

J-3 OPERATIONS JOURNAL

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J-3 Division, The JTF SEVEN

TIME: 0001 - 2400

11 JUNE 1956

ITEM NO	FLATHEAD TIME		CLASSIFICATION AND LOG NUMBER	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION OR REMARKS
	IN	OUT			
1.				ELLISON 1) JOC and AGM on USS ESTES manned for FLATHEAD event.	Item 29 of the Check List refers.  RC 374 DEFENSE NUCLEAR AGENCY Location: NSRC 61A 1740 Box 15/19 FLATHEAD
2.	1800			GOEKEN 1) Captain Goeken assumes the watch.	
3.	1820			GOEKEN 2) Captain Coleman called Col. Byars at Elmer and reported that the P2V A/c had sighted the SHUNKOSHU MARU and dropped a message at 1600M telling the ship not to go any further eastward. The ship had been steaming south, and then turned west. The a/c remained with the ship about 2 hours.	
4.	2000			Station 70 advise Item 39 completed 1800 Item 40 completed 1910. (TO KRN 3)	
5.	2310			Item 41 completed per Col Fleming. (GOEKEN 4)	
6.	2340			(GOEKEN 5) Cdr Kelley reports Item 445 completed.	
7.	2350			(GOEKEN 6) Cdr Brown, Flag Plot, reports all ships have departed laagoon.	

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EVENTS - FLATHEAD

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1.	0001			(ELLISON 1) Cdr Ellison assumes the watch.	
2.	0300			(Ellison 2) Called J-3 at Elmer to request information concerning the SAR DD and any necessary modification to the air and surface radexes. Maj Shultz, the watch officer, said he would call back when he had obtained the information.	Items 49 and 51 of the check list refer.
3.	0330			(Ellison 3) Col Byars called and stated that FLATHEAD had been postponed but that BLACKFOOT would be fired. Col Byars also stated that the postponement messages would be sent from Elmer. No decision concerning the return of JTF 7 personnel to Elmer will be made until after BLACKFOOT has been fired.	
4.	0345			(Ellison 4) On instructions from Capt Coleman, the JOC was secured at 0345.	
5.	-0400			(Ellison 5) Col Vest called from Elmer with instructions to re-open the JOC, as it now appears that the FLATHEAD event will be fired as scheduled. JOC re-opened Col Massey and Capt Coleman notified.	

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6.	0420			Col Byars called to see if the JOC was back in operation. He was assured that it was and that senior JTF 7 personnel on the ship had been apprised that today is D Day. Col Byars requested that the evacuation items of the check list be rechecked. He was assured that all personnel were in known safe places. (Ellison - 6)	
7.	0454			In order to insure maximum aircraft participation, it was determined that the secondary time (0626) would be used for detonation of FLATHEAD. (Ellison - 7)	
8.	0626			FLATHEAD detonated at scheduled secondary time 0626M.	Item 63 of the check list.
9.	0735			Capt Baily, CO of the Curtiss called to advise that at the 0630 weather sounding they had a wave guide burn out on the Mark 25. During the call the Mark 25 came back in Operation. Advised Flag of this at 0740.	they
10.	0810			LtCol Epley, JOC Watch Officer at Elmer, called to state that the flight of the R5DZ to Nan had been verified with Eniwetok JOC, and that the plane crew were preparing for takeoff at this time.	80 Item 73 of the check list refers.

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CVF AT FLATHEAD

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1.	0900			TMX DTG 112057 from CJTF-7 Eniwetok announced RHour for FLATHEAD as 0830M.	
12.	0910			Advised Hq JTF-7, Eniwetok that the JOC on the ESTES will close at 0930.	
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