

UNITED STATES SHIP

18 - 20 (cont) structural damage frames 19 to 26; moderate damage frames 14 to 19 and 26 to 30; structural damage consists of buckled bulkheads, decks and overhead. Wiring trunk MT52 buckled. Gasoline line outboard of ship ruptured. Superficial fire damage and fire fighting water flooding damage to paintwork, furniture, mattresses and personal gear. 01 level: Severe structural damage of ship frames 19 to 30. Point of impact frame 23. Skin ruptured from 19 to 28. Spaces outboard of skin of ship frames 20 to 30 demolished. Spaces outboard frames 14 to 20 and 30 to 35 sustained moderate damage. Staterooms inboard of forecandle lassage sustained moderate damage to bulkheads and furniture between frames 14 to 35. Minor damage to personal gear, mattresses and furniture from fire fighting water. Forward emergency diesel exhaust was severely damaged. 02 level: Walkway and gun platform, frames 15 to 35, on port side were severely damaged. Mounts 52 and 54 forced out of alignment. Ammunition hoist damaged. Minor structural damage to compartments innediately inboard of frames 15 to 35 port side. Mount 52 lifted 3 to 4 feet. Mount 54 sustained minor misalignment. Gun platform bulwark demolished. 03 level: Whip antennae between frames 119 to 144 on the port side were carried away. Outboard distribution piping of forward leg of forward port quadrant of aviation gasoline system was carried away. Landing mirror platform was buckled. Outer datum arm of landing mirror bent and stabilization of mirror system impaired. Fueling rig #3: Span wire allowed to run free during emergency breakaway of STORMES and lost. Fueling hose ruptured in three places. 2050 Delivered 55,403 gallons NSFO to STORMES during refueling. 2050 Relieved by LT CONNELL.

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20 - 24 Steaming as before. 2051 Commenced blowing tubes. 2100 Received report of damages to life rafts. #30 life raft basket hanging loose and to be secured, #38 life raft basket is badly damaged, and #40 life raft basket is lost with two (2) life rafts. 2110 Completed blowing tubes. 2112 c/c to 210. 2134 Secured from Flight Quarters. Set the Air Integrity Watch. 2143 USS STORMES (DD-780) and USS BLANDY (DD-943) joined this vessel and formed a 3C2 screen. Station 1 STORMES, station 2 BLANDY. OTC is CTG 81.8.1 embarked in RANDOLPH. 2215 Ascertained the following information about the ship involved in collision with this vessel. Ship: SS ATLANTIC VISCOUNTESS of Liberian registry. Master: S. MGNIS. Masters ticket #2381A 12 November 1954. Ship out of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 15 October 1961. Next port unknown. 2344 c/c to 120. 2349 Sighted Liberian freighter SS ATLANTIC CARAQUES, range 28,400 yards. Exchanged signals by lights. 2354 Properly relieved by ENS DUNBAR.

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