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*"USS Panay" (PR-5) at Summer Moorings,*  
*Chungking, Szechuan Province, China,*  
*August, 1932. NH 54765*

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# LOG BOOK

OF THE

U. S. S. \_\_\_\_\_ PANAY \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ PATROL MESSEL \_\_\_\_\_ Rate,

COMMANDED BY

\_\_\_\_\_ Lieutenant Commander, W. J. Mercott, \_\_\_\_\_, U. S. Navy,

Attached to { \_\_\_\_\_ YANGTZE PATROL \_\_\_\_\_ Division,  
\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron,  
\_\_\_\_\_ U.S. ASIATIC FLEET \_\_\_\_\_ Fleet,

Commencing \_\_\_\_\_ 1 November, 1932. \_\_\_\_\_, 19 \_\_\_\_\_,

at \_\_\_\_\_ Nanking, China., \_\_\_\_\_,

and ending \_\_\_\_\_ 30 November, 1932. \_\_\_\_\_, 19 \_\_\_\_\_,

at \_\_\_\_\_ Hankow, China., \_\_\_\_\_

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Excerpt from the "USS Panay" Log Book

UNITED STATES SHIP PANAY Tuesday 27 November, 1932  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -8

REMARKS.

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0 to 4

Moored starboard side to Texaco Pontoon five and a half miles below Hankow, China with the following 5/8" wire lines, bow, bow breast, forward bow spring, forward quarter spring and stern line. Boiler #2 in use for auxiliary purposes.

*J. G. Uihart*  
J. G. UIHART, Lieutenant (jg), U.S. Navy.

4 to 8

Moored as before. At 0620 hunting party of three men left the ship. At 0720 a Japanese gunboat <sup>passed</sup> down-bound, name unknown.

*J. G. Uihart*  
J. G. UIHART, Lieutenant (jg), U.S. Navy.

8 to 12

Moored as before. Made routine daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples, conditions normal. At 1000 hunting party returned aboard. At 1055 completed all preparations for getting underway. At 1124 underway on various courses at various speeds for Standard Oil Co. pontoon, Captain at the conn, pilot and navigator on the bridge. At 1135 moored starboard side to Standard Oil Co. lower pontoon at mileage four below Hankow with the following 5/8" wire lines, bow, bow breast, forward bow spring, forward quarter spring and stern line. At 1136 secured the main engines. #2 boiler in use for steaming purposes.

*J. G. Uihart*  
J. G. UIHART, Lieutenant (jg), U.S. Navy.

12 to 16

At 1330 M/V I-FUNG passed standing down river. At 1349 completed preparations and commenced fueling; draft upon commencing fueling 5'-6 1/2". At 1415 MICHAS NOBSE passed standing upriver. At 1538 completed fueling having received 28,481 gallons of Bunker B fuel from Socony, Hankow, China; draft on completion of fueling 7'-1 1/2".

*L. A. Trenchey*  
L. A. TRENCHAY, Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

16 to 20

Moored as before.

*L. A. Trenchey*  
L. A. TRENCHAY, Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

20 to 24

Moored as before.

*L. A. Trenchey*  
L. A. TRENCHAY, Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.

Approved: *J. J. McCott*  
J. J. MCCOTT,  
Lieutenant Commander, USN,  
Commanding.

Examined: *L. A. Trenchey*  
L. A. TRENCHAY,  
Lieutenant,  
U. S. N., Navigator.

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USS *Panay* was representative of the new gunboats. She was named after one of the larger islands in the Philippines. An earlier gunboat in the Philippines had also carried that name. Aboard her, duty was among some of the best. *Panay* and a sister ship, *Oahu*, had been built in 1927 from identical plans and specifications at Kiangnan Dock & Engineering Works in Shanghai. Chinese shipyard workers had predicted a bad time for *Panay* because she had experienced a fire during construction and had stuck on the ways at launching. But once afloat, all seemed to go well. Both ships were specially designed for the Yangtze and were little fit for any other service, even coastal patrol. Their hulls were low to the water and their drafts were shallow—about five and a half feet forward and aft. Their bottoms were completely flat, without a trace of a keel running beneath the hullplates. They could ground on a Yangtze sandbar as harmlessly as a soap dish and could be dragged or floated off equally easily. Seen at a distance running at flank speed in the river, one of the gunboats might appear to be a sinking ship, with deck apparently at water level and a captain intent on driving her under in one last, grand gesture. But resting at anchor, all gleaming white

paint and glistening mahogany, *Panay* and the others looked commodious and even stylish. And when "dressed" with flags from bow to stern for a national holiday, she could cut a knobby enough figure to have run with the brokers' yachts at a Harvard-Yale boat race.

*Panay* was lightly armed for a ship of war. But gunboats as a class were spawned by a certain damned-if-I-care-if-the-natives-are-restless approach to imperialism; they were only intended to fight against an enemy seriously outgunned from the start. On a platform forward and slightly below the bridge, and again on the open upper deck above the stern, *Panay* carried 3-inch guns. The guns were mounted behind steel splinter shields thick enough to deflect rifle fire even at close range; sniping from ashore by bandits was a common danger. Both guns, however, were capable of elevating to a vertical position for defense against aircraft.

*Panay's* upper deck was a spacious tropical veranda that her crew called the Palm Gardens. It ran nearly the length of the ship one level above the hull and provided a roof for most of the main-deck cabins. On each side of the upper deck about midship were placed .30-caliber Lewis antiaircraft machine guns, eight in all. These were also behind heavy, oblong splinter shields that looked a bit like upended water troughs. Each gun mounted a simple ring sight of World War I vintage. But a good gunner had to have a skeet shooter's instinct for a wing shot if he were to score a hit on anything moving much faster than a river pirate's junk.

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*Excerpt from The Panay Incident*  
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RESTAURANT  
"KAVKAZ"

MENU

Date 24/11 1937.

Shanghai  
Dinner.

1. Cold Russian Luncheon
2. Souffle
3. Sturgeon a la Russe
4. Beef-Stroganoff
5. Asparagus.
6. Plombir.

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Kavkaz Restaurant Menu  
(Side One)

Marquet & Stovell  
W. Stovell  
Frank Horrell  
Grace A. Johnson  
Ed. H. Johnson  
Frank & Sophie  
A. Mulloy  
Beth Harrell  
George Bealy.  
Benjamin Johnson  
Mildred D. Pope  
J. Aubrey Garby  
Muriel Mearns

(Side Two)



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*Texas Company Plant, Hankow, China*



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Mildred S. McCoy shown with her Boy's son holding  
her pekingese puppy, "Tex".*