

## Historical Deck Log

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Day	Date	Month	Event
Su	31	Jan	Shake down cruise to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba..
We	10	Mar	In port. Havannah Harbor, Efate Island, New Hebrides
Th	11	Mar	In port. Havannah Harbor, Efate Island, New Hebrides
Fr	12	Mar	In port. Havannah Harbor, Efate Island, New Hebrides
Sa	13	Mar	In port. Havannah Harbor, Efate Island, New Hebrides
Su	14	Mar	In port. Havannah Harbor, Efate Island, New Hebrides
Mo	15	Mar	In port. Havannah Harbor, Efate Island, New Hebrides
Tu	16	Mar	Steaming with the USS DENVER in cruising formation No. 2.
Th	18	Mar	Steaming with the USS DENVER in cruising formation No. 2.
Fr	19	Mar	In port. Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides
Sa	20	Mar	In port. Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides 0609 underway with CRUDIV12 and the USS DENVER.
Su	21	Mar	Underway with CRUDIV12 and the USS DENVER 1414 Commenced firing excercises.
Mo	22	Mar	Steaming with the USS DENVER in cruising formation No. 2.
Tu	23	Mar	Steaming with the USS DENVER in cruising formation No. 2.
We	24	Mar	Steaming with the USS DENVER in cruising formation No. 2.
Th	25	Mar	Steaming with the USS DENVER in cruising formation No. 2.

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Fr	26	Mar	Steaming with the USS DENVER as part of TF19.
Sa	27	Mar	Steaming with the USS DENVER forming an ASW screen.
Su	28	Mar	Steaming with USS DENVER  0340 Assigned to remain with USS COLUMBIA that had an engineering causality and fell out of formation.  0758 Rejoined the formation with the USS COLUMBIA.
Mo	29	Mar	Steaming on the number 6 circle screening the USS DENVER.
Tu	30	Mar	Steaming with the USS DENVER and TF19.  1940 Enter port. Havannah Harbor, Efate Island, New Hebrides Group. Moored to the port side of the USS DENVER
We	31	Mar	In port. Havannah Harbor, Efate Island, New Hebrides Group. Moored to the port side of the USS DENVER
Th	01	Apr	In port. Havannah Harbor, Efate Island, New Hebrides Group. Berth 3. Moored to the port side of the USS DENVER
Fr	02	Apr	Cast off from the USS DENVER and got underway.
Su	04	Apr	In port. Havannah Harbor, Efate Island, New Hebrides Group.  0830 Underway to shift berth.  0840 Anchored.
Mo	05	Apr	In port. Havannah Harbor, Efate Island, New Hebrides Group.  0630 Got underway and stood out.

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Tu	06	Apr	In port. Havannah Harbor, Efate Island, New Hebrides Group.
We	07	Apr	In port. Havannah Harbor, Efate Island, New Hebrides Group.
Th	08	Apr	Steaming with USS DENVER in an ASW screen.
Fr	09	Apr	Steaming with the USS DENVER and TF19.
Sa	10	Apr	Steaming with the USS DENVER and TF19.
Mo	19	Apr	1903 In port. Havannah Harbor, Efate Island, New Hebrides Group. Moored to the port side of the USS DENVER
We	21	Apr	0800 Underway with TF19.  1346 Joined the USS DENVER for a tracking exercise.
Th	22	Apr	0156 Took station with the USS DENVER for a target group exercise.  2030 In port. Havannah Harbor, Efate Island, New Hebrides Group. Moored to the port side of the USS DENVER
Fr	23	Apr	In port. Havannah Harbor, Efate Island, New Hebrides Group. Berth 3. Moored to the port side of the USS DENVER
Sa	24	Apr	In port. Havannah Harbor, Efate Island, New Hebrides Group. Moored to the port side of the USS DENVER
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Tu	27	Apr	In port. Havannah Harbor, Efate Island, New Hebrides Group. Moored to the port side of the USS DENVER
We	28	Apr	In port. Havannah Harbor, Efate Island, New Hebrides Group. Moored to the port side of the USS DENVER
Th	29	Apr	In port. Havannah Harbor, Efate Island, New Hebrides Group. Moored to the port side of the USS DENVER
Fr	30	Apr	In port. Havannah Harbor, Efate Island, New Hebrides Group. Moored to the port side of the USS DENVER
We	05	May	Stood out and anchored in channel for listening bouy.
Th	06	May	Underway and standing out.
Fr	07	May	At sea with TF19.
Sa	08	May	0630 Underway and standing out.  1446 Moored to the port side of the USS DENVER.
Su	09	May	Moored to the port side of the USS DENVER.
Mo	10	May	0715 Underway  1229 – 1239 Gunnery exercise.
Tu	11	May	At sea in an ASW screen.  1544 Moored to the port side of the USS DENVER.

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We	12	May	Moored to the port side of the USS DENVER
Th	13	May	0600 Underway.
Fr	14	May	0600 Underway.
Fr	21	May	0706 Underway and standing out.
Su	23	May	1720 Underway. Shifted to berth 13.
Mo	24	May	0659 Underway.
We	26	May	0905 Underway.
Th	27	May	At sea with the USS DENVER.
Fr	28	May	Moored to the port side of the USS DENVER
Sa	29	May	Moored to the port side of the USS DENVER
Su	30	May	0907 cast off from the USS DENVER and stood out to listening buoy watch.  1550 Underway to investigate a sonar contact on sono-buoy 1 and 2.

