

Saturday 08 April 1972

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		16° 48.6' N	17° 36' N
Long.		107° 26.8' E	108° 24' E

00-04 Underway in accordance with CINCPACFLT quarterly employment schedule in company with Task Group 77.6 composed of USS Coral Sea CVA-43, USS Ashtabula AO-51 and this ship. SOPA is CTG 77.6 COMCARDIV THREE, embarked in Coral Sea. OTC is CTU 77.6.2 CO Coral Sea. Screen Commander CTU 77.6.2, CO, this ship. Coral Sea alongside portside Ashtabula for replenishment at sea. This ship in rescue destroyer station 800 yds astern. The guide bearing 110°T. Guide is Ashtabula on base course 110°T base speed 12 kts. Condition of readiness III and material condition YOKE set. Ship is darkened with the exception of standard navigational lights. 1A and 1B boilers and 1B and 1C ship service generators are on the line.

0012-USS Worden (DLG-18) made rendezvous with Task Group 77.6 on station bearing 290°T range 1500 yds from the guide.

0105-Set the Special Sea and Replenishment detail. Commenced preparations for refueling from Ashtabula.

0117-Maneuvering to take station astern Ashtabula.

0130-On station replenishment course 110°T speed 12 kts.

0132-Commenced approach, Captain on the bridge, OOD conning.

0139-On station alongside stbd side of Ashtabula. Received first line over.

0146-Received fuel hose forward.

0147-Received fuel hose aft.

0152-Commenced receiving fuel aft.

0221-Fueling completed forward and aft.

0234-All lines and hoses clear. Maneuvering to clear starboard side of Ashtabula.

0238-Clear of Ashtabula. Secured the replenishment detail. Detached from Task Group 77.6. Proceeding independently to rendezvous with Task Group 70.8.9. Set course 260°T speed 20 kts.

0321-c/s 15 kts

0327-Secured 1A boiler.

0328-c/s 20 kts

04-08 Underway as before.

0420-c/c 245°T.

0433-c/c 260°T.

0505-c/c 264°T.

0633-c/c 261°T.

0643-c/s 10 kts.

0703-c/c 150°T.

0713-c/c 160°T.

0715-c/c 163°T, c/s 15 kts.

0723-c/c 155°T.

0740-Mustered the crew on station; Absentees, none.

08-12 Underway as before,

0825-Made rendezvous with TG 70.8.9 for NGFS missions.

0828-Went to General Quarters for NGFS missions. c/b/c to 155°T.

0830-c/b/c to 140°T

0846-c/b/c to 150°T, c/b/c to 180°T

0848-c/b/c to 150°T

0854-c/b/c to 280°T

0855-c/b/c to 285°T

0857-c/b/s to 20 kts

0859-c/b/c to 345°T. Maneuvering at various courses at various speeds to proceed to fire station 'B' for fire mission.

0900-On station fire station 'B'.

0918-Commenced firing Mount 51. Fired two rounds to stbd.

0924-Ceased firing.

0936-Set material condition YOKE aft of frame 45.

0940-Maneuvering at various courses at various speeds to proceed to fire station 'E'

0942-Set material condition YOKE throughout ship.

0948-Secured from General Quarters. Set condition III.

1055-On station in station 'E'. Maneuvering at various courses at various speeds to maintain station.

1147-Commenced firing to port. Fired 14 rounds to port.

1153-Ceased firing.

12-16 Underway as before

1208-Commenced firing to port.

1211-Ceased firing. Casualty in the Mount. Ammunition expended: 5 rounds 5"/54 cal. HC projectiles with 5 universal 5"/54 cal. powder cartridges.

1223-Commenced firing to port.

1226-Ceased firing. Casualty in the Mount. Ammunition expended: 3 rounds 5"/54 cal. HC projectiles with 3 rounds 5"/54 cal. universal powder cartridges.

1259-Commenced exercise firing of .50 cal. machine gun to port.

1309-Ceased exercise firing. Ammunition expended: 50 rounds 50 cal. ammunition.

16-18 Underway as before

1638-Commenced firing to port.

1641-Ceased firing due to miss fire. Ammunition expended: 14 rounds 5"/54 cal. HC projectiles with 14 universal 5"/54 cal. powder charges.

1645-Miss fire cleared through the bore. Ammunition expended: 1 5"/54 cal. HC projectile with 1 round 5"/54 cal. universal powder cartridge.

1562-While clearing projectile from 5" loading machine Ricketts, Roger, (*SSN protected*), GMG3, USN, suffered a compound fracture of the right arm when his arm was trapped in the loader mechanism. Treatment administered by medical corpsman. Disposition: Transferred to USS Tripoli (LPH-10) for further treatment.

1726-Proceeding to rendezvous with helo for medical evacuation. c/c to 040°T.

1745-Set the helo detail. Maneuvering at various courses at various speeds to receive helo.

1756-Personnel transfer to helo complete. Secured the helo detail. On course 030°T speed 10 kts.

18-20 Underway as before.

1808-c/c 350°T
 1816-c/c 000°T
 1817-c/c 030°T
 1858-c/s 15 kts
 1947-c/c 330°T. Maneuvering various courses at various speeds to rendezvous with USS Kilauea (AE-26).
 1927(?)-Lit fires in 1A boiler.

20-24 Underway as before.

2004-c/c 020°T
 2137-Brought 1A boiler on the line. USS Kilauea (AE-26) assume tactical command. Proceeding to rescue destroyer station 800 yds astern Kilauea.
 2342-Set the special rearm detail. Commence preparation for rearming from USS Kilauea (AE-26). Maneuvering to take station astern USS Kilauea (AE-26).

Sunday 09 April 1972

	0800	1200	2000
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00-04 Underway in accordance with CINCPACFLT Quarterly Employment Schedule as a detached unit of Task Unit 70.8.9 operating off the coast of Vietnam. SOPA and OTC is CO USS Kilauea (AE-26). Ship is alongside the starboard side Kilauea for ammunition replenishment. Replenishment course 025°T, speed 12 kts. Condition of readiness THREE and material condition YOKE set. Ship darkened except for normal navigational lights.

0006-Commenced approach, Captain on the bridge, OOD at the conn.
 0015-On station alongside starboard side Kilauea.
 0018-First line over.
 0033-Span wire connected and tensioned.
 0102-Commenced ammunition transfer.
 0106-Pallet suspension line parted, total load, 48 rounds and pallet truck from Kilauea lost in the sea.
 0331-Completed transfer of ammunition, having offloaded 60 rounds 5"/54 cal VT-IR projectiles and 60 rounds 5"/54 VT-SD projectiles. Onloaded 192 rounds 5"/54 cal. High Capacity (HC) projectiles and 39 rounds 5"/54 cal. flashless powder charges.
 0340-All lines clear. Maneuvering to clear starboard side of Kilauea.
 0342-Clear of Kilauea.
 0345-Secured the replenishment detail. Maneuvering at various courses at various speeds to escort Kilauea to NGFS area off MR1, SVN.

