 0832 C/S 10KTS 0838 Set the helo detail. 0842 C/C 200°. 0850 Secured the helo detail C/C 157° C/S 10KTS. 0910 C/C 209°T C/S 5KTS. 1005 EXERCISED the crew AT MAN OVERBOARD Drills. Commenced maneuvering on various courses at various speeds while conducting man overboard drill 1118 Secured the crew from man overboard drill C/C 134° C/S 10KTS. 1128 C/C 160°. 1120 ASSUMED OTC of U.S.S. MERRICK (AKA-97) and U.S.S. OGDEN (LPD-5). 1125 EXECUTED column formation, COURSE 160°, SPEED 10KTS. GUIDE IS this ship in station #1, U.S.S. <sup>MERRICK</sup> OGDEN in station #2 and U.S.S. OGDEN in station #3. 1145 MERRICK on station. 1145 OGDEN on station

*[Signature]*  
J.A. WALTER, LTJG, USNR

12-16 Underway as before. 1219 C/C 300°T C/S 17KTS. Commenced maneuvering to take life guard station astern USS GUADALUPE (AO-32). 1244 On life guard station. 1321 Set the Replenishment detail. 1325 C/C 335°T On station replenishment case 335°T, spd 12 kts. 1326 Commenced approach, Operations officer conning. 1344 On station alongside starboard side of GUADALUPE. 1345 First line over. 1359 Received first fuel hose. 1401 Commenced receiving fuel. 1444 Fueling completed. 1454 All lines and hoses clear. Maneuvering to clear starboard side of GUADALUPE. 1455 Clear of GUADALUPE. Secured the replenishment detail. C/C 342°T 1527 C/C 345°T 1533 C/S 10KTS

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P.L. EDMANNS, LT, USNR

16-18 Underway as before. 1556 C/C to 160°T. 1559 C/C to 179°T. 1601 Commenced steering various courses at

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16-18 (cont)

Various speeds while conducting small arms firing exercises. 1642 commenced firing. 1739 completed small arms firing exercise. 1739 stationed the Helo Detail, C/S to 12 knots. 1742 C/S to 100°T. 1744 Recovered helicopter. 1745 launched helicopter. 1745 secured the Helo Detail. 1746 C/S to 5 knots, C/S to 269°T

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J.R. Moot

J.R. MOOT, LT, USN

18-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. MANEUVERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE REMAINING IN OPAREA BARBARA A4-B4.

R.E. Riesgo

R.E. RIESGO, LT, USN

20-24 MANEUVERING AS BEFORE.

J.A. Walter

J.A. WALTER, LTJG, USNR

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D. R. Muhlethaler

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

USS MONTICELLO LSD-35 ZONE DESCRIPTION -8(H) DATE TUESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

AT/PASSAGE FROM OPERATING AREA DANANG, RVN TO \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L <u>16-18.1 N</u>		BY <u>283</u>
$\lambda$ <u>109-41.0 E</u>		BY <u>283</u>

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L _____		BY _____
$\lambda$ _____		BY _____

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L _____		BY _____
$\lambda$ _____		BY _____

LEGEND:	1-CELESTIAL
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	3-VISUAL
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REMARKS

08-04 Underway in accordance with CTG 76.5 ORDER 101-68 off the coast of DANANG, RVN, in operating area BARBARA A4 and B4, maneuvering at various courses and speeds to remain within the operating area. Condition of readiness IV and Material condition YOKE are set. Ship is darkened except for navigation lights. SOPA and OTC is CTG 76.5 embarked in USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10). 0808 c/c 239°T 0817 c/c 014°T 0817 c/c 034°T 0818 c/c 239°T 0823 c/c 249°T 0840 c/c 159°T 0821 c/c 269°T

*P.L. Edmunds*

P.L. EDMANDS, LT, USNR

04-08 Underway as before. 0402 c/c to 029°T, 0518 c/c to 249°T, 0621 c/c 039°T

*J.A. Moot*

J.A. MOOT, LT, USN

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0741 c/c to 234°T c/s to 10 KTS. 0745 c/s to 15 KTS. 0748 c/s to 16 KTS. 0822 c/c to 239°T. 0834 c/s to 10 KTS, SET THE HELO DETAIL. 0843 c/s to 5 KTS. 0846 c/c to 194°T. 0847 c/c to 200°T. 0852 c/s to 10 KTS. 0853 c/c to 240°T. 0854 c/c to 234°T, c/s to 5 KTS. 0917 c/c to 320°T. 0924 c/c to 067°T, c/s to 10 KTS. 0928 HELO #0556 landed on deck. 0929 HELO #0556 departed ship. 0930 c/c to 089°T, c/s to 15 KTS, SECURED THE HELO DETAIL. 0942 c/c to 054°T. 0944 c/c to 009°T. 0947 c/c to 040°T. 0958 c/c to 049°T. 1016 c/s to 10 KTS. 1054 c/c to 5 KTS. 1038 commenced man overboard drills. 1055 SECURED FROM MAN OVERBOARD DRILLS. 1104 SET THE HELO DETAIL. LANDED THREE HELOS. 1127 c/c to 345°T. 1132 c/c to 244°T. 1145 SECURED THE HELO DETAIL.

*R.E. Riesgo*

R.E. RIESGO, LT, USN

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12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1157 c/s to 5 KTS. 1214 SET THE HELO DETAIL 1225 LANDED HELO 1227 HELO TOOK-OFF. 1227 c/c to 269°T. 1232 HELO LANDED. 1235 HELO DEPARTED. 1238 SECURED THE HELO DETAIL. 1247 c/c to 319°T. 1250 c/s to 10 KTS. 1255 c/c to 010. OF THIS ASSUMED OTC OF USS MERRICK AKA-97; IN STATION 1 OF A COLUMN FORMATION WITH THE USS MERRICK IN STATION 2, THIS SHIP IS THE GUIDE. BASE COURSE 319°T, SPEED 10 KTS. 1315 SET THE HELO DETAIL. 1326 HELO LANDED. 1335 HELO DEPARTED. 1336 SECURED THE HELO DETAIL. 1337 c/s to 15 KTS. 1352 c/s to 16 KTS. 1414 c/c to 295°T. 1428 SET THE REPLENISHMENT DETAIL. 1430 c/c to 284°T. 1430 c/c to 285°T. 1434 c/c to 319°T. 1435 c/c to 344°T. 1436 c/c to 059°T. 1437 c/c to 039°T. 1438 c/c to 049°T. 1440 c/c to 054°T. 1440 commenced making an approach ON THE USS GRAFFIAS AF-29 FOR UNREP. 1449 ALONGSIDE TO PORT OF THE GRAFFIAS, MANEUVERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEED WHILE MAINTAINING STATION ALONGSIDE GRAFFIAS. 1450 FIRST

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DATE Tuesday 3 September 1968  
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REMARKS—CONTINUED

12-16 (Continued) line OVR 14ΦΦ modified house—full RIGGED. 14ΦΦ COMMENCED  
RECEIVING SUPPLIES.

*James A. Walter*  
J.A. WALTER, LTJG, USNR

16-18 MANEUVERING AS BEFORE. 16ΦΦ High-Line station RIGGED. 16ΦΦ COMMENCED  
PERSONNEL TRANSFER 1615 COMPLETED PERSONNEL TRANSFER 1618 COMPLETED TAKING  
ON SUPPLIES. 1622 ALL LINES CLEAR OF THE SHIP MANEUVERING TO CLEAR PORTSIDE OF  
GRAFFIAS. 1623 CLEAR OF GRAFFIAS. Set COURSE 230°, SPEED 20KTS. 1625 SECURED  
THE REPLENISHMENT DETAIL.

*James A. Walter*  
J.A. WALTER LTJG, USNR

16-18 (Continued) Underway AS BEFORE. 1655 C/C 139°. 1728 C/S 15KTS 173Φ  
C/C 162°. 1731 C/S 1ΦKTS. 1736 199°. 1746 Set the HELD DETAIL

*P.L. Edmunds*  
P.L. EDMANDS, LT, USNR

18-2Φ Underway AS BEFORE 175Φ C/S 1ΦKTS. C/C 239°. 1804 SECURED THE  
HELD DETAIL. 1805 C/C 059° T

*P.L. Edmunds*  
P.L. EDMANDS, LT, USNR

18-2Φ (Continued) Underway AS BEFORE. 181Φ C/S 5KTS. 1909 C/C 239° C/S 1ΦKTS.  
1913 C/S 7ΦKTS 5KTS

*Z.A. Mout*  
Z.A. MOUT, LT, USN

20-24 Underway AS BEFORE. 2021 C/C 059° 2129 C/C 239°. 2138 C/C 17Φ T C/S 1Φ  
KTS. 2144 C/S 15KTS. 2200 C/S 1ΦKTS. 2204 C/C 239° C/S 5KTS. 2220 COMMENCED  
Z-B-CC FLASHING SIGNAL LIGHT DRILL WITH U.S.S. WARRICK (AKA-97). 2229 C/C 039° T.  
2258 C/C 019° T. 2300 COMPLETED Z-B-CC EXERCISE 2330 C/C 259° T. 2343 C/C  
249° T.

*R.E. Riesgo*  
R.E. RIESGO, LT, USN

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*D. R. Muhlethaler* U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

USS Monticello (LSD-35) ZONE DESCRIPTION -8(H) DATE Wednesday 4 September 1968  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

AT/PASSAGE FROM Operating Area Off Danang, Run TO \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
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L _____	BY _____	
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LEGEND: 1. CELESTIAL  
2. ELECTRONIC  
3. VISUAL  
4. D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 Underway in accordance with CTG 76.5 OPDROR 101-68 off the coast of DANANG, RUN in operating area BARBARA A-4 AND B-4. Manuevering on various courses at various speeds to remain within the assigned operating area. Condition of Readiness IV and Material Condition Yoke are set throughout the ship. Ship is DARKENED with the exception of navigation lights. SOPA AND OTC is CTG 76.5, Amphibron NINE, embarked in U.S.S. Tripoli (LPH-10).

*James P. Walter*  
J.A. WALTER, LTJG, USN

04-08 Underway as before. 0444 C/C 079°T 0600 C/C 239°T 0630 Set Condition of readiness III.

*P.L. Edwards*  
P.L. EDWARDS, LT, USNR

08-12 Underway as before. 0731 C/C to 244°T, 0732 1/2 to 7 knots, 0745 Mustered crew on stations, absentees; none. 0806 1/2 to 10 knots, 0810 C/C to 249°T, 1/2 to 15 knots, 0817 1/2 to 10 knots, 0823 1/2 to 239°T, 1/2 to 5 knots. 0830 Stationed the Helo Detail, commenced manuevering at various speeds on various courses while recovering helicopters. 0839 AMPHIBRON NINE aboard, 0917 AMPHIBRON NINE DEPARTED. 0934 Secured the Helo Detail. 0934 1/2 to 10 knots, 0935 C/C to 054°T, 0936 Set condition Readiness II. 1031 1/2 to 8 knots, 1044 1/2 to 10 knots, 1044 C/C to 030°T, 1053 1/2 to 3 knots, 1103 1/2 to 5 knots, 1146 C/C to 289°T.

*F.A. Modt*  
F.A. MODT, LT, USN

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. MANUEVERING VARIOUS COURSE AT VARIOUS SPEEDS TO REMAIN IN ASSIGNED OPERA BARBARA A-4-B-4. 1417 C/C TO 229°T TO CLOSE USS TRIPOLI FOR HELO TRANSFER. 1439 1/2 TO 10KTS 1450 1/2 TO 15KTS 1530 C/C TO 049°T 1532 1/2 TO 10KTS, HELO TRANSFER CANCELLED

*R.E. Riesgo*  
R.E. RIESGO, LT, USN

16-18 Underway as before 1615 Entered Operarea BARBARA A-4-B-4 COMMENCED MANUEVERING ON VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS TO REMAIN IN OPERATING AREA

*James P. Walter*  
J.A. WALTER, LTJG, USN



USS MONTICELLO (LSD-35)

DATE 4 SEPTEMBER 19 68  
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REMARKS-CONTINUED

18-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE MANEUVERING AT VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS TO REMAIN IN OP-AREA

*P.J. Ryder*  
P.J. RYDER, LTJG USNR

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE, MANEUVERING AT VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS TO TAKE STATION 135 FORMATION 51 2252 ON STATION. MANEUVERING AT VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS TO MAINTAIN STATION

*E.A. Moot*  
E.A. MOOT, LT, USNR

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*D.R. Muhlethaler*

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

USS Monticello (SSD-35) ZONE DESCRIPTION -8H DATE THURSDAY 5 September 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

AT/PASSAGE FROM OFF COAST OF Republic of South Vietnam TO \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
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LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL  
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REMARKS

08-04 Steaming in company with TG 76.5 in order to EVADE TROPICAL STORM BESS. Steaming in formation 51 B, formation axis 130°, COURSE 130°T, SPEED 12 KTS. The GUIDE is U.S.S. Tripoli (LPH-10) in station 0, This ship in station B-1, U.S.S. OGDEN in station B-4, AND U.S.S. Merrick in station B-6. OTC AND SOPA is CTG 76.5, Com PhibRON NINE, in USS Tripoli. Condition of Readiness IV AND Material Condition Yoke ARE SET. Ship is DARKENED with the exception of navigation lights. 0102 Formation c/c 165°T. 0154 Formation c/c 190°T. 0158 Formation c/c 200°T. 0210 Formation c/c 190°T. 0216 Formation c/c 175°T. 0228 Formation c/c 160°T.

*J.A. Walter*  
J.A. WALTER, LTJG, USNR

08-08 Underway as before. 0500 c/c to 220° (formation) 0503 formation c/c to 280°. 0510 formation c/c to 345. 0515 formation c/c to 8 kts.

*P.J. Ryder*  
P.J. RYDER, LTJG, USNR

08-12 Underway as before. 0745 Mustered crew on stations; absentees: none. 0801 Formation c/c to 5 knots. 0911 sighted Cu had Re Island bearing 288°T, distance 10.5 miles.

