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TRANSFER PLOTTING, USING THE RAPID RADAR PLOTTING TECHNIQUE

PART 1 DETERMINING RELATIVE MOTION LINE (RML) AND CLOSEST POINT OF APPROACH (CPA)

6-2. Draw own ship's true course from the center of the plotting sheet to the periphery of the plotting sheet and label own ship's course (OC).

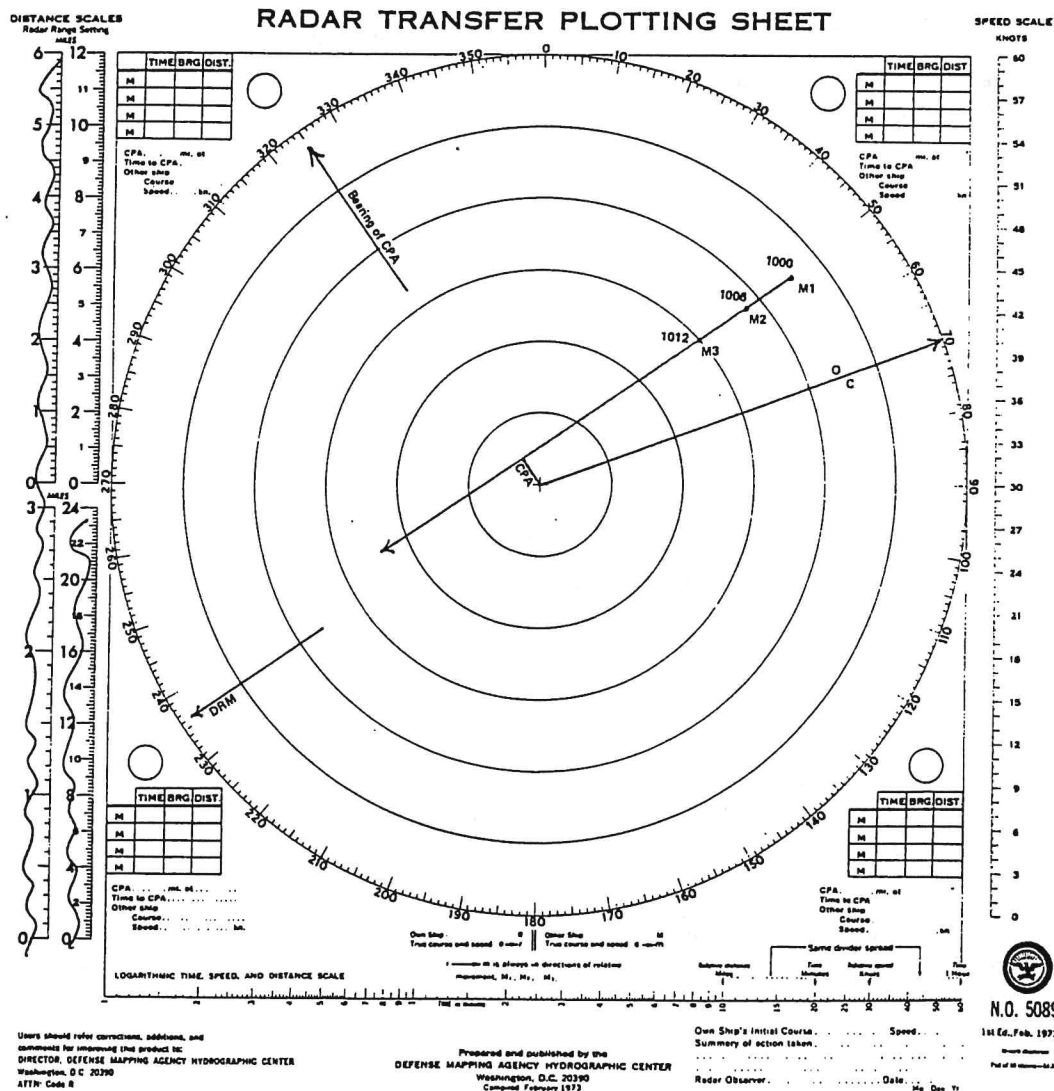


Figure 61 – Graphic Illustration of EXAMPLE 1

6-3. Plot the ranges and true bearings of the contact (M1, M2, M3, etc.) as observed on the radarscope and record the times that each was noted. (Three and six minute intervals between plots simplify calculations on the plotting sheet.) (Note: In time, students drop the symbols M1, M2, M3, etc. and show the times of the ranges and bearings instead.)

Note: There should be sufficient plots of the contact to insure accurate construction of the RML faired through the plots. Should only two plots be made, there would be no means of detecting course or speed changes by the other ship. The solution is valid only if the other ship maintains course and speed constantly. Equal spacing of the plots timed at regular intervals and the successive plotting of the relative positions in a straight line indicate that the other ship is maintaining constant course and speed.

6-4. Construct the relative motion line by passing a line through the plot marks (M1→M3). Extend this line well past the center of the plotting sheet; never be stingy on the length of this line. Label this line RML and terminate it with an arrowhead that points in the direction of relative motion (DRM).

6-5. From the center of the plotting sheet construct a line perpendicular to the RML and label the intersection

CPA. This indicates the closest point of approach. CPA bearing can be readily obtained, using the azimuth ring of the plotting sheet in the same fashion as though it was a compass rose.

6-6. EXAMPLE 1

6-7. With own ship on course 070° and the radar set on the 12-mile scale, a contact is observed as follows:

TIME	BEARING	RANGE
1000	050°	9.0 miles
1006	049°	7.5 miles
1012	047°	6.0 miles

Required:

- (1) Direction of relative movement (DRM).
- (2) Closest Point of Approach (CPA).
- (3) Bearing of CPA.

Answers:

- (1) DRM — 236°
- (2) CPA — 0.9 mile
- (3) ϕ of CPA — 326°

See figure 61 for graphic illustration of EXAMPLE 1.

PART 2

DETERMINING RELATIVE SPEED

6-8. Measure the distance from the first plotted position of contact (M1) to the last plotted position of contact (M3) with a pair of dividers.

6-9. Without changing the spread of the dividers (without changing the angle between the legs of the dividers), bring them to the distance scale in use on the plotting sheet and measure this distance.

6-10. Note the time intervals between the plots.

6-11. These two measurements (distance and time) are then introduced into the logarithmic time, speed, and

distance scale, as described in chapter five, to obtain speed of relative movement (SRM).

6-12. EXAMPLE 2

6-13. In this example, courses, speeds, times, bearings and ranges are exactly as shown in EXAMPLE 1.

Required:

Speed of Relative Motion.

Answer:

SRM — 15 knots

See Figure 62 for graphic illustration of EXAMPLE 2.

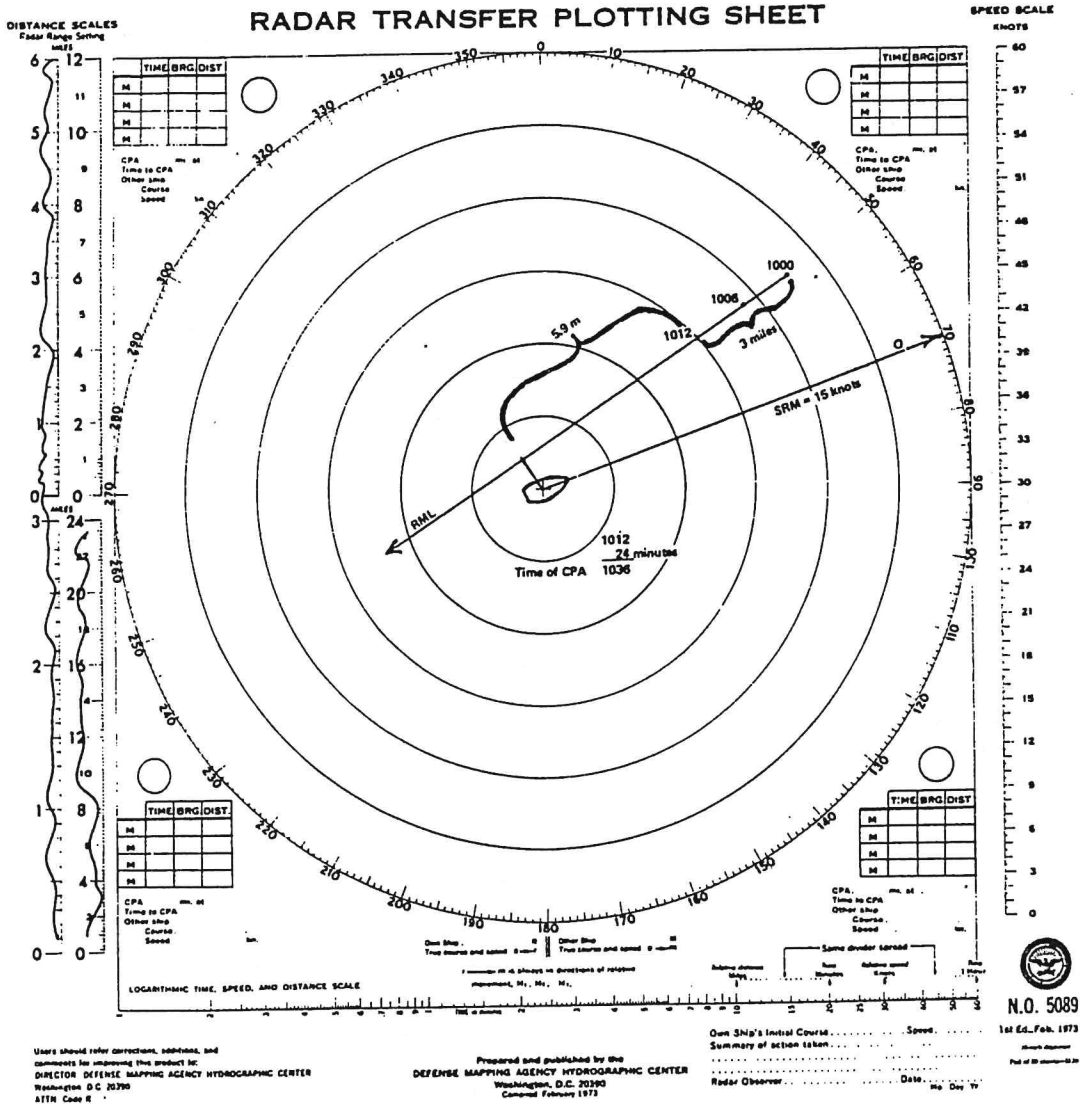


Figure 63 — Graphic Illustration of EXAMPLE 3.

(2) In this problem, will the contact pass ahead or astern of own ship?

(2) Neither. The contact will pass on own ship's port side.

Answer:

(1) Time of CPA — 1036.

PART 4

THE FIRST VECTOR TRIANGLE (DETERMINING CONTACT'S TRUE COURSE AND SPEED)

6-19. Draw own ship's initial true vector (e-r). This line (e-r) parallels own course line (OC), extending itself to the first contact plot (M1). The head of this vector extends itself in the same direction as OC. Place arrow-head at M1 on this vector and label the point "r".

6-20. Using own ship's speed and the elapsed time between M1→M3, compute actual distance own ship runs in that time interval. The logarithmic time, speed, and distance scale can be used for this purpose.

6-21. Using the same distance scale as that used when making the M1, M2, M3 plots, pick off the distance our ship actually ran (step 2). With dividers, transfer this measurement, starting at the point "r" and extending it along the PARALLEL LINE, marking it and label the point "e". (Note: Two sides of the vector triangle have been formed up to this point. Side 1 is the RML from M1 to M3 and beyond. Side 2 is own ship's course and actual distance run; i.e., the vector e-r.)

6-22. The remaining side of the vector triangle (side 3) is then formed by connecting the point "e" to the point M3 and label this "m". Terminate the vector e-m with an arrowhead that points toward "m". This is the contact's true course and actual distance run in the time interval between M1→M3. The contact always travels in a direction from point "e" to point "m".

6-23. Walk the contact's true course to the center of the plotting sheet and read same on the azimuth ring of

the plotting sheet in the same fashion as though it was a compass rose.

6-24. The contact's speed may be calculated by first measuring the distance between points "e" and "m". This is the distance run by the contact in the time interval M1→M3. Compute this actual speed using the logarithmic time, speed, and distance scale.

Note: Regardless of how the triangle is drawn, point "e" is always our principal objective in the First Vector solution.

Remember:

e→r is our course and distance run.

e→m is contact's course and distance run.

r→m is relative motion (direction and distance run).

6-25. EXAMPLE 4

6-26. Our own ship is on a course of 000 true°, speed 11 knots. Our radar set is on the 12 mile scale. A contact is observed as follows:

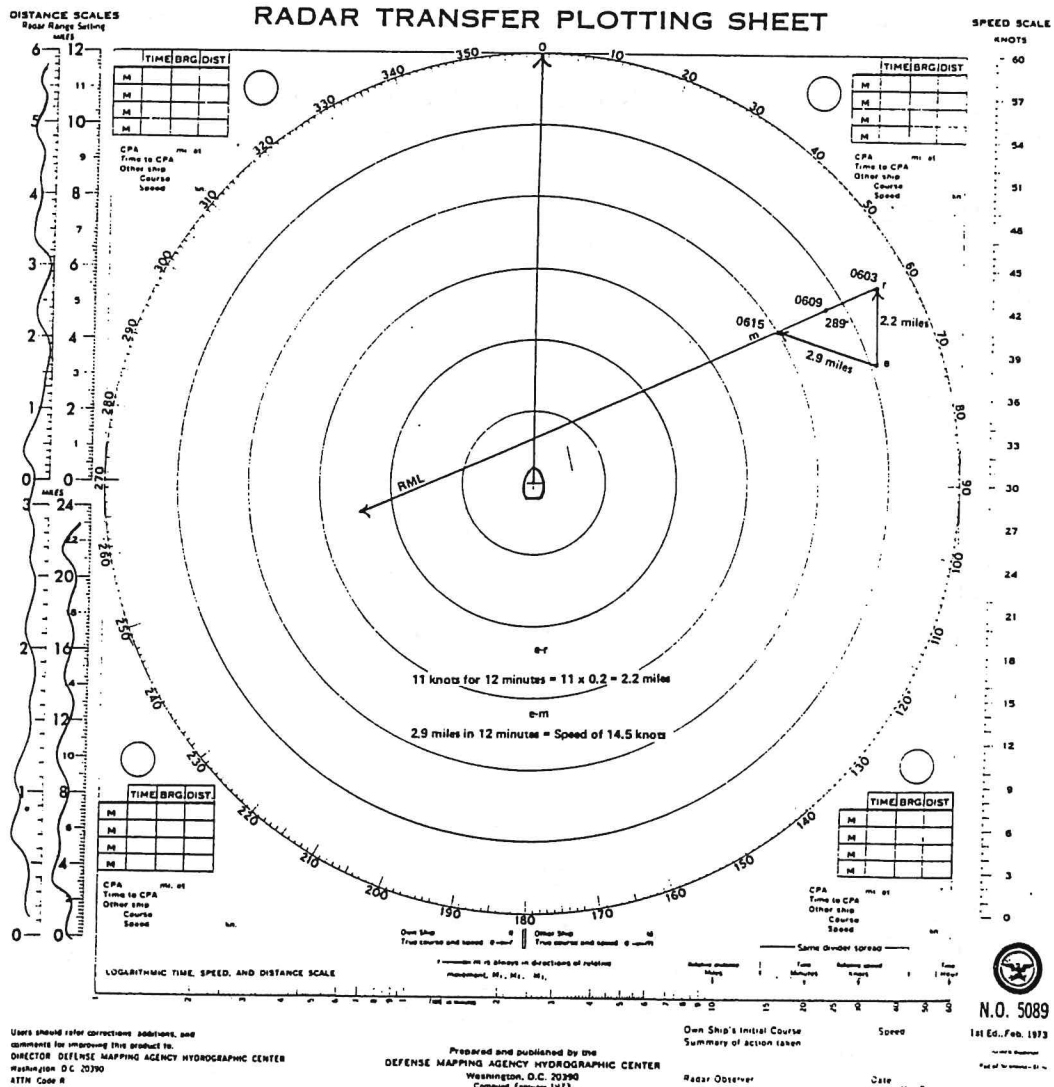


Figure 64 – Graphic Illustration of EXAMPLE 4.

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TIME	BEARING	RANGE
0603	060°	11.0 miles
0609	059°	9.5 miles
0615	058°	8.0 miles

Required:

- (1) Contact's true course

(2) Contact's actual speed

Answer:

- (1) Contact's true course — 289°.
- (2) Contact's actual speed — 14.5 knots.

See figure 64 for graphic illustration of EXAMPLE 4.

