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RANDOLPH (CV-15) Sunday March

Anchored in berth #27, Naval Anchorage, Ulithi Islands, in 21 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following bearings: Beacon H, 350.50(t); Beacon D, 080o(t); Beacon J, 329.50(t); Beacon C, 1080(t). Boilers nos. 4 and 6 steaming for auxiliary purposes. Ship is in modified condition of darkness, condition of readiness II, condition Yoke. Ships present include various units of the U.S. Facific Fleet. S.O.P.A. in U.S.S. OCELOT.

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Anchored as before. 0800 - Mustered crew on stations. No new absentees. 0945 - Made inspection of magazines, ready service boxes, and smokeless powder samples; condi-

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Anchored as before. 2007 - A Twin-Engine Japanese Bomber hit on flight deck aft, starboard side, exploding between flight and gallery decks at frames 205-210, destroying planes in vicinity on flight and hangar decks, the CO2Room, Aviation Repair Shop, and the fantail. Personnel in the near vicinity were killed or injured, fire broke out on the hangar deck aft; 40mm and 20mm ammunition was detonated. Captain notified; sounded general alarm. Fire and Rescue Parties, and Repair Parties called away. 2008 - Hangar deck sprinkling system turned on; flooded magazines aft; hoses led to the scene of the fire. Called away boats with rescue parties. 2010 - Commenced spraying foam and water into the fire. Casualties removed from the area. 2030 - Sounded general quarters. 2032 - Lighted fires in boilers nos. 1 and 7. 2043 - Fire boats and tugs observed aft, pumping water into fire on the fantail. 2106 - Fire and Rescue party reported from the U.S.S. BEILEAU WOOD. 2132 - Fire and Rescue party reported from the U.S.S. JASON. 2137 - The fire reported under control. 2205 - Fire and Rescue party reported from the U.S.S. ESSEX. 2220 - Secured main engines. Died out fires under boilers nos. 1 and 7. 2247 - Secured from general quarters. 2330 - Fire and Rescue party from the U.S.S. JASON left the ship.

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