*Z.A. Moot*  
Z.A. MOOT, LT, USN

12-16 Underway as before. 1159 Formation c/c 310°T. 1307 Formation c/c 8 kts. U.S.S. Merrick (AKA-97) in station B-12 ASSUMED Formation Guide. 1342 Formation c/c 10 kts. 1345 Formation c/c 250°T. 1350 Formation c/c 210°T. 1400 Formation c/c 180°T. 1414 Formation c/c 12 kts. 1423 Formation c/c 170°T. 1429 Formation c/c 10 kts. 1538 Formation c/c 285°T. 1540 Formation c/c 350°T.

*J.A. Walter*  
J.A. WALTER, LTJG, USNR

16-16-18 Underway as before. 1700 Formation c/c to 315°.

*P.J. Ryder*  
P.J. RYDER, LTJG, USNR

18-20 Underway as before. 1857 Darken ship with the exception of navigation lights.

*Z.A. Moot*  
Z.A. MOOT, LT, USN

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USS \_\_\_\_\_

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REMARKS-CONTINUED

REL 20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 2100 PROCEEDING DEPARTED FORMATION, PROCEEDING  
INDEPENDANTLY TO ASSIGNED OPAREA BARBARA A-4, B-4 FOR NIGHT STEAMING.  
2105 C/C TO 314°T 2108 C/C TO 054°T 2115 C/C TO 359°T 2145 C/C TO 319°T  
2220 ENTERED NIGHT STEAMING AREA, C/S TO 5 KTS, MANEUVERING VARIOUS COURSES  
AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE STEAMING IN ASSIGNED OPAREA.

R. E. Riesgo  
R. E. RIESGO, LT, USN

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*D. R. Muhlethaler*

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

USS Monticello (LSB-35) ZONE DESCRIPTION - 8(H) DATE FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

AT/PASSAGE FROM OPERATING AREA OFF DANANG, RVN TO \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

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

REMARKS

09-04 Underway in accordance with CTG 76.5 OPORD 101-68 off the coast of DANANG, RVN in operating area BARBARA A-4 and B-4. Manuevering on various courses at various speeds to remain within the assigned operating area. Condition of readiness IV and material condition Yoke are set throughout the ship. The ship is darkened except for navigation lights. SOPA and OTC is CTG 76.5. 44 AIRBORNE NINE embarked in USS Tripoli (LPH-10)

*[Signature]*  
J. R. RYDER, LTJG, USNR

04-08 Underway as before. 0623 Set course 299°T, speed 7 kts in order to close USS Tripoli (LPH-10) for helicopter personnel transfers. Manuevering various courses at various speeds in order to close USS Tripoli.

*[Signature]*  
J. A. WALTER, LTJG, USNR

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0745 MUSTERED THE CREW ON STATION, ABSENTEES: NONE. 0828 SET THE HELO DETAIL 0848 HELCO 0556 LANDED, DISCHARGED 4 PASSENGERS AND ONE BAG OF MAIL, LOADED 6 MARINES AND ONE SAILOR. 0851 HELCO DEPARTED. 0859 HELCO 0556 LANDED, DISCHARGED 4 MARINES, LOADED 6 MARINES. 0908 HELCO DEPARTED. 0911 HELCO 0556 LANDED, DISCHARGED 4 MARINES, LOADED 2 MARINES. 0912 HELCO DEPARTED. 0913 SECURED THE HELO DETAIL. 0930 ASSUMED TACTICAL CONTROL OF USS MERRICK AND USS OGDEN, FORMED A COLUMN FORMATION THIS SHIP THE GUIDE IN STATION 1, USS MERRICK IN STATION 2, USS OGDEN IN STATION 3, FORMATION COURSE 130 SPEED 5 KTS, THIS SHIP IS THE GUIDE. COMMENCED FLAGHOIST DRILLS, 1000 COMMENCED EVENT 6-2, RADIO TELEPHONE PROCEDURES. 1010 COMPLETED FLAGHOIST DRILL. 1025 RELEASED OGDEN AND MERRICK TO PROCEED INDEPENDANTLY. 1048 COMPLETED EVENT 6-2, SET COURSE 309°T SPEED 10 KTS IN ORDER TO CLOSE USS TRIPOLI FOR EVENT 6-3, MANUEVERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS IN ORDER TO CLOSE USS TRIPOLI.

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R. E. RIESGO, LTJG, USNR

12-16 Underway as before. 1300 Commenced Event 6-3 IAW CTG 76.5 OPORD 101-68. 1335 Completed Event 6-3. 1338 1/2 to 3 knots. 1342 1/2 to 329°T. 1415 1/2 to 299°T. 1425 Commenced Event 6-4 IAW CTG 76.5 OPORD. 1431 1/2 to 279°T. 1459 1/2 to 329°T. 1500 1/2 to 309°T. 1540 Completed Event 6-4.

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Z. A. MOOT, LT, USNR

16-18 Underway as before. 1557 Set the Helo Detail. 1611 Secured

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USS Montpelier (LST-35)

DATE Friday 6 September 1968  
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16-18 (continued) the Helo Detail 1614 C/C 89°T. 1616 Set course  
070°T, speed 14 KTS. in order to return to OPAREA BARBARA A-4-B-4  
1715 Entered OPAREA COMMENCED MANEUVERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS  
SPEEDS TO REMAIN WITHIN BOUNDARIES OF OPERATING AREA.

*James A. Walter*  
J.A. WALTER, LTJG, USNR

18-20 Underway as before.

*J. Ryder*  
J. RYDER, LTJG, USNR

20-24 Under as before.

*D. Salmon*  
D. SALMON, CWO, USN

EXAMINED:

*D. R. Muhlet*

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

USS MONTICELLO (LSD-35) ZONE DESCRIPTION -8(H) DATE SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

AT/PASSAGE FROM AN OPERATING AREA OFF DANANG, R.V.N.

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

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

REMARKS

00-04 Underway in accordance with CTG 76.5 OPORD 101-68 off the East coast of Danang, RVN in operating area Barbara A-4 and B-4. Maneuvering various courses at various speeds to remain within the assigned OPAREA. Condition of readiness IV and material condition yoke are set. The ship is darkened except for navigation lights. SOPA and OTC is CTG 76.5, COMPHIBRON NINE, embarked on USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10). 0303 Maneuvering various courses at various speeds to close TRIPOLI for event 7-1, Flashing light drill.

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R.E. RIESGO, LT, USN

04-08 Underway as before 0405 Commenced event 7-1 0609 Completed event 7-1 c/c to 119°T, c/s 5 kts. 0707 c/c 269°T 0710 c/c 284°T

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Z.A. MOOT, LT, USN

08-12 Underway as before. 0745 Mustered the crew on station Absentees none. 0818 c/c 274°T 0820 c/c 284°T 0829 c/c 259°T 0830 Set the Helo detail. 0835 c/s 5 kts 0858 c/c 279°T Commenced Z-13-C 0859 CAPT. J.F. RILEY came aboard to conduct informal investigation concerning the ship's collision with USS TRIPOLI on 1 SEPTEMBER 1968. 0903 c/c 249°T 0921 c/c 279°T 0933 c/s 4 kts 0943 Secured the Helo detail. 0958 Secured from Z-13 C 1000 c/s 3 kts. 1010 c/c 299°T 1015 c/c 319°T 1045 c/s 5 kts. c/c 059°T 1045 c/s 10 kts 1046 c/s 15 kts. 1049 Set the Helo detail. 1057 c/c 039°T 1106 c/c 309°T 1108 c/c 044°T 1131 c/s 5 kts. 1139 c/s 9 kts.

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P.L. EDWARDS, LT, USNR

12-16 Underway as before 1240 ENSIGN GAGE L. POWELL, 736495/1105, USNR REPORTED ABOARD FOR DUTY FROM NAVAL Amphibious School AT CORONADO, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 1247 c/s 10 KTS. 1254 c/s 5 KTS. 1313 c/s 3 KTS.

1315 COMMENCED Z-4-CC DRILL WITH U.S.S. TRIPOLI (LPH-10). COMMENCED MANEUVERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE CONDUCTING EXERCISE. 1445 SECURED FROM Z-4-CC EXERCISE Set course 224°T, speed 15 KTS, in order to close U.S.S. Tripoli for helicopter operations. COMMENCED MANEUVERING ON VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS TO CLOSE U.S.S. TRIPOLI'S STBD QUARTER AT A RANGE OF 5,000 YARDS 1526 On station at 5,000 YARDS on U.S.S. Tripoli's stbd quarter. COMMENCED MANEUVERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS TO MAINTAIN STATION BASE COURSE 300°T, SPEED 3 KTS.

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J.A. WALTER, LTJG, USNR

16-18 Underway as before 1605 Set the Helo detail 1610 Secured the Helo detail

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R. KIBER, LTJG, USNR

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USS MONTICELLO (LSD-35)

DATE SATURDAY 7 SEPT. 1968  
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REMARKS—CONTINUED

18-20 Underway as before. 1807 Set the Halo Detail.  
1814 Secured the Halo Detail.

*D. Salmon*

D. SALMON, CWO, USN

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE, MANEUVERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS  
TO REMAIN IN ASSIGNED OPAREAS.

*R.E. Riesgo*

R.E. RIESGO, LT, USN

EXAMINED:

*D. R. Muhlenthal*

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

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D. R. Muhlenthal, Lt. J. USNR

USS Monticello (LSD-35) ONE DESCRIPTION --8(H) DATE Sunday 8 September 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

AT/PASSAGE FROM AN OPERATING AREA OFF TO DANANG, R. V. N.

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

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

REMARKS

08-04 Underway in accordance with CTG 76.5 OPORD 101-68 off the coast of Da Nang, RVN in operating area Barbara A-4 and B-4. Condition of Readiness III and Material Condition Yoke is set. The ship is darkened except for navigation lights. SOPA and OTC is CTG 76.5, COMPHIBRON NINE in USS Tripoli (LPH-10). 0803 c/s to 8 knots. 0854 c/c to 329°T. 0911 c/c to 139°T. 0945 c/c to 329°T. 0901 c/c to 319°T. 0911 c/c to 5 knots. 0932 c/c to 139°T. 0949 c/c to 319°T. 0934 c/s to 8 knots. 0939 c/s to 5 knots.

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Z.A. MOPT, LT, USN

04-08 Underway as before. 0430 c/c 179°T 0525 c/c 319°T 0548 c/c 329°T 0550 c/s 7 kts. 0644 c/c 319°T c/s 5 kts 0722 c/c 264°T c/s 12 kts. 0735 c/c 274°T c/s 15 kts.

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P.L. EDMANDES, LT, USNR

08-12 Underway AS before. 0810 COMMENCED MANEUVERING ON VARIOUS COURSES TO CLOSE U.S.S. Tripoli FOR helicopter personnel transfers 0840 ON station 5,000 yards on starboard quarter of U.S.S. Tripoli. COMMENCED MANEUVERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS. TO REMAIN WITHIN 4,000 YARDS OF TRIPOLI. 0900 COMMENCED Z-13-C FLAGHOIST DRILL WITH TG 76.5 0945 Secured from Z-13-C flaghoist drill. 0959 Set the Helo Detail. 1057 <sup>Secured</sup> Set the Helo Detail. 1100 Set the Helo Detail. 1112 Secured the Helo Detail.

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J.A. WALTER, LTJG, USNR

12-16 Underway as before. 1245 Set the Helo Detail. 1308 Secured the Helo Detail. 1343 Set the Helo Detail. 1352 Secured the Helo Detail. 1410 Set the Helo Detail. 1427 Secured the Helo Detail.

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J.S. BER, LTJG, USNR

16-18 Underway as before. 1549 Set the Helo Detail. 1554 Secured the Helo Detail. 1559 c/c TO 094°T c/s TO 8 knots. 1604 c/s TO 4 knots. 1654 c/c TO 054°(T).

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D. SALMON, CWO, USN

18-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1847 c/c TO 320. MANEUVERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS TO REMAIN IN ASSIGNED OPAREA BARBARA A-4 B-4.

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R.E. RIESG, LT, USN

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USS MONTICELLO (LSO-35)

DATE SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS-CONTINUED

20-24 Underway as before. 2156 C/L to 339°T. 2223  
C/L to 319°T. 2335 C/L to 139°T.

*Z.A. Moot*  
Z.A. MOOT, LT, USN

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*D. R. Muhlethaler*

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

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D. R. MUHLETHALER, LT, USNR

USS MONTICELLO (LSD-35) ZONE DESCRIPTION -8 (H) DATE MONDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

AT/PASSAGE FROM OFF EAST COAST OF SOUTH VIET NAM

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

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

REMARKS

00-04 Underway in accordance with CTG 76.5 OPORD 101-68 off the coast of Da Nang, RVN, in operating area Barbara A-4 and B-4. Condition of Readiness IV and Material Condition YOKE are set. The ship is darkened except for navigation lights. SOPA and OTC is CTG 76.5, COMPHIBRON NINE, in USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10). 0107 C/C 309°T 0251 C/C 179°T 0326 C/C 309°T

*P.L. Edmunds*

P.L. EDMANDES, LT, USNR

04-08 Underway as before. 0357 Commenced maneuvering various courses at various speeds to remain within OPAREA BARBARA A-4-B-4. 0608 Set course 246°T, speed 10 KTS. 0613 Commenced maneuvering various courses at various speeds to close USS Tripoli (LPH-10) for close E-S morning helicopter personnel transfers.

*James A. Walker*

J.A. WALKER, LTJG, USNR

08-12 Underway as before. 0825 Set the Helo Detail. 0844 Secured the Helo Detail. 0845 Set course 070° speed 10 KTS to return to OPAREA BARBARA A-4 and B-4. 0917 Reentered OPAREA. Commenced maneuvering on various courses and speeds to stay within the OPAREA. 08-0745. Mustered the crew on station. Absentees: none.