PART 5

SPECIAL SITUATIONS WITH FIRST VECTOR TRIANGLES

6-27. In cases where contacts are on opposite courses (meeting situations) or on the same courses as our own ship but at slower speeds (overtaking situations), the relative motion lines will be parallel to own course line. In order to solve these problems, we still must proceed in the same manner as

with the conventional Vector Triangle; that is, parallel own course line to M1, etc. Own course line will, in these cases, fall on top of the RML. We then proceed to calculate distance own ship runs in the time interval M1→M3, and lay this distance off from M1 along own course line; which, in situations like these, is also the

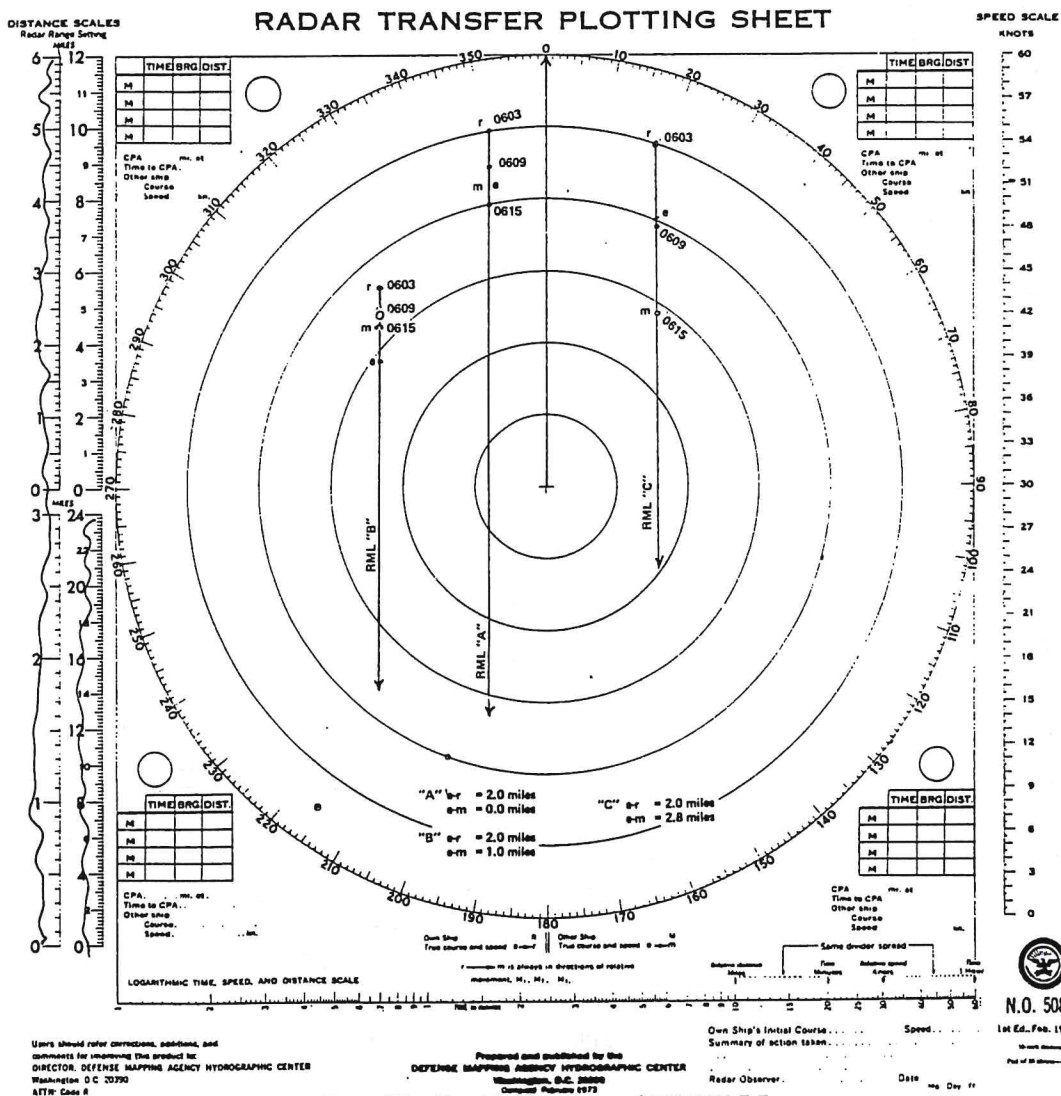


Figure 65 — Graphic Illustration of EXAMPLE 5.

relative motion line. The point thus determined is the point "e". If the point "e" falls between the first and last bearing, the contact is on an opposite course to our own. In case point "e" falls between the last bearing and our own ship, the contact is on the same course as our own ship but proceeding along at a slower speed than our own ship. If point "e" falls on top of the last bearing, then the contact is stationary or, if a vessel, dead in the water or nearly so. In these latter cases, there are no speeds and, of course, no courses.

Note: Always keep in mind, no matter what shape the triangle takes, or if there is no triangle at all (flattened triangle), that our own ship travels from "e" to the first bearing and the contact moves from "e" to the last bearing.

6-28. EXAMPLE 5

6-29. Our own ship is on a course of 000° true, speed 10 knots. Contacts are observed as follows:

Time	Contact A:	Contact B:	Contact C:
0603	351°-10.0 mi.	320°-7.2 mi.	018°-10.0 mi.
0609	350°- 9.0 mi.	317°-6.8 mi.	023°- 7.8 mi.
0615	349°- 8.0 mi.	314°-6.5 mi.	033°- 5.7 mi.

Required:

What are the courses and actual speeds of the three contacts?

Answers:

- (1) Contact "A" is dead in the water or nearly so (that is, if the contact is a vessel), or a stationary object. If it is a vessel dead in the water, it will not be able to steer a course. With radar alone, we would not be able to tell, of course, the heading of such a vessel.
- (2) Contact "B" is on a course of 000° and has an actual speed of 5 knots.
- (3) Contact "C" is on a course of 180° and has an actual speed of 13 knots.

See figure 65 for graphic illustration of EXAMPLE 5.

FACTORS TO CONSIDER IN ESTABLISHING A SAFE CPA

1. Rules of the Road.

This covers traffic in the area — which vessel is burdened or privileged — whether the target should pass in front or astern of own ship — determining which vessel is most dangerous.

2. Own vessel's characteristics

Size, speed, tonnage, stopping distance, turning circle, maneuverability, type vessel, GM, automated, bridge control of engine, draft, cargo.

3. Geography

Shoals in area, obstructions of any kind, oil rigs about, depth of water, limitations because of adjacent land, wrecks.

4. Weather — air

Visibility, fog mist, rain, falling snow, rainstorms.

5. Weather — sea

Rough or smooth, currents, set.

6. Miscellaneous

Other vessel's characteristics; type; towing or not; pusher; relative speed and relative course, type of cargo; when is M_X execution point.

Personal Experience.

Time (i.e. experience at sea) is one of the requirements for obtaining a license. Personal experience causes learning; learning should bring about wisdom.

PART 6

THE SECOND VECTOR TRIANGLE

(DETERMINING OWN SHIP'S COURSE AND/OR SPEED CHANGE(S))

6-30. CHANGE OF COURSE PROBLEMS

6-31. Note that, in all cases, the FIRST VECTOR TRIANGLE must be completed before starting the SECOND VECTOR TRIANGLE.

6-32. The following step by step explanation will provide the reader with a process for determining the course change for own ship to make while holding

original speed so as to reduce risk of collision. The steps, as explained below, can be followed on figure 66. (Changes of speed and changes of both speed and course will be explained further on:)

6-33. Locate and mark the Point of Execution (MX). This is the assumed position of the contact at the time the course change is to be made. So long as all vessels maintain original courses and speeds, the contact con-

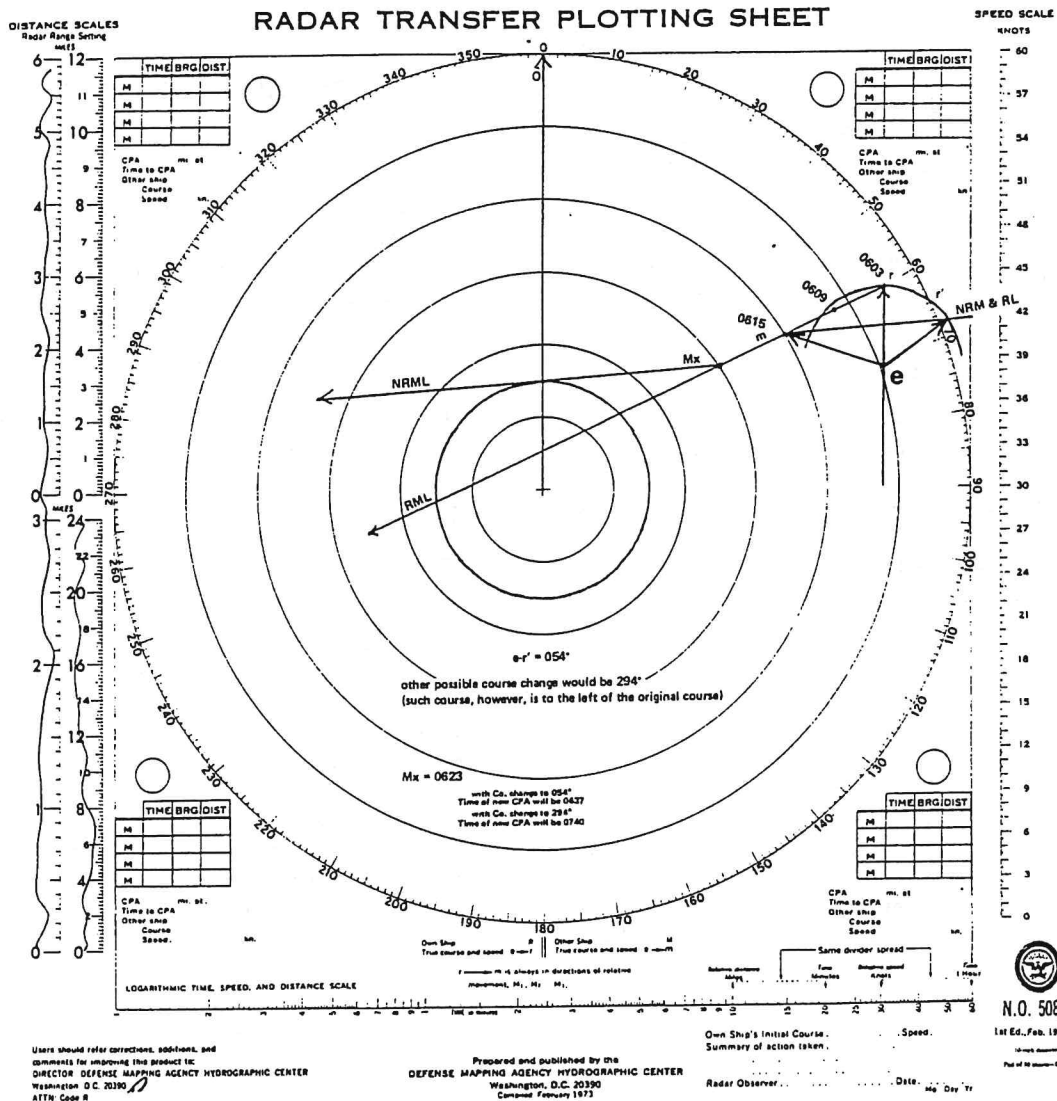


Figure 66 – Graphic Illustration of EXAMPLE 6.

Note: Another possible course change in this instance, without changing speed, would have been 294° . To have made this maneuver, however, it would have been necessary for us to come left and, in this problem, we looked for course change to be

made to the right. Too, if we had changed course to 294° instead of 054° , it would have taken the contact over an hour more of time to come abeam of own ship.

tinues along the original RML and will arrive at the MX as predicted.

Note: There are two methods of choosing the point of execution (MX). One is by arbitrarily selecting some distance off own ship at which the maneuver will take place. The other is by picking a time for the event to happen. In the case of the latter, work up the time interval between the last plot and the time of MX; then with the Speed of Relative Movement and that time interval found, compute the distance ahead, along the RML, from the last plot (M3)---

6-34. With a drawing compass, scribe a circle around the center of the plotting sheet such that its radius is equal to the selected safety or buffer zone.

Note: If the chosen safety or buffer zone is with a radius corresponding to one of the plotting sheet rings, it obviously is not necessary to draw the circle with a drawing compass; this, since the ring is already scribed.

6-35. Draw in a New Relative Motion Line, starting at

MX and extending outward, tangent to the buffer zone circle on the side you want the contact to pass. Make the line long enough for the purpose intended.

Note: Label this line NRML. Two such tangent lines (NRML'S) are possible. These would allow contact to pass either ahead or astern, as the case may be, or passage on the port or starboard side. Logic, Rules of the Road, and prevailing conditions would dictate which one should be used.

6-36. With parallel rulers or a pair of right triangles, walk the NRML up to the last plot (the point "m") and lay down a new line that is parallel to the NRML, extending outward (away from the center of the plotting sheet), terminating at the last plot (point m) and of sufficient length that it will serve the purpose. This is called the New Relative Motion and Reference Line. As such, it is the reference line for all course changes.

Note: Label this line NRM and RL.

6-37. Since, in these problems, we assume that the contact maintains course and speed, the contact's original true vector (that is, the e-m vector of the FIRST VECTOR TRIANGLE) remains the e-m vector for the SECOND VECTOR TRIANGLE. We can say, then, that one side of the FIRST VECTOR TRIANGLE (e-m) is employed as one side of the SECOND VECTOR TRIANGLE (e-m).

6-38. Place the metal point of the drawing compass at point "e" of the FIRST VECTOR TRIANGLE and the pencil point of the same drawing compass at point r of FIRST VECTOR TRIANGLE; then, with the drawing compass spread to this angle, draw an arc (equal to e-r) that intersects the NRM and RL. Where the two intersect, label the point r'. The vector e-r' becomes the second side of the SECOND VECTOR TRIANGLE.

Note: In many instances, the arc's radius can intersect the NRM and RL line at two places. When this happens, two (2) course changes are possible. Either course change will, of course, yield the same safety or buffer zone. The course generally selected in these instances is the one which gives the greater new relative speed.

6-39. Although previously solved in the first vector triangle, the third side of the SECOND VECTOR TRIANGLE is formed by drawing a line (vector) from the point "e" to the point "m" (the vector e-m). Place an arrow-head on this vector, pointing toward "m"; in this way, confusion will not occur insofar as the correct direction of this vector is concerned. The direction of the vector e-m represents the true course of the contact. To determine this course, walk the vector e-m to the center of the plotting sheet (similar to walking a bearing line to the compass rose of a chart) and note same.

6-40. Measure the length of the vector e-m and, with the time between the first and last plots of the contacts (M1→M3), enter the logarithmic time, speed, and distance scale and pick out the contact's actual speed.

6-41. EXAMPLE 6 (AN EXTENSION OF EXAMPLE 4)

6-42. Our own ship is on a course of 000° true, speed 11 knots. A contact is observed as follows:

TIME	BEARING	RANGE
0603	060°	11.0 miles
0609	059°	9.5 miles
0615	058°	8.0 miles

6-43. Since the bearings of the contact are not changing rapidly, it is evident that some action will have to be taken if collision or near-collision is to be avoided.

6-44. We learned, from Example 4, that the true course

of contact is 289° and its actual speed is 14.5 knots. Extending this same problem a step further, let us say that the mariner conning own ship plans: (a) a safety zone of 3 miles, (b) a course change when contact's range decreases to 6 miles, and (c) a course change to the right so that the contact clears ahead.

Required: .

What will be own ship's new course?

Answer:

(Own Ship's new course will be 054°.)

(See figure 66).

6-45. CHANGE OF SPEED PROBLEMS

6-46. Once we have set up the SECOND VECTOR TRIANGLE as explained earlier and found the course change required to reduce risk of collision, we might find that the course change cannot be made after all. This may be due to navigational hazards in the area or impeding vessels arriving on the scene. In these instances, the only alternative may be a change in speed. In such cases, we measure the new own ship vector (e-r') from the point "e" to where the original own ship vector intersects the NRM and Ref line, labeling the latter point "r'". Convert this distance into the new speed.

Note: In those cases where, during construction of the SECOND VECTOR TRIANGLE, the e-r vector is too short to intersect the NRM and RL, the e-r vector should be extended (lengthened) to where it does intersect that line. Convert the length of this new e-r vector to the new speed required.)

6-47. EXAMPLE 7 (AN EXTENSION OF EXAMPLE 6)

6-48. We learned, in Example 6, that own ship's course could be changed to either 054° or 294°. However, there is a reef to starboard and three additional ships to port that prevent either course changes.

Required:

What other course of action could be taken?

Answer:

Reduce speed to 5.2 knots. (Eye-balling Figure 67, the reader should see that the e-r' (new) vector is about one-half the length of the e-r (original) vector.)

6-49. CHANGE OF SPEED AND COURSE PROBLEMS

6-50. To change both the speed and course of own ship, the problem should be resolved as follows:

- (a) Determine what the new speed of own ship should be.
- (b) Determine the distance own ship will travel at the new speed for the same time interval.
- (c) Open the drawing compass to the distance determined in (b).
- (d) With the point of the drawing compass on the point "e", scribe an arc which will become the vector e-r'.
- (e) Where the arc intersects the NRM and RL, mark the point "r'".
- (f) The direction of the vector e-r' is the new course.

6-51. EXAMPLE 8 (A FURTHER EXTENSION OF EXAMPLE 6)

6-52. Instead of continuing own ship at a speed of 11 knots and instead of changing course to either 054° or 294°, we decide to increase speed to 15 knots.

Required:

What course change will have to be made so that, at 15 knots, the CPA will continue to be 3 miles?.

Answer:

065° true.

