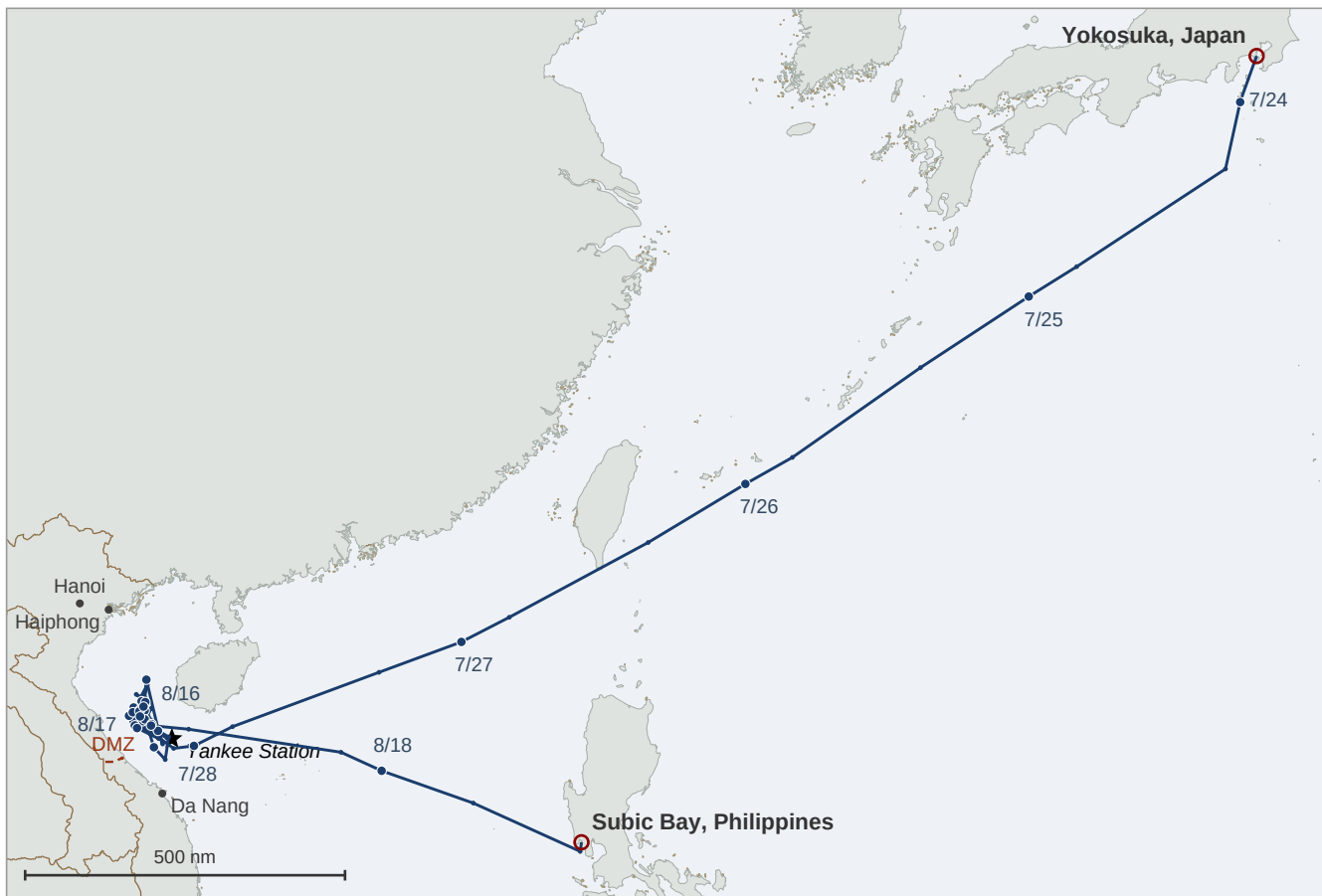


Transit to Yankee Station, Combat Operations, Transit to Subic Bay

24 July – 19 August 1970



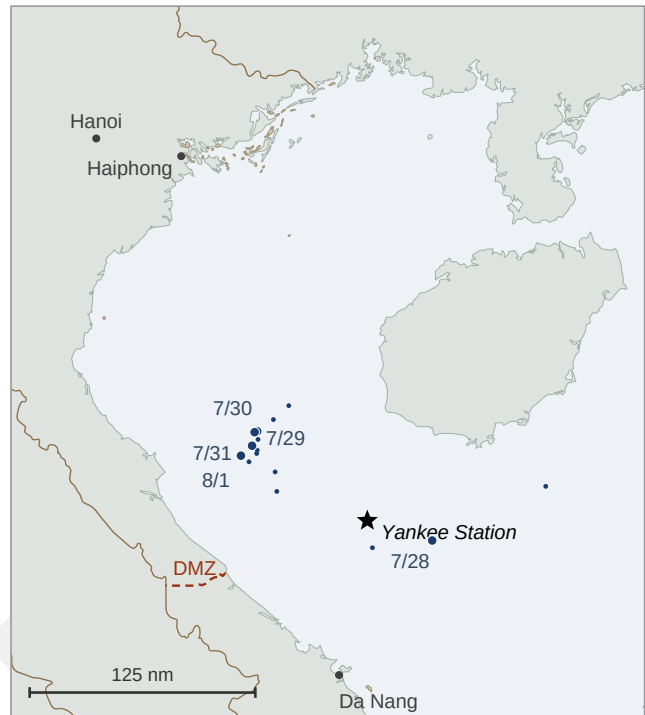
SECTION SUMMARY

She left Yokosuka on 24 July in visibility down to a hundred yards, sounding fog signals and stationing special lookouts, and stopped engines that morning for a contact ahead in undetermined position. A man overboard was reported on the evening of the 25th; the muster found no absentees and the log records a fishing float light as the likely cause. She sighted Hainan Island thirty-five miles off on the 28th. On 29 July she lost steering control on the bridge and in after steering together, both units disabled by a failure in the high-pressure hydraulic ram lines; a fire was reported in the starboard steering unit and put out by de-energizing it, she secured her rudder amidships and signaled not under command, steered by engines until the port unit could be brought back on the line, and had the casualty corrected by 1843. A Marine Corps lieutenant general came aboard for a brief visit on the 30th. She lay dead in the water at midnight repairing the steering casualty and tested her rudder under way at five knots in the small hours of the 31st. A rear admiral embarked on 1 August and Commander Task Force 77 visited on the 2nd. Three fires were reported in five hours on the morning of 4 August — an electrical short in an A-4, welding sparks in the starboard catapult, and an aircraft on the flight deck — none of them causing damage, and a summary court-martial convened and adjourned the same day. On 6 August an A-4C of VA-12 suffered a collapsed nose gear on a catapult launch and hit the water a hundred feet ahead