*J. Ryner*

J. RYNER, LTJG, USNR

12-16 Underway as before. 1230 Commenced maneuvering on various courses and speeds to close USS Tripoli (LPH-10) and maintain position for flaghoist drill. 1415 Commenced flaghoist drill. 1525 Completed flaghoist drill. 1525 Commenced maneuvering at various courses and speeds to maintain position for helo operations.

*D. Salmon*

D. SALMON, CWO3, USN

16-18 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1625 SET THE HELO DETAIL. 1639 SECURED THE HELO DETAIL. 1640 SET COURSE 054°T, TO PROCEED TO ASSIGNED OPAREA BARBARA A-4, B-4, 1722 SPEED 10 KTS. 1722 C/C TO 045°T

*R.E. Riestert*

R.E. RIESSERT, LT, USN

18-20 Underway as before. 1752 C/C to 134°T. 1753 C/C to 5 knots. 1901 C/C to 10 knots, C/C to 299°T. 1948 C/C to 5 knots 1949 C/C to 319°T.

*Z.A. Moot*

Z.A. MOOT, LT, USN

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DATE MONDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 19 68  
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20-24 Underway as before. 2000 Commenced Z-10-CC 2150 Secured from  
Z-10-CC 2255 C/C 139°T

*P.L. Edmunds*

P.L. EDMANDES, LT, USNR

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*D. R. Muhlethaler*

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

USS Monticello (LSD-35) ZONE DESCRIPTION -3(H) DATE Tuesday 10 September 1968  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

AT/PASSAGE FROM OFF COAST OF DANANG, RVN TO \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL  
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REMARKS

*Jan* 0800-0844 Underway in accordance with CTG 76.5 OPRD ~~10-1-68~~ <sup>10-1-68</sup> OFF THE COAST OF DANANG, RVN, in OPAREA BARBARA A-4-B-4. Manuevering on various courses at various speeds to remain within OPAREA. Condition of Readiness TV and Material Condition Code are set throughout the ship. The ship is darkened except for navigation lights. SOPA and OTC is CTG 76.5 ComPhibRON, Nine, in U.S.S. Tripoli (LPH-10) while working in the ship's laundry. EN3 O.B. Surber, 354 07 82, USN severed his ring finger, right hand to the first knuckle when a sprocket came loose. Injury not due to his own mis-conduct. Treatment administered by ship's chief corpsman. Disposition: to be transferred to U.S.S. Tripoli (LPH-10) for further treatment. 0830 Set course 270 speed 12 kts. to close U.S.S. Tripoli for Medivac. Manuevering on various courses and speeds to close U.S.S. Tripoli. 0835 Set the H&L Detail 0340 Helicopter landed. 0834 Helicopter departed with medivac, EN3 O.B. Surber, 354 07 82, USN for return to U.S.S. Tripoli.

*Jan* 0842 Secured the H&L Detail. Set the course 147, speed 16 kts. to close U.S.S. Niagara Falls (AES-3) for morning vertical replenishment. Commenced manuevering on various courses and speeds to close U.S.S. Niagara Falls.

*Jan* 0845 ~~From~~ Commanding Officer this ship assumed OTC of U.S.S. Ogden (LPO-5) and U.S.S. Merrick (AKA-97) for replenishment from USS Niagara Falls.

James P. Walker  
J.A. WALKER, LTJG, USNR

0808 Underway as before. 0522 On station Port beam of Niagara Falls. 0641 Set the H&L Detail. Commenced VERT REP. 0707 Completed VERT REP. 0710 Secured the H&L Detail. Set course 000 speed 10.

A.J. PETER, LTJG, USNR

0812 Underway as before. 0745 mustered the crew; no absentees. 0823 Set the H&L Detail. 0840 Secured the H&L Detail. 0840 Commenced steaming various courses at various speeds to remain within assigned OP Areas and close Tripoli (LPH-10). 1104 Took station B4 in formation 51, U.S.S. Tripoli (LPH-10) is ahead in station 0, U.S.S. Merrick (AKA-97) is in station B1. Formation course 120°T, speed 14 knots. Formation axis 135°T. 1117 Formation C/C to 135°T. 1137 C/S to 11 knots.

D. Salmon  
D. SALMON, CWO, USN

*Jan* 12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE MANEUVERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE MAINTAINING STATION ON USS TRIPOLI. 1159 SET FORMATION C/C TO 155°T. 1210 FORMATION C/C TO 165°T. 1211 SET THE REPLENISHMENT DETAIL. 1215 FORMATION C/C TO 155°T. 1223 FORMATION C/C TO 135°T. 1229 FORMATION C/C TO

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USS MONTICELLO (LSO-35)

DATE TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 19 68  
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REMARKS—CONTINUED

12 KTS. C/C TO 090°T. 1231 FORMATION C/C TO 315°T. 1236 COMMENCED MANEUVERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS TO GO ALONGSIDE USS ~~BARCACAPON~~ (AO-52) FOR REPLENISHMENT AND REFUELING. REPLENISHMENT COURSE 325°T, SPEED 12 KTS. 1309 ALONGSIDE STARBOARD SIDE USS CACAPON (AO-52), FIRST SHOT LINE ON DECK. 1314 RIGGED MANILA HIGH LINE FOR PERSONNEL AND ~~THE~~ CARGO ~~PER TRIPOLI~~, 1317 ~~HOOK~~ HOOKED UP SPAN WIRE FOR REFUELING. 1342 HIGH-LINE DISCONNECTED, RECEIVED TWO PERSONNEL AND CARGO. ~~PER 1349~~ DISCONNECTED SPAN WIRE, COMMENCED MANEUVERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS TO CLEAR THE USS CACAPON AND TAKE LIFE GUARD STATION 1000 yds ASTERN OF CACAPON REPLENISHING THE USS MERRICK. 1501 SET THE LIFE GUARD DETAIL SECURED THE REPLENISHMENT DETAIL. 1514 ON STATION, MANEUVERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE MAINTAINING LIFE GUARD STATION. 1535 SECURED THE LIFE GUARD DETAIL. 1540 SET COURSE 130°T SPEED 15 KTS IN ORDER TO CLOSE THE USS TRIPOLI FOR HELICOPTER OPERATIONS. 1555 C/C TO 155°T 145°T

*R. E. Riesgo*  
R. E. RIESGO, LT, USN

16-18 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1557 C/C TO 139°T 1607 MANEUVERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE REMAINING WITHIN HELO FLIGHT RANGE OF USS TRIPOLI. 1630 SET THE HELO DETAIL. 1656 SECURED THE HELO DETAIL. 1700 C/C TO 344°T. 1719 C/C TO 089 SPEED 10 KTS PROCEEDING TO ASSIGNED OPAREA BARBARA A-4, B-4. 1722 C/S TO 5 KTS 1732 C/C TO 059°T

*Z. A. Moot*  
Z. A. MOOT, LT, USN

18-20 Underway as before. 1800 Entered assigned OPAREA C/C 314°T 1923 C/C 359°T 1932 C/C 314°T

*P. L. Edwards*  
P. L. EDWARDS, LT, USNR

20-24 Underway AS before. 1945 COMMENCED MANEUVERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS TO REMAIN WITHIN OPAREA

*James A. Walter*  
J. A. WALTER, LTJG, USNR

EXAMINED *D. B. Muhlthaler* U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

USS MONTICELLO (LSD-35) ZONE DESCRIPTION - 8(H) DATE WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

AT/PASSAGE FROM OFF THE COAST OF DANANG, RVN TO \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

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

REMARKS

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00-04 Underway as before in accordance with CTG 76.5 OPORD 101-68 off the coast of DANANG, RVN in OPAREA BARBARA A-4 and B-4. Maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to remain within the OPAREA. Condition of readiness and material condition Yoke are met throughout the ship. The ship is darkened except for navigation lights. SOPA and OTC is CTG 76.5, COMPHIBRON NINE embarked in USS IRIOLI (LPH-10).

*[Signature]*  
A. J. RIBER, LTJG, USNR

04-08 underway as before. 0400 set course 274° to go into Danang RVN harbor. 0444 Commenced maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to enter Danang harbor.

*[Signature]*  
D. SALMON, CWO, USN

04-08 (CONTINUED) UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0639 SET THE ANCHOR DETAIL. 0700 SET THE BALLAST DETAIL. 0727 ANCHORED DANANG HARBOR IN ANCHORAGE 35, IN 8 FATHOMS OF WATER WITH A MUD BOTTOM, 45 FATHOMS OF CHAIN ON DECK. SHIPS PRESENT INCLUDE VARIOUS UNITS OF THE US PACIFIC FLEET, YARD AND DISTRICT CRAFT. SOPA IS COMPHIBRON SEVENTHFLT, RADM R. L. LACY, JR., USN EMBARKED IN USS ELDORADO (AGC-11). 0735 SECURED ANCHOR BORINGS: OBSERVATORY LIGHT 118°T, RADAR DOME 092°T; RIGHT TANGENT HON SONCHA 015.4. 0735 SECURED THE ANCHOR DETAIL, SET THE MODIFIED STEERING WATCH.

*[Signature]*  
R. E. RIESGO, LT, USN

08-12 ANCHORED AS BEFORE. 0758 COMMENCED OFF LOADING, LCH 1497, TWO AND LARKS AND ONE LCH-8 FOR ADMIN RUNS TO DANANG. 0910 STATIONED THE MACHINE GUN WATCH AMIDSHIP.

*[Signature]*  
R. E. RIESGO, LT, USN

12-16 ANCHORED AS BEFORE.

*[Signature]*  
J. R. LONEY, LTJG, USNR

16-18 ANCHORED AS BEFORE. 1626 SET THE SPECIAL SEA AND ANCHOR DETAIL.

*[Signature]*  
J. R. CROWLEY, ENS, USNR

12-18 (CONT) ANCHORED AS BEFORE. 1637 COMPLETED ALL PREPARATIONS FOR GETTING UNDERWAY. 1643 SET THE HELO DETAIL. 1646 HELO #0556 ON DECK. 1647 HELO DEPARTED. 1649 SECURED THE HELO DETAIL 1650 UNDERWAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH CTG 76.5 OP ORD 101-68. MANEUVERING TO CLEAR ANCHORAGE. OO CONNING CO, XO AND NAVIGATOR ON THE BRIDGE. 1652

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USS MONTICELLO (LSD 35)

DATE WEDNESDAY 11 SEPT 19 68  
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REMARKS—CONTINUED

16-18 (CONT) STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS STANDING OUT OF DA NANG HARBOR. 1717 SET THE HELO DETAIL. 1718 SECURED THE SPECIAL SEA AND ANCHOR DETAIL. 1720 C/K  $\phi 89^{\circ}T$   $\phi 20$  KTS. 1725 HELO  $\phi 556$  ON DECK. 1727 HELO DEPARTED. 1730 SECURED THE HELO DETAIL C/S 15 KTS. 1732 C/K  $1\phi 9^{\circ}T$ . 1743 C/K  $159^{\circ}T$ . 1746 C/K  $144^{\circ}T$ . 1752 C/K  $\phi 99^{\circ}T$  C/S 10 KTS. 1755 COMMENCED 2-7-C.

*P. L. Edmonds*

P. L. EDMONDS, LT, USNR

18-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1847 C/K  $\phi 49^{\circ}T$ . 1902 C/S 5 KTS. 1912 C/K  $139^{\circ}T$ . 1913 SECURED FROM 2-7-C. C/S 4 KTS. 1931 C/K  $\phi 44^{\circ}T$  C/S 5 KTS. 1939 C/S 4 KTS.

*J. A. Walter*

J. A. WALTER LTJG USNR

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1955 C/K  $319^{\circ}T$ . 1956 C/S 5 KTS. 2234 C/K  $\phi 59^{\circ}T$ . 2357 C/K  $319^{\circ}T$ .

*P. J. Ryder*  
P. J. RYDER LTJG USNR

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*D. R. Muhlethaler*

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

USS MONTICELLO (LSD-35) ZONE DESCRIPTION -8(H) DATE THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

AT/PASSAGE FROM OFF THE COAST OF DANANG, RVN

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L _____	BY _____	
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POSITION	ZONE	TIME
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L _____	BY _____	
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POSITION	ZONE	TIME
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L _____	BY _____	
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LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL  
2-ELECTRONIC  
3-VISUAL  
4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 Underway as before in accordance with CTG 76.5 OPORD 101-68 off the coast of Danang, RVN in OPAREA BARBARA A-4 and B-4. Maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to remain within the OPAREA. Condition of readiness IV and material condition YOKE are set throughout the ship. The ship is darkened except for navigational lights. SOPA and OTC in CTG 76.5, COMPHIBRON NINE embarked in U.S.S. Tripoli (LPH-10)

*D. Salmon*

D. SALMON, CWO, USN

04-08 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0633 OBSERVED SUNRISE, TURNED OFF NAVIGATION LIGHTS, COMMENCED MANEUVERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS TO CLOSE USS TRIPOLI FOR HELICOPTER OPERATIONS.

*R.E. Riesgo*

R.E. RIESGO, LT, USN

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE, 0745 MUSTERED THE CREW, ON STATIONS: ABSENTEES-NONE. 0828 SET THE HELO DETAIL, 0902 SECURED THE HELO DETAIL 0903 COMMENCED MANEUVERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEED TO RETURN TO ASSIGNED OPAREA, 1100 SET THE HELO DETAIL, 1112 SECURED THE HELO DETAIL.

*J.A. Walter*

J.A. WALTER, LTJG, USNR

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE, 1156 SET THE HELO DETAIL, 1225 SECURED THE HELO DETAIL.

*P.L. Edwards*

P.L. EDWARDS, LT, USNR

16-18 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE, 1548 COMMENCED MANEUVERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS TO CLOSE TRIPOLI FOR HELO OPERATIONS, 1626 SET THE HELO DETAIL, 1623 SECURED THE HELO DETAIL, RETURNING TO ASSIGNED OPAREA.