04-08 Underway as before

0655-Detached from Kilauea, rejoined TU 70.8.9, proceeding to Point Alison base course 213°T at 20 kts.
 0714-c/b/c to 205.
 0731- c/b/c to 190°T.
 0740-Mustered the crew on station. Absentees: NONE.

08-12 Underway as before

0754-c/s to 15 kts. c/c to 180°T.

0838-Proceeding to fire station 'I'. c/c to 240°T

0840-c/c to 205°T

0841-c/s to 10 kts

0846-c/c to 245°T.

0856-c/s to 5 kts

0900-c/c to 045°T. C/s to 10 kts

0905-On station maneuvering on various courses and speeds to maintain station.

1007-Proceeding to fire station 'D'. c/c to 270°T. c/s to 15 kts.

1018-c/c to 240°T, c/s to 20 kts.

1028 On station maneuvering on (rest of entry is missing)

18-20 Underway as before.

1800-Proceeding to gunfire support area off Cua Viet.

1815-On station. Commenced firing to port.

1818-Ceased fire. Casualty to the mount. Ammunition expended: 14 rounds 5"/54 cal HC projectiles with 14 rounds 5"/54 cal universal powder cartridges.

1838-Commenced firing to port.

1851-Ceased firing. Ammunition expended: 103 rounds 5"/54 cal HC projectiles with 103 rounds 5"/54 cal universal powder cartridges.

1907-Commenced firing to stbd.

1910-Ceased firing. Ammunition expended: 36 rounds 5"/54 cal AAC projectiles with 36 rounds 5"/54 cal universal powder charges.

1917-Set material condition YOKE.

1919-Secured from General Quarters. Proceeding to fire station between fire stations 'B' and 'F'. c/c to 070°T , c/s to 15 kts.

1935-c/s to 10 kts, c/c to 230°T.

1943-c/c to 180°T.

1953-On station. Maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to maintain station.

1955-Secured 1A boiler for repairs.

20-24 Underway as before.

2051-Maneuvering to take gunfire support station off Cua Viet.

2107-On station. Commenced firing to port.

2117-Ceased fire. Ammunition expended: 31 rounds 5"/54 cal AAC projectiles with 31 rounds 5"/54 cal universal powder charges.

2130-Commenced firing to port.

2146-Check fire.

2218-Resumed fire.

2220-Check fire.

2221-Resumed fire.

2237-Ceased fire. Ammunition expended: 86 rounds 5"/54 cal AAC projectiles with 86 rounds 5"/54 cal universal powder cartridges.

Monday 10 April 1972

	0800	1200	2000
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00-06 Underway in accordance with CINCPACFLT Quarterly Employment Schedule as a unit of Task Unit 70.8.9 operating off the coast of MR1 S. Vietnam. OTC is COMDESRON THREE in USS Waddell (DDG-24). SOPA is C.O. this ship. This ship presently proceeding to rendezvous with USS Vesuvius (AE-15) for rearming. Course 320°T, speed 3 kts. Condition of readiness TWO and material condition YOKE set. Ship darkened except for normal navigational lights. #1A boiler is on the line.

0011-c/c to 070°T, c/s to 10 kts.

0012-c/c to 090°T

0132-c/c to 120°T

0135-c/s to 15 kts

0249-Maneuvering at various courses at various speeds in company with USS Blue Ridge (LCC-19) to investigate unknown surface contact. Secured navigation lights.

0258- Maneuvering at various courses at various speeds to maintain approx. 5000 yd range to unknown surface contact.

0310-Turned on running lights.

06-12 Underway as before.

0631-Proceeding to rendezvous with Vesuvius on course 280°T, speed 12 kts.

0634-c/c to 336°T

0655-c/s to 22 kts.

0703-c/c to 005°T

0704-Made rendezvous with Vesuvius. Maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to take station astern Vesuvius.

0710-Set the replenishment detail. Commenced preparations for rearming from Vesuvius.

0720-On station. Replenishment course 040°T, speed 10 kts.

0728-Commenced approach. OOD conning.

0735-First line over.

0740-Mustered the crew on station, Absentees: NONE.

0754-Span wire rigged aft.

0756-Commenced rearming.

0914-Rearming completed.

0921-All lines clear. Maneuvering to clear starboard side Vesuvius.

0924-Clear of Vesuvius. c/c to 210°T, speed 15 kts.

0929-Secured the replenishment detail.

0935-c/s to 10 kts.

1013-Proceeding to rendezvous with USS Mispillion (AO-105) on course 065°T.

1028-c/c to 055°T

1036-c/c to 040°T

1113-c/c to 060°T

1119-c/c to 032°T

1121-c/c to 355°T, c/s to 17 kts.

1125-Made rendezvous with Mispillion. Maneuvering on various courses at various speed to take ready station.

1152-Ammunition received from Vesuvius: 396 rounds 5"/54 cal HC projectiles and 465 rounds 5"/54 cal universal powder cartridges. On station. Maneuvering at various courses and speed to maintain station.

12-16 Underway as before.

1202-Set condition of readiness THREE.

1206-USS Benjamin Stoddert (DDG-22) made rendezvous with Mispillion, assumed replenishment station alongside starboard side of Mispillion. Replenishment course 275°T, speed 14 kts.

1244-Set the special sea and replenishment detail. Commenced preparations for refueling from Mispillion.

1250-Benjamin Stoddert completed replenishment operations, cleared starboard side of Mispillion, detached to proceed independently on duties assigned.

1256-Commenced approach, OOD conning.

1300-On station alongside starboard side of Mispillion.

1302-First line over.

1309-Received fuel hose forward.

1310-Commenced receiving fuel.

1313-Commenced transferring light freight aft.

1327-Completed transfer of light freight.

1329-Fueling completed.

1342-All lines and hoses clear. Maneuvering to clear starboard side of Mispillion.

1345-Clear of Mispillion. Secured the replenishment detail. Cse 278°T, speed 20 kts.

1355-c/c to 275°T. Proceeding to rejoin units of Task Unit 70.8.9.

1358-c/c to 270°T.

1400-c/c to 260°T

1402-c/c to 255°T

1454-c/c to 240°T

1512-c/s 15 kts

1528-c/c to 265°T, c/s 10 kts

1532-c/c to 255°T. Made rendezvous with elements of Task Unit 70.8.9. Proceeding to standby station off MR1, S. Vietnam.

