



Before the ship made its first time zone change on the 28th, we were back on our feet again attending to ships business. Small boat drills were held that morning and small arms practice took place on the fantail. After chow it was drill time.

1307, sounded general quarters. Condition I, all hands to stations. 1315, condition Zebra set throughout the ship. 1345, commenced firing. 1346, ceased firing, two (2) rounds expended, no casualties, one (1) round in bore . . . 1510, secured from general quarters and all five inch firing exercises. 1535, recovered ship's target. 1537, underway on new base course, 235.

We thought that was the end of the drills, but we were mistaken. Around 2000 that evening we began again, placing the target in the water and trying to find it with our illumination. But our radar evidently didn't want to cooperate, and broke down. So rather than spoil the day of the pilot of an unsuspecting flight on its way to Hawaii or some other tropical paradise our exercise was suspended. Disheartened that we would not be up half the night, most of us hit the rack.

"NOW 2200, TAPS, TAPS, LIGHTS OUT, SILENCE ABOUT THE DECKS, THE SMOKING LAMP IS OUT IN ALL BERTHING SPACES."

