

## Historical Deck Log

United States Ship **Renshaw DDE - 499**

Year: 1954

Day	Date	Month	Event
Su	28	Feb	<p>Assigned to the Pacific Proving Grounds as part of the U. S. Atomic Weapons Test Operation CASTLE. Provided patrol and air traffic control for JTG 7.</p> <p>1800 Serving as air controller between Enewetak and Bikini. Ordered re-positioned from planned 270 degree bearing, 90 nautical miles (167 km) from Bikini to a more southerly 230 degree bearing, at a 90 nautical mile range from Bikini.</p>
Mo	01	Mar	0645 Surface detonation of a 15,000 kilo ton nuclear weapon designated as BRAVO.
Tu	02	Mar	Underway from a point 13 nautical miles North of Eneu Island to evacuate Utrik natives on 04 Mar.
Th	04	Mar	<p>1100 Began the evacuation of 157 inhabitants from Utrik Island. Landing parties went ashore by motor whale boat. All natives, except the old and feeble, were scrubbed down in the showers aboard the ship. The natives were fed fish, rice and ice cream.</p> <p>1300 Evacuation of natives from Utrik Island complete.</p> <p>Obtained drinking water samples from the island. Analysis indicated that the drinking water contained from 2 to 28 times the task force standard allowance for radioactive contaminants.</p>
Fr	05	Mar	<p>Evacuees from Utrik Island debarked at Kwajalein for medical examination.</p> <p>1200 Embarked MAJ. Crea from MG P.W. Clarkson, USA staff and departed for Kikep, Jamo, Ailuk, and Mejit to obtain radiological samples for analysis of radioactive contamination. Also ordered to examine a trust territory ship (AKL) with approx. 50 persons on board which arrived at Utrik Island at 1000 on 02 Mar, departed at 0700 on 03 Mar, and is now expected to be at Ailuk.</p>

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Fr	05	Mar	(continued from previous entry) MG Clarkson, USA conferred with ADM. Clarke, Commander Naval Station Kwajalein; BG Estes, Commander Task Group 7.4; Dr. Thomas White, Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory; CDR L. H. Alford, Commanding Officer USS RENSHAW DDE-499; members of ADM Clarke's staff, and local Trust Territory representatives regarding the relocation and medical condition of the Marshall Islanders.
Fr	26	Mar	Surface detonation (shot on a barge off Bikini Island) of a 16,000 kilo ton nuclear weapon designated as ROMEO.
Tu	06	Apr	Surface detonation of a 110,000 kilo ton nuclear weapon on Bikini Island designated as KOON.
Su	25	Apr	Surface detonation of a 6,900 kilo ton nuclear weapon shot on a barge off Bikini Island and designated as UNION.
Tu	04	May	Surface detonation of a 13,500 kilo ton nuclear weapon shot on a barge off Bikini Island and designated as YANKEE.

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Th	13	May	Surface detonation of a 1,690 kilo ton nuclear weapon shot on a barge off Enewetak Island and designated as NECTAR.
		Jun	Underway on a Far East Tour. While conducting a plane guard mission, a British airman from the aircraft carrier HMS WARRIOR was rescued from the sea.
		Aug	Retured to Pearl Harbor, H. T. from the Far East tour.  Change of Command. CDR H. M. Easterling, USN relieved CDR L. W. Alford, USN.