of the ship; the pilot ejected and was recovered by the ship's helicopter with no apparent injuries. On the 12th an F-8H of VF-162 had an engine failure and its pilot ejected safely and was promptly picked up. Commander, Naval Air Forces, Pacific came aboard on

the 14th, and from the 14th to the 16th she took part in the tactical exercise Beacon Tower under Commander Task Group 77.2. She sighted Capones light before dawn on 19 August and ran the ULQ-4 range.



Transit to Yankee Station, 24–28 July



Yankee Station, 28 July – 1 August

24 July

06:25

Visibility decreased to 100 yds. Commenced sounding international fog signals, turned on running lights. Stationed special fog lookouts.

Source: Deck log, 1970-07 p97 entry 19; NARA image 220519359 — text corrected against the log.

06:50

Stopped engines due to contact ahead in undetermined position.

Source: Deck log, 1970-07 p97 entry 21; NARA image 220519359 — text as extracted, not corrected.

21:40

Sounded fire quarters for a class "c" fire in A/C no. 601 on the flight deck port side.

Source: Deck log, 1970-07 p98 entry 24; NARA image 220519360 — text as extracted, not corrected.

21:46

Fire reported out; secured from fire quarters.

Source: Deck log, 1970-07 p98 entry 27; NARA image 220519360 — text as extracted, not corrected.

25 July

08:00

Held general quarters drill.

Source: Deck log, 1970-07 p101 entry 9; NARA image 220519363 — text corrected against the log.

09:36

Commenced practice gun shoot.

Source: Deck log, 1970-07 p101 entry 11; NARA image 220519363 — text as extracted, not corrected.

10:05

Secured from general quarters drill.

Source: Deck log, 1970-07 p101 entry 12; NARA image 220519363 — text as extracted, not corrected.