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We	02	Jun	0720 Underway and standing out
Fr	04	Jun	0607 Underway. 1601 Standing in.
Sa	05	Jun	0610 Underway.
Su	06	Jun	0923 Underway.
Tu	08	Jun	Moored stbd side to USS DENVER. 0643 Underway.
Th	17	Jun	0656 Stood in.
Sa	19	Jun	1159 Standing in. 1310 Underway to anchorage.
We	23	Jun	0910 Stood in.

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Sa	26	Jun	Moored stbd side to USS DENVER
Su	27	Jun	To port then underway
Tu	29	Jun	1032 At sea and alongside USS DENVER for refueling.
We	30	Jun	Steaming with USS DENVER enroute to the bombardment of Japanese positions and mining operations. Location is in the Shortland's area south of Bougainville. Position is 2000 yards astern of task group for ASW screen.  0125 Commenced firing.
02	Jul	Fr	Bombarded Vila Stanmore and Shortland Islands in Kula Gulf.
Su	04	Jul	1650 At sea. Refueled from USS DENVER.
Mo	05	Jul	Bombarded Vila, Kolombangara and Bairoko Harbor, New Georgia, Solomon Islands.
Fr	09	Jul	Bombarded Munda, New Georgia, Solomon Islands
Sa	10	Jul	1521 Underway.

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Mo	12	Jul	<p>Bombarded Munda, New Georgia, Solomon Islands. Operating as part of Admiral Tip Merrill's task force with other destroyers: FARENHOLT, BUCHANNAN, GUIN, MAURY, RALPH TALBOT, WALLER, SAUFLEY, PRINGLE and PHILIP.</p> <p>On New Georgia the allied troops had consolidated their positions at Rendova, Rice Anchorage, Viru</p>
We	14	Jul	0445 Investigated target and found a friendly LCI
Th	15	Jul	<p>1134 Stood in to refuel.</p> <p>1530 Underway with TU 36.2</p>
Tu	20	Jul	<p>1933 Investigated surface contact</p> <p>1939 Detected a sound contact.</p> <p>2026 Released depth charges,</p>
We	21	Jul	Re-joined formation with USS DENVER.
Th	22	Jul	Detached as part of TG 36.2 for Espiritu Santo.
Sa	24	Jul	Bombarded Bairoko Harbor, New Georgia, Solomon Islands.



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We	28	Jul	0800 Underway as part of TG 36.6.2
Su	15	Aug	Operating with WALLER, SAUFLEY and PHILIP DESDIV 41 destroyer screen for LCI's landing troops at Barakoma, Vella Lavella. Heavy anti-aircraft action all day and into the night.
Tu	17	Aug	Vella Lavella occupation.
We	18	Aug	Solomon's campaign. Battle off Horaniu.
We	08	Sep	Bombarded Lae, New Guinea
Fr	01	Oct	Operating with WALLER (flag ship), CONY, EATON, SAUFLEY, RADFORD, GRAYSON and LA VALETTE of Vella Lavella to vacuum sweep Japanese evacuation. Sunk 20 Japanese barges.

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We	06	Oct	Solomons Campaign. Battle of Vella Lavella.
Mo	01	Nov	<p>Operating with DESDIV 45 destroyer screen and mine layers BREESE, SICARD and GAMBLE in preparation for landing 14,321 Marines embarked in eight APA's and four AKA's ashore at Capa Torokina, Empress Augusta Bay, Bougainville. The force was divided into three separate detachments in the hope of preventing Japanese recon. Aircraft from appreciating the size and importance of the movement. Led the mine craft through uncharted waters to the embarkation point.</p> <p>Japanese air attacks by nine Vals and 44 Zeke's were kept to a minimum by the aggressive efforts of 8 American Kittyhawks and 8 P-38's from Munda and Vella Lavella.</p>
Tu	02	Nov	<p>0222 Escorting mine layers BREESE, GAMBLE and SICARD and retiring from laying a protective mine field north of Capa Torokina when we were spotted by a Japanese aerial recon. plane. LCDR Lark reported to Admiral Merrill that he was retiring from operations and "bringing the snooper along too." The mine craft passed Admiral Merrill's cruisers on reverse course and had a front row seat to the opening battle for Empress Augusta Bay which lasted for nearly 20 hours.</p>
We	17	Nov	Bombarded the Japanese airfield at Buka, Bougainville, Solomon Islands

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Tu	23	Nov	Bombarded East Island, Empress Augusta Bay
We	24	Nov	Bombarded East Island, Empress Augusta Bay
Th	25	Nov	Bombarded East Island, Empress Augusta Bay
Fr	26	Nov	Bombarded Sorum and Makatawa on northeast Bougainville. Proceeded north of Buka Island for an offensive sweep between Buka and Green Islands.
Tu	30	Nov	Bombarded enemy positions on Empress Augusta Bay, Bougainville, Solomons Islands
Su	05	Dec	Bombarded Choiseul Bay area, Choiseul Island, Solomon Islands.
Mo	20	Dec	Bombarded Jap positions on the northeastern coast of Bougainville, Solomon Islands.