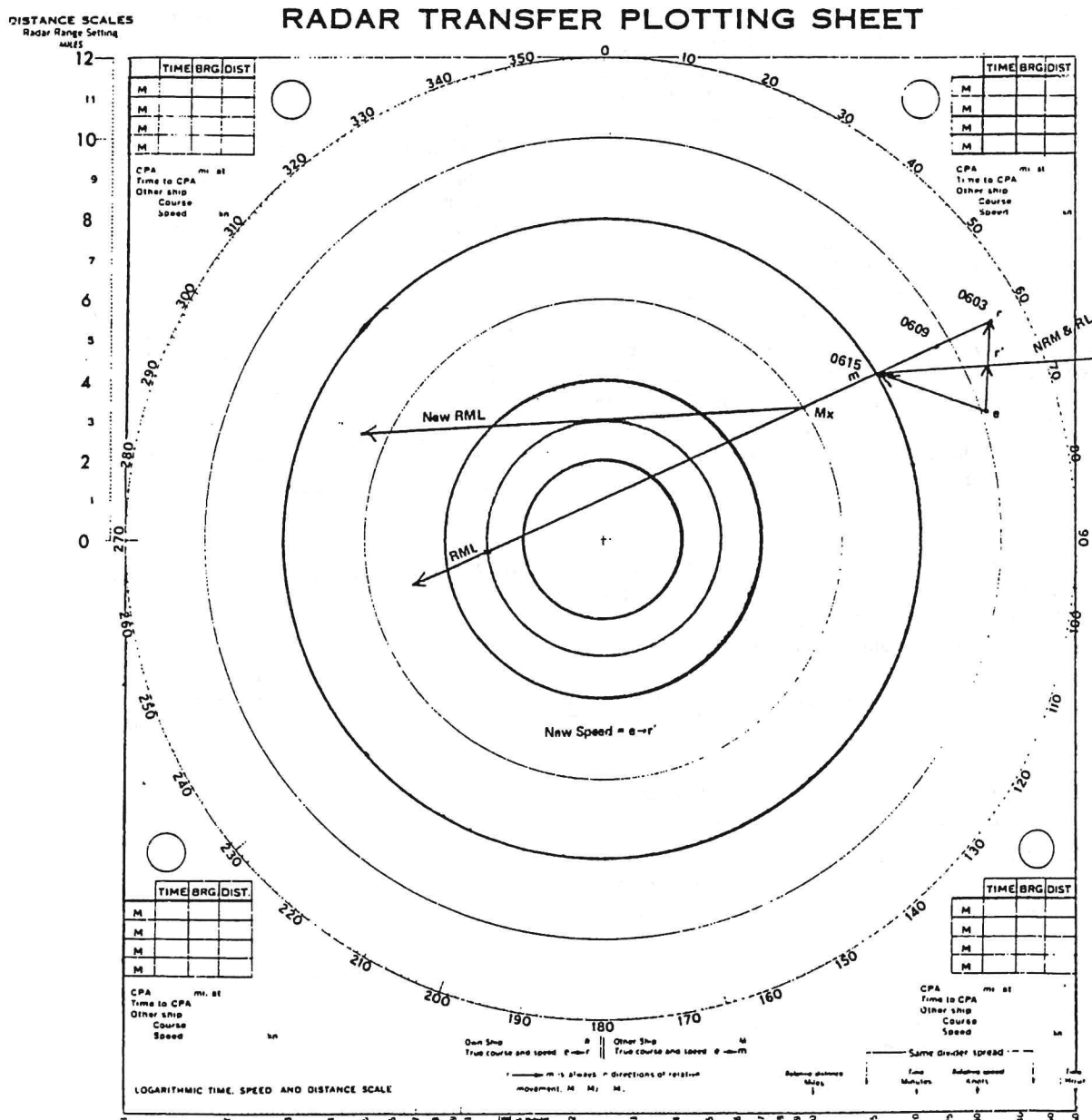


Figure 67 – Graphic illustration of Example 7

6-53. Determining New Closest Point of Approach (CPA), when own ship changes course or speed.

- A. To determine new CPA, when "own ship" changes course:
1. Parallel new course line to point (e) and draw a line from point (e) in the same direction as the new course.
 2. Transfer our original distance run (er) to this line and label the head of the new course line r'.
 3. Draw NRM & RL from point (r') to point (m).
 4. Parallel NRM & RL to M_x . Draw NRML from M_x in the same direction.

5. Drop perpendicular line from the center to NRML for the new CPA.
- B. To determine new CPA, when "own ship" maintains course but changes speed:
1. Calculate new distance run, using new speed and the time interval between the first and last bearings (in the original triangle).
 2. Lay off this new distance run from point (e) along our course line (er) and label the head of this new distance run (r').
 3. Follow the same procedures in steps 3, 4 and 5 above, to find new CPA.

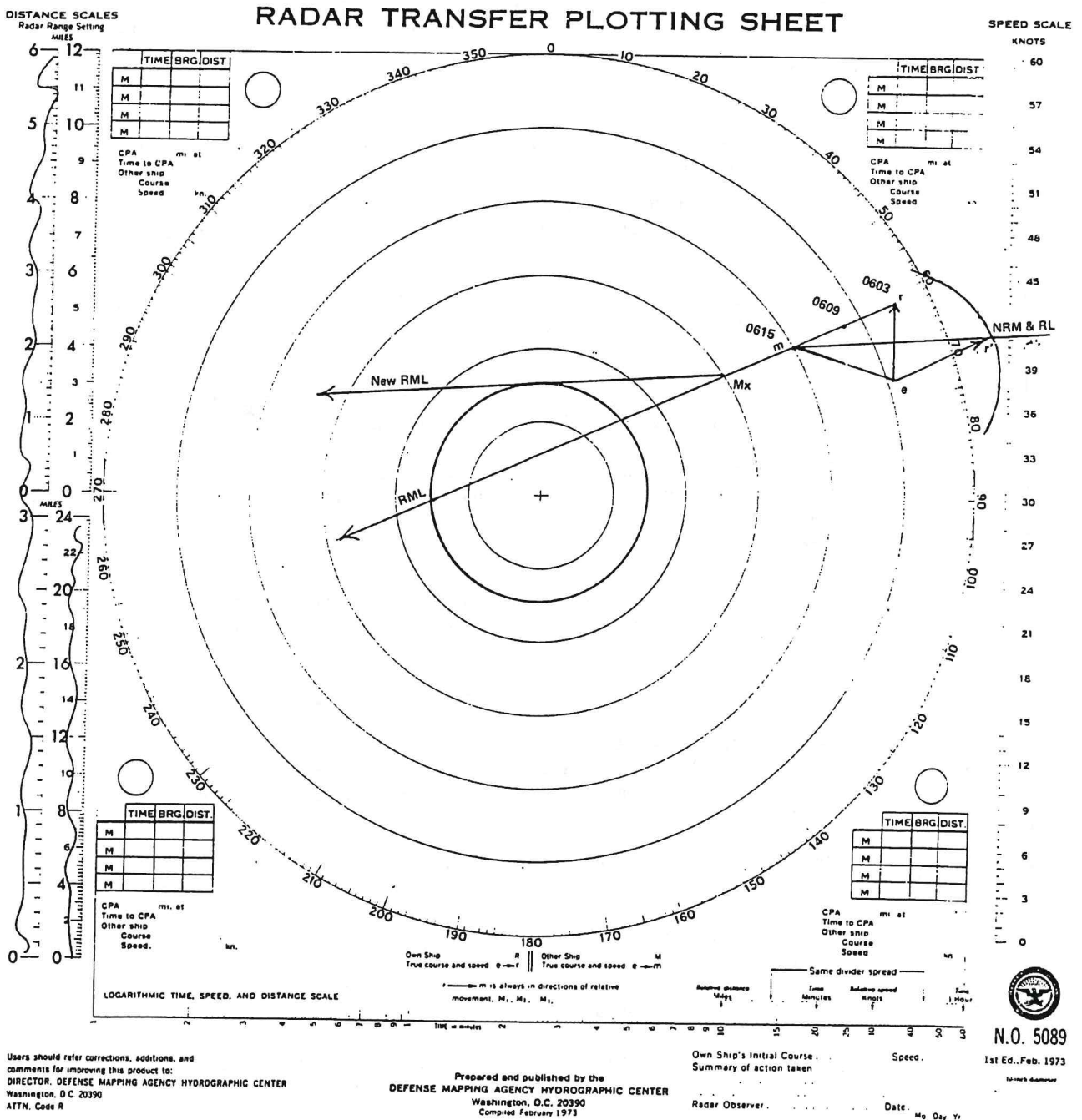
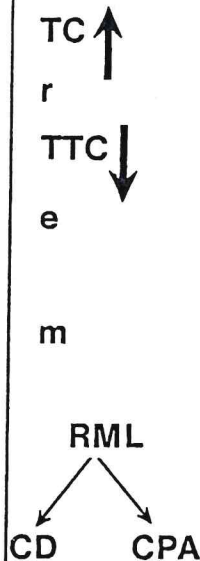


Figure 68 – Graphic Illustration of EXAMPLE 8.

6-55. RAPID RADAR PLOTTING SUMMARY. In the preceding pages you have been given information on how to apply Rapid Radar Plotting techniques. In the "Abbreviated Memory Sheet" below, the technique is presented using somewhat different symbols. The system, however, is unchanged. This presentation is used only for "six-minute triangles"; i.e. six minutes between "r" and "m".

ABBREVIATED MEMORY SHEET
(for radar plotting a six-minute triangle)
FIRST TRIANGLE



1. Plot your own True Course(TC) by a dotted line with arrow.
2. Plot "r". "r" is a point that represents the range, bearing and time of target when it is first picked up.
3. Transfer your own TC to point "r". From "r", draw a line in opposite direction of the arrow. On this line will be point "e".
4. Determine point "e". "e" comes from our "own ship" speed! Whatever own ship's speed is, take .1 (one-tenth) of that speed. The resulting figure is the distance, the length of "er", or how far the point "e" is from point "r" in six (6) minutes time, or as shown graphically in the six (6) minute triangle. $D = S \times .1$
5. Plot point "m". "m" is the point representing range, bearing and time six (6) minutes after point "r" if you are working a six (6) minute triangle of the same target.
6. Connect points "r" and "m" and continue the line past the center. Label this line RML, which stands for "Relative Motion Line".

The Crossing Distance (CD) point is where the RML line intersects OTC, Own True Course. The Closest Point of Approach, (CPA) is where the RML is at a right angle distance from "own ship" at center.

7. Close the triangle. Each side of the triangle is a friend that wants to give you information you need! Each side contains information such as course (direction-as related to the center), speed, time, distance (length).
Side: "er"=OTC and OTS, Our True Course and Our True Speed
"em"=TTC and TTS, Them's True Course and Them's True Speed
"rm"=rC and rS, relative Course and relative Speed

8. To find "speed" on any side of triangle, measure the length of the side. This gives "distance". Multiply this distance by 10 (in a 6-minute triangle). The resulting figure is the nautical miles per hour (knots)figure .
 $S = D \times 10$

SECOND TRIANGLE

9. On RML, locate the point of execution, "M_x". This point can be located in terms of time, or in terms of range. If time, measure from "r" towards center; if range, measure from the center towards the target on RML.
10. Describe (draw) an arc for the desired new CPA (Closest Point of Approach).
11. Draw a line from M_x tangent to the CPA arc. Label it RML₁. RML₁ is drawn as crossing own true course if the Rules of the Road require the target to pass ahead of "own ship". Own ship is always at the center. Or, RML₁ is drawn astern of own ship if the Rules of the Road require the target to pass astern. Visualize the situation in a practical problem. Usually paper problems state whether the crossing is ahead or astern.
12. Advance the RML₁ line to point "m". From point "m" draw a line parallel - and away from the center. Label it ARML₁.
13. Describe an arc using "er" as its radius with point "e" as center. This arc will cross ARML₁ in two (2) places.
The point of intersection farthest (usually) from "m" gives point "r₁". Draw line "er₁". "er₁" is the new course with no change of speed.
14. If a change of speed is desired with no change of course, then note that our "r₁" becomes the point of intersection of line "er" and line "ARML₁". Thus, the new speed will be the length of line "er₁" multiplied by 10-in a 6-minute triangle.

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EXERCISE #1

Own Ship: Course - 270°T Speed - 16 Kts

	TARGET #1		TARGET #2	
TIME	BEARING	RANGE	BEARING	RANGE
0700	060°T	10.0 NM	000°T	11.0 NM
0706	060°T	8.0 NM	001°T	10.0 NM

1. What is the CPA of target #1?
 - A. 2.0 NM
 - B. 2.5 NM
 - C. 1.0 NM
 - D. Collision

2. What is the CPA of target #2?
 - A. 2.0 NM
 - B. 0.5 NM
 - C. 4.0 NM
 - D. Collision

3. What is the true course of target #1?
 - A. 000°T
 - B. 210°T
 - C. 253°T
 - D. 187°T

4. What is the true course of target #2?
 - A. 233°T
 - B. 190°T
 - C. 283°T
 - D. 045°T

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5. What is the TCPA of target #1?

- A. 0730
- B. 0715
- C. 0720
- D. 0706

6. What is the TCPA of target #2?

- A. 0740
- B. 0810
- C. 0758
- D. 0748

7. The Rules of the Road situation with target #1 is _____.

- A. Meeting
- B. Overtaking
- C. Crossing
- D. None of the above

ANSWERS

1.D 2.A 3.C 4.A
5.A 6.C 7.B

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EXERCISE #2

Own Ship: Course - 030°T Speed - 12 Kts

	TARGET #1		TARGET #2	
TIME	BEARING	RANGE	BEARING	RANGE
2006	152°T	5.5 NM		
2012	151°T	4.0 NM		

1. What is the DRM?

- A. 150°T
- B. 065°T
- C. 335°T
- D. 260°T

2. What is the SRM?

- A. 15 K
- B. 10 K
- C. 21 K
- D. 28 K

3. What is the CPA?

- A. 1.5 NM
- B. 0.3 NM
- C. 1.0 NM
- D. 1.3 NM

4. What is the TCPA?

- A. 2020
- B. 2011
- C. 2037
- D. 2028

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5. What is the BCPA?
- A. 245°T
 - B. Collision
 - C. 065°T
 - D. 359°T
6. What is the target's course?
- A. 359°T
 - B. 040°T
 - C. 180°T
 - D. 330°T
7. What is the true speed of the target?
- A. 24 K
 - B. 15 K
 - C. 18 K
 - D. 10 K
8. What type of Rules of the Road situation is this?
- A. Crossing
 - B. Meeting
 - C. Overtaking
 - D. None of the above
9. Your vessel is the _____ vessel.
- A. Give-way
 - B. Stand-on
 - C. Neither give-way nor stand-on
10. At night, what navigational light(s) would you see on the other vessel?
- A. Both side lights and masthead light(s)
 - B. Port side light and masthead light(s)
 - C. Stern light only
 - D. Starboard side light and masthead light(s)

ANSWERS

1.C 2.A 3.B 4.D
5.C 6.A 7.A 8.C
9.B 10.B

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EXERCISE #3

1ST TRIANGLE

Own Ship:

Course - 000°T

Speed - 12 Kts

TIME	TARGET #1		TARGET #2		TARGET #3	
	BEARING	RANGE	BEARING	RANGE	BEARING	RANGE
0410	035°T	11.1 NM				
0416	031°T	9.2 NM				

1. What is the DRM of target #1?
 - A. 310°
 - B. 296°
 - C. 139°
 - D. 234°
2. What is the SRM of target #1?
 - A. 6K
 - B. 10K
 - C. 20K
 - D. DIW
3. What is the CPA of target #1?
 - A. 7.0 NM
 - B. 3.5 NM
 - C. Collision
 - D. 10 NM
4. What is the time of CPA of target #1?
 - A. 0406
 - B. 0418
 - C. 0441
 - D. 0400

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5. What is the true course of target #1?
- A. 180°T
 - B. 264°T
 - C. 088°T
 - D. 000°T
6. What is the true speed of target #1?
- A. 9K
 - B. 27K
 - C. DIW
 - D. 16K
7. What is the bearing at CPA?
- A. 192°
 - B. 268°
 - C. 088°
 - D. 324°
8. What Rules of the Road situation exists between own ship and target #1?
- A. Crossing
 - B. Meeting
 - C. Overtaking
 - D. None of the above

ANSWERS

1.D 2.C 3.B
4.C 5.B 6.D
7.D 8.A

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EXERCISE #4

1ST TRIANGLE

Own Ship:

Course - 030°T

Speed - 23 Kts

	TARGET #1		TARGET #2		TARGET #3	
TIME	BEARING	RANGE	BEARING	RANGE	BEARING	RANGE
1020	081°T	10.8 NM				
1026	083°T	7.7 NM				

1. What is the DRM of target #1?
 - A. 077°
 - B. 257°
 - C. 303°
 - D. 166°
2. What is the SRM of target #1?
 - A. 6K
 - B. 10K
 - C. 20K
 - D. 32K
3. What is the CPA of target #1?
 - A. 1.0 NM
 - B. 3.5 NM
 - C. Collision
 - D. Past CPA
4. What is the time of CPA of target #1?
 - A. 1006
 - B. 1018
 - C. 1041
 - D. 1000