10:46

Secured gun shoot having fired 17 RDS BL&P.

Source: Deck log, 1970-07 p101 entry 13; NARA image 220519363 — text corrected against the log.

18:45

Ordered USS Shelton to investigate a small white flashing light on our port beam.

Source: Deck log, 1970-07 p101 entry 20; NARA image 220519363 — text corrected against the log.

19:00

Retarded all clocks one hour to conform with time zone -8H.

Source: Deck log, 1970-07 p101 entry 18; NARA image 220519363 — text as extracted, not corrected.

25 July	
19:04	USS Shelton Reported light to be marking fishing buoy. Ordered the USS Shelton to resume station. Source: Deck log, 1970-07 p101 entry 21; NARA image 220519363 — text corrected against the log.
20:25	Received report of man overboard to STBD. Ordered Shelton to attempt pick-up. C/C right, set maneuvering speed combination. Source: Deck log, 1970-07 p101 entry 23; NARA image 220519363 — text corrected against the log.
20:35	C/C 120. Sighted fishing float light believed to be cause of man overboard report. Source: Deck log, 1970-07 p101 entry 25; NARA image 220519363 — text as extracted, not corrected.
21:00	Shelton Rejoined. Secured man overboard recovery detail. Mustered crew on stations; no absentees. Source: Deck log, 1970-07 p101 entry 27; NARA image 220519363 — text as extracted, not corrected.
27 July	
13:32	Class "c" fire in compartment C-328-L. Source: Deck log, 1970-07 p109 entry 36; NARA image 220519371 — text corrected against the log.
13:36	Fire reported out. Secured from fire quarters. Source: Deck log, 1970-07 p109 entry 37; NARA image 220519371 — text as extracted, not corrected.
16:20	Shelton Detached for full power run, O'CALLAHAN Assigned sector screen ahead. Source: Deck log, 1970-07 p109 entry 47; NARA image 220519371 — text as extracted, not corrected.
28 July	
06:20	Sighted Hainan Island 320° 35 miles. Source: Deck log, 1970-07 p113 entry 9; NARA image 220519375 — text corrected against the log.
09:30	Held general quarters drill. Source: Deck log, 1970-07 p113 entry 15; NARA image 220519375 — text as extracted, not corrected.
29 July	
14:55	Lost steering control on bridge and after steering, both units were inoperative due to failure in HP hydraulic ram lines. Source: Deck log, 1970-07 p117 entry 61; NARA image 220519379 — text corrected against the log.
14:55	Port engine back full, stbd stop 999 RPM. Source: Deck log, 1970-07 p117 entry 62; NARA image 220519379 — text corrected against the log.
14:55	Fire reported in after steering 1502 fire out. Secured fire quarters 1504 c/s 10 1520 c/s 5 Source: Deck log, 1970-07 p117 entry 63; NARA image 220519379 — text corrected against the log.
—	A fire was reported in the starboard steering unit which was extinguished upon de-energizing the unit. The ship was steered by engines until the port steering unit could be brought on the line Source: Command History, PDF p.11 §III; time given as 1516 — text transcribed verbatim.
15:57	Rudder secured amidship, signaling not under command Source: Deck log, 1970-07 p118 entry 1; NARA image 220519380 — text as extracted, not corrected.
17:20	Head swinging starboard. Source: Deck log, 1970-07 p118 entry 3; NARA image 220519380 — text as extracted, not corrected.
18:43	Steering casualty corrected steering course 175° Source: Deck log, 1970-07 p118 entry 6; NARA image 220519380 — text as extracted, not corrected.
30 July	
—	LT GEN K. B. McCUTCHEON, USMC, embarked the ship for a brief visit Source: Command History, PDF p.11 §III; no time given — text transcribed verbatim.

31 July

00:00

Dead in water while repairing steering casualty.

Source: Deck log, 1970-07 p125 entry 1; NARA image 220519387 — text as extracted, not corrected.

00:49

Underway at 5KTS, turned on running lights began turns using full rudder to test rudder.

Source: Deck log, 1970-07 p125 entry 5; NARA image 220519387 — text as extracted, not corrected.

01:42

Completed rudder test C/C 270 C/S 12KTS.

Source: Deck log, 1970-07 p125 entry 9; NARA image 220519387 — text as extracted, not corrected.

