

UNITED STATES SHIP RANDOLPH (CVS-15)

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FRIDAY 21 JULY 1961
(Day) (Date) (Month)

00 - 04 Steaming off the East coast of Florida as a unit of TG 140.3 in company with USS CONWAY (DDE-507) on base course 110 at speed 12 kts in accordance with COMASGRU ALFA Op-Order 8-61. Ships are in a column open order at double standard distance; this ship in station 1 and CONWAY in station 2. CTC is Commanding Officer this vessel and SOPA is CTG 140.3 embarked in this vessel. Boilers #3, #4, #7 and #8 are on the main steam line and generators #1, #2 and #3 are in use. Degree of readiness V is in effect and material condition YOKE is set. 2342 Wheeled to course 180. 0147 Wheeled to course 270. 0337 Wheeled to course 270. 0406 Properly relieved by ENS GRAY.

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A. STC. WRIGHT
LT, USN

04 - 08 Steaming as before. 0440 c/c to 090. 0458 c/c to 140. 0500 Launched (3) HUS. 0430 All boilers are on the main steam line. 0520 c/c to 160: Observed sunrise; turned off all navigation lights. 0523 Recovered (3) HUS. 0526 c/s to 7 kts. 0530 ENS GRAY has the conn. 0545 c/c to 320. 0600 Received daily draft report: fwd 26'11", aft 29'2". 0607 c/c to 140. 0648 c/c to 340. 0705 Received final (15) minute countdown on MR-4 project launch by radio from Cape Canaveral, Florida. 0708 c/c to 160. 0710 c/s to 12 kts. 0720 Launched (3) HUS and (2) HSS. 0721 c/c to 190, c/s to 7 kts. 0729 c/c to 010. 0730 Sighted space craft "Liberty Bell 7" bearing 027.5, position angle 70. c/s to 25 kts. 0735 c/c to 021. 0736 Capsule entered the water bearing 020.5, distance 6 miles. 0750 c/s to 12 kts. 0751 Astronaut recovered from water by HUS. 0753 Received report that capsule has sunk in 2500 fathoms of water. 0755 Recovered (1) HUS. 0757 Recovered (1) HUS with astronaut aboard. c/c to 100. 0759 c/c to 135. 0800 Astronaut emerged from HUS, appeared to be in good physical condition and was escorted to the Captain's in-port cabin by medical and NASA staff personnel. 0809 Properly relieved by ENS DUNBAR.

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08 - 12 Steaming as before. 0810 c/c to 310, c/s to 20 kts. c/c to 315. 0832 c/c to 250. 0835 c/c to 150, c/s to 12 kts. 0847 Launched (1) S2F, landed (3) HSS. 0853 c/c to 250, c/s to 25 kts. 0900 Took command of USS CONWAY (DDE-507) and USS CONY (DDE-508). Destroyers formed screen 302, CONWAY in station 1, CONY in station 2. 0927 c/s to 18 kts. 0945 c/s to 30 kts. 1000 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples; conditions normal. 1057 c/formation c to 150. 1100 Launched (1) TF, with Astronaut Virgil GRISSON, CAPT USAF on board and (1) S2F. 1106 c/formation c to 300. 1115 Received report of absentees from morning muster: HESTON, J. B., 544 55 23, FA, USN, UA since 1200 30 June 1961; MCCARTY, R. W., 273 27 20, BT3, USN, UA since 0530 29 June 1961; SEWARD, R. V., 319 55 77, AA, USN, UA since 0730 1 July 1961; MERIDITH, D. R., 289 69 35, EM3N, USN, UA since 0730 3 July 1961; CARNICOM, S. S., 525 32 73, EMFA, USN, UA since 0730 3 July 1961; BROCCARD, R. C., 530 12 41, SN, USN, UA since 0730 3 July 1961; MILLER, D. H., 547 54 70, SA, USN, UA since 0730 4 July 1961; HARDEN, T. E., 430 79 86, SN, USN, UA since 0730 4 July 1961; GAGNON, J. F. R., 544 87 32, FA, USN, UA since 0730 4 July 1961; BARCOCK, F. A., 530 81 20, FN, USN, UA since 0730 5 July 1961; SHINER, J. O., 520 76 89, SN, USN, UA since 0730 5 July 1961; BISHOP, R. L., 538 51 38, SA, USN, UA since 0730 5 July 1961; MARTIN, R. W., 531 07 76, FN, USN, UA since 0730 14 July 1961; DUPLER, T. M., 540 32 21, SA, USN, UA since 0645 15 July 1961; COCHRAN, H. H., Jr., 681 25 94, SA, USN, UA since 1100 16 July 1961; RODNEY, R. S., 469 26 44, SN, USN, UA since 1100 16 July 1961; STECKLER, W. E., 514 90 65, SN, USN, UA since 1100 16 July 1961. 1140 Properly relieved by LT CONNELL.

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12 - 16 Steaming as before. 1158 c/c to 180. Launched (2) HSS. 1203 Launched (1) TF. 1204 c/c to 300. 1252 c/c to 150. 1258 Launched (2) TF. c/c to 335. 1305 Landed (3) HSS. 1306 c/s to 25 kts. 1319 c/s to 20 kts. 1321 c/c to 270. 1323 Commenced blowing tubes. 1338 Completed blowing tubes. 1342 c/c to 335. 1343 Secured boilers #3, #4, #5 and #6. 1402 Launched (4) HSS for test flights. 1421 Launched HUS #32 for test flight. 1424 Landed HUS #32. 1441 Landed (1) HSS. 1449 Launched (1) HSS. 1452 Launched (1) HSS. 1503 c/c to 150. 1509 Launched (1) HSS. 1511 Landed (1) TF and (1) HSS. 1513 c/c to 335. c/s to 15 kts. 1542 Properly relieved by LT WRIGHT.

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16 - 18 Steaming as before. 1552 Turned formation to 140, c/s to 25 kts. 1603 Launched (1) TF. 1605 Turned formation to 335, c/s to 15 kts. 1630 Turned formation to 170, c/s to 18 kts. 1642 Recovered (5) S2F, (1) TF and (4) HSS. 1649 Turned formation to 335, c/s to 15 kts. 1750 Properly relieved by ENS GRAY.

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