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5. What is the true course of target #1?
- A. 304°
 - B. 270°
 - C. 088°
 - D. 000°
6. What is the true speed of target #1?
- A. 9k
 - B. 35k
 - C. 22k
 - D. 16k
7. What is the bearing at CPA?
- A. 167°
 - B. 268°
 - C. 088°
 - D. 324°
8. What Rules of the Road situation exists between own ship and target #1?
- A. Crossing
 - B. Meeting
 - C. Overtaking
 - D. None of the above
9. Assuming that the contact has turned on its running lights during daylight due to inclement weather, what side light(s) might be seen at CPA?
- A. Green
 - B. Red
 - C. Both
 - D. None
10. The vector EM represents_____.
- A. Own ship course and speed
 - B. Relative Motion
 - C. Target's true course and speed
 - D. All of the above

ANSWERS

1.B 2.D 3.A
4.C 5.A 6.C
7.A 8.A 9.A
10. C

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EXERCISE #5 1ST TRIANGLE

Own Ship: Course - 310°T Speed - 20 Kts

	TARGET #1		TARGET #2		TARGET #3	
TIME	BEARING	RANGE	BEARING	RANGE	BEARING	RANGE
0000	330°T	9.0 NM	010°T	9.0 NM	240°T	9.0 NM
0006	335°T	7.0 NM	011°T	8.0 NM	245°T	7.0 NM

1. What is the CPA of target #3?
 - A. 2.5 NM
 - B. 0.5 NM
 - C. 1.0 NM
 - D. Collision

2. What is the CPA of target #1?
 - A. 0.5 NM
 - B. 3.0 NM
 - C. 1.0 NM
 - D. Collision

3. What is the time of CPA of target #2?
 - A. 0036
 - B. 0044
 - C. 0048
 - D. 0052

4. What is the time of CPA of target #1?
 - A. 0025
 - B. 0012
 - C. 0034
 - D. 0048

5. What is the true course of target #1?
 - A. 130°
 - B. DIW
 - C. 310°
 - D. 085°

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6. What is the true speed of target # 2?
- A. 16K
 - B. 8K
 - C. 21K
 - D. 32K
7. What is the true course of target #3?
- A. 353°
 - B. 170°
 - C. 045°
 - D. 090°
8. With regard to target #3, you are:
- A. The give way vessel in a overtaking situation
 - B. The give way vessel in a crossing situation
 - C. The stand on vessel in a overtaking situation
 - D. The stand on vessel in a crossing situation
9. What lights would you expect to see on target #3 at 0020?
- A. Both port and starboard side lights
 - B. Port side light and masthead lights
 - C. Starboard side light and masthead lights
 - D. No lights
10. What is the SRM of target #1?
- A. 16K
 - B. 8K
 - C. 21K
 - D. 32K

ANSWERS

1.A 2.B 3.D
4.A 5.B 6.A
7.A 8.D 9.C
10. C

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EXERCISE #6 1ST TRIANGLE

Own Ship: Course - 090°T Speed - 20 Kts

	TARGET #1		TARGET #2		TARGET #3	
TIME	BEARING	RANGE	BEARING	RANGE	BEARING	RANGE
0000	120°T	9.0 NM	140°T	6.0 NM	001°T	6.0 NM
0006	116°T	7.0 NM	136°T	5.0 NM	005°T	4.0 NM

1. What is the CPA of target #1?
 - A. 3.5 NM
 - B. 0.5 NM
 - C. 2.3 NM
 - D. Collision
2. What is the BCPA of target #2?
 - A. 353°
 - B. 170°
 - C. 045°
 - D. 075°
3. What is the time of CPA of target #1?
 - A. 0015
 - B. 0026
 - C. 0034
 - D. 0052
4. What is the time of CPA of target #2?
 - A. 0028
 - B. 0042
 - C. 0020
 - D. 0048
5. What is the true course of target #3?
 - A. 135°
 - B. DIW
 - C. 310°
 - D. 085°

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6. What is the true speed of target # 3?
- A. 16K
 - B. 8K
 - C. 21K
 - D. 30K
7. What is the true course of target #2?
- A. 353°
 - B. 170°
 - C. 055°
 - D. 090°
8. With regard to target #1 you are:
- A. The give way vessel in a overtaking situation
 - B. The give way vessel in a crossing situation
 - C. The stand on vessel in a overtaking situation
 - D. The stand on vessel in a crossing situation
9. What lights would you expect to see on target #3 at CPA?
- A. Both port and starboard side lights
 - B. Port side light and masthead lights
 - C. Starboard side light and masthead lights
 - D. Stern light
10. What is the SRM of target #2
- A. 11K
 - B. 8K
 - C. 21K
 - D. 32K

ANSWERS

1.C 2.D 3.B
4.A 5.A 6.D
7.C 8.B 9.D
10. A

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EXERCISE #8

Own Ship: Course - 235°T Speed - 15 Kts

TIME	TARGET #1		TARGET #2	
	BEARING	RANGE	BEARING	RANGE
1940	270°T	11.0 NM		
1946	271°T	10.0 NM		

1. What is the DRM?
 - A. 008°T
 - B. 180°T
 - C. 270°T
 - D. 080°T

2. What is the SRM?
 - A. 10 K
 - B. 20 K
 - C. 16 K
 - D. 28 K

3. What is the CPA?
 - A. 1.9 NM
 - B. 5.5 NM
 - C. 3.0 NM
 - D. 0.1 NM

4. What is the TCPA?
 - A. 2037
 - B. 1944
 - C. 2040
 - D. 2045

5. What is the BCPA?
 - A. 300°T
 - B. 165°T
 - C. 350°T
 - D. 271°T

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When the target is 6 NM away, change course to allow the contact to pass 3.0 NM astern.

6. What time is your course change?

- A. 2051
- B. 1946
- C. 2029
- D. 2010

7. What is your new course?

- A. 225°T
- B. 210°T
- C. 180°T
- D. 246°T

8. What is the New TCPA?

- A. 2036
- B. 2059
- C. 2044
- D. 1940

9. What is the target's true course?

- A. 160°T
- B. 202°T
- C. 180°T
- D. 252°T

10. What is the target's true speed?

- A. 12.0 K
- B. 4.0 K
- C. 8.0 K
- D. 16.0 K

ANSWERS

1. D 2. A 3. A 4. D
5. C 6. D 7. A 8. C
9. B 10. C

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EXERCISE #9 2ND TRIANGLE

Own Ship: Course - 290°T Speed - 20 Kts

	TARGET #1		TARGET #2		TARGET #3	
TIME	BEARING	RANGE	BEARING	RANGE	BEARING	RANGE
0000	320°T	9.0 NM	010°T	8.0 NM	040°T	6.0 NM
0006	310°T	8.0 NM	010°T	6.0 NM	050°T	5.0 NM

1. What is the BCPA of target #1?
 - A. 350°
 - B. 170°
 - C. 045°
 - D. 282°

2. What is the CPA of target #1?
 - A. 6.9NM
 - B. 2.3NM
 - C. 0.5NM
 - D. 8.2NM

3. What is the time of CPA of target #1?
 - A. 0015
 - B. 0032
 - C. 0020
 - D. 0052

4. What is the time of CPA of target #2?
 - A. 0015
 - B. 0024
 - C. 0034
 - D. 0052

5. What is the true course of target #2?
 - A. 135°
 - B. 244°
 - C. 310°
 - D. 085°

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6. What is the true speed of target # 3?
- A. 16K
 - B. 8K
 - C. 22K
 - D. 30K
7. What is the true course of target #3?
- A. 353°
 - B. 170°
 - C. 055°
 - D. 247°
8. With regard to target #2 you are:
- A. The give way vessel in a overtaking situation
 - B. The give way vessel in a crossing situation
 - C. The stand on vessel in a overtaking situation
 - D. The stand on vessel in a crossing situation
9. When the range of target #2 is 3 miles, maneuver in accordance with the rules of the road for target #2 to have a CPA of 1 NM, what would be your new course?
- A. 354°
 - B. 190°
 - C. 035°
 - D. 249°
10. What is the NDRM of target #2?
- A. 212°
 - B. 160°
 - C. 025°
 - D. 147°

ANSWERS

1.D 2.A 3.C
4.B 5.B 6.C
7.D 8.B 9.A
10. A

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EXERCISE #10 2ND TRIANGLE

Own Ship: Course - 340°T Speed - 20 Kts

	TARGET #1		TARGET #2		TARGET #3	
TIME	BEARING	RANGE	BEARING	RANGE	BEARING	RANGE
0000	000°T	12.0 NM	020°T	10.0 NM	090°T	4.0 NM
0006	358°T	10.0 NM	020°T	8.0 NM	090°T	4.0 NM

1. What is the BCPA of target #1?
 - A. 350°
 - B. 170°
 - C. 045°
 - D. 282°
2. What is the CPA of target #1?
 - A. Collision
 - B. 2.2NM
 - C. 1.5NM
 - D. 8.2NM
3. What is the CPA of target #2?
 - A. Collision
 - B. 2.3NM
 - C. 1.5NM
 - D. 4.0NM
4. What is the true course of target #2?
 - A. 135°
 - B. 270°
 - C. 310°
 - D. 085°
5. What is the true course of target #3?
 - A. 340°
 - B. 256°
 - C. 001°
 - D. 060°

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6. What is the true speed of target # 3?
- A. 16K
 - B. 8K
 - C. 20K
 - D. 30K
7. What is the SRM of target #1?
- A. 21K
 - B. 8K
 - C. 28K
 - D. 30K
8. When the range of target #2 is 4NM, maneuver in accordance with the Rules of the Road for target #2 to have a 1NM CPA, your new course would be:
- A. 340°
 - B. 256°
 - C. 000°
 - D. 060°
9. What is your new DRM?
- A. 301°
 - B. 214°
 - C. 000°
 - D. 040°
10. What time is Mx?
- A. 0018
 - B. 0012
 - C. 0026
 - D. 0030

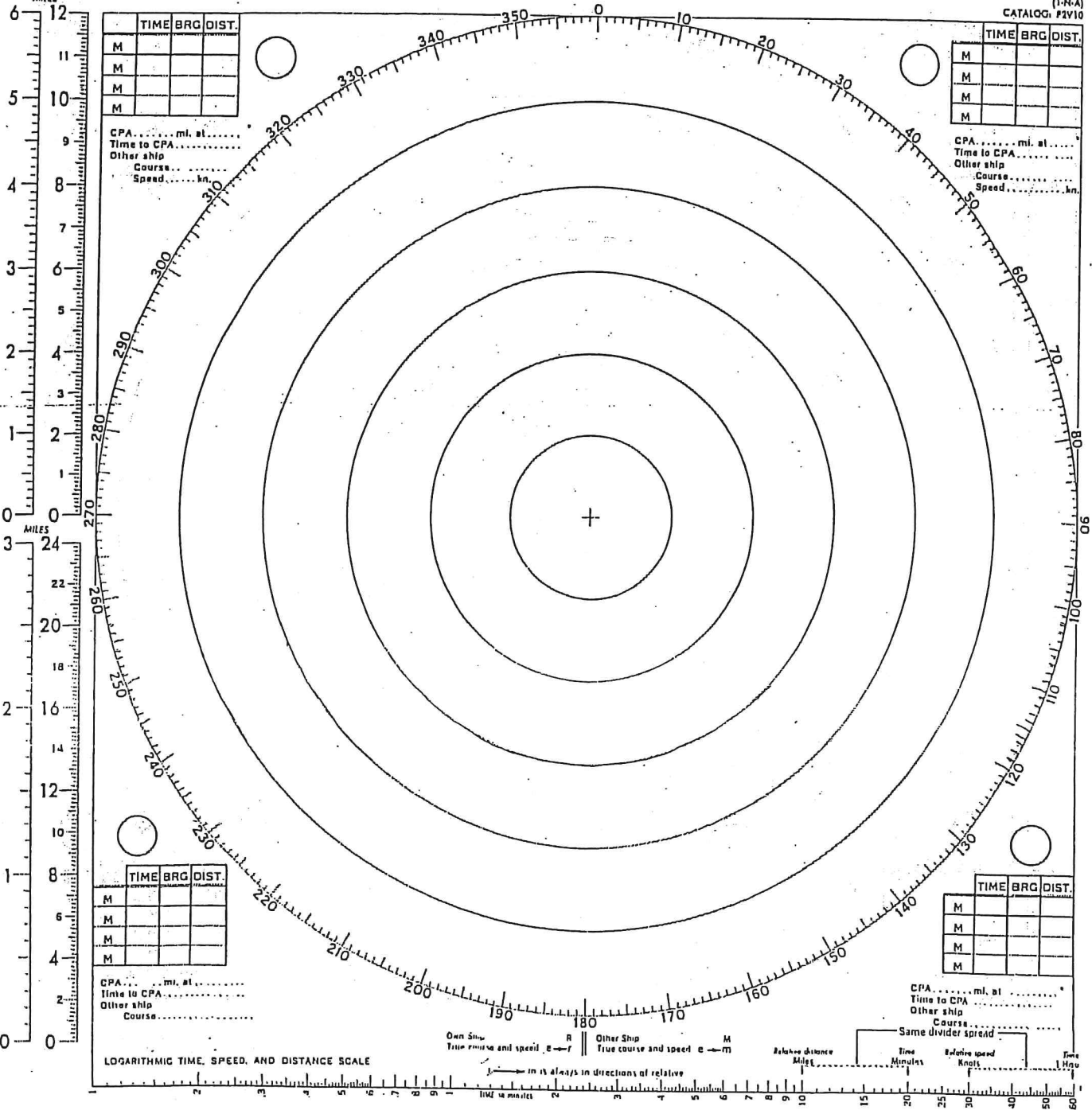
ANSWERS

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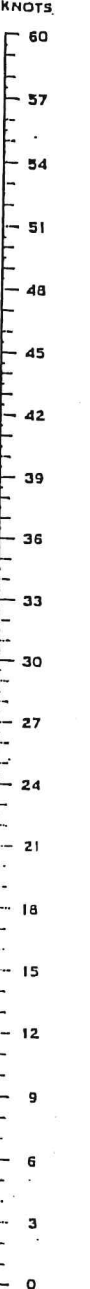
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Radar Range Setting
MILES

RADAR TRANSFER PLOTTING SHEET

SPEED SCALE



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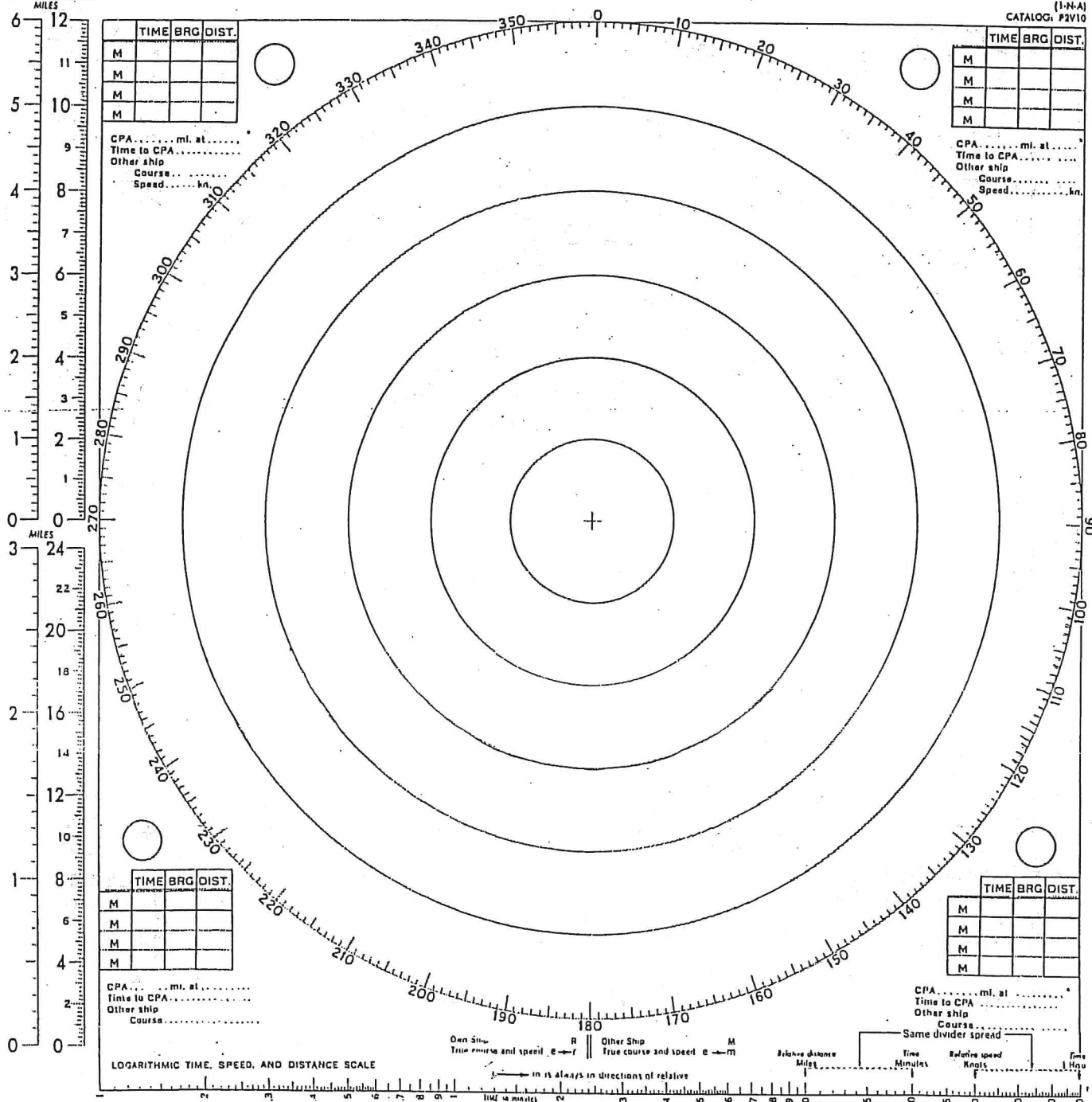
LOGARITHMIC TIME, SPEED, AND DISTANCE SCALE

Own Ship's Initial Course Speed
Summary of action taken

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DISTANCE SCALES
Radar Range Setting

SPEED SCALE



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TIME	BRG	DIST.
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CPA mi. at
Time to CPA
Other ship
Course
Speed kn.