05:27

Streamed target spar.

Source: Deck log, 1970-07 p125 entry 17; NARA image 220519387 — text as extracted, not corrected.

1 August

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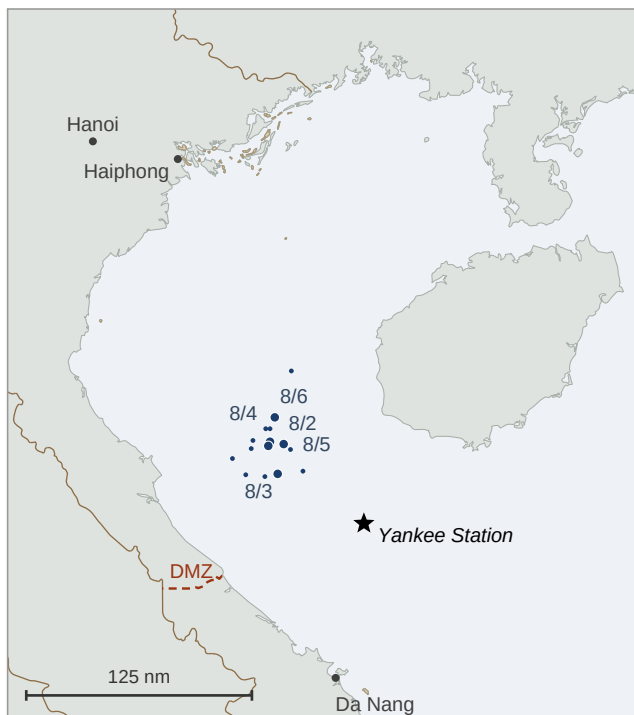
RADM RUBEL, Amphibious Force, SEVENTH Fleet, embarked for a short visit

Source: Command History, PDF p.11 §III; no time given — text transcribed verbatim.

05:05

Streamed target spar

Source: Deck log, 1970-08 p5 entry 10; NARA image 220519395 — text corrected against the log.



Yankee Station, 2–6 August



Yankee Station, 7–11 August

2 August

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On 2 August we were visited by CTF-77, RADM BARDSHAR

Source: Command History, PDF p.11 §III; no time given — text transcribed verbatim.

05:10

Streamed target spar.

Source: Deck log, 1970-08 p11 entry 11; NARA image 220519401 — text as extracted, not corrected.

3 August

05:27

Streamed target spar.

Source: Deck log, 1970-08 p16 entry 10; NARA image 220519406 — text corrected against the log.

06:42

USS O'CALLAHAN detached to proceed as previously directed.

Source: Deck log, 1970-08 p16 entry 18; NARA image 220519406 — text as extracted, not corrected.

3 August

06:42

USS Carpenter (DD-825) joined TU 77.4.2 and was directed to operate independently within UHF range.

Source: Deck log, 1970-08 p16 entry 19; NARA image 220519406 — text as extracted, not corrected.

14:30

Commenced general quarters drill.

Source: Deck log, 1970-08 p16 entry 49; NARA image 220519406 — text as extracted, not corrected.

4 August

03:37

Electrical short reported in A-4 401 BUNO 149553

Source: Deck log, 1970-08 p17 entry 2; NARA image 220519407 — text corrected against the log.

03:43

Fire out, no damage secured from fire quarters

Source: Deck log, 1970-08 p17 entry 3; NARA image 220519407 — text corrected against the log.

04:39

Minor waste fire in STBD cat caused by welding sparks, smothered immediately, no damage, no injuries

Source: Deck log, 1970-08 p17 entry 5; NARA image 220519407 — text corrected against the log.

08:12

Sounded fire quarters for a class "c" fire on the flight deck, A/C 304.

Source: Deck log, 1970-08 p17 entry 11; NARA image 220519407 — text corrected against the log.

08:13

Fire reported out secured from fire quarters.

Source: Deck log, 1970-08 p17 entry 12; NARA image 220519407 — text as extracted, not corrected.

15:30

Received word summary court martial convened in the case of [name withheld], A03, USN and [name withheld], SN, USN at 1300 this date.

Source: Deck log, 1970-08 p17 entry 28; NARA image 220519407 — text corrected against the log.

16:30

Received word summary court martial in the case of [name withheld], and [name withheld] adjourned to await action by convening authority.