*P.J. Ryder*

P.J. RYDER, LTJG, USNR

18-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE, 1847 OBSERVED SUNSET, DARKENED SHIP, EXCEPT FOR NAVIGATION LIGHTS.

*Z.A. Moot*

Z.A. MOOT, LT, USN

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE, 2150 SET EMCON CONDITION SIERRA 2300 SECURED FROM EMCON CONDITION SIERRA

*D. Salmon*

D. SALMON, CWO, USN

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*D. R. Muletter*

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR



USS MONTECELLO (LSD-35) ZONE DESCRIPTION -8 (H) DATE FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 1968  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

AT/PASSAGE FROM OFF THE COAST OF DANANG, RVN TO \_\_\_\_\_

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

REMARKS

00-04 UNDERWAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH CTG 76.5 OPPLAN 101-68 IN OPAREA BARBARA A-4, B-4, OFF DANANG, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, IN SUPPORT OF 2/7 BLT, U.S. MARINE CORP ASHORE. CONDITION OF READINESS IV AND MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE ARE SET. SOPA AND OTC IS CTG 76.5, COMPHABRON NINE, EMBARKED IN USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10). SHIP IS DARKENED EXCEPT FOR NAVIGATION LIGHTS. MANEUVERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEED WHILE REMAINING IN ASSIGNED OPAREA.

*R. E. RIESGO*  
R. E. RIESGO, LT, USN

04-08 Underway as before. Steering various courses at various speeds in order to remain in OPAREA.

*Z. A. MOOT*  
Z. A. MOOT, LT, USN

08-12 Underway as before. 0745 Mustered the crew on station. Absentees: none. 0720 c/c 249°T 0735 c/c 259°T 0807 c/s 5kts. 0821 Set the helo detail c/c 234°T 0827 Helo 0556 on deck. 0831 Helo departed. Secured the helo detail. 0835 c/c 269°T. c/c 090°T 0848 c/c 103°T 0850 c/s 10kts. 0950 c/s 5kts c/c 129°T 0955 c/c 059°T 1020 c/c 344°T 1105 c/c 189°T c/s 10kts. 1107 c/c 189°T. 1121 c/c 109°T. 1130 c/s 5kts. c/c 359°T 1134 c/c 339°T

*P. L. EDMANIS*  
P. L. EDMANIS, LT, USNR

12-16 Underway as before. 1145 Commenced maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to remain in OpArea. 1456 Set course 234, speed 16 kts. to close USS Tripoli (LPH-10) for helicopter transfers. 1504 Commenced maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to close Tripoli.

*J. A. WALTER*  
J. A. WALTER, LTJG, USNR

16-18 Underway as before. 1552 Set the Helo Detail. 1602 Secured the Helo Detail. Commenced maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to stay within visual range of the Tripoli.

*A. J. KYBER*  
A. J. KYBER, LTJG, USNR

18-20 Underway as before. 1800 Commenced flashing light drill. 1930 Completed flashing light drill.

*D. SALMON*  
D. SALMON, CWO, USN

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 2108 MANEUVERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS TO REMAIN WITHIN ASSIGNED OPAREA.

*RAY E. RIESGO*  
RAY E. RIESGO, LT, USN

EXAMINED  
*D. R. MUELTHALER*  
U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

USS Monticello (LSD-35) ZONE DESCRIPTION 8H DATE Sat 14 Sept. 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

AT/PASSAGE FROM Coast of DaNang, RVN TO \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
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LEGEND:	1-CELESTIAL
	2-ELECTRONIC
	3-VISUAL
	4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 Underway in accordance with CTB 76.5 OPORD in OPAREA Barbara A-4 and B-4 off DaNang, RVN. Maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to remain within OPAREA. Condition of readiness IV and Material condition Yoke are set. SOPA and OTC is CTB 76.5, COMPHIBRON Nine in USS Tripoli (LPH-10). Ship is darkened except for navigational lights.

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Z.A. MOOT, LT, USN

04-08 Underway as before. 0359 c/c 179°T 0429 c/c 319°T 0612 c/c 039°T 0629 c/c 234°T 0634 c/s 12 kts. 0646 c/c 239°T 0700 c/s 15 kts. 0715 c/s 12 kts c/c 235°T 0744 c/c 249°T

*[Signature]*  
P.L. EDWARDS, LT, USNR

08-12 Maneuvering underway as before. 0745 Commenced maneuvering various courses at various speeds to close U.S.S. Tripoli (LPH-10) for morning helicopter personnel transfers. 0847 Commenced maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to remain in close proximity to U.S.S. Tripoli. 0828 Set the Helo Detail. 0940 ORDERED by OTC to investigate unidentified object sighted by U.S.S. Tripoli floating adrift in southern corner of OPAREA Barbara A-2. Set course 230°T, speed 10 kts. 0943 Maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to locate unidentified object. 0950 Object sighted bearing 190°T, 5,000. Commenced maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to close unidentified object. Object identified as abandoned working float constructed of nine steel barrels, angle iron, and heavy wooden timbers. Object located at lat. 16°-04.3'N, long. 108°-26.2'E. 1036 Secure the Helo Detail. 1037 Maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to remain in close proximity to the float, as ordered by OTC.

*[Signature]*  
J.A. WALTER, LTJG, USNR

12-16 Underway as before. 1330 Set course 050 speed 10 kts, to return to OPAREAS BARBARA A-4 and B-4. 1407 Entered OPAREA. Commenced maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to remain within OPAREA. 1445 Commenced maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to close Tripoli.

*[Signature]*  
J.A. WALTER, LTJG, USNR

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USS MONTICELLO (LSD-35)

DATE SATURDAY 14 SEPT. 19 68  
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REMARKS—CONTINUED

16-18 Underway as before. 1553 Set the Helo Detail.  
1748 Secured the Helo Detail

D. Salmon  
D. SALMON, CWO, USN

18-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1835 COMMENCED MANEUVERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEED IN ORDER TO PASS THROUGH POINT J AT TIME 1930 TO PRECOMEX EXERCISE MIKE-2. 1930 PRECOMEX EXERCISE MIKE-2 C/S TO 095, SPEED 10 KTS.

R. E. Riesgo  
R. E. RIESGO, LT, USN

20-24 Underway as before. 2015 C/L to 034°T. 2100 Commenced Exercise M-2, Steering various courses at various speeds. 2130 Report of injury to PFC K. L. Griswell, 2434014, USMC at 2045. Suffered abrasion ring finger left hand. Injury not due to his own misconduct. Treated and returned to duty. 2301 Completed exercise M-2. C/L to 299°T, C/S to 10 knots. 2343 C/L to 319°T, C/S to 5 knots.

Z. A. Moot  
Z. A. MOOT, LT, USN

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D. R. Muhlethaler U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

USS MONTICELLO (LSD-35) ZONE DESCRIPTION -8 (H) DATE SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

AT/PASSAGE FROM COAST OF DANANG, RVN TO \_\_\_\_\_

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LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL  
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4-D. R.

REMARKS

08-04 Underway in accordance with CTG 76.5 OPORD in OPAREA BARBARA A-4 and B-4 off Danang, RVN, maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to remain within oparea. Condition of readiness IV and material condition YOKE are set. SOPA and OTC is CTG 76.5, COMPHIBRON NINE, in USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10). Ship is darkened except for navigation lights.

*P.L. Edwards*

P.L. EDWARDS, LT, USNR

04-08 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0657 Set COURSE 264°T, SPEED 14 KTS. TO CLOSE USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10) FOR MORNING HELICOPTER PERSONNEL TRANSFERS. 0703 COMMENCED MANEUVERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS TO CLOSE U.S.S. TRIPOLI (LPH-10)

*James P. Walter*

J.A. WALTER, LTJG, USNR

08-12 Underway as before. 0825 Set the Helo Detail. 0830 Mustered the crew on station. Helicopters have 0915 secured the helo detail. 0957 set the Helo Detail. 1037 secured the helo detail. Commenced maneuvering on various courses and speeds to close USS OGDEN (LPD-5). 1115 On station starboard beam of OGDEN. All engines stop. Dead in the water to conduct small boat operations.

*D. J. Salmon*

D. J. SALMON, LTJG, USNR

12-16 Underway as before. 1317 Completed small boat operations. Maneuvering at various courses at various speeds to conduct Helo Operations.

*D. Salmon*

D. SALMON, CAPT, USN

16-18 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1740 SET COURSE 044°T SPEED 10 KTS, PROCEEDING TO ASSIGNED OPAREA

*R.E. Riesgo*

R.E. RIESSGO, CT, USN

18-20 Underway as before. 1800 Commenced event 15-3. 1810 C/S to 5 knots. 1847 observed sunset, darkened ship with the exception of navigation lights. 1855 C/S to 319°T. 1905 Completed event 15-3. 1935 C/S to 10 knots. 1945 C/S to 5 knots.

*F.A. Moot*

F.A. MOOT, LT, USN

20-24 Underway as before. 1945 Maneuvering at various courses

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USS MONTICELLO (LSO-35)

DATE SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 19 68  
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REMARKS—CONTINUED

20-24 (cont) and various speeds to remain within assigned oparea  
Barbara, A-4 and B-4.

P. L. Edmonds  
P. L. EDMONDS, LT, USNR

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D. R. Muhlethaler U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

USS MAITICELLE (LSD-35) ZONE DESCRIPTION -8(W) DATE MONDAY 16  
February 16 19 69  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

AT/PASSAGE FROM OFF THE COAST OF DANANG, RVN TO \_\_\_\_\_

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

REMARKS

02-04 Underway in accordance with CTG 76.5 OPORD 101-68 OFF THE COAST OF DANANG, RVN IN OPAREA BARBARA A-4 AND B-4. MANEUVERING ON VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS TO REMAIN WITHIN THE OPAREA. CONDITION OF READINESS ~~OF READINESS~~ IV AND MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE ARE SET THROUGHOUT THE SHIP. THE SHIP IS DARKENED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF NAVIGATION LIGHTS. SOPA AND OTC IS CTG 76.5, COMBIBRON NINE, IN USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10).

*[Signature]*  
M. LETHALER, LT, USNR  
*[Signature]*  
R. J. BAKER, LTJG, USNR

04-08 Underway as before.

08-12 Underway as before. 0745 Mustered the crew. Absentees: None. Commenced maneuvering on various courses, at various speeds to conduct Helo Operations and Flag Hoist Drill. 0755 Set the Helo detail. 0813 Secured the Helo detail. 0842 Set the Helo detail. 0900 Commenced Flag Hoist Drill. 0908 Secured the Helo Detail. 0925 Commenced Small Arms firing. 1009 Secured from Flag Hoist Drill. 1019 Secured from Small Arms firing. 1020 Set course 059°T speed 12 to return to Op Area. 1041 C/S to 5 kts.

*[Signature]*  
D. SALMON, CAPT, USN

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. MANEUVERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE REMAINING IN ASSIGNED OP AREA. 1445 COMMENCED MANEUVERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS, IN ORDER TO CLOSE USS TRIPOLI FOR HELICOPTER OPERATIONS.

*[Signature]*  
R. E. RIESGO, LT, USN

16-18 Underway as before. 1557 Stationed the Helo Detail. 1646 Secured the Helo Detail. 1648 C/S to 134°T, C/S to 15 knots. 1708 C/S to 144°T. 1723 Stationed the Replenishment Detail. 1730 Maneuvering to take station on USS Kennebec (AO-36) for replenishment. 1759 On station alongside starboard side of USS Kennebec (AO-36).

*[Signature]*  
Z. A. MOOT, LT, USN

18-20 Underway as before. 1755 First line over. 1806 Received first fuel hose. 1809 Commenced receiving fuel. 1853 Fueling completed. 1911

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USS MONTICELLO (LSD-35)

DATE Monday 16 September 1968  
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REMARKS-CONTINUED

18-20 (cont.) All lines and hoses clear. Commenced maneuvering to clear starboard side of USS KENNEBEC. 1914 Clear of USS KENNEBEC. 1915 Secured the replenishment detail 1916 c/c 059°T. 1918 c/s 10 kts. 1947 c/c 039°T. 1954 c/s 12 kts 1955 c/s 15 kts.

*P. L. Edmunds*  
P. L. EDMANDES, LT, USNR

20-24 Underway as before. 2000 c/s 17 kts. Commenced maneuvering for E-10-CC. 2221 Completed E-10-CC c/s 3 kts. 2225 c/c 339°T 2228 c/s 8 kts. 2247 c/c 004°T c/s 7 kts. 2324 c/s 5 kts 2325 c/c 319°T

*James A. Walter*  
J. A. WALTER, LTJG, USNR

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*D. R. Muhlethaler*

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

USS Monticello (LSD-35) ZONE DESCRIPTION - 8 (64) DATE TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 19 68  
 (Day) (Date) (Month)

AT/PASSAGE FROM OFF THE COAST OF DANANG, RVN TO \_\_\_\_\_

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	4. D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 UNDERWAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH CTG 76.5 OPORD 101-68 OFF THE COAST OF DANANG, RVN IN OPAREA BARBARA A-4 AND B-4. MANEUVERING ON VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS TO REMAIN WITHIN OPAREA. CONDITION OF READINESS IV AND MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE ARE SET THROUGHOUT THE SHIP. THE SHIP IS DARKENED EXCEPT FOR NAVIGATION LIGHTS. SOPA AND OTC IS CTG 76.5 COMPHIBRON NINE EMBARKED IN USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10).

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 J. J. BAKER, LTJG, USNR

04-08 underway as before. 0400 Commenced non-directional signal drill. 0400 Commenced maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to maintain position during signal drill. 0530 Completed signal drill. Set course 040°T speed 3 kts to return to assigned Op Area. 0620 Commenced maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to close U.S.S. Tripoli (LPH-10) for Helo operations and small boat transfer from the U.S.S. Meinick AKA 97.

