

EXTRACT OF DECK LOG RE HEAVY WEATHER ON VOYAGE No 54 d.
FROM SAN PEDRO (CAL.) to MOJI (JAPAN), December 6th,
7th, 20th and 24th.

At Sea, Saturday, December 6th 1952.

Courses: 00.00-05.00:00, 60°; 05.00-10.20:325°; 10.20-11.15:300°; 11.15-22.43:330°; Wind: 290, 270, 250, 240, 220, 210, 220, 240, 250, 260°; Force: 10, 7, 6/7, 10/11, 10/11, 10, 10/11, 12; Sky: cloudy, overcast; Sea: Very rough, high, very high; Barometer: 29:72, 58, 29, 13, 08; Temperature 54, 53, 56, 53, 51°F.
engine going deadslow ahead, high seas (280°) over decks and hatches.
wind and sea decreasing, change course to 325°, engine slow ahead.
heavy squalls, wind and sea increasing, occ. water over decks and hatches.
very high swell (various directions), high sea (240°), no sound ing taken due to heavy seas over decks.
heavy rain showers, vis. moderate.
full ahead, changed course to 300°.
changed course to 330°, heavy seas over decks and hatches.
half speed to avoid heavy seas.
heavy seas over decks and hatches, very high sea (240°) and swell.
heavy squalls with rain high sea (250°) and very high swell (260°) heavy seas over decks and hatches.
heavy squalls to force 12,
slow ahead, changed course to 360°, ship rolling heavily.
very high sea and heavy, long swell.

At Sea, Sunday, December 7th 1952.

Courses: 00.00-09.00, 36°; 09.00-09.34, 60°; 09.34-18.00, 360°; 18.00-24.00, 300°; Wind: 260°-280°; Force: 12, 12 a, d over, 10/12, 8/10, 7, 6/7; Sky: Cloudy to overcast, squally, rain showers, vis. good; Sea: very high sea heavy long swell; Barometer: 29.00-29.87; Temperature: 49, 48, 51, 50, 46, 45°F; very heavy seas over decks and hatches, ship rolling heavily.
half speed ahead.
wire-lashing broken lifeboat No. 2 & 4, boats No. 2 & 4 damaged.
ship rolling heavily in very high sea and swell (270°), Std. list of about 12° noticed, engine ordered to straighten out by filling tank 4 portside.
wind and sea decreasing slightly, squalls to force 10.
full ahead, changed course to 50° to take soundings of tanks and bilges.
half ahead, changed course to 360°, ship rolling heavily.
heavy squalls to force 11.
heavy seas (270°) over deck and hatches;
wind and sea decreasing, half speed.
changed course to 300°, wind and sea decreasing slightly.
heavy seas over decks and hatches.
heavy rain showers, clock retarded 20 minutes.

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At Sea, Saturday, December 20th 1952

Courses: 12.00-16.30, 265°; 16.30-23.00, 235; 23.00-24.00, 265°
Wind: 270, 280, 290, 200°; Force: 8/10, 9/11, 9/11, 6; Sky: snow
 showers, overcast, squally weather with showers, overcast to
 cloudy; Sea: high sea and swell, very high sea (280°) and
 long, high swell (280°); very rough sea (270°) and high swell.
Barometer: 29.43, 60, 68, 69; Temperature: 33, 32° F.
 vessel pitching heavily, water over fore deck.
 crossed 180° meridian at d.r. lat. 48, 34 N westbound.
 water over deck and hatches.
 $\frac{3}{4}$ speed to avoid heavy pitching.
 squally to force 11.
 Chief Engineer reported leaking sterntube-flange, commended
 draining afterpeak to avoid loss of fresh water.
 wind and sea decreasing slightly.
 changed course to 265°.
 very rough sea (270°) and high swell.

At Sea, Wednesday, December 24th

Courses: 12.00-19.00, 245°; 19.00-21.00, 240°; 21.00-24.00,
 300°; Wind: 250-260-310; Force: 8/9, 9, 9/11, 8/10, 8/9; Sky:
 snow showers overcast to cloudy, squally, vis. moderate to
 good; Sea: heavy sea, high sea, very high swell; Barometer:
 29.23, 18, 14, 23, 27; Temp: 30, 32, 31, 32°F.
 $\frac{3}{4}$ speed to avoid heavy seas.
 ship pitching heavily, heavy seas over foredeck.
 heavy seas over foredeck.
 lifeboat No. 1 Stb. damaged by high sea.
 change course to 240° to avoid heavy pitching.
 wind and sea decreasing slightly, ship pitching heavily.

Chief Officer

Master



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