16-18 Underway as before.

1606-On station in grid sector 'India'.

1630-Proceeding at various courses at various speeds to grid sector 'Golf'.

1652-Lit fires in #1B boiler.

18-20 Underway as before.

1821-On standby station 'Hotel'.

20-24 Underway as before.

1947-Detached from TU 70.8.9 to proceed to rendezvous with TG 77.5 consisting of USS Whipple (DE-1062) and USS Hancock (CVA-19) course 090°T, speed 8 kts.

1954-c/s to 25 kts.

2004-c/s to 20 kts.

2005-c/s to 8 kts. Experiencing low water in 1B boiler.

2013-Casualty restored. c/s to 20 kts, 1D boiler on the line.

2021-c/c to 100°T.

2030-c/c to 110°T.
 2035-c/c to 115°T.
 2053-c/c to 090°T, c/s to 25 kts.
 2226-c/s to 20 kts.
 2234-c/s to 25 kts.
 2330-c/c to 055°T, c/s to 20 kts.
 2352-c/c to 050°T.

Tuesday 11 April 1972

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		17° 15' N	17° 05' N
Long.		107° 35' E	109° 40' E

00-04 Underway in accordance with CINCPACFLT Quarterly Employment Schedule. Proceeding independently to rendezvous with Task Group 77.5 composed of USS Hancock (CVA-19) and USS Whipple (DE-1062) operating in Yankee Station in Gulf of Tonkin. On course 050°T speed 20 kts. SOPA is CO this ship. Condition of readiness THREE and material condition YOKE set. Ship darkened except for normal navigational lights. 1A and 1B boiler and 1B and 1C ship service generators are on the line. Maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to rendezvous with Hancock.

0013-Made rendezvous with Task Group 77.5 composed of Hancock and Whipple.
 0114-Whipple detached from Task Group 77.5 and proceeding to rendezvous with Task Unit 70.8.9. Hancock assumed tactical command this ship. On station within visual signaling range of guide. Guide is Hancock bearing 285°T range 5000 yds. Base course 285°T, base speed 12 kts. Maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to maintain station.

0330-c/b/c 240°T.
 0331-c/b/c 230°T.

04-08 Underway as before.

0403-c/b/c 285°T
 0557-Maneuvering on various courses and speeds to gain rescue destroyer station 180°R, 1200 yds from Hancock.
 0612-Flight ops canceled. Proceeding independently remaining within visual signaling range Hancock. Cse 285°T, Spd 8 kts.
 0649-c/s 12 kts
 0730-Secured fires 1A boiler.
 0740-Mustered the crew on station, Absentees: none.

08-12 Underway as before.

0826-c/b/c 130°T.
 0920-Maneuvering at various courses at various speeds while conducting boat drill.
 0950-Secured from small boat exercises.
 1128-c/b/c 090°T. c/b/s to 15 kts.
 1150-c/b/s to 12 kts.

12-16 Underway as before.
1357-c/b/c 290°T, c/b/s to 10 kts.
1431-c/b/c 090°T.

16-18 Underway as before.

18-20 Underway as before.
1839-Proceeding to station 2000 yds astern Hancock.
1840-On station. Hancock bears 095°T, range 2000 yds. Maneuvering various courses at various speed to maintain station.

20-24 Underway as before.
2101-c/b/c 290°T.
2120-c/b/c 275°T.
2210-c/b/c 294°T, c/b/s 12 kts.
2255-USS Ouellet (DE-1077) made rendezvous with Task Group 77.5. Proceeding to take station 180°R, 1000 yds from this ship.
2312-Detached to proceed independently to rendezvous with Task Unit 70.8.9 for NGFS assignment. c/c 240°T, c/s 20 kts.
2314-c/c 265°T.
2340-c/c 264°T.

Wednesday 12 April 1972

	0800	1200	2000
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00-04 Underway in accordance with CINCPACFLT Quarterly Employment Schedule. Proceeding independently to rendezvous with Task Unit 70.8.9 operating off MR1 S. Vietnam. Course 264°T, speed 20 kts. SOPA and OTC is C.O. This ship. Condition of readiness THREE and material condition YOKE set. Ship darkened except for normal navigational lights. #1B boiler and #1b and #1C ships service generators are on the line.

0055-c/c 254°T.
0159-c/c 269°T.
0213-c/s to 19 kts.
0239-c/s to 12 kts.
0300-c/c 200°T, c/s to 20 kts.
0323-c/c 235°T.
0332-c/s to 15 kts.
0335-c/c 245°T.

04-08 Underway as before.
0355-c/c 255°T.
0418-c/c 280°T.
0423-c/c 290°T.
0427-c/c 300°T.

0450-c/c 245°T.
0529-c/s to 12 kts.
0554-c/c 285°T.
0611-c/c 280°T, c/s to 5 kts.
0615-Joined TU 70.8.9, COMDESRON THREE in USS Waddell (DDG-24). OTC and SOPA.
c/s to 10 kts. Proceeding to standby station 'Foxtrot'.
0649-c/c 320°T. On station 'Foxtrot'.
0655-c/s to 5 kts.
0700-Set Condition II

08-12 Underway as before.

0740-Mustered the crew on station, Absentees: NONE.
0932-Proceeding to station off Cua Viet for fire mission.
0947-On station. Maneuvering on various courses at various speeds while conducting NGFS.
1059-Receiving counterbattery to port.
1101-Commenced firing to starboard.
1107-Ceased fire.
1108-Went to General Quarters. Set material condition ZEBRA.
1114-Commenced counterbattery firing to stbd.
1115-Ceased fire. Ammunition expended: 51 rounds 5"/54 cal. HC projectiles with 51 rounds
5"/54 cal universal powder cartridges. Counter fire ceased.
1116-Departed station to the east on course 080°T, speed 22 kts.
1124-Proceeding to station off Cua Viet for fire mission on course 140°T speed 22 kts.
1128-c/s to 20 kts.
1130-On station maneuvering on various courses at various speeds will conducting NGFS.
1145-Commenced firing to port.
1148-Ceased fire. Ammunition expended: 25 rounds 5"/54 cal. HC projectiles with 25 rounds
5"/54 cal universal powder cartridges.

12-18 Underway as before.

