

USS STERETT (DLG-31) ZONE DESCRIPTION -8H DATE Wednesday 31 July 19 68

AT/PASSAGE FROM DaNang, RVN TO NSAR, Tonkin Gulf

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L 18-40 N	BY	1
λ 106-21 E	BY	1

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L 19-43 N	BY	1
λ 106-52 E	BY	1

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L 19-51.7 N	BY	2
λ 106-45.4 E	BY	2

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

REMARKS

08-04 Steaming as part of TU 70.8.3 in company with USS England (DLG-22), USS Rich (DD-820) and USS Hanson (DD-832) from DaNang, RVN, to NSAR, Tonkin Gulf in accordance with COMSEVENTHFLT Quarterly Op Schedule first quarter FY 69. Ste Ships are forming a column at double standard distance, Sterett station one, Hanson station 2, England station 3, Rich station 4, when on station ships will bear 154° from the guide, this ship; base course 334°, base speed 12 kts. SOPM and OTC is CTO 70.8.3, COMDESROW THREE embarked this ship. The ship is darkened with the exception of navigational lights. Condition of readiness three and material condition Yoke are set. 0045 forming Diamond formation, this ship the guide in station 1, Hanson station 2 bearing 198°, 1000 yds, England station 3 109°, 1000 yds, Rich station 4, 153°, 1500 yds, formation c/c 333°, base speed 12 kts. 0102 c/s 18 kts.

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04-08 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0444 SURFACE RADAR CONTACT BEARING 342° Range 47,000 yds. CONTACT IDENTIFIED AS USS INTREPID (CVS-11). 0504 C/F/C to 313° to allow Carrier Group move sea room. 0511 LOST ELECTRICAL LOAD. 0515 ELECTRICAL POWER RESTORED. 0521 C/F/C to 333°. 0550 USS ENGLAND (DLG-22) AND USS HANSON (DD832) DETACHED BY COMDESROW 3 TO PROCEED ON DUTY ASSIGNED. 0630 SIGHTED SURFACE CONTACT VISUALLY BEARING 000° Range 26,000 yds. IDENTIFIED AS USS BON HOMME RICHARD (CVA-31). 0730 COMMANDING OFFICER THIS SHIP ASSUMED OTC TE 70.8.3.1 COMPRISED OF USS STERETT (DLG-31) AND USS RICH (DD820) IN COLUMN FORMATION. STERETT IS IN STATION 1 WITH RICH IN STATION 2 AT 500 yds. 0745 MUSTERED THE CREW AT QUARTERS, NO NEW ABSENTEES.

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08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0811 C/F/C 325°T 0821 C/F/C 330°T 1110 Rich detached to INVESTIGATE CONTACT BEARING, etc is COMDESROW THREE 1122 CONTACT EVALUATED AS WEATHER. RICH BACK ON STATION C/F/C 343°T 1152 c/s c/f/s 15KTS.

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12-16 Underway as before. 1228 c/c 313° 1234 c/c 343° 125.3 maneuvering at various courses and speeds to take station astern USS Horne (DLG-30) at about 1500 yds and conform to her movements. 1245 flight quarters for helo shuttle transfer of personnel to Horne for SAR turnover briefing, maneuvering at various courses and speeds while engaged in helo launch and recovery. 1422 secured from flight quarters, maneuvering at various courses and speeds to conform to

EXAMINED

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