

SECRET

U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA

4 July 1942

DAILY WAR DIARY

(a) No change.

(b) No change.

(c) No change.

(d) Position zone plus 3 time:

0800 Lat 44°-29' N Long 60°-19' W.

1200 Lat 44°-11' N Long 61°-42' W.

2000 Lat 44°-38' N Long 61°-00' W.

Dense fog shut in at 0405 and continued throughout day.

(e) About 0100, O.T.C. directed SIBONEY and AORANGI to rendezvous at Halifax. Commencing at 0108, convoy and escort were turned from course 090° to 250° with the intention of entering Halifax, assembling entire convoy and escort and proceeding thence to destination. Fog shut in at 0405. Changed speed to 15 knots at 0514.

O.T.C. received word of the arrival at Halifax of SIBONEY and AORANGI from sea, and of the destroyers EMMONS and MC COMB from Boston to join the escort. As fog continued in Halifax and at sea, O.T.C. decided to fix a rendezvous at sea for convoy and SIBONEY and AORANGI under escort of EMMONS and MC COMB. Accordingly, convoy speed was changed to 10 knots at 1220, and at 1317 commenced a change of course to 050°, completing at 1439. At 1726 changed convoy course to 070° and continued at 10 knots along prescribed convoy track.

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