1215-Commenced firing to port.
1218-Ceased fire. Ammunition expended: 25 rounds 5"/54 cal. HC projectiles with 25 rounds
5"/54 cal universal powder charges.
1240-Commenced firing to port.
1242-Ceased fire. Ammunition expended: 25 rounds 5"/54 cal. HC projectiles with 25 rounds
5"/54 cal universal powder cartridges.
1254-Commenced firing to stbd.
1257-Ceased fire. Ammunition expended: 25 rounds 5"/54 cal. HC projectiles with 25 rounds
5"/54 cal universal powder cartridges.
1311-Commenced firing to port.
1313-Ceased fire. Ammunition expended: 25 rounds 5"/54 cal. HC projectiles with 25 rounds
5"/54 cal universal powder cartridges.
1346-Commenced firing to port.
1351-Ceased fire.
1356-Commenced firing to port.
1357-Ceased fire. Ammunition expended: 30 rounds 5"/54 cal. HC projectiles with 30 rounds
5"/54 cal universal powder cartridges.
1403-Proceeding to standby station 'Golf' at various courses at various speeds.
1408-Set material condition YOKE aft of frame 45.

1416-Secured from General Quarters. Set condition of readiness II.
 1421-On station sector 'Golf'.
 1422-Lit fires #1A boiler.
 1423-Maneuvering at various courses at various speeds to remain in sector 'Golf'.
 1635-Maneuvering at various courses at various speeds to gunfire support station 'Alpha'.
 1644-Set material condition ZEBRA main deck and below.
 1720-Maneuvering at various courses and speeds to proceed on firing mission.
 1723-Commenced firing to port.
 1727-Checked fire.
 1730-Commenced firing to port.
 1738-Checked fire.
 1740-Ceased fire. Opening to east. Ammunition expended: 87 rounds 5"/54 cal. HC projectiles with 87 rounds 5"/54 cal universal powder cartridges.

18-20 Underway as before.

1748-Proceeding to gunfire support station 'Golf'

1817-On station. Maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to maintain station.

20-24 Underway as before.

Thursday 13 April 1972

	0800	1200	2000
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00-06 Underway in accordance with CINCPACFLT Quarterly Employment Schedule. Proceeding independently to rendezvous with Task Unit 70.8.9 operating in the Gulf of Tonkin. Course 290°T, speed 05 kts. SOPA and OTC is COMDESRON THREE embarked in USS Waddell (DDG-24). Condition of readiness TWO and material condition ZEBRA set forward frame 45. YOKE set aft frame 45. Ship darkened except for dimmed navigational lights. #1A and #1B boilers and #1A and #1B ships generators on the line. This ship is maneuvering at various courses at various speeds to remain within gunfire support sector 'Golf'.

0240-Set darkened ship.

0246-Maneuvering at various courses at various speeds to provide suppression fire for USS Stoddert (DDG-22) and harassment and interdiction fire.

0314-Commenced firing.

0437-Ceased fire.

0445-Commenced firing.

0456-Ceased fire.

0457-Maneuvering at various courses at various speeds to remain within gunfire support sector 'Bravo'.

0501-Commenced firing.

0600-Ceased fire. Completed firing missions, maneuvering at various courses at various speeds to standby gunfire support station. Ammunition expended for firing missions: 78 rounds 5"/54 cal. HC projectiles, 111 rounds 5"/54 cal AA common projectiles, and 50 rounds 5"/54 cal VT-NSD projectiles with 230 rounds 5"/54 cal universal powder

cartridges.

06-09 Underway as before.

0601- SOPA and OTC passed to C.O. USS Lockwood (DE-1064).

0628-On station maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to maintain station.

0740-Mustered the crew on station. Absentees: NONE.

09-12 Underway as before.

1106-Stationed the helo detail.

1112-Secured the helo detail.

12-15 Underway as before.

1255-Proceeding to station 'ECHO'.

1315-On station. Maneuvering various courses at various speeds to maintain station.

15-18 Underway as before.

18-21 Underway as before.

1800-Maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to investigate numerous small craft near the shore south of Cua Viet.

1811-Small craft identified as non-hostile fishing craft. Proceeding to rendezvous with USS Haleakala (AE-25) on course 090°T, speed 22 kts.

1837-c/s to 15 kts.

1851-c/s to 22 kts.

1910-c/c to 080°T.

1914-c/s to 20 kts.

1931-c/c to 100°T.

1933-c/c to 110°T.

1940-c/c to 090°T.

1944-Made rendezvous with Haleakala. Maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to take station astern Haleakala.

2005-Set the replenishment detail. Commenced preparations for rearming from Haleakala.

2028-On station, replenishment course 090°T, speed 12 kts.

2041-Commenced approach. JOOD conning.

2053-On station alongside portside of Haleakala.

2054-First line over.

21-24 Underway as before.

2100-Commenced loading ammunition.

2230-Completed loading ammunition, having received 450 rounds 5"/54 HC projectiles, 150 rounds 5"/54 AAC projectiles, 48 rounds 5"/54 VTNSD projectiles, 579 universal smokeless powder charges.

2257-All lines clear. Maneuvering to clear port side of USS Haleakala (AE-25).

2301-Clear of Haleakala. c/c 270°T, c/s 15 kts. Secured rearming detail. Proceeding to rendezvous with USS White Plains. c/b/c to 235°T.

Friday 14 April 1972

	0800	1200	2000
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00-03 Underway in accordance with CINCPACFLT Quarterly Employment Schedule, as a detached unit of Task Unit 70.8.9 proceeding to make rendezvous with Task Unit 70.8.9. Course 280°T, speed 20 kts. SOPA and OTC is COMDESRON THREE embarked in USS Waddell (DDG-24). Condition of readiness TWO and material condition YOKE set. Ship is darkened except for standard navigational lights. #1A boiler and #1A and #1B ships service generators on the line. This ship maneuvering at various courses at various speeds to make rendezvous.

0220-Made rendezvous with TU 70.8.9 proceeding to gunfire support sector 'GOLF'. Cse 300°T, spd 10 kts.

0230-c/s 15 kts, 1B boiler on the line.

0237-c/c 265°T.

0240-c/s 5 kts.

0247-c/c 000°T.

03-06 Underway as before.

0250-c/c 320°T.

0251-c/c 270°T.

0257-c/c 254°T. On station in sector assigned. Maneuvering on various courses and speeds to remain in sector.

06-09 Underway as before.

0700-Proceeding to rendezvous with USS White Plains (AFS-4) on course 090°T speed 15 kts.

0704-c/c to 040°T.

0708-c/s to 25 kts.

0716-c/c to 100°T.

0732-c/c to 120°T.

0740-Mustered the crew on station, Absentees: NONE.

0750-c/c to 100°T.

0813-Unrep with White Plains canceled. Proceeding to NGFS area on course 280°T, speed 25 kts.

0816-c/c to 270°T.

09-12 Underway as before.

0927-On standby station 'GOLF'.

0947-Proceeding to Point Betsy for Naval Gunfire Support on course 135°T.

0952-c/c to 141°T, c/s to 23 kts.

0955-c/c to 120°T.