CPA mi. at
Time to CPA
Other ship
Course
Speed kn.

TIME	BRG	DIST.
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TIME	BRG	DIST.
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CPA mi. at
Time to CPA
Other ship
Course
Speed kn.

CPA mi. at
Time to CPA
Other ship
Course
Speed kn.

LOGARITHMIC TIME, SPEED, AND DISTANCE SCALE

Own Ship True course and speed $R \rightarrow$ Other Ship True course and speed $E \rightarrow M$

Relative distance Miles Same divider spread Relative speed Knots Time Hours

in it always in direction of relative

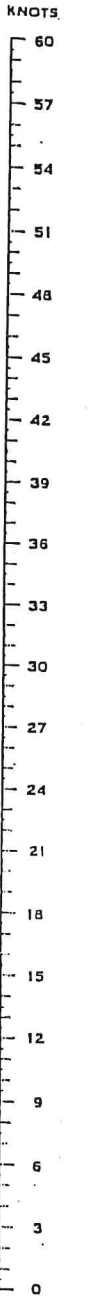
Own Ship's Initial Course Speed
Summary of action taken

DISTANCE SCALES
Radar Range Setting

RADAR TRANSFER PLOTTING SHEET

SPEED SCALE

(1-N-A)
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	TIME	BRG	DIST.
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CPA.....mi. at.....
Time to CPA.....
Other ship
Course.....
Speed.....kn.

	TIME	BRG	DIST.
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CPA.....mi. at.....
Time to CPA.....
Other ship
Course.....
Speed.....kn.

	TIME	BRG	DIST.
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CPA.....mi. at.....
Time to CPA.....
Other ship
Course.....

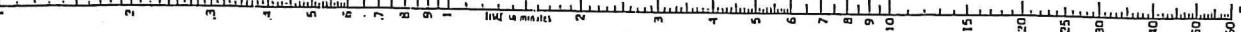
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CPA.....mi. at.....
Time to CPA.....
Other ship
Course.....

LOGARITHMIC TIME, SPEED, AND DISTANCE SCALE

Own Ship True course and speed $e \rightarrow f$ | Other Ship True course and speed $e \leftarrow m$

Relative distance Mile | Time Minutes | Relative speed Knots | Time Hour



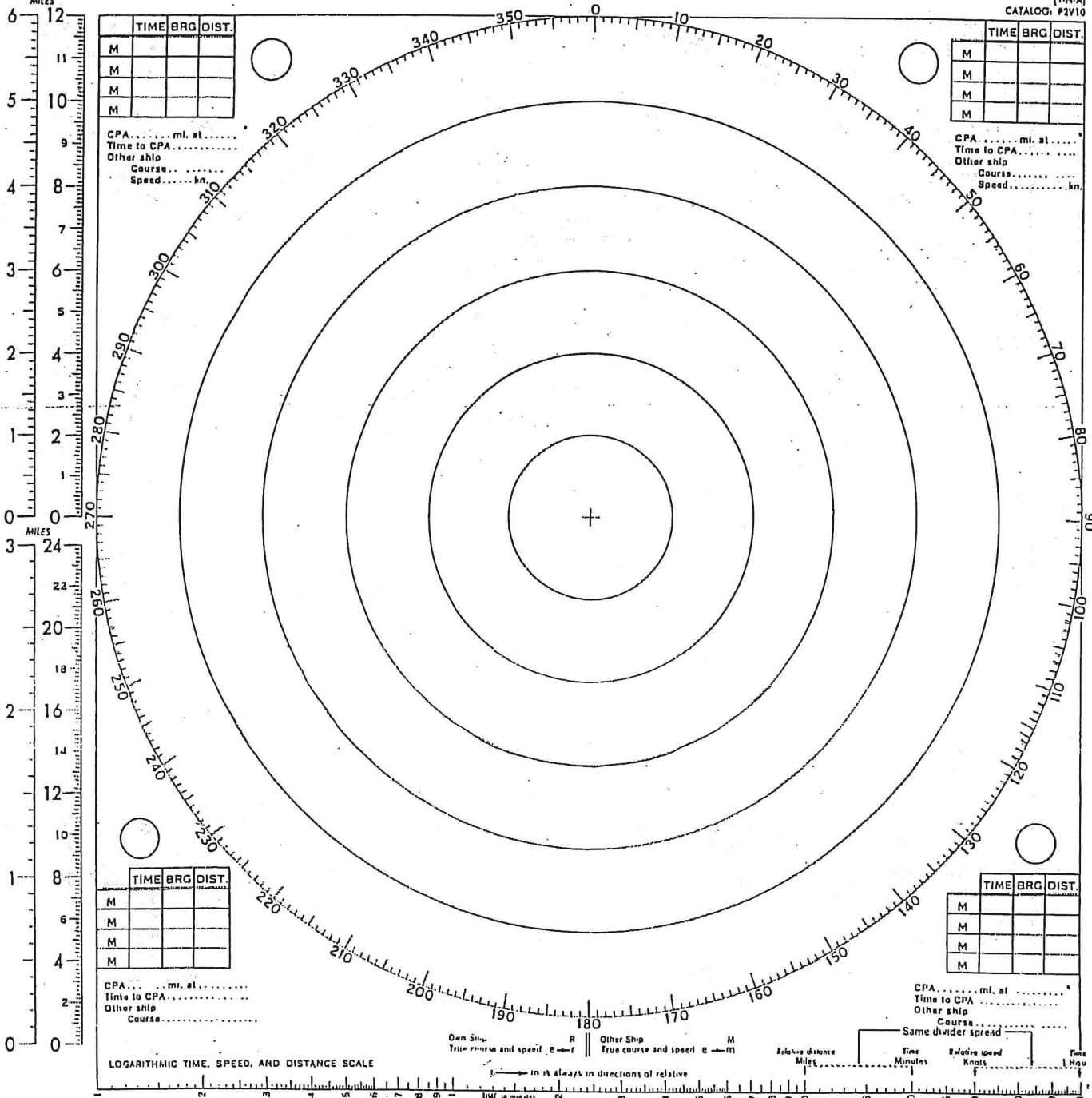
Own Ship's Initial Course..... Speed.....
Summary of action taken.....

DISTANCE SCALES
Radar Range Setting
MILES

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SPEED SCALE
KNOTS

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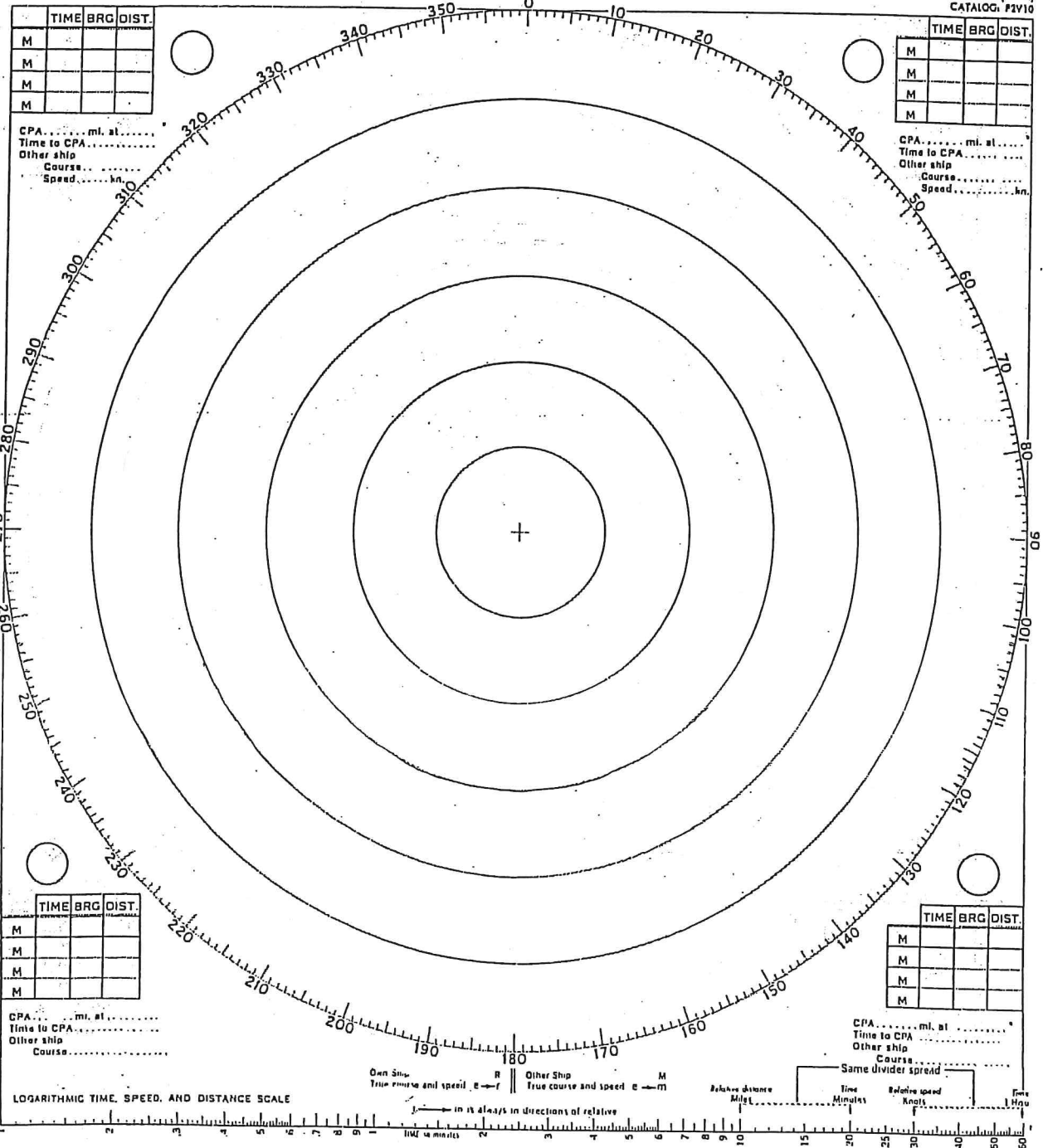
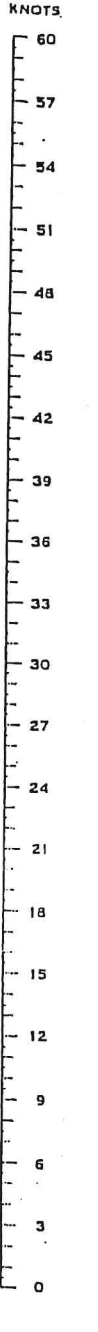


Own Ship's Initial Course Speed
Summary of action taken

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Radar Range Setting

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SPEED SCALE



	TIME	BRG	DIST.
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	TIME	BRG	DIST.
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CPA.....mi. at.....
Time to CPA.....
Other ship.....
Course.....
Speed.....kn.

CPA.....mi. at.....
Time to CPA.....
Other ship.....
Course.....
Speed.....kn.

	TIME	BRG	DIST.
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	TIME	BRG	DIST.
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CPA.....mi. at.....
Time to CPA.....
Other ship.....
Course.....
Speed.....kn.

CPA.....mi. at.....
Time to CPA.....
Other ship.....
Course.....
Speed.....kn.

LOGARITHMIC TIME, SPEED, AND DISTANCE SCALE

Own Ship True course and speed $\leftarrow R$ | Other Ship True course and speed $\leftarrow M$
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Relative distance Miles | Time Minutes | Relative speed Knots | Same divider spread

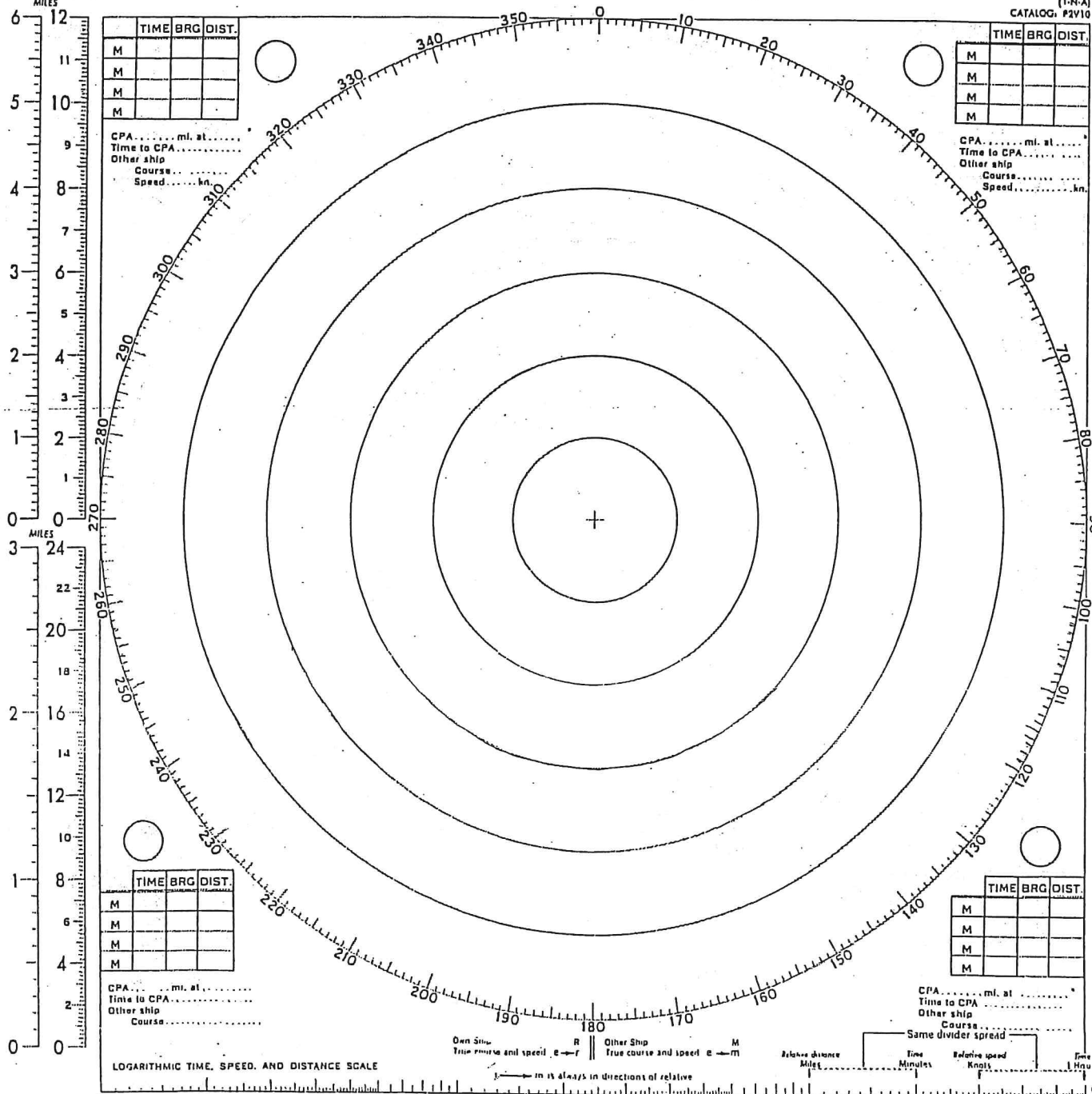
Own Ship's Initial Course..... Speed.....
Summary of action taken.....

