

U.S.S. INDIANAPOLIS
PLAN OF THE DAY FOR WEDNESDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 1943
ROUTINE AS PER SECTION 55 SHIP'S ORGANIZATION BOOK

EXCEPTIONS

(Bombarded Tarawa Island, November 20, 1943.)
(Sank Submarine, November 22, 1943 and
tin can picked up one survivor. 1830.)

0510 General Quarters.
0610 Set Condition III.
0630 Breakfast.
0730 Relieve the watch.
0800 Turn to. Ship's work. Clean up all living spaces. Division
Officers inspect their spaces for cleanliness during the fore-
noon watch.
0815 Quarters for muster and physical drill.
0830 - 1000 Close P.O.'s head and washroom and Crew's head and
washroom for cleaning.
1000 - 1130 Rest Period.
1130 Knock off ship's work. Pipe to dinner.
1300 Turn to. Ship's work.
1400 - 1600 Rest Period.
1635 Mess Gear.
1645 Pipe to supper.
1720 Relieve the watch. Early dinner in Wardroom for all officers
going on watch at 1800.
1845 Fall in abaft the Captain's Cabin all the eight o'clock
reports.
**** Sunset - darken ship.
1945 Set Condition II.

NOTES:

1. Reports of Examination (N.Nav.524) for advancement in rating must be submitted to the Executive Officer's Office prior to 1200.
2. All objectives on this problem have been attained. Makin Island and Tarawa are now in our possession.

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U. S. S. INDIANAPOLIS

11 July 1944.

From: Commanding Officer.
To : OTT, Theodore G., 382 50 02, Y2c, U.S. Navy.
Subject: Classified Correspondence - Authority to handle.
Reference: (a) Article 76(21)(b), U.S. Navy Regulations.
(b) Article 76, U.S. Navy Regulations.

1. In accordance with reference (a), you are hereby authorized to handle classified correspondence for this command.

2. Your attention is directed to reference (b), which contains detailed instructions for the security precautions to be observed in the safeguarding of classified correspondence.

3. Upon your detachment from this vessel, you will submit a statement to the effect that no official technical or classified matter is retained in your possession.


E. R. JOHNSON.

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U.S.S. INDIANAPOLIS
PLAN OF THE DAY FOR THURSDAY, 30 MARCH 1944.
ROUTINE AS PER SECTION 55 SHIP'S ORGANIZATION BOOK

EXCEPTIONS

(Shot down Betty, 2030, 29 March 1944).
(Palau Islands)

0400 Up all hands.
0415 Breakfast.
0630 General Quarters. First Air Strike being launched.
---- Sunrise - Light ship.
0900 Serve refreshments. Officers in charge of stations send
chits showing number of men to be served.
1000 (about) Upon return of first strike to carriers, secure
from General Quarters.
(after General Quarters) Turn to. Sweep down. Clean up all
living spaces. Division Officers inspect their spaces for
cleanliness.
1200 Pipe to dinner.
1300 Turn to. Sweep down.
1700 Sweep down.
1730 Mess Gear.
1745 Pipe to supper.
1800 Early dinner in Wardroom for all the officers going on
watch at 1830.
Relieve the watch.
1900 The Wigwam Reporter and Tally-Ho Ack Ack on the RBO.
1930 Eight o'clock reports.
---- Sunset - darken ship - Set Condition One in the AA Battery.

NOTES:

1. Air strikes will be conducted throughout the day by
the Carriers.

C. A. Ferriter
C. A. FERRITER,
Commander, U.S.N.,
Executive Officer.

CLIPPING - JUNE 23, 1944

(THIS ARTICLE BY WILLIAM WORDEN, ASSOCIATED PRESS CORRESPONDENT FORMERLY OF SEATTLE, IS THE FIRST DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THE INTRICATE TACTICS BY WHICH THE UNITED STATES FLEET NOT ONLY OVERPOWERED BUT OUTMANEUVERED THE JAPANESE FLEET DEFEATED OFF THE PHILIPPINES)

BY WILLIAM L. WORDEN
REPRESENTING THE COMBINED AMERICAN PRESS

ABOARD THE FLAGSHIP:

UNITED STATES FIFTH FLEET, JUNE 21 (DELAYED) (VIA NAVAL RADIO)
THIS HUGE FORCE TODAY COMPLETED THE ROUT OF THE JAPANESE GRAND FLEET FROM WATERS EAST OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS WITHOUT FIRING A SALVO FROM ITS FORMIDABLE BATTLELINE OR LOSING A SHIP.