0958-c/c to 145°T.

1007-c/c to 123°T.

1012-c/c to 140°T. Maneuvering to avoid a number of small fishing boats.

1032-Reported for duty Point Betsy. USS Parsons (DDG-33) is SOPA. Commenced maneuvering on various courses and speeds to maintain station south of Point Betsy.

12-15 Underway as before.

1343-Proceeding to point 13 miles south of Point Betsy.

1343-Secured fires in 1B boiler.

1437-On station maneuvering on various courses and speeds to maintain station.

15-18 Underway as before.

1641-Lost 400hz power to gyrocompass. c/c 131°Mag.

1707-Power restored to gyrocompass. Gyro on the line. Cse 130°T. Resumed maneuvering on various courses and speeds to maintain station.

18-24 Underway as before.

1832-Proceeding to rendezvous with USS Navasota (AO-106). On course 320°T speed 23 kts.

1847-c/c to 313°T.

1906-c/c to 000°T.

1918-c/c to 005°T.

1926-c/c to 010°T.

1930-Made rendezvous with Navasota. Maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to take station astern Navasota.

1933-Set the replenishment detail. Commenced preparation for refueling from Navasota.

1949-On station. Replenishment course 315°T speed 12 kts.

1952-Commenced approach. JOOD conning.

1956-On station alongside stbd side of Navasota.

1957-First line over.

2011-Received fuel hose. Highline rigged aft for transfer of mail and passengers.

2015-Commenced receiving fuel.

2025-c/b/c to 325°T.

2039-Secured highlining aft.

2041-Fueling completed.

2052-All lines and hoses clear. Maneuvering to clear stbd side of Navasota.

2059-Clear of Navasota. Proceeding to Point Betsy, NGFS area, on course 170°T speed 23 kts.

2105-Secured the replenishment detail.

2111-c/c to 180°T.

2155-c/s to 20 kts.

2157-On station maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to maintain station.

Saturday 15 April 1972

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

00-03 Underway in accordance with CINCPACFLT Quarterly Employment Schedule, as a detached unit of Task Unit 70.8.9 operating off MR1 S. Vietnam. Course 130°T, speed 15 kts. OTC is COMDESRON THREE embarked in USS Waddell (DDG-24). SOPA of sub area is CO USS Parsons (DDG-33). Condition of readiness TWO and material condition YOKE set. Ship is darkened except for standard navigational lights. #1A boiler and #1A and #1C ships

service generators on the line. The ship is maneuvering at various courses at various speeds to provide emergency gunfire support in the vicinity of Point Betsy NGFS MR#1.

03-06 Underway as before.

0740-Mustered the crew on station; Absentees: NONE

06-12 Underway as before.

0745-Maneuvering on various courses at various speed while conducting personnel transfer to Parsons by motor whaleboat.

0815-Motor whaleboat away to starboard.

0832-Motor whaleboat alongside stbd.

0834-Motor whaleboat aboard. Proceeding to Point Allison on course 325°T speed 20 kts.

0906-c/c to 330°T.

0908-c/c to 325°T.

0910-c/c to 295°T.

0955-c/c to 270°T.

0958-On station. Proceeding to sector 'C'.

1040-On station. Maneuvering on various courses at various speeds in sector 'C' while conducting NGFS.

1110-Commenced firing to port.

1129-Ceased fire. Ammunition expended: 22 rounds 5"/54 cal HC projectiles with 22 rounds 5"/54 cal. universal powder cartridges.

1135-Commenced firing to stbd.

1138-Receiving counterbattery, no casualties.

1143-Ceased receiving counterbattery. Observed 20 rounds of counterbattery, no casualties.

1156-Ceased fire. Ammunition expended: 61 rounds 5"/54 cal HC projectiles with 61 rounds 5"/54 cal. universal powder cartridges. Mount casualty.

12-18 Underway as before.

1219-Maneuvering at various courses at various speeds to gunfire support sector 'Bravo'.

1230-On station. Maneuvering at various courses at various speeds to remain in sector.

1242-Commenced firing to port.

1250-Ceased firing.

1301-Commenced firing to port.

1306-Ceased firing. Ammunition expended: 15 rounds 5"/54 cal HC projectiles with 15 rounds 5"/54 cal. universal powder charges.

1714-Commenced firing to starboard at coastal defense batteries.

1716-Ceased fire.

1720-Commenced firing to port.

1721-Ceased fire.

1749-Commenced firing to port.

1750-Ceased fire. Ammunition expended: 65 rounds 5"/54 cal HC projectiles with 65 rounds 5"/54 cal. universal powder charges.

18-24 Underway as before.

1824-Commenced firing to port.

1840-Ceased fire.

1841-Commenced firing to stbd.

1843-Ceased fire. Ammunition expended: 20 rounds 5"/54 cal HC projectiles with 20 rounds

5"/54 cal. universal powder cartridges.
 1919-Commenced firing to port.
 1923-Ceased fire. Ammunition expended: 50 rounds 5"/54 cal HC projectiles with 50 rounds 5"/54 cal. universal powder cartridges.
 2110-Commenced firing to port.
 2113-Ceased fire. Mount casualty. Ammunition expended: 33 rounds 5"/54 cal HC projectiles with 33 rounds 5"/54 cal. universal powder cartridges.
 2148-Mount casualty restored.
 2236-Proceeding to sector 'C' for fire mission.
 2249-On station. Maneuvering on various courses at various speeds while conducting NGFS.
 2252-Commenced firing to port.
 2302-Ceased fire. Ammunition expended: 50 rounds 5"/54 cal HC projectiles with 50 rounds 5"/54 cal. universal powder cartridges.
 2306-Receiving counterbattery.
 2315-Counterbattery ceased.
 2318-Casualty to Mount 51.

Sunday 16 April 1972

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

00-06 Underway in accordance with CINCPACFLT Quarterly Employment Schedule, as a unit of Task Unit 70.8.9 operating off MR1 S. Vietnam. Course 270°T, speed 5 kts. SOPA and OTC is CTU 70.8.9, COMDESRON THREE embarked in USS Waddell (DDG-24). Condition of readiness TWO and material condition YOKE set. Ship is darkened. #1A and #1B boilers and #1A and #1C ship 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.

0045-Commenced firing to port.
 0046-Ceased fire. Ammunition expended: 6 rounds 5"/54 cal HC projectiles with 6 rounds 5"/54 cal. universal powder charges. Casualty in Mount 51. Fouled bore in hot gun status. Commenced emergency cooling procedures of gun bore and barrel.
 0125-Secured from emergency cooling procedures.
 0154-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 with 70 rounds 5"/54 cal. universal powder charges.
 0512-Proceeding to stby gunfire support sector 'Golf'.
 0537-On station sector 'Golf'. Maneuvering at various courses at various speeds to remain in sector.