*[Signature]*  
 D. Salomon, CWO, USA

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE 0820 SET THE HELO DETAIL. 0836 SECURED THE HELO DETAIL. MANEUVERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE ATTEMPTING TO REMAIN WITHIN 10000 YARDS OF USS TRIPOLI. 1020 SET THE HELO DETAIL. 1100 SECURED THE HELO DETAIL. CONTINUING TO MANEUVER SO AS TO REMAIN WITHIN 10000 YARDS OF USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10).

*[Signature]*  
 D. MUEHLETHALER, LT, USNR

12-16. UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. CONTINUED MANEUVERING SO AS TO REMAIN WITHIN 10,000 YARDS OF USS TRIPOLI. 1321 SET THE HELO DETAIL. 1329 SECURED THE HELO DETAIL. 1413 SET GENERAL QUARTERS (DRILL).

*[Signature]*  
 J. R. LONEY, LTJG, USNR

12-16 (CONTINUED) UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1420 CONDITION OF READINESS I SET. 1423 CONT-MATERIAL CONDITION ZEBRA SET. 1508 EXERCISING CREW AT ABANDON SHIP STATIONS. 1527 SECURED FROM ABANDON SHIP STATIONS, REMAINED ALL BATTLE STATIONS. 1540 SET MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE. 1541 SECURED FROM GENERAL QUARTERS, SET THE REGULAR STEAMING WATCH, SET CONDITION OF READINESS II, SET THE HELO DETAIL. MANEUVERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS IN ORDER TO CLOSE USS TRIPOLI FOR HELO OPS.

*[Signature]*  
 R. Riccio

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U. S. N. NAVIGATOR



USS MONTICELLO (LSD-35)

DATE TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 19 68  
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REMARKS—CONTINUED

R.E. RIESGO, LT, USN

16-18 Underway as before. 1559 c/c 099°T 1601 c/s 5kts. 1605 c/s 3kts.  
1617 c/s 2kts. 1631 c/c 119°T 1639 c/c 111°T 1657 Secured the Helo detail 1657  
c/c 049°T c/s 5kts.

P.L. Edmonds

P.L. EDMANDS, LT, USNR

18-20 Underway AS before 1757 ENTERED OPAREA A-4 AND B-4. COMMENCED  
MANEUVERING ON VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS TO REMAIN WITHIN  
OPARET.

James O Walter

J.H. WALTER, LTJG, USNR

20-24 Underway as before. 2205 Commenced Event Z-2-CM.  
Set Condition (EMCOM) Sierra. 2347 Completed Event Z-2-CM  
and secured from EMCOM Condition Sierra.

D. Salmon

D. SALMON, CWO, USN

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D. R. Muhlethaler

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

USS MONTICELLO (LSD-35) ZONE DESCRIPTION -8(H) DATE WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

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	4. D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 UNDERWAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH CTG 76.5 OPLAN 101-68, OFF THE COAST OF DANANG, RVN IN OPAREA BARBARA A-4 AND B-4, IN SUPPORT OF BKT 2/7 ASHORE. OTC AND SOPA IS CTG 76.5, COMBIBRON NINE, EMBARKED IN USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10). CONDITION OF READINESS N AND MATERIAL CONDITION YOKO SET. THIS SHIP IS DARKENED EXCEPT FOR NAVIGATION LIGHTS. MANEUVERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS IN ORDER TO REMAIN WITHIN ASSIGNED OPAREA.

*R.E. Riesgo*  
R.E. RIESGO, 1LT, USN

04-08 Underway as before. 0430 Departed oparea, course 272°T, spd 9 kts 0434 c/s 10 kts. 0506 c/c 274°T 0537 c/c 277°T 0543 c/s 11 kts. 0600 c/c 304°T 0608 c/c 269°T 0613 c/c 249°T 0625 c/c 269°T 0630 c/c 204°T 0644 Stationed the Navigation Detail 0650 Set the Special Sea and Anchor detail. OOD conning, Captain and Navigator on the bridge. Manuevering various courses and speeds to enter Da Nang Harbor. 0702 Set the ballast detail 0717 Captain at the conn. 0738 Anchored in anchorage 24, Da Nang Harbor, RVN, in 7 fathoms 4 feet of water, mud bottom, with 45 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following bearings: Observatory light 105.3°T, Radardome 083.2°T, left tangent Band Dao Tien Sa 056°T. Commenced ballasting, draft fwd 17'6", aft 19'4". 0745 Mustered the crew on station. Absentees: none. 0757 Secured the Special Sea and Anchor Detail and the Navigation Detail

*P.L. Edmunds*  
P.L. EDMUNDS, LT, USNR

08-12 Anchored as before. 0812 Secured ballasting. Draft: fwd 23'0", aft 30'0". 1020 Captain departed.

*J.R. Crowley*  
J.R. CROWLEY, ENS, USNR

12-16 Anchored as before. 1354 Captain returned to the ship. 1425 Commenced ballasting. 1430 Secured ballasting. Draft: fwd 23'0", aft 30'6". 1435 Commenced deballasting. 1523 Secured deballasting. Draft fwd 15', aft 30'6"

*W.M. McBride*  
W.M. MCBRIDE, ENS, USNR

16-20<sup>08</sup> Anchored as before. 1645 Commenced deballasting. Draft: fwd 15' aft 30'6". 1715 Set the Sea and Anchor Detail. 1730 Underway for assigned oparea in accordance with CTG 76.5 OPLAN 101-68. Manuevering to clear the anchorage. OOD conning. Captain and Navigator on the bridge. 1731 Steering various courses at various speeds standing out of Da Nang Harbor. 1748 Secured the Sea and Anchor Detail. 1755 Took departure Da Nang Harbor, cse 209°T, spd 15 kts.

*R.L. Moser*  
R.L. MOSER, RDR, USN

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USS MONTICELLO (LSD-35)

DATE WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 68  
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REMARKS—CONTINUED

18-20 Underway as before. 1808 c/c 099°T 1810 Set the Helo Detail. 1830  
c/c 116°T c/s 16 kts. 1822 c/s 20 kts. 1831 c/s 15 kts. 1833 c/s 10 kts. 1834 c/s 5 kts. 1841 c/s 15 kts  
1842 c/c 099°T Secured the Helo Detail. 1845 c/s 20 kts. 1849 c/s 21 kts 1850  
Secured the Ballast Detail. Draft fwd 17'6" aft 18'6". 1901 c/c 059°T 1910 c/c 089°T  
1919 c/c 114°T 1930 c/c 054°T c/s 10 kts

*R. E. RIESGO*

R. E. RIESGO, LT, USN

20-24 Underway as before. 2003 c/c 037°T. 2054 c/c 041°T c/s 9 kts 2049 c/s 02  
c/s 3 kts. 2059 c/c 209°T. 2100 c/c 179°T c/s 10 kts. Commenced Z-10-CC exercise 2111  
c/c 279°T c/s 15 kts. Commenced maneuvering at various courses and speeds to close  
point JULIET. 2300 Completed Z-10-CC exercise. 2302 c/c 319°T c/s 6 kts 2337  
c/s 15 kts.

*P. J. KYDER*

P. J. KYDER, LTJG, USNR

EXAMINED:

*D. R. Muhlethaler*

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

USS MONTICELLO (LSD-35) ZONE DESCRIPTION - 8 (H) DATE THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 19 68  
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LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL  
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4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 Underway in accordance with CTG 76.5 Op Order 101-68, off the coast of Danang, RVN in Op Area Barbara A4 and B4, in support of BLT 217 ashore, CTC and SOPA in CTG 76.5, COMHIBRON NINE, Embarked in U.S.S. Tripoli (LPH-10). Condition of Readiness IV and Material Condition YOKE set. This ship is darkened except for navigation lights. Maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to remain within assigned Op Area.

*D. Salmon*

D. SALMON, CWO, USN

04-08 Underway as before. 0426 Maneuvering to take station B-4 in Formation 51B, axis 135° course 135°, speed 10 knots. Guide is USS Tripoli (LPH-10) in station 0. 0501 Changed formation course to 120°. 0511 Changed F/c to 12 knots. 0512 changed F/c to 150°. 0515 changed F/c to 14 knots, F/c to 225°. 0520 changed F/c to 260°. 0521 Stationed the Replenishment detail. 0528 changed F/c to 310°. Maneuvering to take station starboard to USS Aludra (LAF-55), replenishment course 310°, speed 12 knots. 0654 Maneuvering to clear starboard side of Aludra and take station 1000 yards astern in life guard station, secured the replenishment detail.

*E.A. Meot*

E.A. MEOT, LT, USN

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0805 SECURED THE LIFE GUARD DETAIL. MANEUVERING AT VARIOUS SPEEDS AND ON VARIOUS COURSES TO CLOSE WITH THE USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10) FOR HELICOPTER OPERATIONS. 0812 SET THE HELICOPTER DETAIL. 0848 SECURED THE HELICOPTER DETAIL. 0848 SET COURSE 074°, SPEED 10 KTS. 0859 C/L TO 080°G. 0904 C/L TO 074°. 0921 SET CONDITION 1A. 0925 C/L TO 5 KTS. 0938 ALL STATIONS REPORTED MANNED AND READY. 0941 AWAY ALL BOATS. C/L TO 0 KTS. COMMENCED EXERCISE Z-7-A. 1135 SECURED FROM EXERCISE Z-7-A, SECURED FROM CONDITION 1A.

*J. Muhlenthaler*

J. MUELHENTHALER, LT, USNR

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1202 C/L TO 249°T C/L TO 052 RPM. 1208 C/L TO 102 RPM, 1219 C/L TO 15 KTS.

*R.L. Moser*

R.L. MOSER, LCDR, USN.

12-16 (CONT) UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. MANEUVERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS TO STAY IN THE VICINITY OF USS TRIPOLI. 1419 EXERCISED THE CREW AT GENERAL QUARTERS (DRILL). 1530 SECURED FROM GENERAL QUARTERS.

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USS MONTICELLO (LSD-35)

DATE THURSDAY 19 SEPT. 1968  
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REMARKS—CONTINUED

12-16 (CONT)

J. R. Loney  
J. R. LONEY, LTJG, USNR

16-18 Underway as before. 1642 Set the Helo Detail 1739 Secured the Helo Detail.

D. R. RIESGO  
D. R. RIESGO, LTJG, USNR

18-20 Underway as before. 1802 Commenced station changing exercise (M-6) maneuvering on various courses at various speeds.

D. Salmon  
D. SALMON, CWO, USN

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1957 COMPLETED M-6 EXERCISE, SET COURSE 314°T, SPEED 8 KTS IN ORDER TO RETURN TO ASSIGNED OPAREA. 2018 ENTERED ASSIGNED OPAREA, MANEUVERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS TO REMAIN IN OPAREA.

R. E. Riesgo  
R. E. RIESGO, LT, USN

EXAMINED:

*D. R. Muhlethaler*

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

USS Monticello (LSD-35) ZONE DESCRIPTION -8 H DATE Friday 20 Sept 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

AT/PASSAGE FROM Off the coast DaNang, RVN

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

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

REMARKS

00-04 Underway in accordance with CTG 76.5 OORDER 101-68 off the coast of DaNang, RVN in Op Area Barbara A4 and B4. OTC and SOPA is CTG 76.5 COMPHIBRON Nine in USS Tripoli (LPH-10). Maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to remain in assigned Op Area. Condition of Readiness IV and Material Condition Yoke are set. Ship is darkened except for navigation lights.

*J.A. Moot, LT, USN*

04-08 Underway as before. Maneuvering on various courses and speeds to remain in assigned OPAREA. 0400 Commenced Z-7-C exercise. 0548 Completed Z-7-C exercise. 0642 Departed assigned OPAREA course 250°T, speed 10kts. 0635 c/s 12kts 0701 c/c 259°T

*P.L. EDWARDS, LT, USNR*

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0715 c/s 5 KTS. c/c 279°T. 0719 c/c 079°T. 0722 c/c 089°T. 0725 c/c 03 029°T. 0735 c/c 304°T. 0744 c/c 299°T. 0745 SET THE HELO DETAIL, MUSTERED THE CREW AT QUARTERS NO NEW ABSENTEES. 0759 c/s 3 KTS. 0801 HELO #0556 ON DECK. 0803 HELO #0556 DEPARTED. 0819 SECURED THE HELO DETAIL. 0837 c/s 2 KTS. 0848 c/c 239°T. 0855 c/c 209°T. 0916 c/s 5 KTS. 0918 c/c 149°T. c/s 10 KTS. 0928 c/c 114°T. 0933 c/c 349°T. 0934 c/c 329°T. 0940 c/c 289°T. 0950 c/c 229°T. 0954 c/c 159°T c/s 10 KTS. 1003 c/c 169°T c/s 8 KTS. 1004 c/c 159°T. 1014 c/c 144°T. 1020 c/c 099°T c/s 10 KTS. 1026 c/s 15 KTS. 1027 c/c 079°T. 1039 c/c 049°T. 1035 c/s 10 KTS. 1039 c/c 009°T. 1042 c/c 029°T. 1044 c/c 319°T. 1047 c/c 279°T. 1051 c/s 8 KTS. 1100 c/c 009°T. 1107 c/s 15 KTS. 1114 c/c 089°T. 1116 c/c 069°T. 1124 c/c 054°T. 1139 c/s 10 KTS. 1150 c/c 317°T c/s 5 KTS.

*J.R. CROWLEY, ENS, USNR*

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1310 COMMENCED GUNNERY EXERCISE, B/D A/E 2/3 c/s to 102 RPM. 1312 RT FULL RUDDER, MANEUVERING VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS FOR GUNNERY EXERCISE. 1525 COMPLETED GUNNERY EXERCISE. 1527 c/s 151 RPM A/E AHEAD 2/3. 1528 A/E AHEAD STANDARD. 1535 c/c 254°T. 1536 SET THE HELO DETAIL. 1543 LANDED HELO. 1545 LAUNCHED HELO. 1547 c/c 239°T. 1552 SECURE THE HELO DETAIL.

