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U.S.S. BANNER (APA 60)

SHIP CHARACTERISTICS

Building Yard: Consolidated Steel Corp.; Wilmington, California.

Commissioned: 16 September 1944.

HULL

Length Overall: 426 feet 0 inches.
Length on Waterline: 400 feet 0 inches.
Beam (extreme): 58 feet 0 inches.
Depth (molded to upper deck): 37 feet 0 inches.
Drafts at time of test: Fwd. 8 feet 10 inches.
Aft. 18 feet 9 inches.
Limiting displacement: 7,080 tons.
Displacement at time of test: 6,005 tons.

MAIN PROPULSION PLANT

Main Engines: Two sets of Westinghouse steam turbines, directly connected to Westinghouse main generators. Two main shaft motors.
Main Condensers: Two are installed in ship.
Boilers: Two Babcock and Wilcox boilers are installed in ship. 450 psi gauge - 750° F.
Propellers: Two are installed in ship.
Main Shafts: Two are installed in ship.
Ships Service Generators: Five Turbc Gen's are installed: Two - 250 KW. - 450 V. - A.C., One - 150 KW. - 450 V. - A.C., and Two 100 KW. - 120/240 V. - D.C. units.
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OVERALL SUMMARY

I. Target Condition After Test,

(a) Draughts after test; list; general areas of flooding, sources.

There was some minor, harmless flooding from normal leakage and from decontamination wash water.

(b) Structural damage.

HULL

The ship suffered no apparent structural damage. The temporary upper deck covers, which were installed after Test A over both cargo holds, fell into the spaces below. The covers were made of two by four inch framing covered with canvas.

A steel fragment, apparently from the LSM 60, pierced the superstructure deck at frame 150, starboard.

MACHINERY

Superstructure, hull, interior of hull, above and below armored deck (if fitted).

No comment.

ELECTRICAL

Not observed.
(c) Other damage.

**HULL**

Not observed.

**MACHINERY**

The machinery was not damaged, insofar as could be determined by visual inspection.

**ELECTRICAL**

No electrical equipment was damaged.

II. Forces Evidenced and Effects Noted.

(a) Heat.

**HULL**

No evidence.

**MACHINERY**

Not evidenced.

**ELECTRICAL**

No effects of heat were found on the vessel.

(b) Fires and explosions.

**HULL**

None.

**MACHINERY**

Not evidenced.
ELECTRICAL

There were no fires and no explosions on the vessel.

(c) Shock.

HULL

There were mild indications of shock. In the forward engineroom, frame 69, asbestos insulation was broken loose from a four-inch boiler feed pipe. However, china dishes in the same space were not displaced from such places as flanges of horizontal I-beams.

MACHINERY

Not evidenced.

ELECTRICAL

No evidence of shock was found in any electrical equipment.

(d) Pressure.

HULL

None.

MACHINERY

Not evidenced.

ELECTRICAL

No effects of pressure were found in any electrical equipment.
(e) Effects peculiar to the Atomic Bomb.

HULL

The only effects noted peculiar to the test are radioactivity and wave phenomena.

MACHINERY

None.

ELECTRICAL

No effects peculiar to the Atom bomb were found in any electrical equipment. The high radioactivity on the vessel was the only effect noted as being peculiar to the atom bomb.

III. Results of Test on Target.

(a) Effect on machinery, electrical, and ship control.

HULL

None.

MACHINERY

None.

ELECTRICAL

None due to electrical damage.

(b) Effect on gunnery and fire control.

HULL

None.
MACHINERY

No comment.

ELECTRICAL

None due to electrical damage.

(c) Effect on watertight integrity and stability.

HULL

None.

MACHINERY

No comment.

ELECTRICAL

No effect due to electrical damage.

(d) Effect on personnel and habitability.

HULL

Except for the effects of radioactivity, it is considered that personnel and habitability would not have been affected by the test.

MACHINERY

Test B had no effect on personnel or habitability except for the effect of radioactivity, which was high 15 days after Test B.

ELECTRICAL

No effect due to electrical damage.

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(e) Effect on fighting efficiency.

HULL

The longitudinal strength, buoyancy, stability, watertight integrity, and the seaworthiness of the vessel and the operability of machinery and the hull were not affected by the test.