06-09 Underway as before.

0740-Mustered the crew on station; Absentees: NONE.
 0755-Proceeding to sector 'C' on course 270°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 51. Ammunition expended: 3 rounds 5"/54 cal HC projectiles with 3 rounds 5"/54 cal. universal powder cartridges.

09-12 Underway as before.
 1115-Proceeding on firing mission.
 1128-Commenced firing to port.
 1129-Ceased fire. Commenced firing to port.
 1142-Ceased fire. Ammunition expended: 5 rounds 5"/54 cal HC projectiles and 1 round 5"/54 cal WP projectiles with 6 rounds 5"/54 cal. universal powder charges.
 1145-Clearing to the east.
 1158-Received 5 rounds counter battery.

12-18 Underway as before.
 1204-Proceeding to sector 'Golf' on course 145°T speed 15 kts.
 1208-c/c to 155°T.
 1216-On station maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to maintain sector.

18-21 Underway as before.

21-24 Underway as before.
 2337-Maneuvering on various courses at various speeds proceeding to eastern boundary of sector "Charlie".

Monday 17 April 1972

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		16° 40' N	16° 59.7' N
Long.		108° 13' E	107° 15.6' E

00-03 Steaming in company with Task Unit 70.8.9 operating off the coast of MR1 South Vietnam in the vicinity of Point Allison in accordance with CINCPACFLT Quarterly Employment Schedule. This ship proceeding to geographical sector 'C', course 275°T speed 5 kts. SOPA and OTC is CTU 70.8.9, COMDESRON THREE, in USS Waddell (DDG-24). Condition of readiness TWO and material condition YOKE set. Ship darkened.

0002-c/c to 290°T, c/s to 10 kts.
 0018-On station. Maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to maintain station.
 0247-Proceeding to rendezvous with USS Navasota (AO-106) on course 070°T speed 10 kts.

03-06 Underway as before.
 0339-Set the special sea and replenishment detail.
 0401- on station, replenishment course 262°T, speed 12 kts.
 0410-Commenced approach. Lt. Urmston at the conn.

0418-On station alongside starboard side of Navasota. First line over.
0425-Received first fuel hose.
0427-Commenced receiving fuel.
0448-Fueling completed.
0501-All lines and hoses clear. Maneuvering to clear starboard side of Navasota.
0503-Clear of Navasota.
0504-Secured the replenishment detail. Proceeding to standby station 'HOTEL'.
0520-On station maneuvering at various courses at various speeds to maintain station.

06-09 Underway as before.

0733-CO USS Whipple (DE-1062), assumed duties as OTC. Waddell detached.
0740-Mustered the crew on station. Absentees: NONE.

09-12 Underway as before.

0953-Motor whaleboat lowered and away to starboard to rendezvous with USS Badger (DE-1071) for personnel transfer.
1005-Motor whaleboat alongside to starboard and hoisted. GMCM Riegel, Gerald E., (SSN *protected*) USN, technician from MOTU 13 reported aboard to provide technical assistance with Mt. 51 loader cradle casualty.
1014-Motor whaleboat secured for sea.

12-15 Underway as before.

1334-Proceeding to rendezvous with USS Camden (AOE-2) for vertical rearming on course 054°T speed 10 kts.
1354-c/c to 040°T.
1403-c/c to 060°T, c/s to 17 kts.
1407-c/c to 025°T.
1410-c/c to 028°T, c/s to 22 kts.
1426-c/s to 25 kts.
1427-Made rendezvous with Camden. Maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to take station bearing 090°T range 500 yds from Camden.
1430-Stationed the vertical rearming detail commenced preparations for rearming from Camden.
1446-On station. Maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to maintain station. Replenishment course 045°T speed 12 kts.
1455-Commenced vertrep.

15-18 Underway as before.

1616-Transfer and rearmament complete. Proceeding to standby station 'Juliet' on course 214°T speed 20 kts.
1717-c/c to 201°T.
1723-c/c to 194°T.
1750-c/c to 180°T.

18-24 Underway as before.

1818-Maneuvering to close USS Lloyd Thomas (DD-764).
1843-Motor whaleboat lowered and away to stbd to rendezvous with Lloyd Thomas for personnel transfer.
1856-Motor whale boat alongside to stbd and hoisted. Received on board five (5)

Vietnamese nationals for safekeeping.
 1900-MWB secured.
 1907-Maneuvering to close Badger for material transfer.
 1918-Motor whale boat lowered and away to stbd to rendezvous with Badger for transfer of gun parts.
 1930-MWB alongside to stbd and hoisted.
 1940-Motor whale boat lowered and away to stbd to rendezvous with Badger for parts and movie transfer.
 1952-MWB alongside to stbd and hoisted.
 2007-MWB secured for sea.
 2017-Maneuvering at various courses at various speeds to gunfire support sector 'Alfa'.
 2034-On station sector 'Alfa', maneuvering to remain in sector.
 2330-Proceeding on firing mission.
 2338-Fired misfire on safety bearing to stbd.

Tuesday 18 April 1972

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

00-06 Steaming in company with Task Unit 70.8.9 operating off the coast of Vietnam in the vicinity of Point MR1, in accordance with CINCPACFLT Quarterly Employment Schedule. This ship in geographical sector 'A'. SOPA and OTC is CTU 70.8.9, COMDESRON THREE, in USS Waddell (DDG-24). Condition of readiness TWO and material condition YOKE set. Ship darkened. Maneuvering on various courses at various speeds within sector 'A' while conducting NGFS.

0007-Commenced firing to port.
 0010-Ceased fire. Casualty to Mount 51.
 0014-Casualty restored.
 0027-Commenced firing to port.
 0030-Ceased fire. Casualty to Mount 51.
 0100-Casualty restored.
 0107-Commenced firing to port.
 0110-Ceased fire. Misfire in Mount 51. Commenced misfire procedures. Ammunition expended: 45 rounds 5"/54 cal HC projectiles with 45 rounds 5"/54 cal. universal powder cartridges.
 0337-Bore cleared through the muzzle. Ceased misfire procedures.
 0500-Commenced fire to port.
 0518-Ceased fire. Ammunition expended: 50 rounds 5"/54 cal HC and AAC projectiles with 50 rounds 5"/54 cal. universal powder cartridges.
 0526-Proceeding to standby sector 'I'.

06-09 Underway as before.