Source: Deck log, 1970-08 p17 entry 33; NARA image 220519407 — text as extracted, not corrected.

6 August

07:05

C/C to 010° to launch weather balloon.

Source: Deck log, 1970-08 p25 entry 13; NARA image 220519415 — text as extracted, not corrected.

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A-4C, Buno 149553 of Atkron 12, crashed into the sea following a catapult launch at lat 18°11.6'N, long 106°28.8'E. The pilot successfully ejected and was immediately rescued by a ship's helo

Source: Command History, PDF p.11 §III; time given as 1959 — text transcribed verbatim.

19:59

A-4 aircraft BUNO 149553 suffered collapsed nose gear on takeoff from port catapult and hit water 100 FT forward of ship. Pilot LT [name withheld], [svc num redacted], USN, ejected. C/C 130. 2001 C/C 170. Helo recovered pilot. No apparent injuries. USS Carpenter standing by to render assistance, USS Knox moving into station 1500 yds astern.

Source: Deck log, 1970-08 p25 entry 46; NARA image 220519415 — text corrected against the log.

7 August

06:43

Prepared to receive helo from USS ORISKANY (CVA-34).

Source: Deck log, 1970-08 p29 entry 33; NARA image 220519419 — text corrected against the log.

07:16

Helo on deck.

Source: Deck log, 1970-08 p29 entry 34; NARA image 220519419 — text as extracted, not corrected.

07:19

Helo departs.

Source: Deck log, 1970-08 p29 entry 35; NARA image 220519419 — text as extracted, not corrected.

20:39

Fire reported in port catapult console. Commenced launching and recovering A/C. Set lighting measure green.

Source: Deck log, 1970-08 p30 entry 12; NARA image 220519420 — text as extracted, not corrected.

7 August

20:50

Fire reported out.

Source: Deck log, 1970-08 p30 entry 13; NARA image 220519420 — text as extracted, not corrected.

21:01

Secured from fire quarters. 2118 completed launching and recovering A/C. Turned on normal navigation lights.

Source: Deck log, 1970-08 p30 entry 14; NARA image 220519420 — text as extracted, not corrected.

9 August

07:00

Detached USS Carpenter (DD-825) to proceed as previously directed.

Source: Deck log, 1970-08 p37 entry 43; NARA image 220519427 — text corrected against the log.

14:55

Held fire drill.

Source: Deck log, 1970-08 p37 entry 60; NARA image 220519427 — text as extracted, not corrected.

15:20

Secured from fire drill.

Source: Deck log, 1970-08 p37 entry 64; NARA image 220519427 — text as extracted, not corrected.

17:58

Experienced casualty to #2 feed booster pump. Max speed 24 KTS. C/S to 24 KTS.

Source: Deck log, 1970-08 p37 entry 72; NARA image 220519427 — text as extracted, not corrected.

18:40

Casualty to #2 feed booster pump restored.

Source: Deck log, 1970-08 p38 entry 2; NARA image 220519428 — text corrected against the log.

18:40

Max speed 27 KTS.

Source: Deck log, 1970-08 p38 entry 3; NARA image 220519428 — text as extracted, not corrected.

10 August

12:00

USS F. Knox (DD-742) detached for ASW Training.

Source: Deck log, 1970-08 p41 entry 26; NARA image 220519431 — text as extracted, not corrected.



Yankee Station, 12–16 August



Transit to Subic Bay, 16–19 August

12 August

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CDR [name withheld], USN, Executive Officer of FITRON 162, experienced an engine failure in his F-8H, Buno 148660. He ejected safely at latitude 19°10'N, longitude 106°36'E and was promptly picked up

Source: Command History, PDF p.12 §III; time given as 1225 — text transcribed verbatim.

12:25

Received word Pilot of A/C 211, CDR [name withheld], ejected. A/C mission: Returning to ship from FORCECAP.

Source: Deck log, 1970-08 p47 entry 46; NARA image 220519437 — text corrected against the log.

12:26

Pilot pickup by Rescue Helo from N. SAR station.

Source: Deck log, 1970-08 p47 entry 47; NARA image 220519437 — text as extracted, not corrected.

14:49

C/C port attempting to find course to provide adequate wind for launching and recovering A/C. C/S 28 kts. Winds calm.