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DISTANCE SCALES
Radar Range Setting
MILES

SPEED SCALE
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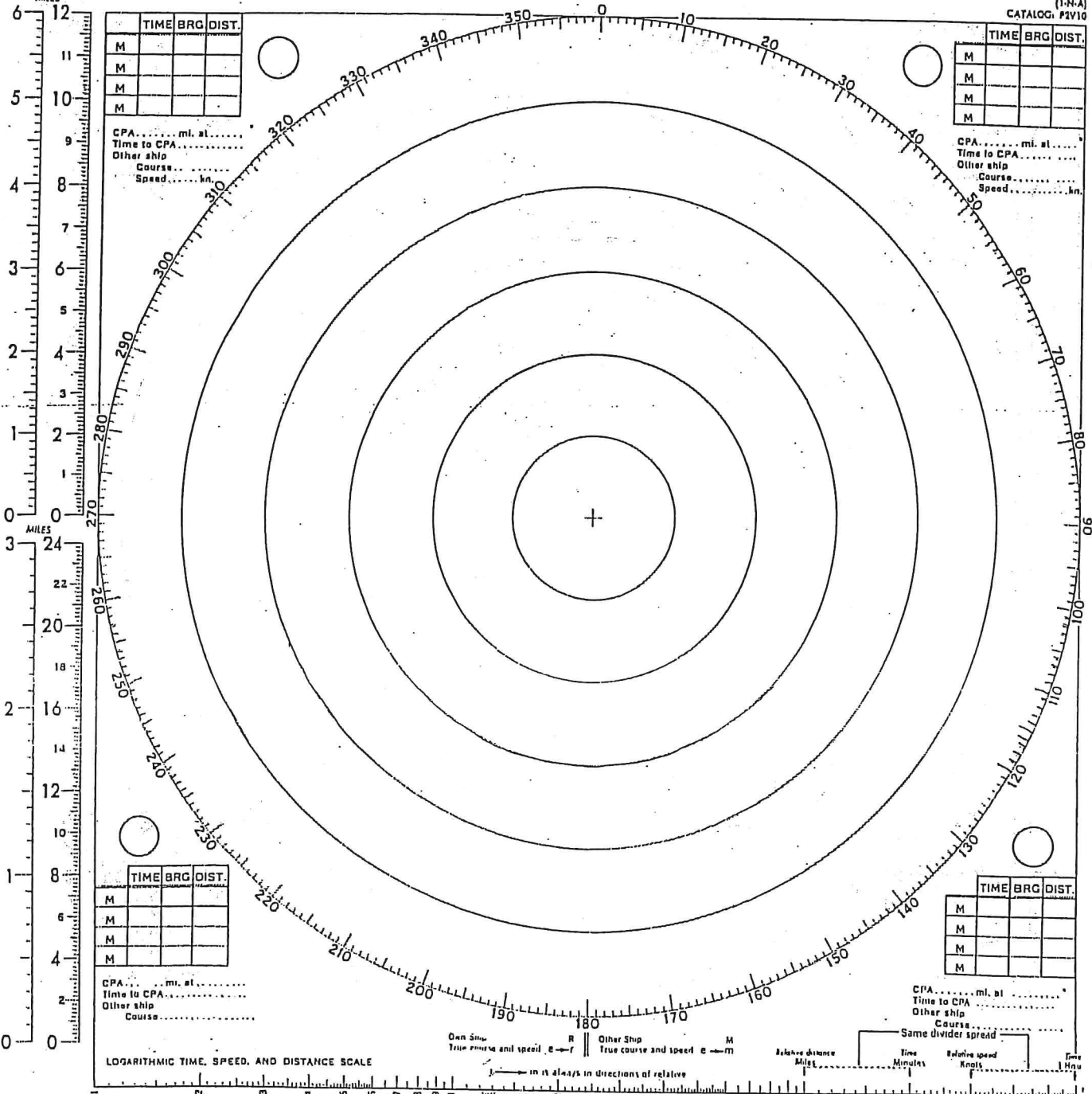
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MILES

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SPEED SCALE
KNOTS

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CATALOG P2110



LOGARITHMIC TIME, SPEED, AND DISTANCE SCALE

Own Ship True course and speed $e \rightarrow f$ R Other Ship True course and speed $e \rightarrow M$

Relative distance Miles Time Minutes Relative speed Knots Same divider spread

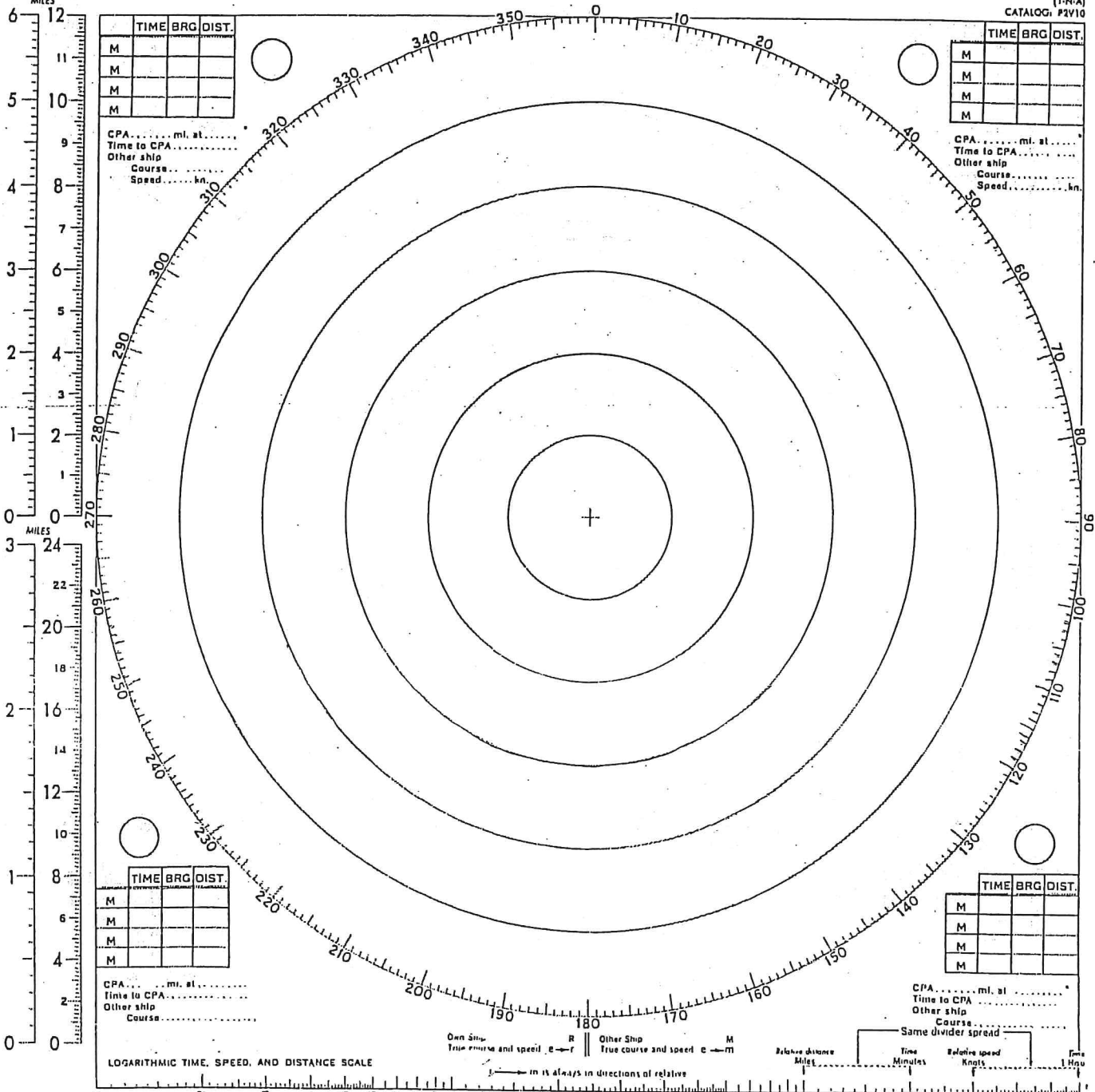
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Radar Range Setting

SPEED SCALE

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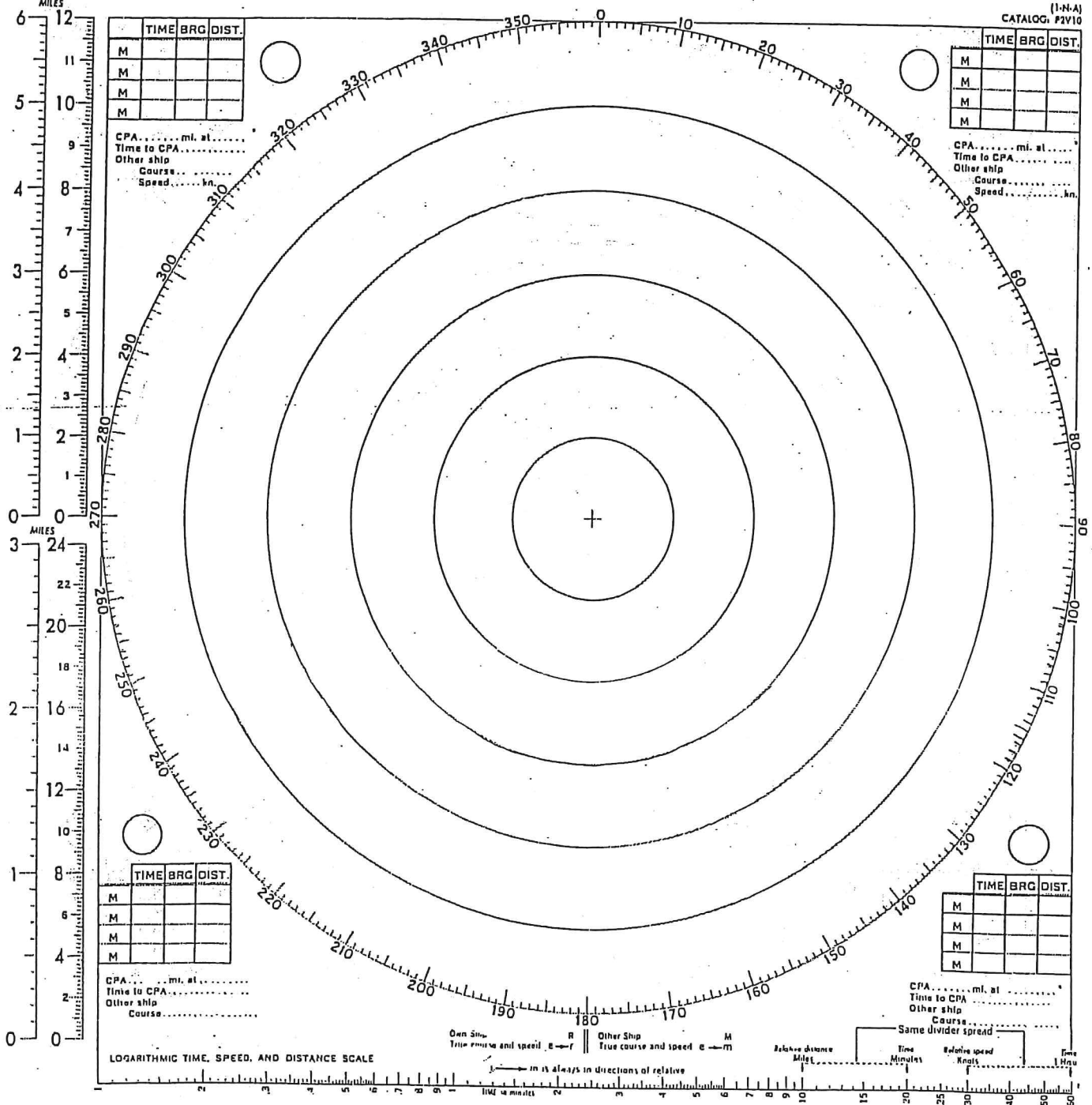
Own Ship's Initial Course Speed

Summary of action taken

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DISTANCE SCALES
Radar Range Setting

SPEED SCALE



	TIME	BRG	DIST.
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	TIME	BRG	DIST.
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CPA.....mi. at.....
Time to CPA.....
Other ship
Course.....
Speed.....kn.

CPA.....mi. at.....
Time to CPA.....
Other ship
Course.....
Speed.....kn.

	TIME	BRG	DIST.
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	TIME	BRG	DIST.
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CPA.....mi. at.....
Time to CPA.....
Other ship
Course.....
Speed.....kn.

CPA.....mi. at.....
Time to CPA.....
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Speed.....kn.

LOGARITHMIC TIME, SPEED, AND DISTANCE SCALE

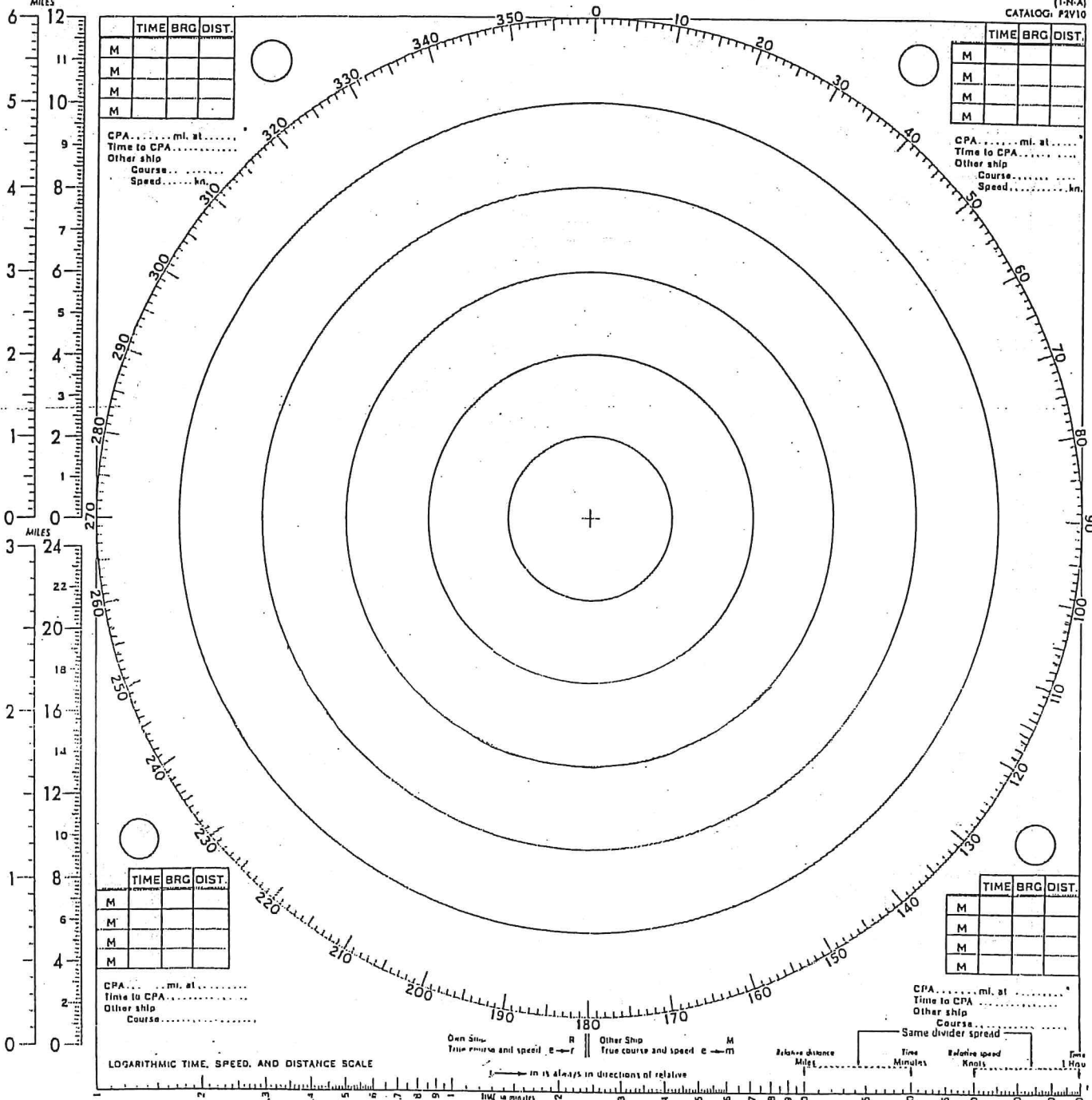
Own Ship's Initial Course..... Speed.....
Summary of action taken.....

RADAR TRANSFER PLOTTING SHEET

DISTANCE SCALES
Radar Range Setting

SPEED SCALE

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TIME	BRG	DIST.
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TIME	BRG	DIST.
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CPA mi. at
Time to CPA
Other ship
Course
Speed kn.

CPA mi. at
Time to CPA
Other ship
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TIME	BRG	DIST.
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TIME	BRG	DIST.
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CPA mi. at
Time to CPA
Other ship
Course
Speed kn.

CPA mi. at
Time to CPA
Other ship
Course
Speed kn.