MACHINERY

Insofar as machinery is concerned, the test had no effect on fighting efficiency.

ELECTRICAL

No effect due to electrical damage.

IV. Summary of Observers' Impressions and Conclusions.

HULL

Except for the radiological phenomena experienced, this vessel was beyond the range of effectiveness of the bomb.

MACHINERY

The BANNER was beyond the effective range of the explosion except for the effect of radioactivity.

ELECTRICAL

No electrical damage was found on inspection and although operation was impossible, there is no reason to suspect any damage. No damage of any kind was noted during staff electrical inspection. The high radioactivity on the vessel is the only effect resulting from the BAKER atom bomb test. This vessel together with other vessels, emphasizes radioactivity as a major problem.
V. Preliminary Recommendations.

HULL

No comment.

MACHINERY

None.

ELECTRICAL

As there was no electrical damage, no recommendations are made.
GENERAL SUMMARY OF HULL DAMAGE

I. Target Condition After Test.
   (a) Drafts after test; list; general areas of flooding, sources.

   There was no flooding, hence no change in drafts or list.

   (b) Structural Damage.

   The ship suffered no apparent structural damage. The temporary upper deck covers, which were installed after Test A over both cargo holds, fell into the spaces below. The covers were made of two by four inch timber framing covered with canvas. A steel fragment, apparently from the LSM-60, pierced the superstructure deck at frame 150, starboard.

   (c) Other damage.

   Not observed.

II. Forces Evidenced and Effects Noted.

   (a) Heat.

   No evidence.

   (b) Fires and Explosions.

   None.

   (c) Shock.

   There were mild indications of shock. In the forward engineroom, frame 69, asbestos insulation was broken loose from a four-inch boiler feed pipe. However, china dishes in the same space were not displaced from such places as flanges of horizontal I-beams.
(d) Pressure.
None.

(e) Effects peculiar to the Atomic Bomb.

The only effects noted peculiar to the test are radioactivity and wave phenomena.

III. Results of Test on Target.

(a) Effect on machinery, electrical, and ship control.
None.

(b) Effect on gunnery and fire control.
None.

(c) Effect on watertight integrity and stability.
None.

(d) Effect on personnel and habitability.

Except for the effects of radioactivity, it is considered that personnel and habitability would not have been affected by the test.

(e) Effect on fighting efficiency.

The longitudinal strength, buoyancy, stability, watertight integrity, and seaworthiness of the vessel and the operability of machinery and the hull were not affected by the test.

IV. Summary of Observer’s Impressions and Conclusions.

Except for the radiological phenomena experienced, this vessel was beyond the range of effectiveness of the bomb.
V. Preliminary Recommendations.

No comment.

VI. Instructions for loading the vessel specified the following:

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Details of the actual quantities of the various items aboard are included in Report 7, Stability Inspection Report, submitted by the ship’s force in accordance with “Instructions to Target Vessels for Tests and Observations by Ship’s Force” issued by the Director of Ship Material. This report is available for inspection in the Bureau of Ships Crossroads Files.
DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF HULL DAMAGE

A. General Description of Hull Damage.

There is no apparent structural damage. A fragment believed to be a part of a bearing cap from the LSM 60, penetrated the superstructure deck at frame 150, starboard. No machinery was operated but there appears to be no reason to expect even secondary damage. Small amounts of water were found in various parts of this vessel. This may have come from normal seepage, rain, or possible from the washing down of the ship during decontamination. General views of the vessel are shown on pages 35 to 37 inclusive.

B. Superstructure.

No damage occurred other than the fragment penetration of the superstructure deck.

C. Turrets, Guns and Directors.

No damage.

D. Torpedo Mounts, Depth Charge Gear.

Not applicable.

E. Weather Deck.

Temporary upper deck cargo hatch covers of both holds fell into the spaces below. The jury rig covers, installed after Test A were fabricated of two by four inch wood framing covered with canvas.

F. Exterior Hull.

No damage.

G. Interior Compartments (above waterline).

No damage.
H. Armor Decks and miscellaneous Armor.

Not applicable.

I. Interior Compartments (below waterline).

There were indications of mild shock. In the forward engine room, frame 69, asbestos insulation was broken loose from a four-inch boiler feed pipe. However, china dishes in the same space were not displaced, from such places as ledges and flanges of horizontal I-beams.