0630-On standby station 'India'. Maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to maintain station.
 0725-Maneuvering to lower motor whale boat for transfer of personnel to USS Waddell (DDG-

24) and transfer of five (5) Vietnamese nationals to USS Roark (DE-1053).
0740-Mustered the crew on station. Absentees: NONE.
0748-Motor whale boat lowered and away to stbd to make Waddell and Roark.
0823-Personnel transfer completed. Motor whale boat alongside to stbd and hoisted.
0835-Motor whale boat secured. Maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to rendezvous with USS White Plains (AFS-4) for vertical replenishment at sea.
0902-Secured fires in 1A boiler.

09-12 Underway as before.

0957-Made rendezvous with White Plains.
1003-Stationed the helo detail for personnel transfer.
1006-Green deck indicated for White Plains helo #008. Cse 101°T, spd 22 kts.
1011-Transfers completed. Proceeding to station 090°R, 400 yds from White Plains for vertical replenishment. Replenishment cse 130°T, speed 12 kts.
1014-Stationed the vertical replenishment detail.
1026-Received first load from White Plains helo #8.
1043-c/c 106°T.
1052-c/c 107°T.
1100-c/c 130°T, c/s 12 kts. On station, 090°R, 2000 yds from White Plains. White Plains alongside starboard of USS Camden (AOE-2). Camden alongside starboard side of USS Haleakala (AE-25). Maneuvering on various courses and speeds to maintain station.
1127-c/b/c 145°T.
1149-Secured vertical replenishment detail. c/c 260°T, c/s 20 kts.
1153-c/c 290°T. Proceeding to rejoin elements of Task Unit 70.8.9 in vicinity of Point Allison.
1155-Visibility reduced to 500 yds. Commenced sounding International sound signals for vessels underway with way on in restricted visibility and set watch in eyes of the ship.

12-18 Underway as before.

1206-c/c 295°T.
1225-Visibility increased to 5 miles. Ceased sounding fog signals and secured fog lookouts.
1403-c/s to 15 kts to bring 1A boiler on the line.
1408-c/s to 25 kts.
1431-c/c 290°T, c/s to 20 kts. Proceeding to sector 'C'.
1441-On station. Maneuvering on various courses at various speeds within sector 'C'.
1534-Proceeding to sector 'B' on course 000°T speed 15 kts.
1540-On station maneuvering on various courses at various speeds within sector 'B'.
1741-Proceeding on a fire mission.
1758-Commenced firing to port.

18-24 Underway as before.

1801-Ceased fire. Bore fouled in Mount 51. Ammunition expended: 21 rounds 5"/54 cal AAC common projectiles with 21 rounds 5"/54 cal. universal powder charges.
1827-Fire misfire to port on safety bearing. Montgomery, James (SSN protected) STGSA, USN, lost fingernail on middle finger of left hand, while loading powder casing into drum on Mt. 51. Injury not due to his own misconduct. Treatment administered.

Wednesday 19 April 1972

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	16° 55' N	17° 05' N	17° 15' N
Long.	108° 10' E	107° 52' E	107° 50' E

00-06 Steaming in company with Task Unit 70.8.9 operating off the coast of South Vietnam in the vicinity of Point Allison, MR1, in the South China Sea, in accordance with CINCPACFLT Quarterly Employment Schedule. This ship in geographical sector 'A'. SOPA and OTC is CTU 70.8.9, COMDESRON THREE, in USS Waddell (DDG-24). Condition of readiness TWO and material condition YOKE set. Ship darkened. Maneuvering on various courses at various speeds while conducting NGFS.

0027-Commenced firing to stbd. Providing H and I fire in a box target along Route 1, MR1.

0058-Ceased fire.

0132-Resumed fire to stbd.

0145-Ceased fire.

0219-Resumed firing to port.

0231-Ceased fire.

0233-Observed two missiles fired from the vicinity of Cua Viet which burst overhead and astern this ship. No personnel or material casualties.

0356-Resumed firing to port.

0402-Set material condition ZEBRA main deck and below.

0405-Ceased fire. Mission complete. Ammunition expended: 100 rounds 5"/54 cal AAC projectiles with 100 rounds 5"/54 cal. universal powder cartridges. Proceeding to standby sector 'G' on course 070°T speed 25 kts.

0411-c/c to 090°T.

0413-c/s to 20 kts.

0438-c/s to 5 kts.

0439-c/c to 180°T.

0509-c/c to 090°T.

0510-c/c to 140°T.

0517-c/s to 10 kts.

0519-c/c to 090°T.

0523-c/c to 000°T.

0542-c/c to 270°T.

06-09 Underway as before.

0620-On station standby sector 'G'. Proceeding to close USS Roark (DE-1053) for mail transfer.

0625-Maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to lower motor whale boat.

0647-Motor whale boat lowered and away to stbd to make Roark for mail transfer.

0655-Mail transfer completed.

0657-Motor whale boat secured. Maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to rendezvous with USS Pyro (AE-24) for rearming.

0740-Mustered the crew on station. Absentees: NONE.

0759-Secured fires in 1B boiler.

09-12 Underway as before.

0907-Made rendezvous with USS Pyro (AE-24). Set the special rearming detail.
 Commenced preparations for rearming from Pyro. Maneuvering to take station astern Pyro.
 0927-On station rearming course 150°T speed 12 kts.
 0931-Commenced approach. Captain on the bridge. JOOD conning.
 0940-On station alongside stbd side of Pyro.
 0945-First line over.
 0951-After station rigged. Commenced transfer rearming.
 1123-Rearming completed. Rigged manila highline for personnel transfer.
 1135-Personnel transfer completed..
 1140-All lines clear. Maneuvering to clear stbd side of Pyro.
 1145-Clear of Pyro.
 1146-Secured the replenishment detail. Lit fires 1B boiler. Proceeding to rejoin Task Unit 70.8.9 in vicinity of Pt. Allison.

12-15 Underway as before.

1202-c/c to 255°T.
 1248-c/c to 265°T.
 1313-c/c to 255°T.
 1338-c/c to 235°T.
 1340-Maneuvering on various courses at various speeds while conducting material transfer by motor whaleboat with Waddell in sector 'G'.
 1356-Motor whaleboat in the water.
 1400-Motor whaleboat away to stbd.
 1410-Motor whaleboat alongside to stbd.
 1415-Proceeding to sector 'H' on course 150°T speed 15 kts. Material transfer complete.
 1416-Motor whaleboat secured. On station. Maneuvering on various courses at various speeds within sector 'H'.

15-18 Underway as before.

18-24 Underway as before.