LOGARITHMIC TIME, SPEED, AND DISTANCE SCALE

Own Ship True course and speed \leftarrow R || Other Ship True course and speed \leftarrow M

Relative distance: Miles, Minutes, Knots

Same divider spread

in it always in directions of relative

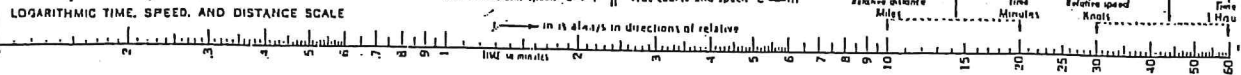
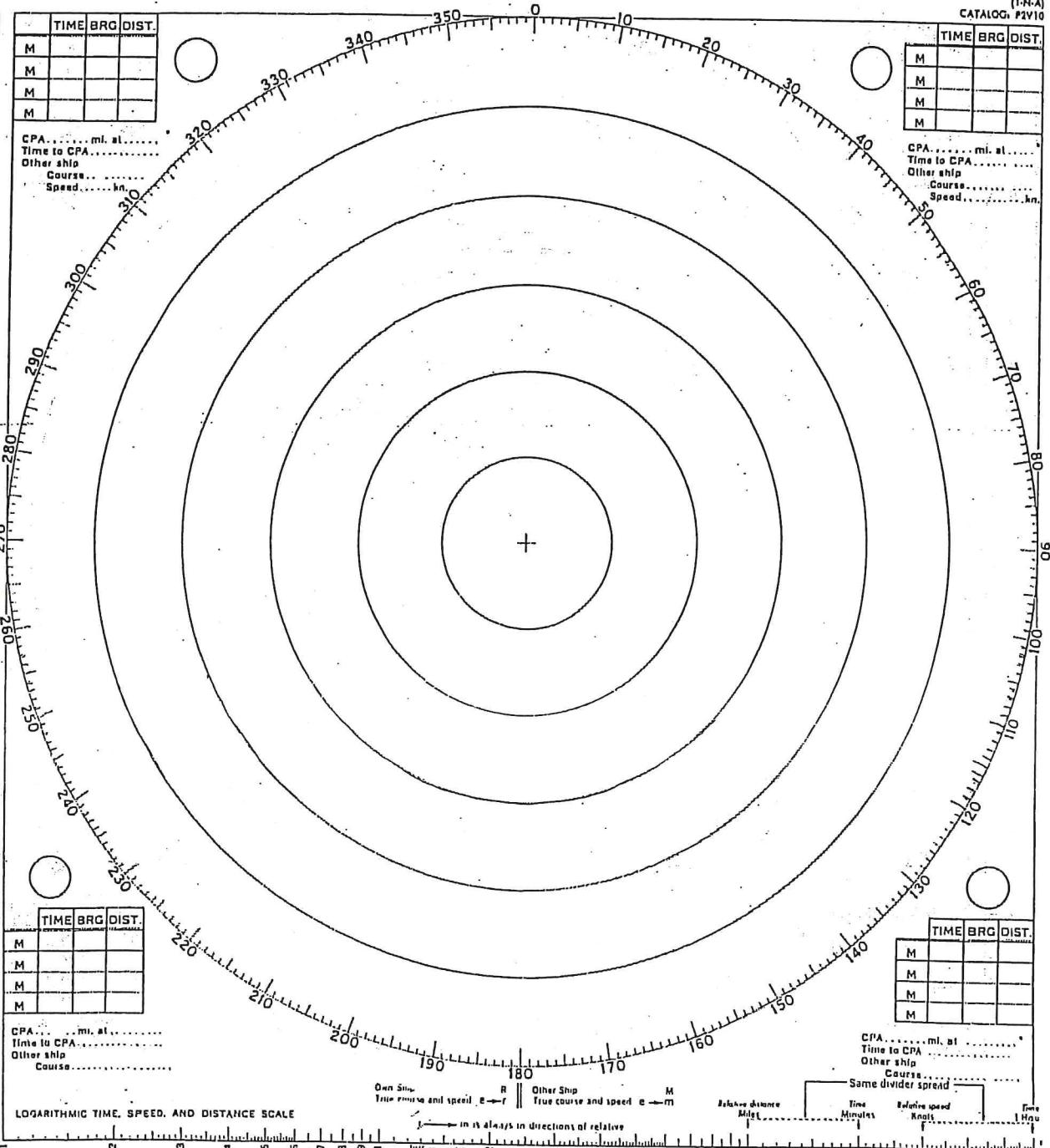
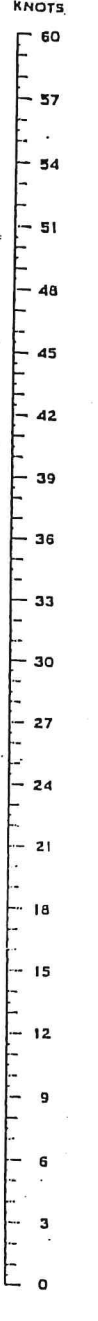
Own Ship's Initial Course Speed
Summary of action taken

DISTANCE SCALES
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Summary of action taken

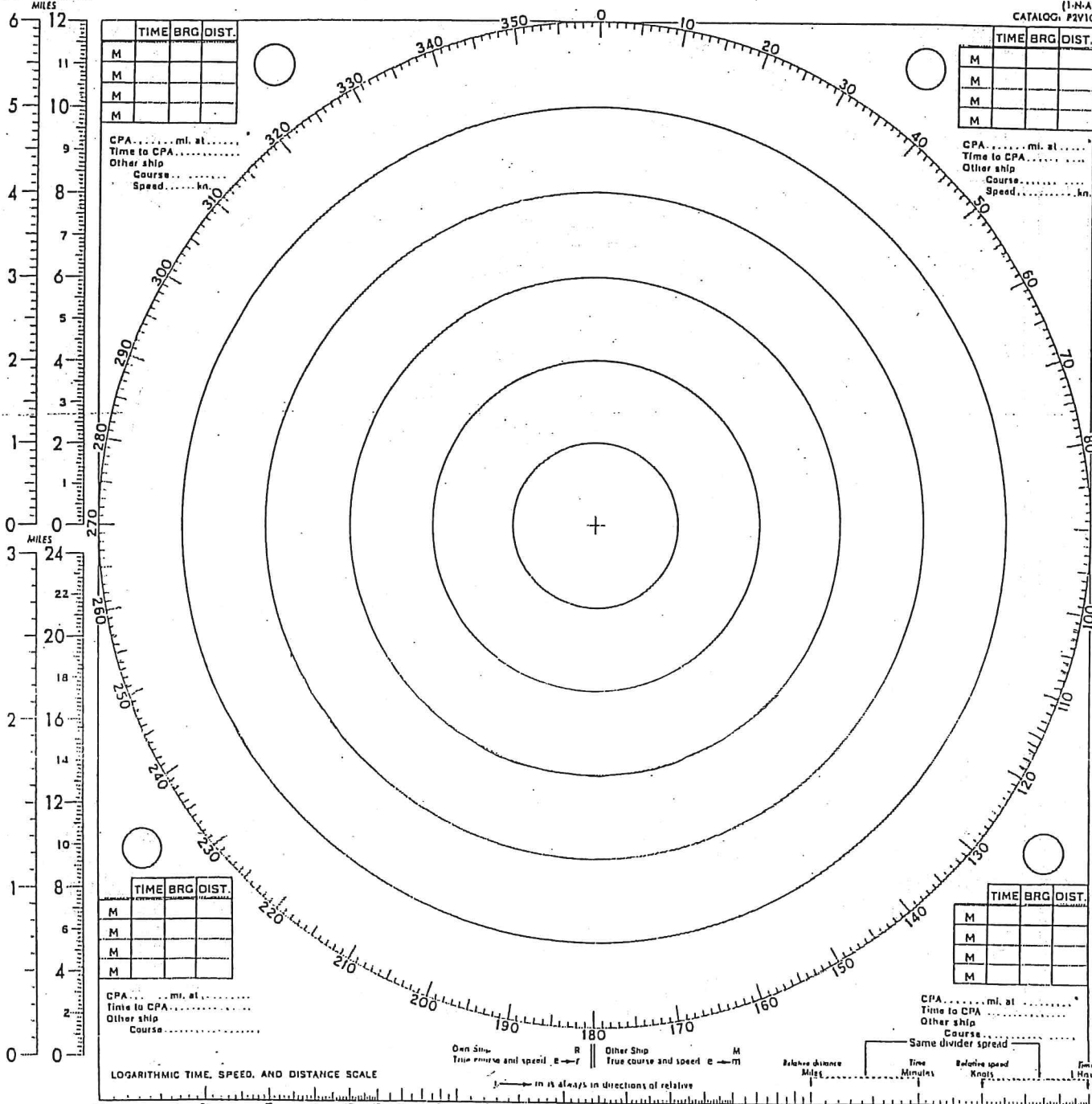
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SPEED SCALE

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LOGARITHMIC TIME, SPEED, AND DISTANCE SCALE

Own Ship True course and speed $R \parallel$ Other Ship True course and speed $e \rightarrow M$

m is always in directions of relative

Relative distance

Same divider spread

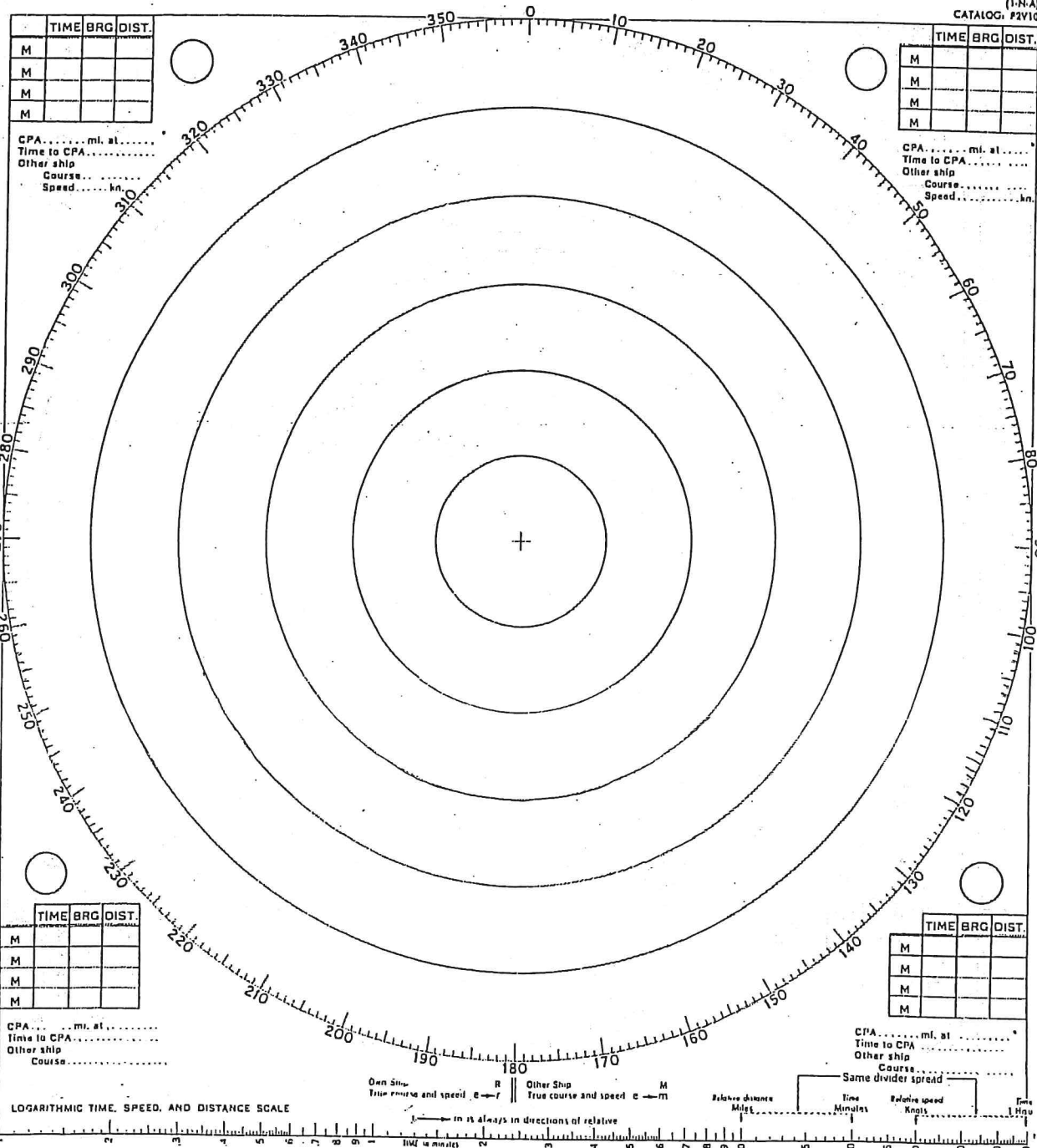
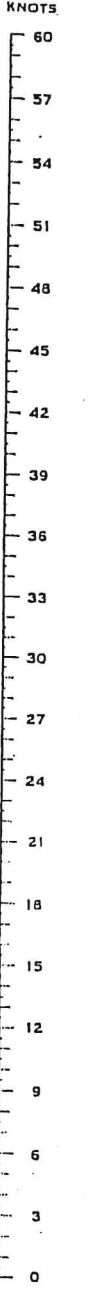
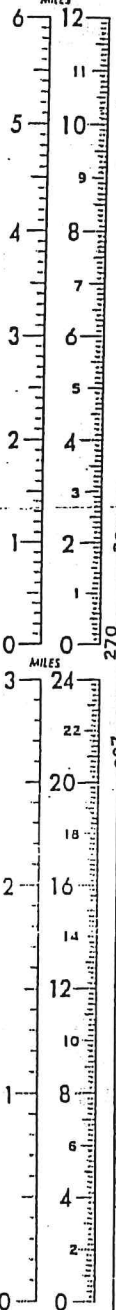
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Own Ship's Initial Course Speed
 Summary of action taken

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SPEED SCALE



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CPA.....mi. at.....
Time to CPA.....
Other ship.....
Course.....
Speed.....kn.

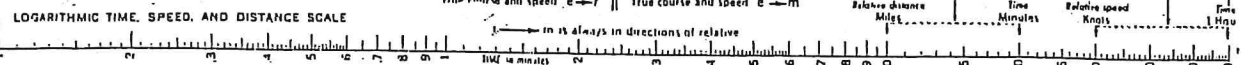
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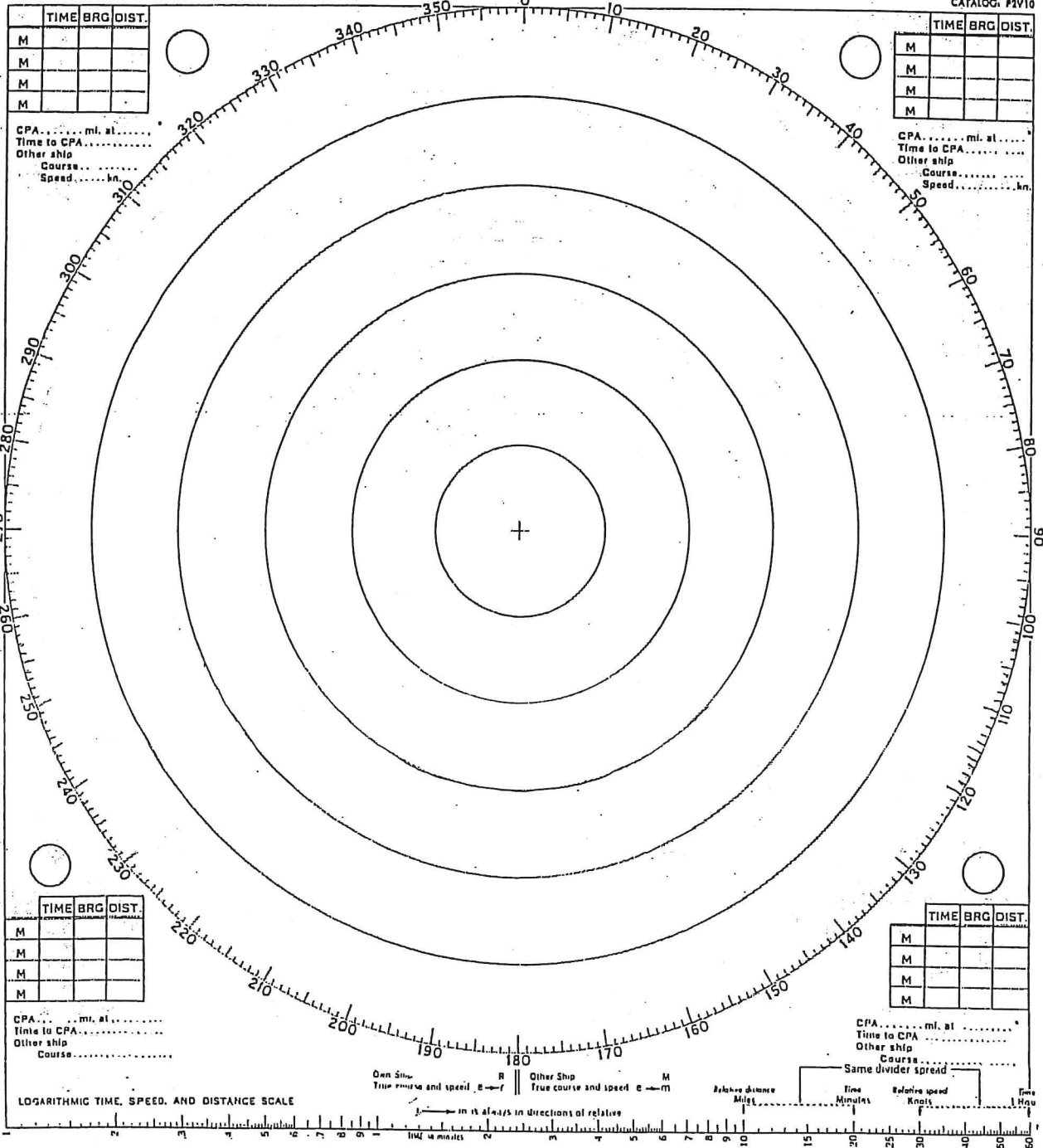
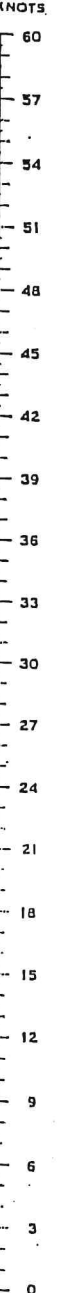


