

CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM  
RELEASE IN FULL

4 August 1953

Chronological Resume of Ship Reconnaissance  
(25 July thru 3 August)

2008

- 24 1st Day 0648 hrs. started trip with 7 engines operating. Speed 5.88 knots.  
25 July During morning 1 engine failed as result of broken spline shaft.  
1500 hrs. both bilge pumps out. Emergency bilge pumped put in action.
- 26 2nd Day 0700 hrs. 2nd engine out due to overheating. Speed 4.87 knots.  
5 engines now operating. Heavy N.E. sea and swell.
- 27 3rd Day 1410 hrs. reached Identity 1. Departed for Identity 2. 2200 hrs.  
Speed 4.29 knots. Heavy N.E. sea and swell.
- 28 4th Day. 0630 hrs. 3rd engine out, clutch slipped. 4 operating. Speed ?  
0800 hrs. determined vessel had drifted 20 miles W. in traveling  
50 miles along course. 2200 hrs. steering indicator rod, mounted on  
rudder arc, broke. This rod transmits rudder deflections to indicator  
dial in wheelhouse. Repairs completed 2345 hrs. Speed ?
- 29 5th Day. 4 engines running. A 5th engine repaired and left on standby basis.  
Speed ? Heavy N.E. sea and swell.
- 30 6th Day. 1400 hrs. 4th engine out, bearings gone. 3 engines running. A 4th  
still on standby basis. Vessel now out of command and drifting in a  
heavy N.E. sea and swell. Speed ? During evening standby engine  
cut-in but added little power. Radio-ed for assistance.
- 3/ 7th Day Standby engine cut-out. Now on 3 engines. Speed ? 0930 hrs Des-  
troyer came along side. Informed us we were within 3 miles of bad reef.  
Late in morning departed. Middle afternoon 2nd Destroyer alongside. Put  
tow aboard. Tow parted. Destroyer stated it had orders to leave. Asked  
it to standby while ship was scuttled. Received radio that Destroyer wou-  
ld be ordered back. Cancelled scuttling orders. Destroyer departed. Re-  
turned 2330 hrs and escorted us thru night. 1130 hrs emergency bilge  
pump out.
- 1 8th Day. 1040 hrs Destroyer attempted tow. Line fouldd in Destroyer propeller.  
1200 hrs 5th engine out. Now operating on 2 engines. Bucket brigade  
mounted in engine room for 1/2 hr. 1340 hrs Destroyer put tow aboard.  
Bucket brigade in engine room for 20 min. Remaining 2 engines cut-out to  
avoid un-necessary wear.
- ✓ 9th Day. 0830 hrs. Salvage tug alongside. 1115 hrs tow transferred from Destroyer  
to salvage tug.
- ✓ 10th Day. Undertow. In port and docked at 2330 hrs.

NOTE: Identity 1. completely reconnoitered. Identities 2 and 3 not seen nor reconnoitered.

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