

**SECRET**

U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA

19 August 1942

DAILY WAR DIARY

- (a) U.S. Atlantic Fleet Operation Plan 2-42. PHILADELPHIA flagship of Commander Cruiser Division EIGHT, is attached to Task Force 21, under direct command of Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.
- (b) Commander Task Force Operation Plan 37P of 16 August 1942.
- (c) H.M.S. DASHER not present. Did not sortie from New York with convoy.
- (d) 0430 underway. 0540 passed through gate. 0840 passed point Zed at outer end of swept channel New York Ambrose Channel Entrance.

Position zone plus 4 time:

1200 Lat. 39°-43' N	Long. 72°-32'-30" W
2000 Lat. 39°-12'-30" N	Long. 70°-36'-00" W

Smooth sea. Excellent flying weather except surface visibility reduced at times to three miles. Convoy covered by shore-based aircraft until dark.

- (e) H.M.S. DASHER a straggler. Formed special cruising disposition, no number. Conducted tracking drill on towed sleeve. Launched four planes for A/S patrol and to exercise in repelling simulated attack made by twelve army bombers. Fired test shots from 1.1 and 20 mm. batteries. Recovered aircraft. Recovered four planes.
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