(OFFICIAL INDICATIONS YESTERDAY WERE THAT THE ENEMY FORCE CONSTITUTED OF POWERFUL SEGMENTS OF THE JAPANESE IMPERIAL FLEET BUT WAS NOT THE COMPLETE GRAND FLEET ITSELF. IN A COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCING THE ACTION, ADMIRAL CHESTER W. NIMITZ ESTIMATED THERE WERE FOUR OR MORE BATTLESHIPS, FIVE OR SIX CARRIERS, FIVE TANKERS AND "ATTACHED CRUISERS AND DESTROYERS" IN THE ENEMY FORCE).

JAPANESE LOSSES IN THE TWO-PHASED PLANE-VERSUS FLEET BATTLE INCLUDED AT LEAST 358 PLANES DOWNED IN AN ATTACK ON OUR FLEET OFF GUAM AND POSSIBLE ONE CARRIER BLOWN UP AND ANOTHER SET AFIRE BADLY WHEN OUR PLANES RAINED BOMBS AND TORPEDOES ON THE ENEMY.

(ADMIRAL CHESTER NIMITZ ANNOUNCED JAP PLANES LOSSES WERE AT LEAST 368 AND THAT 14 ENEMY SHIPS WERE SUNK OR DAMAGED. WORDEN'S ARTICLE WAS THE FIRST DISCLOSURE, HOWEVER, THAT GUAM WAS THE SITE OF THE SUNDAY AIR BATTLE IN WHICH 353 ENEMY PLANES WERE DOWNED. GUAM IS THE SOUTHERNMOST AND LARGEST OF THE MARIANAS ISLANDS, WHICH INCLUDE SAIPAN).

U.S. LOSSES MODERATE:

OUR LOSSES IN THE SECOND PHASE - ON MONDAY - WERE MODERATE AND A MAJORITY OF DOWNED AIRMEN WERE RESCUED DESPITE THE HAZARDOUS RETURN TO CARRIERS FOR NIGHT LANDINGS AT SEA. IT WAS BELIEVED TODAY THE JAPANESE FLEET HAS FLED BEHIND THE PHILIPPINES AND THAT THE THREAT OF SHIP OR SEA-BASED PLANE ACTION AGAINST OUR LANDING FORCES AT SAIPAN HAS ENDED.

THE FIRST PHASE OCCURED JUNE 19, WHEN PLANES AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS OF ADM. RAYMOND AMES SPRUANCES FLEET, WHICH WAS WITHIN SIGHT OF GUAM, TURNED THE JAP ATTACK INTO ONE OF THE WAR'S GREATEST AERIAL DISASTERS FOR THE AXIS. ENEMY PLANES ATTACKED FROM THE WEST IN LONG-RANGE FLIGHTS FROM CARRIERS, STRUCK THE AMERICAN FLEET WITH OBVIOUS INTENTION OF GOING ON TO GUAM TO REFUEL. SPRUANCE, HOWEVER, HELD THE FLEET NEAR GUAM ALL DAY AND SENT WAVES OF BOMBERS OVER GUAM AND ROTA, AND PREVENTED ENEMY PLANES FROM LANDING ON THOSE ISLANDS.

SPRUANCE MADE IT VIRTUALLY CERTAIN NO PLANES SURVIVED THE AERIAL BATTLE, WHICH RANGED OVER HUNDREDS OF MILES OF SEA. THE JAP PLANES WHICH ESCAPED OUR FIGHTERS AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT ALMOST CERTAINLY WERE LOST ATTEMPTING TO RETURN TO THEIR CARRIERS, WHICH WERE OUT OF FUEL RANGE.

JAP LOSSES HEAVY:

ENEMY PERSONNEL LOSSES WERE ALMOST 100 PERCENT, SINCE THE BATTLES TOOK PLACE IN AN AREA CONTROLLED BY SPRUANCES FLEET AND THE JAPANESE COULD MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO RESCUE THEIR PILOTS.

NATURALLY IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO SEE MUCH OF THE FIRST PHASE WHICH WAS A SERIES OF ENCOUNTERS FROM 10 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING UNTIL DARK, BUT PART OF THE BATTLE DID RAGE WITHIN SIGHT OF THE FLAGSHIP.

THE FIRST ACTION WAS THE TAKE OFF OF HUNDREDS OF AMERICAN PLANES AS THE JAPS WERE REPORTED APPROACHING. IN A FEW MINUTES BLACK PUFFS AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE APPEARED OVER BATTLESHIPS ON THE HORIZON. THE DISTANT SHIPS SEEMED WRESTLED IN FIRE AS MULTIPLE BATTERIES THREW UP AN UNBELIEVABLE WALL OF STEEL.