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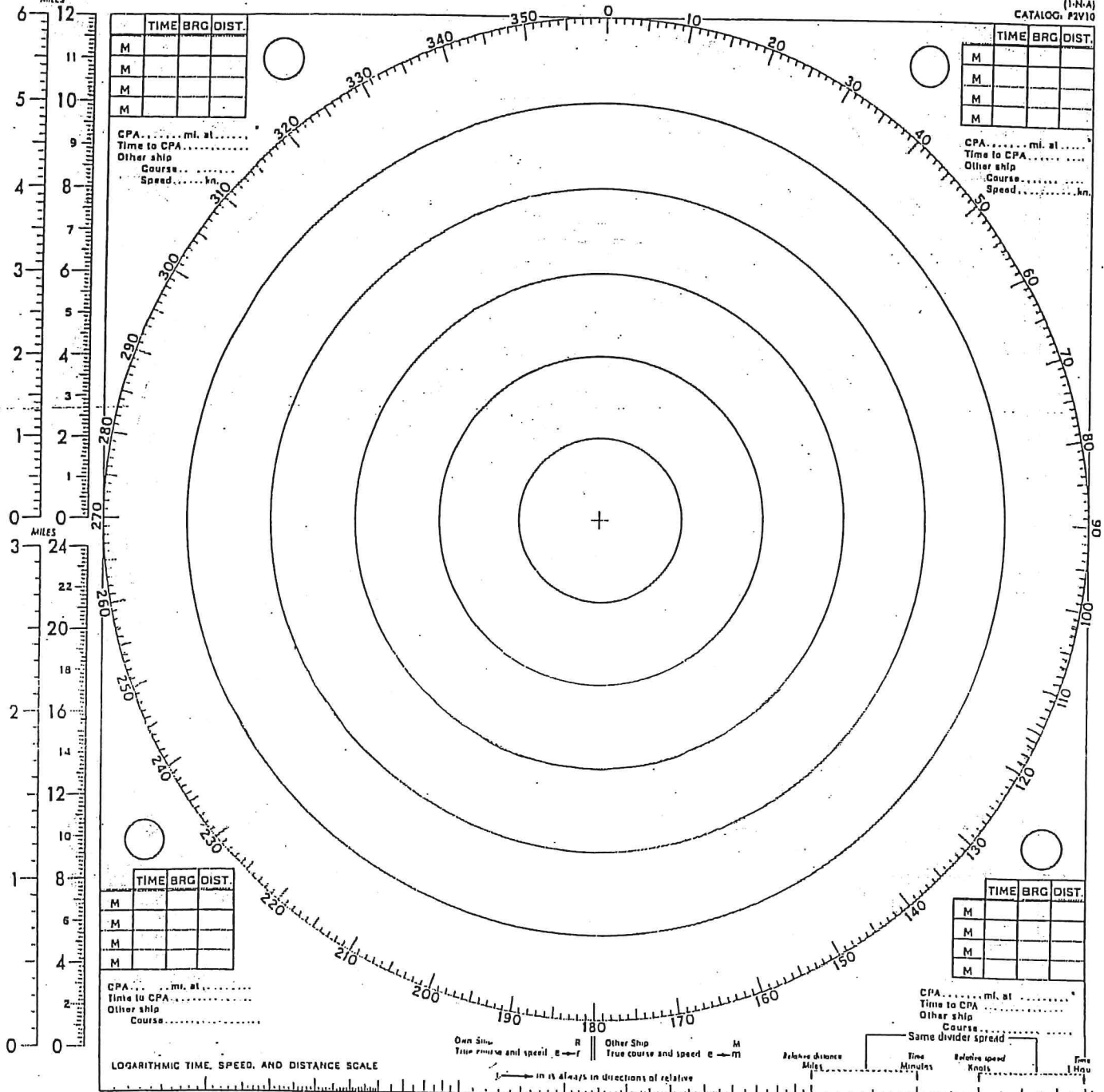


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Summary of action taken.....

DISTANCE SCALES
Radar Range Setting
MILES

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SPEED SCALE
KNOTS



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LOGARITHMIC TIME, SPEED, AND DISTANCE SCALE
Own Ship True course and speed $R \rightarrow$ Other Ship True course and speed $e \rightarrow M$
Relative distance Miles Time Minutes Relative speed Knots Time Hour

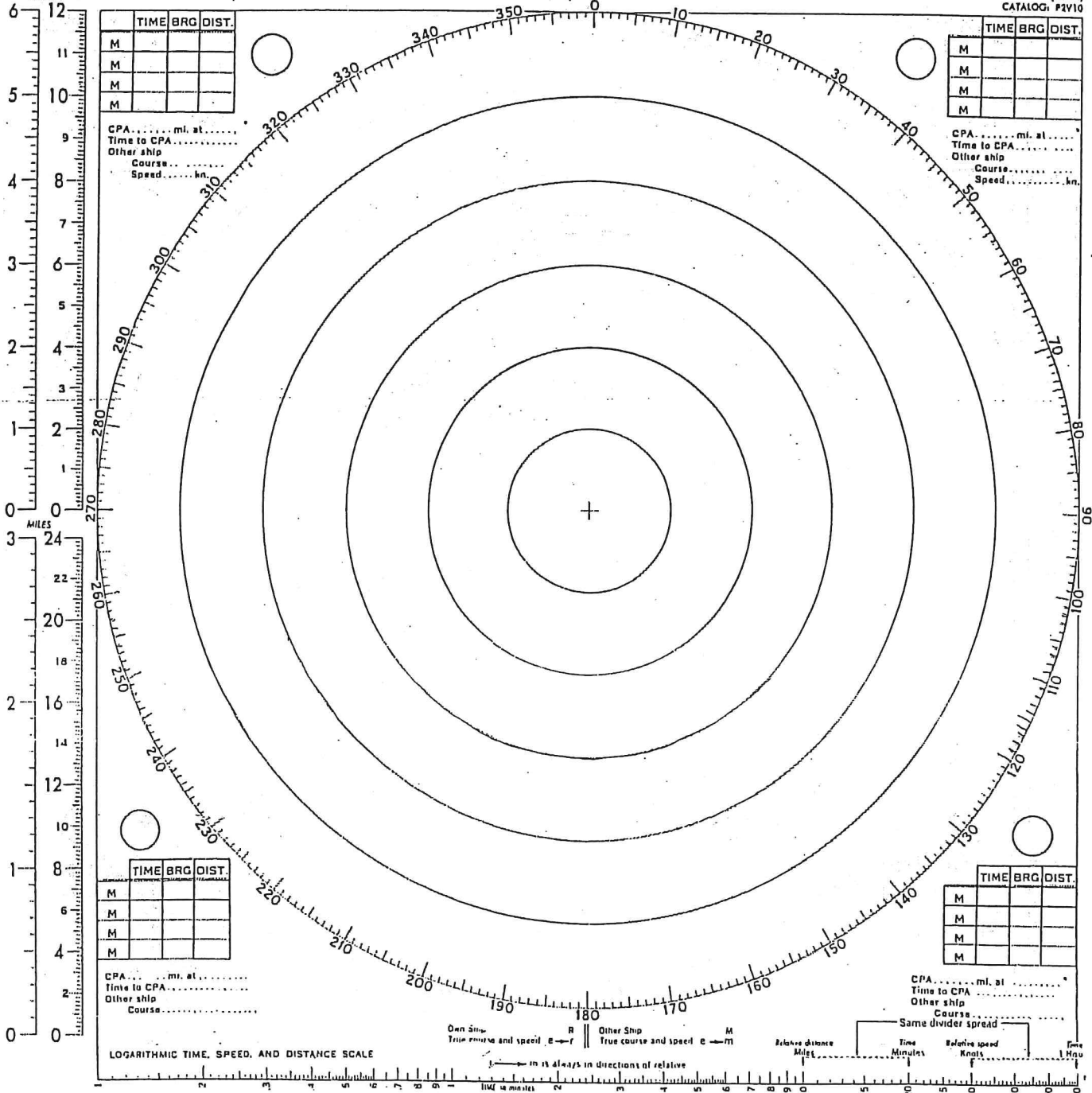
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SPEED SCALE
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LOGARITHMIC TIME, SPEED, AND DISTANCE SCALE

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Relative distance Same divider spread Time Relative speed

Miles Minutes Knots Hour

in it always in directions of relative

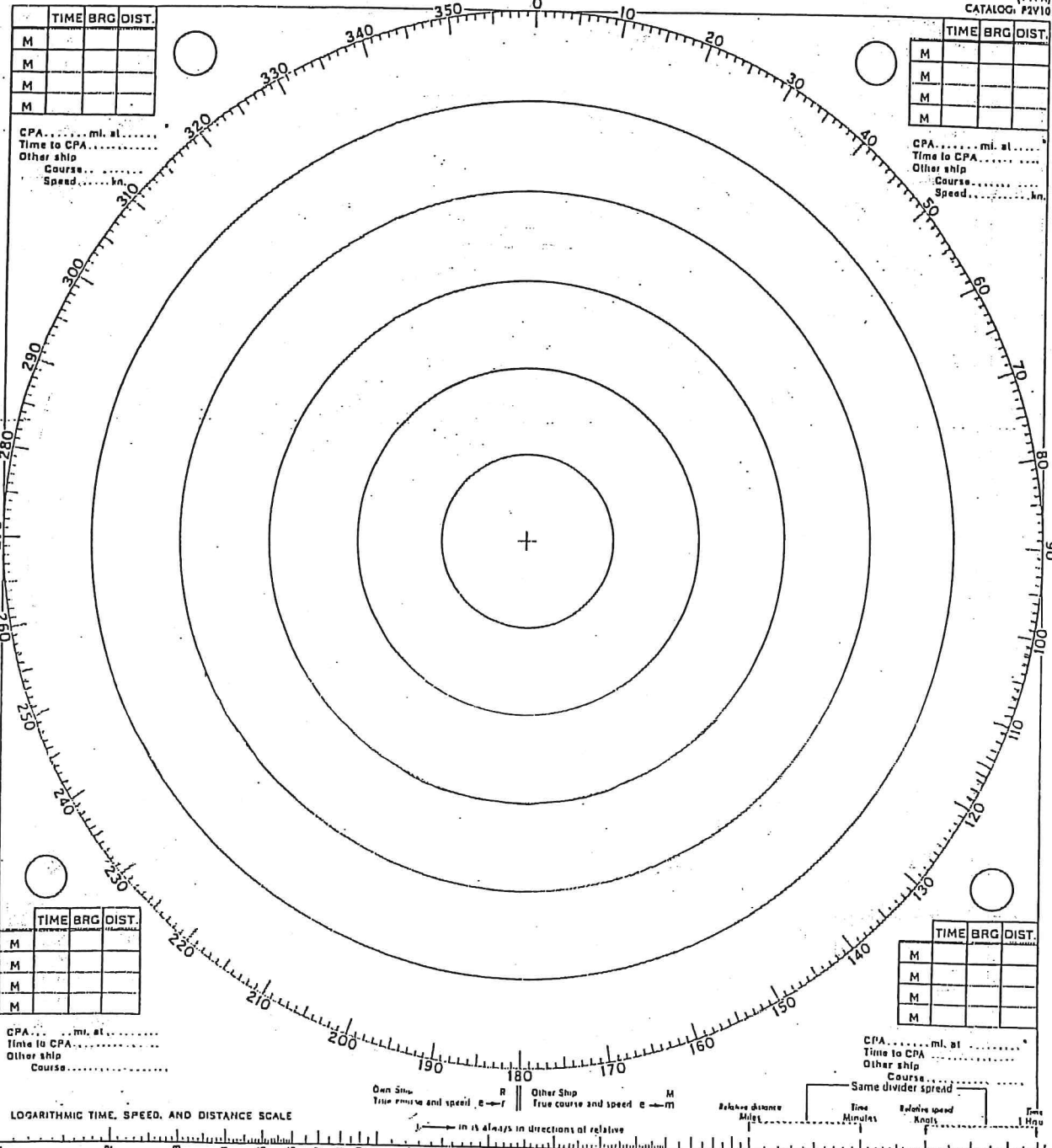
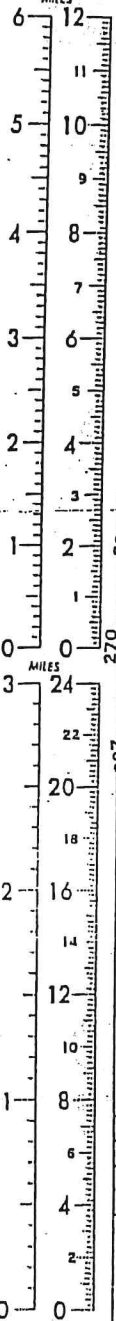
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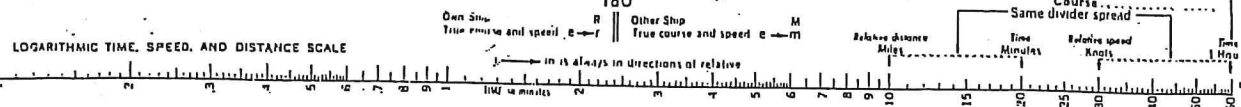
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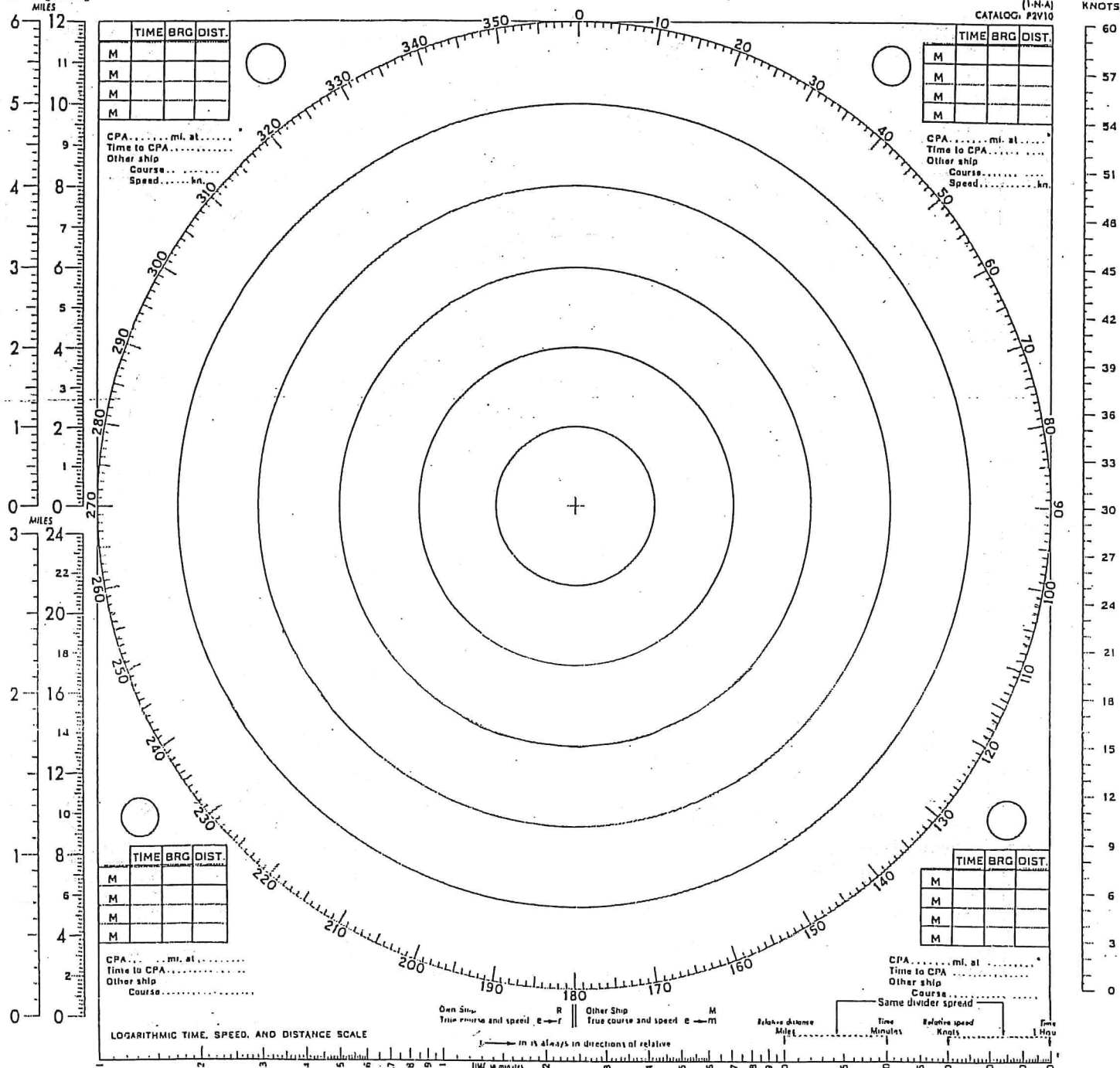


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