J. Underwater Hull.

No damage is known or suspected.

K. Tanks.

No damage.

L. Flooding.

There is a slight amount of water in various parts of the vessel. The port after corner of the first platform level in the forward hold has approximately three inches of water. This water apparently came through the upper deck openings either from rain or from washing down of the ship during decontamination of the vessel. The auxiliary machinery space has about six inches of water in the bilges apparently from normal seepage, as the space was already rigged for pumping out. The forward machinery space has about four inches of water in the after bilges. The after machinery space has about one inch of water in the after bilges. The shaft alley bilges, port and starboard, are flooded nearly to the deck plating level as the result of stern tube leakage.

M. Ventilation.

No damage.

N. Ship Control.

No damage.
O. Fire Control.
    No damage.

P. Ammunition Behavior.
    No damage.

Q. Ammunition Handling.
    No damage.

R. Strength.
    No damage.

S. Miscellaneous.
    No comment.
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SECTION II - MACHINERY

GENERAL SUMMARY OF MACHINERY DAMAGE

I. Target Condition After Test.

(a) Drafts after test; list; general areas of flooding, sources.

No data taken by machinery group.

(b) Structural damage.

No comment.

(c) Other damage.

The machinery was not damaged, insofar as could be determined by visual inspection.

II. Forces Evidenced and Effects Noted.

(a) Heat.

Not evidenced.

(b) Fires and explosions.

Not evidenced.

(c) Shock.

Not evidenced.

(d) Pressure.

Not evidenced.
(e) Effects apparently peculiar to the atom bomb.

None.

III. Effects of Damage.

(a) Effect on machinery and ship control.

None.

(b) Effect on gunnery and fire control.

No comment.

(c) Effect on water-tight integrity and stability.

No comment.

(d) Effect on personnel and habitability.

Test B had no effect on personnel or habitability except for the effect of radioactivity, which was high 15 days after Test B.

(e) Total effect on fighting efficiency.

Insofar as machinery is concerned, the test had no effects on fighting efficiency.

IV. General Summary.

The BANNER was beyond the effective range of the explosion except for the effect of radioactivity.

V. Preliminary Recommendations.

None.
DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF MACHINERY DAMAGE

A. General Description of Machinery Damage.
   
   (a) Overall condition.

   The overall condition since test B is unchanged insofar as can be determined by visual inspection.

   (b) Areas of major damage.

   There are no areas of major damage.

   (c) Primary cause of damage in each area of major damage.

   None.

   (d) Effect of target test on overall operation of machinery plant.

   Since no damage was sustained, there was no effect of the target test on the overall operation of the machinery plant.

   NOTE: Because of radiological hazard no machinery on this vessel was operated after Test B.

B. Boilers.

   No apparent damage.

C. Blowers.

   No apparent damage.

D. Fuel Oil Equipment.

   No apparent damage.

E. Boiler Feedwater Equipment.

   No apparent damage.
F. Main Propulsion Machinery.
   No apparent damage.

G. Reduction Gears.
   Not Applicable.

H. Shafting and Bearings.
   No apparent damage.

I. Lubrication System.
   No apparent damage.

J. Condensers and Air Ejectors.
   No apparent damage.

K. Pumps.
   No apparent damage.

L. Auxiliary Generators (Turbines and Gears).
   No apparent damage.

M. Propellers.
   The propellers could not be inspected from the surface of the water. However, in view of the general condition of the ship, they are believed to be undamaged.

N. Distilling Plant.
   No apparent damage.

O. Refrigeration Plant.
   No apparent damage.
P. Winches, Windlasses, and Capstans.
   No apparent damage.

Q. Steering Engine.
   No apparent damage.

R. Elevators, Ammunition Hoists, Etc.
   No apparent damage.

S. Ventilation (Machinery).
   No apparent damage.

T. Compressed Air Plant.
   No apparent damage.

U. Diesels (Generators and Boats).
   No apparent damage.

V. Piping Systems.
   No apparent damage.

W. Miscellaneous.
   No apparent damage.
GENERAL SUMMARY OF ELECTRICAL DAMAGE

I. Target Condition After Test.

   (a) Drafts after test; list; general areas of flooding, sources.

