

that a boat of this size and weight would not just keep diving down into the water or slip over sideways. The ship seemed to be under control but at the same time was being knocked about like a small row boat. The direction of the boat was changed to accommodate a better angle to strike the waves. To travel parallel to the waves would have sent the ship over sideways. The worst part of this storm was under clear skies. According to the ship's officer the storm and hurricane speed winds come from the direction of Tarante, Italy. Later the skies became clouded and the wind subsided and the wave became reduced in size and height. Finally the surface of the sea became a cold, grey-silver metallic color. Storm decreased gradually until afternoon. Night relatively calm. Sea sickness critical among personnel.

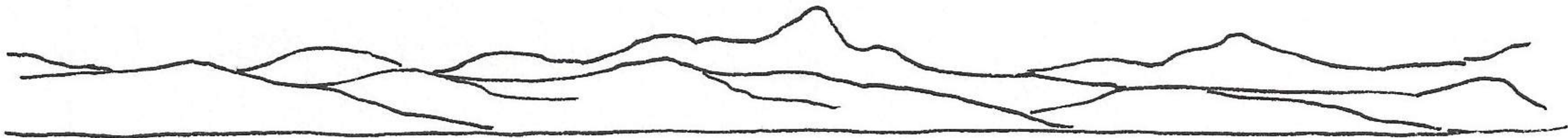
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Today normal after storm sky pass this morning. Sicily to N at 11:30 A.M. as a low range of mts. One white cliff marked coastline as diagnostic for this island. Tunis to S. One mountain with projection near middle:



Dec. 15, 1945

Fair cruising today. mt. range portside continuous E-W and with depth, reminding me of the Quorra Range in Utah. High peaks covered with snow



Gulls trailing ship all day. more ships in lane. Should pass Gibraltar tomorrow. no land to starboard. Few fish. Pleasant to sit on deck in sun but out of cool wind.

12/16/45

Passing Gibraltar this evening about 7:00 P.M. Photo 1-12-16-45 of the 'rock' and Annette in foreground. S. Morocco impressive with sun setting behind highest peak. Lights coming on along African coast.