ALMOST IMMEDIATELY BOMB BURST SPOUTED IN THE WATER AND TWO ENEMY PLANES STARTED BURNING IN THE AIR AND CRASHED. PUFFS OF ACK-ACK THICKENED AND SPREAD UNTIL A QUARTER OF THE HORIZON WAS A POLK-A-DOT OF SMOKE BALLS IN THE STILL SOUNDLESS BATTLE.

JAPS ON THREE SIDES:

THE ENEMY WAS REPORTED APPROACHING FROM THREE SIDES. VAPOR FLOWED

PEARL HARBOR:

The first detail report of the smashing American fleet thrust deep into Japanese controlled waters last week reveals that our ships and planes destroyed or damaged 46 Japanese ships and 214 enemy planes. The great destruction was wrought during a three day attack on Palau, Yap, Woleia and Ulihe Islands, barely more than 500 miles from the Philippines. Admiral Nimitz revealed that 28 enemy ships were definitely sunk, five were beached and damaged, two were left afire at sea, eight afire and beached and one beached without damage listed.

One hundred and sixty Japanese planes were definitely destroyed and fifty four were damaged, many of them so badly that they probably were unable to reach their bases. Not a single American ship was even damaged during the battle. We lost twenty five planes and eighteen men, the other crewmen from planes shot down being rescued.

Shortly before the attack started, the communique revealed, an American submarine torpedoed a Japanese battleship, but the huge craft was able to escape on its own power. It obviously was badly damaged.

In addition to the destruction wrought on Japanese ships and planes; all types of enemy shore installations, including air fields, hangars, fuel and munition dumps, docks and warehouses and other targets were heavily bombed on the islands.

The powerful guns of American battleships joined in bombarding the shore targets on the Japanese held islands. Listed as definitely sunk were two destroyers, one unidentified combat ship, two large cargo vessels, six medium cargo vessels, eight small cargo vessels, three large oilers, one small oiler and one patrol ship. One destroyer was listed as damaged.

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	WITCH	ROGER X OUT	0023
BY	MERR	ANOTHER MAN ON STBD QUARTER FIVE THS YDS X	
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WITCH	KIS	WAIT X OVER	0024
	MASS	WE ARE PASSING TWO MEN RAFT ON PORT BEAM X CLOSE ABOARD THOUSAND YARDS X OVER	0025
MASS	KIS	ROGER X OUT	
LYR	BY	ROGER YOUR LAST TRANS X OVER	0025
KIS	MASS	15 MEN IN RUBBER RAFT ON STBD QUARTER 1500 YDS X	
	KIS	ROGER FOR TRANS X	0026'
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WITCH	KIS III	PICK UP SUR PREV REPOTED AND ANY OTHERS THAT MAY BE REPOTTED IN VICI OF THIS DISP X	
	WITCH	WILCO X OUT	0029
KIS	BALD	DETAIL ADD COW TO PATROL AROUND WITHC WHILE SHE IS STOPPED TO PRE SUB ATTACK X OVER	0030
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KIS III	KIS	DID YOU REC BALD LAST TRANS X	
KIS	KIS III	WILCO X OUT	
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BY	KIS III	MAKE SPECIAL SCREEN STATION AS PREV DES TO YOU	
	BY	WILCO X OUT	
SIR ANA		IN PRES FORMATION X OVER	
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WHICH	THUND	THREE MEN ON A RAFT ON OUR STBD BEAM ABOUT 1000 YARDS OUT	0034
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	ANTH	W O	
ANTH	BALD	BALD DESIRES FOURTEEN SOLDIERS TALKATIVE AND INTELLIGENT TO OBTAIN INFO OV	0038
	ANTH	R O	0038
BAY	DOD	HAVE MESSAGE FOR YOU OV	0039
DOD	BAY	SEND YOU MSG OV	
BAY	DOD	MSG FOLLOWS REQUEST	
DOD	BAY	SAY AGAIN SLOWER WE HAD INTERFERENECE OF REQUEST YOU LAUNCH TWO SOCS TO RENDEZVOUS OVER	
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DOD	BAY	SAY AGAIN AFTER ABOUT OV	0040
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BAY	DOD	DID YOU RECEIVE ALL OF MY TRANS OV SAY AGAIN ALL AFTER ABOUT OV SAY AGAIN ALL AFTER	0041