*N.M. MCBRIDE, ENS, USNR*

16-18 Underway as before. 1548 Commenced maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to close U.S.S. Tripoli (LPH-10) and conduct Helo Operations. 1627 Set the Helo Detail. 1717 Secured the Helo Detail. 1718 Set course 044°T

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USS MONTICELLO (LSD-35)

DATE FRIDAY 20 SEPT. 1968  
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REMARKS—CONTINUED

16-18 (continued) speed 5 knots to return to assigned Op Area, 1730  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 10 knots.

*D. Salmon*  
D. SALMON, CWO, USN

18-20 to UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1804  $\frac{1}{2}$  TO 3 KTS, MANEUVERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS. #IN ORDER TO REMAIN IN ASSIGNED OP AREA.

*R.E. Riesgo*  
R.E. RIESGO, LT, USN

20-24 Underway as before.

*Z.A. Moot*  
Z.A. MOOT, LT, USN

EXAMINED:

*D. R. Muhlethaler*

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

USS MONTICELLO (LSD-35) ZONE DESCRIPTION -8 (H) DATE SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

AT/PASSAGE FROM OFF THE COAST DANANG, RVN TO \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

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

REMARKS

00-04 Underway in accordance with CTG 76.5 OORDER 161-68 off the coast of DANANG, RVN, in Oparea BARBARA A4 and B4. OTC and SOPA is CTG 76.5, COMPHIBRON NINE, in USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10). Manuevering on various courses at various speeds to remain in assigned OPAREA. Condition of Readiness IV and Material Condition YOKE are set. Ship is darkened except for navigation lights.

*P.L. Edmunds*  
P.L. EDMANDS, LT, USNR

04-08 Underway AS BEFORE. 0500 COMMENCED E-7-C FLASHING LIGHT DRILL WITH U.S.S. Tripoli (LPH-10). 0620 COMPLETED E-7-C FLASHING LIGHT DRILL. 0623 SET COURSE 230°T, SPEED 10 KTS TO CLOSE U.S.S. TRIPOLI (LPH-10) FOR HELICOPTER PERSONNEL TRANSFERS. 0640 COMMENCED MANUEVERING ON VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS TO CLOSE U.S.S. TRIPOLI (LPH-10).

*J.A. Walter*  
J.A. WALTER, LTJG, USNR

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0731 SET THE HELO DETAIL. MANUEVERING ON VARIOUS COURSES AND AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE CONDUCTING HELO OPERATIONS. 0847 RAOM. R. PRATT, USN, (COMPHIBTRA PAC ARRIVED BY HELO FOR AN ORIENTATION VISIT. 0921 RAOM R. PRATT DEPARTED BY HELO. 0923 SECURED THE HELO DETAIL. CONTINUED MANUEVERING AT VARIOUS SPEEDS TO REMAIN IN USS TRIPOLI'S VICINITY. 1122 SET THE HELO DETAIL.

*D. Muehlethaler*  
D. MUEHLETHALER, LT, USNR

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1207 SECURED THE HELO DETAIL. 1426 COMMENCED STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE CONDUCTING MAN OVERBOARD DRILLS. 1530 COMPLETED MAN OVERBOARD DRILLS.

*J.R. Loney*  
J.R. LONEY, LTJG, USNR

16-18 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1545 COMMENCED MANUEVERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE CLOSING TRIPOLI FOR HELO OPS. 1640 SET THE HELO DETAIL 1730 SECURED THE HELO DETAIL, MANUEVERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS IN ORDER TO PROCEED TO STARTING POINT FOR EVENT 21-4

*R.E. Riesgo*  
R.E. RIESGO, LT, USN

18-20 Underway as before.

*Z.A. Moot*  
Z.A. MOOT, LT, USA

20-24 Underway as before. 2001 Arrived at starting point. Commenced

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USS MONTICELLO (LSD-35)

DATE SATURDAY 21 SEPT 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS-CONTINUED

20-24 (CONT) maneuvering at various courses and speeds to conduct Z-10-CC, Tracking exercise. 2130 Entered assigned oparea 2145 Secured from Z-10-CC exercise. Commenced maneuvering at various courses and speeds to remain within assigned oparea. |

*P. L. Edmonds*  
P. L. EDMANDES, LT, USNR

EXAMINED:

*D. B. Muhlethaler*

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

USS MONTICELLO (LSD-35) ZONE DESCRIPTION -8(H) DATE Sunday 22 September 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

AT/PASSAGE FROM OFF THE COAST OF DANANG, RVN TO \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

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

REMARKS

04-04 UNDERWAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH CTG 76.5 OpORDER 201-68 OFF THE COAST OF DANANG, Republic of Vietnam in OPAREA BARBARA A-4 AND B-4. MANEUVERING ON VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS TO REMAIN IN ASSIGNED OPERATING AREA. OTC AND SOPA IS CTG 76.5, ComPhibRON NINE, in USS Tripoli (LPH-10). Condition of Readiness IV AND MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE ARE SET THROUGHOUT THE SHIP. SHIP IS DARKENED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF NAVIGATION LIGHTS.

*James A. Walter*

J. H. WALTER, LTJG, USNR

04-08 Underway as before. 0615 Commenced maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to close Tripoli for helo ops.

*R. J. Ryser*

R. J. RYSER, LTJG, USNR

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0759 c/s 5 KTS. 0803 c/c 279°T. 0820 c/c 009°T. 0830 MUSTERED THE CREW ON STATION. NO NEW ABSENTEES. 0833 c/s 10 KTS. c/c 049°T. 0855 c/c 109°T. 0859 c/c 164°T. 0903 c/c 184°T. 0920 c/s 12 KTS. c/c 244°T. 0925 c/c 234°T. 0939 c/c 5 KTS. 0940 c/s 3 KTS. c/c 309°T. 0941 c/c 329°T. 1020 c/s 5 KTS. 1021 c/c 120°T. 1028 c/s 3 KTS. c/c 070°T. 1033 c/c 169°T. 1035 c/s 5 KTS. 1045 c/c 344°T. 1112 c/c 319°T. 1125 c/c 045°T. c/s 3 KTS. 1144 c/c 089°T.

*J. R. Crowley*

J. R. CROWLEY ENS USNR

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. MANEUVERING ON VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS TO CLOSE USS TRIPOLI FOR HELO OPS. 1230 Set the HELO DETAIL. SECURE THE HELO DETAIL. 1249 SECURE THE HELO DETAIL. 1253 COMMENCED MANEUVERING ON VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS TO CLOSE THE USS CACAPON (AO-52) FOR REPLENISHMENT. 1420 SET HELO DETAIL. 1431 SECURE THE HELO DETAIL. 1433 SET THE SPECIAL SEA AND REPLENISHMENT DETAIL. COMMENCED PREPARATIONS FOR REFUELING FROM USS CACAPON (AO-52). 1439 MANEUVERING TO TAKE STATION ASTERN USS CACAPON (AO-52). 1442 LTCDR MOSER ASSUMED THE CONN. 1444 ON STATION, REPLENISHMENT COURSE <sup>UP</sup> 320°T, SPEED 12 KNOTS. 1446 COMMENCED APPROACH. 1508 ON STATION ALONGSIDE STARBOARD SIDE OF CACAPON. 1509 FIRST LINE OVER. 1517 RECEIVED FUEL HOSE AFT. 1522 COMMENCED RECEIVING FUEL.

*W. M. McBride*

W. M. MCBRIDE, ENS, USNR

16-18 Underway as before. 1618 Secured pumping, Stationed the Helo Detail, SN Sammy D. QUINN, B722676, USN suffered laceration of scalp, injury not due to his own misconduct, treatment administered by Medical

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USS MONTICELLO (LSD-35)

DATE SONICAY 22 SEPT 19 68  
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REMARKS-CONTINUED

16-18 (cont)

Representative. Disposition: returned to duty. 1640  
All lines and hoses clear. 1641 Maneuvering to clear  
starboard side of Cocoon (AO-52). 1646 c/c to 234°T, 4/5  
to 20 knots. 1656 Secured the Helo Detail. 1657 c/c  
to 054°T. 1700 4/5 to 18 knots. 1723 c/c to 5 knots.

*30 Knots*

Z.A. MOOT, LT, USN

18-20 Underway as before. 1758 c/s 5 kts. 1820 c/c 319°T. 1830 c/c 000°T  
c/s 3 kts. 1853 c/c 247°T. 1855 c/s 7 kts. 1856 c/s 15 kts. 1907 c/c 249°T. 1951  
c/c 029°T c/s 3 kts. 2005 c/c 159°T

*P.L. Edmunds*

P.L. EDMANDS, LT, USNR

20-24 Underway as before. 2017 Set course 094°T, speed 15 kts. to return to  
Op Area BARBARA A-4 and B-4. 2024 Commenced maneuvering various  
courses at various speeds to return to operating area. 2129 Entered  
Op Area BARBARA A-4 and B-4. Commenced maneuvering on various courses  
at various speeds to remain within Op Area.

*James A. Walter*

J.A. WALTER, LTJG, USNR

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*D. R. Muhlethaler*

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

USS Monticello (LSD-35) ZONE DESCRIPTION - 8(H) DATE MONDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

AT/PASSAGE FROM OFF THE COAST OF DANANG, RVN TO

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

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

REMARKS

00-04 Underway in accordance with CTG 76.5 O PORD 101-68 off the coast of DANANG, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM in OPAREA BARBARA A-4 and B-4. Maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to remain within assigned OPAREAS. SOPA and OTC is CTG 76.5. COMPHIBRON NINE embarked in USS Tritoli (LPH-10) material condition YOKO and condition of readiness etc are set throughout the ship. The ship is darkened except for navigation lights.

*[Signature]*  
R. J. DICKER, LTJG, USNR

04-08 Underway as before. 0415 Commenced maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to close USS Tritoli (LPH-10) for Helo Operations. 0700 Set the Ballast Detail. 0711 Commenced ballasting. Draft Fwd 17'8" aft 18'7".

*[Signature]*  
D. SALMON, CWO, USN

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0812 SET THE HELO DETAIL. 0830 SECURED THE HELO DETAIL. CONTINUING TO MANEUVER AT VARIOUS SPEEDS AND ON VARIOUS COURSES WHILE REMAINING IN VICINITY OF USS OGDEN (LPD-5) FOR SMALL BOAT TRANSFERS. 0900 SECURED BALLASTING. DRAFT FWD 12'6", AFT 32'. 1128 SET THE HELO DETAIL. 1140 SECURED THE HELO DETAIL. 1140 SET COURSE 020°G, ALL ENGINES AHEAD 2/3.

*[Signature]*  
D. MUELETHALER, LT, USNR

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1208 ALL ENGINES AHEAD 1/3. 1213 SET THE HELO DETAIL. 1230 SECURED THE HELO DETAIL. 1250 SECURED THE BALLAST DETAIL. DRAFT FWD 17'6", DRAFT AFT 18'6". 1446 COMMENCED EXERCISE Z-10-CC, STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS.

*[Signature]*  
J. R. LONEY, LTJG, USNR

16-18 Underway as before. 1602 Secured from Z-10-CC. 1608 C/C 0254°T 1613 C/S 15 kts 1605 C/C 036°T 1626 C/S 10 kts 1649 C/C 0269°T 1743 C/C 139°T 1743 C/S 5 kts.

*[Signature]*  
P. L. EDMANDS, LT, USNR

18-20 Underway as before. 1812 Commenced maneuvering at various courses and speeds to remain within assigned area.

*[Signature]*  
J. A. WALTER, LTJG, USNR

20-24 Underway as before.

*[Signature]*  
P. L. EDMANDS, LT, USNR

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*[Signature]*  
U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

USS MONTICELLO (LSD-35) ZONE DESCRIPTION -8(H) DATE TUESDAY 24 SEPT 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

AT/PASSAGE FROM OFF THE COAST OF DANANG, RVN TO \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

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

REMARKS

00-04 Underway in accordance with CTG 76.5 OPORD 101-68 off the coast of Danang, Republic of Vietnam in OPAREA Barbara A-4 and B-4. Maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to remain within assigned OPAREAS. SOPA and OTC is CTG 76.5, COMPHIBRON NINE embarked in U.S.S. Tripoli (LPH-10). Material Condition Yoke and Condition of Readiness IV are set throughout the ship. The ship is darkened except for navigation lights.

*D. Salmon*  
D. SALMON, CWO, USN

04-06 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0417 MANEUVERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS IN ORDER TO CLOSE TRIPOLI FOR FLASHING LIGHT EXERCISE AND FOR MORNING HELO OPS.

*R.E. Riesgo*  
R.E. RIESGO, LT, USN

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0745 MUSTERED THE CREW ON STATIONS, ABSENTEES: NONE. 0905 SET THE HELO DETAIL. 0937 SECURED THE HELO DETAIL 0945 COMMENCED MANEUVERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEED WHILE CONDUCTING STATION CHANGING EXERCISES WITH THE USS MERRICK (APA-97), THE GUIDE, ON COURSE 086°T, SPEED 8 KTS. THIS SHIP IN STATION ALPHA AND THE USS OGDEN (LPD-5) IN STATION BRAVO. MANEUVERING VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS WHILE CHANGING STATION. 1102 COMPLETED STATION CHANGING EXERCISE, MANEUVERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS IN ORDER TO REMAIN IN ASSIGNED OPAREA.

*J.R. Crowley*  
J.R. CROWLEY, ENS, USNR

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. MANEUVERING ON VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS IN ORDER TO REMAIN IN ASSIGNED OPAREA. 1300 EXERCISE THE CREW TO GENERAL QUARTERS. 1302 LT REISCO ASSUMED THE DECK. 1303 LT EDWARDS ASSUMED THE CONN. ~~1311~~ CONDITION "2" SET THROUGHOUT THE SHIP. 1414 SET CONDITION YOKE, SECURE FROM GENERAL QUARTERS. 1418 ENS POWELL ASSUMED THE CONN, ENS MCBRIDE ASSUMED THE DECK. 1437 C/C 239°T A/E AHEAD 23 102 RPM'S. 1450 MANEUVERING ON VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE CONDUCTION MAN OVERBOARD DRILL. 1519 MANEUVERING ON VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS IN ORDER TO CLOSE USS TRIPOLI FOR AFTERNOON HELO OPS.