       The drafts and lists were not observed. There was some minor, harmless flooding from normal leakage and from decontamination wash water.

       (b) Structural damage.

           Not observed.

       (c) Other damage.

           No electrical equipment was damaged.

II. Forces Evidenced and Effects Noted.

   (a) Heat.

       No effects of heat were found on the vessel.

   (b) Fires and explosions.

       There were no fires and no explosions on the vessel.

   (c) Shock.

       No evidence of shock was found in any electrical equipment.

   (d) Pressure.

       No effects of pressure were found in any electrical equipment.
(e) Any effects apparently peculiar to the atom bomb.

No effects peculiar to the atom bomb were found in any electrical equipment. The high radio activity on the vessel was the only effect noted as being peculiar to the atom bomb.

III. Effects of Damage.

(a) Effect on propulsion and ship control.

None due to electrical damage.

(b) Effect on gunnery and fire control.

None due to electrical damage.

(c) Effect on water-tight integrity and stability.

No effect due to electrical damage.

(d) Effect on personnel and habitability.

No effect due to electrical damage.

(e) Total effect on fighting efficiency.

No effect due to electrical damage.

IV. General Summary of Observers' Impressions and Conclusions.

No electrical damage was found on inspection and although operation was impossible, there is no reason to suspect any damage. No damage of any kind was noted during staff electrical inspection. The high radio activity on the vessel is the only effect resulting from the BAKER atom bomb test. This vessel together with other vessels, emphasizes radio activity as a major problem.

V. Any Preliminary General or Specific Recommendations of the Inspecting Group.

As there was no electrical damage, no recommendations are made.
DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF ELECTRICAL DAMAGE

A. General Description of Electrical Damage.

(a) Overall condition.

The ship's electrical equipment was unchanged by the blast.

(b) Areas of major damage.

There was no damage.

(c) Primary causes of damage in each area of major damage.

There was no damage.

(d) Effect of target test on overall operation of electric plant.

1. Ship's service generator plant - no effects.
2. Engine and boiler auxiliaries - no effects.
3. Electrical propulsion - no effects.
4. Communications - no effects.
5. Fire control circuits - no effects.
6. Ventilation - no effects.
7. Lighting - no effects.

(e) Types of equipment most affected.

No electrical equipment was in any way affected by the test.
B. Electric Propulsion Rotating Equipment.
   No damage.

C. Electric Propulsion Control Equipment.
   No damage.

D. Generators - Ships Service.
   No damage.

E. Generators - Emergency.
   No damage.

F. Switchboards, Distribution and Transfer Panels.
   No damage.

G. Wiring, Wiring Equipment and Wireways.
   No damage.

H. Transformers.
   No damage.

I. Submarine Propelling Batteries.
   This item does not apply to the vessel.

J. Portable Batteries.
   No damage.

K. Motors, Motor Generator Sets and Motor Controllers.
   No damage.

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L. Lighting Equipment.
   No damage.

M. Searchlights.
   No damage.

N. Degaussing Equipment.
   No damage.

O. Gyro Compass Equipment.
   No damage.

P. Sound Powered Telephones.
   No damage.

Q. Ship's Service Telephones.
   The vessel has only sound powered telephones.

R. Announcing Systems.
   No damage.

S. Telegraphs.
   No damage.

T. Indicating Systems.
   No damage.

   No damage.
V. F.C. Switchboard.

There are no F.C. switchboards on the vessel.

W. Miscellaneous.

No comment.
BB-CR-227-513-115. View from off port bow before Test B.
AB-CR-227-243-4. View from off port bow after Test B.
AB-CR-227-243-6. View from off port quarter after Test B.
BB-CR-227-513-111. View from off starboard quarter before Test B.
AB-CR-227-243-8. View from off starboard quarter after Test B.
BB-CR-227-513-113. View from off starboard bow before Test B.
AB-CR-227-243-2. View from off starboard bow after Test B.
There was no major damage warranting a special inspection by the Technical Staff of the Director of Ship Material.

There was no sign of flooding in any compartments inspected which included the forward and after parts of the ship and the engineering spaces. The hatch covers on both holds were knocked in but they only consisted of a temporary cover made of two by four wood framing and canvas.
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