1947-c/c to 330°T. Proceeding to eastern portion of sector "B" in preparation for fire mission.
 1948-c/s 15 kts.
 1952-c/c 320°T.
 2005-On station maneuvering on various courses at various speeds within sector "B".
 2056-Proceeding on firing mission.
 2106-Commenced firing to port.
 2110-Ceased fire.
 2316-Commenced firing to port.
 2323-Ceased fire. Total ammunition expended: 131 rounds 5"/54 cal HC projectiles and 47 rounds 5"/54 cal AA common projectiles with 278 rounds 5"/54 cal. universal powder charges.
 2330-Maneuvering at various courses at various speeds to take standby gunfire support sector 'INDIA'.

Thursday 20 April 1972

	0800	1200	2000
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Lat.	16° 56' N	16° 57.1' N	16° 51.7' N
Long.	107° 27' E	107° 29.4' E	107° 28.5' E

00-03 Steaming in company with Task Unit 70.8.9 operating off the coast of South Vietnam in the South China Sea in the vicinity of Point Allison, MR1, in accordance with MOVORD from CTG 70.8. This ship proceeding to geographical sector 'I'; course 160°T speed 15 kts. SOPA and OTC is CTU 70.8.9, COMDESRON THREE, in USS Waddell (DDG-24). Condition of readiness TWO and material condition YOKE set. Ship darkened except for dimmed navigation lights.

0000-Secured 1A boiler.

0015-On station. Maneuvering on various courses at various speeds within sector 'I'.

0024-Proceeding to station north of sector 'G' and east of sector 'A' on course 270°T speed 15 kts.

0027-c/c to 000°T.

0107-On station. Maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to maintain station.

0136-Proceeding to sector 'J' on course 180°T speed 5 kts.

0204-On station. Maneuvering on various courses at various speeds within sector 'J'.

03-08 Underway as before.

0638-USS John Paul Jones (DLG-32) proceeding to take under fire two surface contacts believed to be Shanghai configured PT boats.

0653-Jones ordered back to sector BRAVO.

08-12 Underway as before.

0740-Mustered the crew on station. Absentees: NONE.

12-16 Underway as before.

1235-Proceeding to close USS Whipple (DE-1062) for transfer of electronic parts by small boat.

1303-Motor whale boat lowered and away to starboard to make Whipple.

1307-Transfer complete.

1313-Motor whale boat alongside to stbd and hoisted.

1318-Motor whale boat secured for sea. Maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to regain sector 'J'.

1345-On station. Maneuvering at various courses at various speeds to remain within sector.

16-18 Underway as before.

1631-Closing USS Waddell (DDG-24) for boat transfer of test equipment.

1703-Motor whale boat from Whipple alongside for parts transfer.

1704-Transfer complete. Returning to sector JULIET.

1723-On station maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to maintain station within sector.

18-20 Underway as before.

1941-Proceeding to night steam area adjacent to sector 'J'.

20-24 Underway as before.

2000-On station. Night steam area coordinates 66-70 and 71-75. Maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to maintain station.

Friday 21 April 1972

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	18° 00.0' N	18° 02.2' N	18° 46' N
Long.	107° 10.0' E	107° 07' E	107° 46.5' E

00-04 Underway in accordance with MOVORD from CTG 70.8 in company with Task Unit 70.8.9 consisting of USS Waddell (DDG-24), USS John Paul Jones (DDG-32), USS Richard B. Anderson (DD-786), USS Larson (DD-830), USS Whipple (DE-1062), USS Roark (DE-1053) and this ship off the coast of South Vietnam, MR1, South China Sea. SOPA and OTC is CTU 70.8.9, COMDESRON THREE, embarked in Waddell. Condition of readiness IV and material condition YOKE set throughout the ship. This ship is darkened with no exceptions. 1B boiler and 1A and 1C ship service generators are on the line. This ship is in sector L 16°55' – 16°57'15"N, 107°32'15"E. Maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to maintain sector.

0155-Whipple detached to proceed independently to port.

04-08 Underway as before.

0629-Detached from Task Unit 70.8.9 to proceed to rendezvous with USS Pyro (AE-24).

0632- Maneuvering at various courses at various speeds to make rendezvous with Pyro.

0658-Lit fires in #1A boiler.

08-12 Underway as before.

0738-Made rendezvous with Pyro. Set the replenishment detail.

0757-Commenced approach to Pyro, base course 300°T, base speed 12 kts.

0803-On station alongside starboard side of Pyro.

0810-First line over.

0828-7 bags of mail received aft.

0837-All lines clear. Maneuvering to clear starboard side of Pyro.

0839-Secured the replenishment detail.

0849-Proceeding to rendezvous with the USS Mispillion (AO-105) on course 325°T speed 25 kts.

1030-Made rendezvous with USS Mispillion. Set the replenishment refueling detail.

1045-Maneuvering to take station on starboard quarter of Mispillion.

1132-Commenced approach to Mispillion.

1135-On station alongside starboard side of Mispillion base course 315°T base speed 14 kts.

1137-First line over.

1145-Received first fuel hose.

1150-Commenced receiving fuel.

1216-Fueling completed.

1323-Completed transfer of empty brass.

1327-Broke rig aft preparing manila highline for personnel transfer.

1338-High line rigged.

1344-Personnel transfer complete.

1353-All lines clear. Maneuvering to clear starboard side of Mispillion.

12-16 Underway as before.

1354-Clear of Mispillion. Proceeding to rendezvous with USS Coral Sea (CVA-43) on course 030°T speed 25 kts. Secured the replenishment detail.

1430-c/c to 070°T.

1447-c/c to 080°T.

1532-c/c to 120°T.

16-18 Underway as before.

1700-Made rendezvous with Task Group 77.6 composed of USS Coral Sea (CVA-43) and USS Parsons (DDG-33).

1707-Maneuvering on various courses at various speed proceeding to rescue destroyer station 2SNX. Parsons detached. CO this ship assumed CTU 77.6.2.

1723-On station rescue destroyer station 2SNX base course 330°T base speed 10 kts. Maneuvering on various courses at various speed to maintain station.

1741-c/b/c 135°T.

18-20 Underway as before.

1800-c/b/c 330°T.

1908-c/b/c 130°T c/b/s 17 kts. Stationed the rescue detail. Adjusted station to 170°R, 2000 yds from Coral Sea.

1913-Coral Sea commenced flight operations.

1927-c/b/c 320°T c/b/s 10 kts.

20-24 Underway as before.

2012-c/b/c 145°T. Set lighting measure Green.

2051-Set normal navigation lights.

2055-c/b/c 150°T.

2124-c/b/c 145°T.

2132-c/b/c 140°T. Set lighting measure Green.

2140-Set normal navigation lights. Coral Sea secured from flight operations.

2141-Secured the rescue detail.

2142-c/b/c 150°T.

2210-c/b/c 266°T c/b/s to 20 kts.

2217-c/b/c 258°T.

2253-c/b/c 145°T.

