

USS FRANCIS HAMMOND ZONE DESCRIPTION -8N DATE Sunday 16 April 19 72  
DE-1067  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

PASSAGE FROM NGFS Area TO Gulf of Tonkin

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
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2000		
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LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL  
2-ELECTRONIC  
3-VISUAL  
4-D. R.

REMARKS

04-06 Underway in accordance with CINCPACFLT Quarterly Employment Schedule, as a unit of TASK UNIT 70.8.9 operating off MR #1 ~~South Vietnam~~ <sup>the Gulf of Tonkin</sup> Course 274°T. Speed 5 KTS. SOPA and OTC is CTU 70.8.9, COMDESRON THREE embarked in USS WADDEN (DDG-24). Condition of Readiness TWO and material condition VOKE set. Ship is darkened. #1A and #1B boilers and #1A and #1C ships service generators on the line. The ship is maneuvering at various courses at various speeds to provide gunfire support in the vicinity of Point Alison NGFS MR #1. 0445 Commenced firing to port. 0446 Ceased fire. Ammunition Expended: 6 rounds 5" /54 cal HC projectiles and 6 rounds 5" /54 cal universal powder charges. Casualty in Mount 5L fouled bore in hot gun status. Commenced emergency cooling procedures of gun bore and barrel. 0425 Secured from emergency cooling procedures. 0454 Foul bore cleared, projectile fired on safety bearing. No personnel casualties. 0427 Proceeding on fire mission. 0440 Commenced firing to port. 0450 Ceased fire. 0506 Commenced firing to port. 0511 Ceased fire. Ammunition Expended: 70 rounds 5" /54 cal HC projectiles and 70 rounds 5" /54 cal universal powder charges. 0512 Proceeding to stby gunfire support sector Golf. 0532 On station sector Golf. Maneuvering at various courses at various speeds to remain in sector.

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06-09 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0740 MUSTERED THE CREW ON STATION, ABSENTEES: NONE. 0753 PROCEEDING TO SECTOR C ON COURSE 170°T SPEED 15 KTS. 0813 ON STATION. MANEUVERING ON VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE CONDUCTING NGFS. 0858 COMMENCED FIRING TO PORT. 0900 CEASED FIRE. CASUALTY TO MOUNT 5L. AMMUNITION EXPENDED: 3 ROUNDS 5" /54 CAL HC PROJECTILES WITH 3 ROUNDS 5" /54 CAL UNIVERSAL POWDER CARTRIDGES.

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