*W.M. McBride*  
W.M. MCBRIDE, ENS, USNR

16-18 Underway as before. 1550 c/s 15 kts. 1625 c/s 15 kts 1631 c/c 299°T 1635 c/s 10 kts. c/c 279°T. 1644 c/s 3 kts. c/c 359°T. 1653 Set the Helo detail. 1731 Helo

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USS MONTICELLO (LSD-35)

DATE TUESDAY 24 SEPT. 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

16-18 (CONT) #0556 on deck. 1732 Helo departed. 1741 Helo #0556 on deck. 1742 Helo departed. Secure the Helo detail 1747 c/s 10 kts. 1748 c/c 104°T c/c 059°T.

*P.L. Edmunds*  
P.L. EDMANDS, LT, USNR

<sup>parts 20</sup>  
~~20-24~~ Underway as before. ~~1810~~ ~~1810~~ ~~Commenced~~ ~~maneuvering~~ ~~various~~ ~~courses~~ ~~at~~ ~~various~~ ~~speed~~ ~~to~~ ~~return~~ ~~to~~ ~~OpArea~~. ~~1940~~ ~~Entered~~ ~~OpArea~~. ~~Commenced~~ ~~maneuvering~~ ~~various~~ ~~courses~~ ~~at~~ ~~various~~ ~~to~~ ~~remain~~ ~~within~~ ~~OpArea~~.

*James A. Walter*  
J.A. WALTER, LTJG, USNR

20-24 Underway as before.

*D. Salmon*  
D. SALMON, CWO, USN

EXAMINED:

*D. R. Mulet*

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

USS MONTECELLO (LSD-35) ZONE DESCRIPTION -8(11) DATE WEDNESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

AT/PASSAGE FROM OFF THE EAST COAST OF RVN. TO \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

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

REMARKS

00-04 UNDERWAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH CTG 76.5 OPPLAN 101-68 STEAMING IN ASSIGNED OPAREA BARBARA A-4 AND B-4 OFF DANANG RVN IN SUPPORT OF BLT 2/7 ASHORE. OTC AND SUPA IS CTG 76.5, COMPHIBRON NINE, EMBARKED IN USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10). CONDITION OF READINESS IV AND MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE SET. THIS SHIP IS DARKENED WITH EXCEPTION OF NAVIGATION LIGHTS. MANEUVERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS IN ORDER TO REMAIN IN ASSIGNED OPAREAS.

*R.E. Riesso*  
R.E. RIESSO, LT, USN

04-08 Underway as before. 0415 1/2 to 269°T, 0423 1/2 to 5 knots, 0450 1/2 to 289°T, 0455 1/2 to 8 knots, 0506 1/2 to 10 knots, 0540 1/2 to 279°T, 0541 1/2 to 15 knots, 0627 1/2 to 10 knots, 0648 1/2 to 009°T, 0650 1/2 to 5 knots. 0700 Stationed the Helo Detail. 0715 Secured the Helo Detail, 1/2 to 206°T, 1/2 to 15 knots, 0717 Stationed the Ballast Ballast and Special 3020 Sea and Anchor Details. 0722 Commenced steering various courses at various speeds while entering Da Nang, RVN harbor. 0745 Mustered crew on stations, absentees: none.

*F.A. Moot*  
F.A. MOOT, LT, USN

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0821 ANCHORED IN DANANG HARBOR, ANCHORAGE NUMBER 30 IN 17 FATHOMS 4 FEET OF WATER, MUD BOTTOM, WITH 15 FATHOMS OF CHAIN TO THE PORT ANCHOR ON BECK WITH THE FOLLOWING ANCHOR BEARINGS: OBSERVATION LIGHT 108°, LEFT TANGENT OF BAN DAO TIEN SA 061.9°, WHITE ROCK 080.9° HON SON CHA RIGHT TANGENT 012.5°. 0825 0852 SET THE HELO DETAIL AND SECURED THE SPECIAL SEA AND ANCHOR DETAIL. 0905 SECURED THE HELO DETAIL AND SECURED DEBALLASTING, FWD: 14'0", AFT: 30'0" 0928 SET THE HELO DETAIL. 0939 SECURED THE HELO DETAIL. 1005 SET THE HELO DETAIL. 1012 SECURED THE HELO DETAIL. 1037 LTJG P.J. RYDGER, USNR, 695804 WAS DETACHED FROM THIS SHIP WITH ORDERS TO REPORT TO U.S. NAVAL BASE, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA FOR SEPARATION FROM THE NAVY.

*D.R. Muhlenthaler*  
D.R. MUELHENTHALER, LT, USNR

12-16 ANCHORED AS BEFORE. 1410 SET THE BALLAST DETAIL; DRAFT FORWARD 14'0", DRAFT AFT 30'0" 1445 SECURED BALLASTING; COMMENCED DEBALLASTING; DRAFT FWD 16'0", DRAFT AFT 30'0".

*J.R. Loney*  
J.R. LONEY, LTJG, USNR

16-18 ANCHORED AS BEFORE. 1620 FIRE IN THE PORT CRANE. 1630 FIRE EXTINGUISHED; SECURED FROM FIRE QUARTERS. 1642 SET THE

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16 18 (CONT) HELD DETAIL. 1651 SET THE SPECIAL SEA AND ANCHOR DETAIL. 1658 HEAVED IN TO SHORT STAY. 1708 UNDERWAY FROM ANCHORAGE #30 IN DANANG HARBOR. 1715 SECURED DEBALLASTING; DRAFT FWD 17'9", DRAFT AFT 19'0". 1748 SECURED THE SPECIAL SEA AND ANCHOR DETAIL. SECURED THE HELD DETAIL.

*James A. Walter*  
J.A. WALTER, LTJG, USNR

18-20. UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. MANEUVERING TO CLOSE USS TRIPODI FOR TRANSFER OF FLEET FREIGHT.

*D. Muhlethaler*  
D. MUHLETHALER, LT, USNR

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. MANEUVERING TO STAY NEAR USS TRIPODI WHILE TRANSFERRING FLEET FREIGHT. 2130 ALL ENGINES AHEAD STANDARD, SET COURSE OF 019°T, PROCEEDING TO THE CUA VIET. 2136 c/c to 019°. 2154 c/c to 340°G, 337°T. 2209 c/c to 309°T 2234 c/c to 306°. 2258 c/c to 007°. 2301 c/c to 012°. 2303 c/c to 012°. 2321 c/c to 309°.

*R. R. SGO*  
R. R. SGO, LT, USN.

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*D. Muhlethaler*

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USS Monticello LSD-35 ZONE DESCRIPTION -8H DATE Thursday 26 Sept. 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)  
AT/PASSAGE FROM Da Nang, RVN TO Cua Viet, RVN

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

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

REMARKS

00-04 Steaming independently in accordance with CTC 76.5 Op Plan 101-68 route from Da Nang to Cua Viet, RVN, on course 309°T, speed 15 knots, Condition of Readiness III and Material Condition Yoke is set. Ship is darkened except for navigational lights. 0030 c/c to 307°T, 0116 c/c to 294°T, 0127 c/c to 308°T, 0313 c/c to 284°T, 0339 c/c to 10 knots. 0345 c/c to 269°T, 0348 c/c to 229°T.

*Z.A. Moot*

Z.A. MOOT, LT, USN

04-08 Underway as before. 0400 c/c 274°T 0410 c/c 279°T c/s 6 kts. 0426 c/c 294°T 0503 c/c 359°T 0507 c/s 3 kts. 0530 Set the Ballast and Navigation details c/c 179°T 0559 c/c 299°T 0610 c/s 5 kts. 0611 c/s 10 kts. 0613 c/c 289°T 0617 Set Condition III for Gun Control. 0619 c/s 5 kts. 0628 c/c 294°T 0631 c/c 299°T 0635 c/s 10 kts. 0650 c/s 5 kts. 0700 c/s 0 kts 0704 c/c 294°T c/s 5 kts. 0711 c/c 294°T 0714 c/c 299°T A/E stop 0716 c/c 305°T

*P.L. Edmunds*

P.L. EDMANDES, LT, USNR

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. MANEUVERING TO STAY NEAR MOUTH OF CUA VIET RIVER. 0730 SECURED BALLASTING: DRAFT FWD 16'6" DRAFT AFT 32'0". 0745 MUSTERED THE CREW ON STATION: ABSENTEES: NONE. 0835 SET THE ANCHOR DETAIL. 0839 ANCHORED NEAR THE CUA VIET RIVER IN EIGHT FATHOMS OF WATER, MUD BOTTOM, WITH TWENTY FATHOMS OF CHAIN TO THE STARBOARD ANCHOR ON THE FOLLOWING BEARINGS: RIGHT TANGENT HON GIO 019.9°, TANK 255.9°, WRECK 155.2°.

*J.R. Crowley*

J.R. CROWLEY ENS, USNR

12-04 ANCHORED AS BEFORE. 1219 COMMENCED BALLASTING. 1245 SECURED BALLASTING. 1312 SET THE ANCHOR DETAIL. 1328 ANCHOR AWEIGH. 1329 STEAMING INDEPENDENTLY ENROUTE FROM CUA VIET TO DANANG ON COURSE 130°T, SPEED 21 KNOTS, CONDITION OF READINESS IV AND MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE IS SET.

*W.M. McBride*

W.M. MCBRIDE, ENS, USNR

16-18 Underway as before. 1556 c/c to 114°T 1608 c/c to 119°T 1616 c/c to 129°T. 1620 c/s to 30 knots. 1623 c/c to 115°T c/s to 15 knots. 1627 c/c to 124°T 1628 c/c to 129°T. 1701 Secured No #2 boiler, cross-connected the main plant to No #1 boiler. 1743 c/c to 177°T

*D. Salmon*

D. SALMON, CWO, USN

18-20 - UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1751 c/c to 199°T, SET THE HELD DETAIL. 1754 c/c to 069°T, c/s to 10 kts. 1759 SECURED THE

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HELD DETAIL 1853 C/S TO 5 KTS. 1943 C/S TO 044°T  
R.E. Riesgo  
R.E. RIESGO, LT, USN

20-24 Underway as before. 1955 C/S to 024°T. 2011 C/S  
to 339°T, commenced steering various courses at  
various speeds to remain in operating areas  
Barbora B-4 and A-4 off coast of Da Nang, RVN.

Z.A. Moot  
Z.A. MOOT, LT USA

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*D. R. Muhlethaler*

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USS MONTICELLO (LSD-35) ZONE DESCRIPTION - 8 (H) DATE FRIDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

AT/PASSAGE FROM OFF THE COAST OF DANANG, RVN TO \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

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

REMARKS

00-04 Underway in accordance with CTG 76.5 OPPLAN 101-68 steaming in assigned OPAREA BARBARA A-4 and B-4 off DANANG, RVN, in support of BLT 2/7 ashore. OTC and SOPA in CTG 76.5, COMPHIBRON NINE, embarked in USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10). Condition of Readiness IV and Material Condition YOKE are set. The ship is darkened except for Navigation Lights. Maneuvering at various courses and speeds in order to remain in assigned oparea.

*P.L. Edmunds*

P.L. EDMUNDS, LT, USNR

04-08 Underway as before 0500 Set course 271°T, speed 16 kts. to proceed to DANANG HARBOR. 0527 C/C 359°T. 0539 C/C 271°T. 0545 C/S 10 KTS. 0550 C/S 15 KTS. 0607 C/C 231°T. 0628 C/C 234°T. 0630 C/C 229°T Set the SPECIAL SEA AND Anchor Detail Set the BALLAST DETAIL. OOD AT THE CONN, CAPTAIN, AND NAVIGATOR ON THE BRIDGE COMMENCED STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS CONFORMING TO DANANG HARBOR channel. 0645 COMMENCED BALLASTING. DRAFT: FWD 18'0" AFT 20'0". 0705 Secured ballasting DRAFT: FWD 17'0" AFT 24'0". 0715 COMMENCED BALLASTING. DRAFT: FWD 17'0" AFT 24'0". 0721 ANCHORED in DANANG HARBOR, in ANCHORAGE 17 in 46 feet of water and a mud bottom with 30 fathoms of chain AT THE WATER'S EDGE to the PORT ANCHOR. ANCHORED ON THE FOLLOWING BEARINGS: Ob-SEVATORY Light, 102°T; WHITE ROCK 072°T; AND BAN DAO TIEN SA, 052°T. SHIPS PRESENT INCLUDE VARIOUS units OF THE U.S. AND VIETNAMESE NAVIES, MERCHANT, AND HARBOR CRAFT. SOPA is Commanding Officer this ship 0725 Secured BALLASTING. DRAFT: FWD 16'8" AFT 25'6". 0730 COMMENCED BALLASTING. DRAFT: FWD 16'8" AFT 25'6". 0735 Secured the SPECIAL SEA AND Anchor Detail, set the modified steaming watch.