Source: Deck log, 1970-08 p47 entry 56; NARA image 220519437 — text as extracted, not corrected.

13 August

05:17

Fire reported in no. 2 fire room.

Source: Deck log, 1970-08 p51 entry 14; NARA image 220519441 — text as extracted, not corrected.

05:22

Fire located in cooling water pump reported out, secured fire quarters

Source: Deck log, 1970-08 p51 entry 15; NARA image 220519441 — text corrected against the log.

14 August

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From 14 to 16 August, SHANGRI-LA was involved in the tactical exercise BEACON TOWER. The exercise was conducted under the command of CTG 77.2

Source: Command History, PDF p.12 §III; no time given — text transcribed verbatim.

09:32

Detached CTG 77.2 to form 77.4. OTC is CO CVS-38 in CVS-38. Completed first phase of "BEACON TOWER III."

Source: Deck log, 1970-08 p55 entry 47; NARA image 220519445 — text as extracted, not corrected.

15:55

VADM Bringle USN COMNAVAIRPAC arrived on board via COD.

Source: Deck log, 1970-08 p56 entry 1; NARA image 220519446 — text as extracted, not corrected.

17:51

COMNAVAIRPAC departed via helo

Source: Deck log, 1970-08 p56 entry 11; NARA image 220519446 — text as extracted, not corrected.

15 August

03:30

Commenced phase 2 exercise beacon tower III.

Source: Deck log, 1970-08 p61 entry 9; NARA image 220519451 — text as extracted, not corrected.

04:10

CTG 77.2 assumed tactical command of this ship.

Source: Deck log, 1970-08 p61 entry 11; NARA image 220519451 — text as extracted, not corrected.

04:15

This ship designated guide in a formation 4Ø, in station 8. Formation axis 300.

Source: Deck log, 1970-08 p61 entry 13; NARA image 220519451 — text corrected against the log.

09:30

Detached CTG 77.2 to form CTG 77.4. OTC is CO CVS-38 in CVS-38.

Source: Deck log, 1970-08 p61 entry 51; NARA image 220519451 — text as extracted, not corrected.

09:30

Completed second phase of BEACON TOWER III.

Source: Deck log, 1970-08 p61 entry 52; NARA image 220519451 — text as extracted, not corrected.

16 August

00:00

Completed exercise BEACON TOWER III.

Source: Deck log, 1970-08 p64 entry 1; NARA image 220519454 — text as extracted, not corrected.

03:27

CTG 77.2 assumed tactical command.

Source: Deck log, 1970-08 p63 entry 8; NARA image 220519453 — text corrected against the log.

16 August

03:30

Assumed Station B as the guide of a formation 40, axis 300, USS ORISKANY (Cva 34) in station a, and 2 destroyers in stations c and d.

Source: Deck log, 1970-08 p63 entry 9; NARA image 220519453 — text corrected against the log.

03:30

Commenced phase III exercise BEACON TOWER III.

Source: Deck log, 1970-08 p63 entry 10; NARA image 220519453 — text corrected against the log.

04:30

Assumed tactical command of tu 77.2.7.

Source: Deck log, 1970-08 p63 entry 22; NARA image 220519453 — text corrected against the log.

06:24

Completed launch of 16 A/C. C/S 15. C/C 175. 0610 Assumed tactical command of USS Robison (DDG-12) assigned her to formation 40 station d.

Source: Deck log, 1970-08 p63 entry 38; NARA image 220519453 — text corrected against the log.

06:24

Detached carpenter.

Source: Deck log, 1970-08 p63 entry 39; NARA image 220519453 — text as extracted, not corrected.

08:09

CTF 77.2 reassumed tactical command of this vessel and stationed us in station a of a form 40, axis 100, course 260, speed 27. CVS-38 designated as guide of formation. OTC is Task Force 77.0 in USS ORISKANY (CVA-34).

Source: Deck log, 1970-08 p63 entry 59; NARA image 220519453 — text as extracted, not corrected.

19 August

04:15

Sighted Capones Light bearing 075 at 20.3 miles.

Source: Deck log, 1970-08 p75 entry 8; NARA image 220519465 — text corrected against the log.

06:58

Detached Robison. Commenced running ULQ 4 range.

Source: Deck log, 1970-08 p75 entry 21; NARA image 220519465 — text corrected against the log.