

your head and stomach are light and airy. It is a great relief when the fore part of ship contacts the water to check the velocity of the dropping ship before it run completely out of control. The ship can either slide into the water when intervals and slopes of waves are favorable or it can, and which is usually the case, strikes the water with a vibration that can be felt and heard throughout the boat. At that movement you are thrown against internal structures is unsupported at the time with blood rushing to the brain and positive pressure throughout the body. This is the time when one can ride footlocks up and down hallways at full speed. The boat jump at contact then vibrates until checked by the upward swing on the next wave. The ship on contact sets up a slow wobble (1 per second) that continues for 10-15 seconds, sometimes persisting through the next movement over the next way. This vibration is intensified by the propeller that rides out of water at the crest of a wave but is not the cause of the wobble mentioned above. At excessive sway angles it is impossible to sleep because of the continuous changing position from rolling in bed.

Dec. 21, 1945

High winds and rough water.

Dec. 22, 1945

Ibid.

Dec. 23, 1945

Still high seas and strong wind. A yellow-orange sedge weed some 2 feet in diameter but most of them 6 inches in diameter formed long linear segments. At night water phosphorescent. Annette observed a group of porpoise this A.M.

Dec. 24, 1945

Christmas Eve. Day cold and water moderately rough. Annette sang solo in church this A.M. In afternoon officers party

Dec. 25, 1945

Christmas. Cold and moderate seas. Last 3 days ship has been completely wet from spray. Christmas dinner with Annette