*James A. Walter*

J.A. WALTER, LTJG, USNR

08-12 ANCHORED AS BEFORE 0745 MUSTERED THE CREW ON STATION. ABSENTEES NONE. 0800 <sup>Secured</sup> COMMENCED BALLASTING. DRAFT: FWD 15'0" AFT 31'6". 0815 COMMENCED DE-BALLASTING. FWD: 15'0" AFT: 31'6". 0830 Set the HELO DETAIL. 0835 Secured de-ballasting. DRAFT: FWD 14'0" AFT 28'0". 0840 COMMENCED BALLASTING. DRAFT: FWD 14'0" AFT 28'0". 0855 Secured the HELO DETAIL. 0917 Set the HELO DETAIL. 0927 Secured the HELO DETAIL. 0930 Secured BALLASTING. DRAFT: FWD 15'0" AFT 31'0". 0955 COMMENCED BALLASTING. DRAFT: FWD 15'0" AFT 31'0". 1015 Secured BALLASTING. DRAFT: FWD 16'0" AFT 31'0". 1020 COMMENCED BALLASTING. DRAFT: FWD 16'0" AFT 31'0". 1030 Secured BALLASTING. DRAFT: FWD 16'0" AFT 32'6". 1035 COMMENCED DE-BALLASTING. DRAFT: FWD 16'0" AFT 32'6". 1041 Set the SPECIAL SEA AND Anchor Detail. 1107 HEAVED INTO SHORT STAY. THE SHIP IS UNDERWAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDERS OF COMMANDING OFFICER, THIS SHIP CAPTAIN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND NAVIGATOR ARE ON THE BRIDGE. OOD AT THE CONN. Underway from ANCHORAGE 17, DANANG HARBOR, RVN. Maneuvering to clear the ANCHORAGE. 1118 STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS STANDING

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08-12 (CONT'D) OUT OF DANANG HARBOR. CONDITION OF READINESS IV AND MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE ARE SET THROUGHOUT THE SHIP. 1119 SECURED DE-BALLASTING STEERING DRAFT: FWD 17' AFT 19'4". 1141 CLEAR OF THE HARBOR. SECURED THE SPECIAL SEA AND ANCHOR DETAIL. SECURED THE BALLAST DETAIL. 1143 SET COURSE 074°T, SPEED 15 KTS TO RETURN TO OPAREA A-4 AND B-4.

*J.R. Loney*  
J.R. Loney, USG, USNR

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1157 COMMENCED STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS TO RETURN TO OPAREA A-4 AND B-4. 1215 FIRE IN STBD MOTOR IN AFTER-STEERING. SOUNDED GENERAL ALARM. SHIFTED STEERING CONTROL TO PORT MOTOR. 1219 CONDITION OF READINESS I AND MATERIAL CONDITION ZEBRA ARE SET THROUGHOUT THE SHIP. FIRE IS OUT IN AFTER-STEERING. ELECTRIC BRAKE IN STBD STEERING IS INOPERABLE DUE TO FIRE. NO PERSONNEL CASUALTIES OR INJURIES. 1220 SECURED FROM GENERAL QUARTERS. CONDITION OF READINESS IV AND MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE ARE SET THROUGHOUT THE SHIP. 1402 ENTERED OPAREA. COMMENCED MANEUVERING ON VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS TO REMAIN IN OPAREA BARBARA A-4 AND B-4. 1440 COMMENCED MAN OVERBOARD CONNING DRILLS. 1445 COMMENCED MANEUVERING ON VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE CONDUCTING DRILLS. 1545 SECURED FROM MAN OVERBOARD DRILLS. COMMENCED MANEUVERING ON VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS TO REMAIN IN OPAREA.

*D.R. Muehlethaler*  
D.R. MUELETHALER, LT, USNR

16-18 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1605 SET COURSE 239°T, SPEED 15 KTS. TO CLOSE USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10) FOR HELICOPTER TRANSFERS. 1645 COMMENCED MANEUVERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEED TO CLOSE U.S.S. TRIPOLI. SET THE HELO DETAIL. 1656 COMMENCED MANEUVERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS TO REMAIN IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF U.S.S. TRIPOLI (LPH-10) AND U.S.S. MERRICK (AKA-97). 1659 SECURED THE HELO DETAIL. 1731 LCM-6 BOAT IS ALONGSIDE STBD QUARTER WITH FLEET FREIGHT FOR THIS SHIP. BOAT IS FROM U.S.S. MERRICK (AKA-97). 1735 COMMENCED OFF-LOADING BOAT.

*R.E. Riesgo*  
R.E. RIESGO, LT, USN

18-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1750 STBD STEERING MOTOR, DAMAGED IN FIRE AT 1215 THIS DATE, IS BACK IN COMMISSION. 1755 COMPLETED OFFLOADING FLEET FREIGHT FROM LCM-6. BOAT DEPARTED SIDE OF SHIP FOR RETURN TO USS MERRICK. 1756 SET COURSE 009°T, SPEED 10 KTS. FOR RETURN TO OPAREA BARBARA A-4 AND B-4. 1802 COMMENCED MANEUVERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS TO RETURN TO OPAREA.

*R.E. Riesgo*  
R.E. RIESGO, LT, USN

18-20 (CONTINUED) UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1859 ENTER OPAREA BARBARA A-4 AND B-4. COMMENCED MANEUVERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS TO REMAIN IN OPAREA.

*J.H. Moot*  
J.H. MOOT, LT, USN

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

*P.L. Edmunds*  
P.L. EDMANDS, LT, USNR

EXAMINED:

*D.R. Muehlethaler*

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USS Monticello (LSD-35) ZONE DESCRIPTION -8(H) DATE SATURDAY 28 September 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

AT/PASSAGE FROM OFF THE COAST OF DANANG, RVN TO \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

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

00-04 Underway in accordance with CTG 76.5 Op PLAN 101-68, steaming in assigned Op Area BARBARA H-4 AND B-4 OFF THE COAST OF DANANG, Republic of Vietnam, in support of Marine BATTALION LANDING TEAM 2/7 ashore. Manuevering various courses at various speeds to remain in Op Area. OTC AND SOPA is CTG 76.5, Com PhibRON NINE, embarked in USS Tripoli (LPH-10). Condition of Readiness IV and Material Condition Yoke are set throughout the ship. The ship is darkened with the exception of navigation lights.

James A. Walter  
J.A. WALTER, LTJG, USNR

04-08 Underway as before. 0535 Commenced manuevering on various courses at various speeds to close U.S.S. Ogden (LPD-5) and USS Tripoli (LPH-10) for Flanking Light Drill and Helo Operations.

D. Salmon  
D. SALMON, CWO, USN

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0716 MANEUVERING VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS TO MAINTAIN POSITION SEAWARD OF USS TRIPOLI (LPH 10). 0745 MUSTERED THE CREW ON STATION. ABSENTEES - NONE. 0800 SET THE HELO DETAIL. 0818 RECEIVED LCM-8 ON PORT QUARTER FROM USS OGDEN (LPD 5). 0825 LCM-8 DEPARTED. 0837 HELO 0556 ON DECK. 0840 CAPTAIN DEPARTED THE SHIP ON HELO 0556. HELO AWAY. 0850 HELO 0556 ON DECK. 0851 HELO AWAY. 0853 SECURED THE HELO DETAIL. 1025 SET THE HELO DETAIL. 1032 HELO 0556 ON DECK. CAPTAIN RETURNED TO THE SHIP. 1033 HELO AWAY. 1034 SECURED THE HELO DETAIL. 1123 SET THE HELO DETAIL. 1130 MARINE HELO ON DECK. 1130 1132 MARINE HELO AWAY. 1135 c/k 059°T c/s 10 KTS

J.R. Crowley  
J.R. CROWLEY, ENS, USNR

12-04 <sup>WMC</sup> 12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1309 c/c to 139°T. 1444 c/c to 139°T. 1503 R/F RUDDER c/c to 239°T, c/s to 12 Kts.

W.M. McBride  
W.M. MCBRIDE, ENS, USNR

16-18 Underway as before. 1602 Commenced steering various courses at various speeds to close USS Tripoli (LPH-10) for Helo Ops. 1718 Stationed the Helo Detail. 1738 Secured the Helo Detail, 1738 c/s to 15 knots, 1739 c/c to 100°T.

Z.A. Hoot  
Z.A. HOOT, LT, USN

18-20 Underway as before. 1755 c/c 059°T. 1840 Commenced manuevering

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18-20 (cont.) at various courses and speeds. To remain within assigned  
op area.

*P.L. Edmunds*  
P.L. EDMANDS, LT, USNR

20-24 underway AS before.

*James A. Walter*  
J.A. WALTER, LTJG, USNR

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*D. R. Muplet-Galer*

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

USS MONTICELLO (LSD-35) ZONE DESCRIPTION -8(H) DATE SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

AT/PASSAGE FROM OFF THE COAST OF DANANG, RVN TO \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

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

REMARKS

00-04 Underway in accordance with CTG 76.5 OPPLAN 101-68 steaming in assigned OPAREA BARBARA A-4 and B-4 off the coast of Danang, Republic of Vietnam in support of Marine Battalion Landing Team 217 ashore. Maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to ~~not~~ remain within assigned OPAREAS. OTC and SOPA is CTG 76.5, COMPHIBRON NINE, embarked in USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10). Condition of Readiness III and Material Condition Yoke are set throughout the ship. The ship is darkened with the exception of navigation lights.

*D. Salmon*

D. SALMON, CWO, USN

~~04-08 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE~~

04-08 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE 0453 COMMENCED MANEUVERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEED IN ORDER TO CLOSE USS MARS (AFS-1) FOR A VERTICAL REPLENISHMENT. 0701 COMMENCED VERT REP FROM MARS. 0745 COMPLETED VERT REP, MANEUVERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEED TO RETURN TO ASSIGNED OPAREA.

*R. Riesgo*

R. E. RIESGO, LT, USN

08-12 Underway as before. 0830 Mustered the crew on station; absentees: none. Steering various courses at various speeds to return to OPAREA BARBARA A-4. 0913 Commenced man overboard drills, steering various courses at various speeds. 1006 Completed man overboard drills. 1006 Steering various courses at various speeds to approach USS TRIPOLI.

*J. R. Loney*

J. R. LONEY, LTJG, USNR

12-16 Underway as before. Steering various courses at various speeds to stay in vicinity of USS TRIPOLI. 1220 Set the helo detail. 1243 Secured the helo detail. 1247 Set the helo detail. 1256 Secured the helo detail. 1401 Set the helo detail. 1421 Secured the helo detail.

*D. Muhlethaler*

D. MUHLETHALER, LT, USNR

16-18 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS TO STAY IN THE VICINITY OF USS TRIPOLI FOR HELO OPERATIONS. 1606 SET THE HELO DETAIL. 1647 SECURED THE HELO DETAIL. 1652 c/s TO 052 RPM 5 KTS. 1657 c/c TO 259°T c/s TO 10 KTS. 1705 c/s TO 5 KTS. 1712 c/c TO 239°, 1716 c/s TO 10 KTS. 1723 c/c TO 319°T. 1725 c/c TO 049°T, c/s TO 15 KTS. 1726 c/s TO 10 KTS. 1730 c/s TO 15 KTS.

*P. L. Edmunds*  
P. L. EDMUNDS, LT, USN

18-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1843 c/s TO 7 KTS, c/c TO 339°T.

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18-20 (CON'T) 1845 c/s To 5 KTS. 1847 c/c To 349°T.

James J. Walter  
J. J. WALTER, LTJG, USNR

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 2034 c/s To 4 KTS. 2122 c/s To 7 KTS.  
c/c To 320°G. 2125 c/s To 5 KTS.

D. D. Salmon  
D. D. SALMON, CWO-2, USN

EXAMINED:

D. R. Muhlethaler U. S. N. NAVIGATOR



USS MONTICELLO (LSD-35) ZONE DESCRIPTION -8 (H) DATE MONDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

AT/PASSAGE FROM EAST COAST OF RVN, OFF DANANG TO \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

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

REMARKS

00-04 UNDERWAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH CTG 76.5 OPPLAN 101-68 OF THE EAST COAST OF VIETNAM IN ASSIGNED OPAREA BARBARA A-4 AND B-4 IN SUPPORT OF 2/7 BLT ASHORE. OTC AND SOPA IS CTG 76.5, COMPBIRON NINE, EMBARKED IN USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10). CONDITION OF READINESS II AND MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE SET. THIS SHIP IS DARKENED EXCEPT FOR NAVIGATION LIGHTS. MANEUVERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS TO REMAIN IN ASSIGNED OPAREAS.

*R. Riesgo*  
R. E. RIESGO, LT, USN

04-08 Underway as before. 0623 Commenced steering various courses at various speeds to close USS Tripoli (LPH-10) in order to conduct Helo ops.

*Z.A. Mast*  
Z. A. MAST, LT, USN

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE 0716 MANEUVERING VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS TO CLOSE USS TRIPOLI (LPH 10) FOR HELO OPERATIONS. 0745 SET THE HELO DETAIL. MUSTERED THE CREW ON STATION ABSENTEES NONE. 0757 HELO 0556 ON DECK. 0800 HELO 0556 AWAY. 0801 SECURED THE HELO DETAIL. 0810 COMMENCED MANEUVERING VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS TO RETURN TO OPERATION AREA.

*J. R. Crowley*  
J. R. CROWLEY LTJG USNR

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1217 MANEUVERING ON VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS TO REMAIN WITHIN ASSIGNED OPAREAS. 1453 MANEUVERING ON VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS TO REMAIN WITHIN <sup>4000</sup> 4000 YARDS OF USS TRIPOLI FOR HELO OPERATIONS.

*W.M. McBride*  
WM. MCBRIDE, ENS, USNR

16-18 Underway as before. 1556 Set the Helo Detail. 1706 Secured the Helo Detail. 1721 Set course 029°T, SPEED 7 KTS. to return to Op Area BARBARA A-4 AND B-4.

*J.A. Walter*  
J. A. WALTER, LTJG, USNR

18-20 Underway as before.

*D. Salmon*  
D. SALMON, CWO, USN

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 2015 ARRIVED IN ASSIGNED OPAREA, MANEUVERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS TO REMAIN IN OPAREA. 2306 FIRE LOCATED IN LCH-8 POSITIONED AT FRAM 192 IN THE WELLS DECK, SOUNDED GENERAL QUARTERS SET CONDITION OF READINESS I AND MATERIAL CONDITION ZEBRA. FIRE REPORTED OUT, CAUSE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION OF OILY RAGS

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DATE Monday 30 Sept 19 68  
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LOCATED IN BUCKET IN COXSWAIN'S FLAT OF BOAT. NO CASUALTIES, DAMAGE SLIGHT.  
2319 SET MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE, 2325 SECURED FROM GENERAL QUARTERS, SET  
CONDITION OF READINESS II AND THE REGULAR STEERING WATCH.

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