

UNITED STATES SHIP USS PHILADELPHIA (CL41) Friday, 18 December, 1942
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 2 1/2

REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

1. No change to report.
2. Operating in accordance with operation plan 1-35.
3. Positions: 0800 - 34°54'00" N. 1200 - 34°54'30" N. 2000 - 34°50'00"N.
40°01'00" W. 38°58'00" W. 36°46'00"W.
4. 0000 zigzagging on base course 089°(T). Speed 14 knots (140 r.p.m.) in company with Task Force 35 escorting convoy U.G.F.-3. ComCruDiv 8 in this vessel O.T.C. Ship darkened, in material condition Baker Plus and condition of readiness II-Mike. Boilers numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, and 8 in use. On station 1,000 yards bearing 234°(T) from USS NEW YORK, guide of the convoy. 0300 ceased zigzagging, resumed base course 089°(T). 0630 commenced zigzagging on base course 089°(T). 0714 lighted ship. 0735 sighted convoy G.U.F.-2, bearing 060°(T), range 19,500. 0900 held General Quarters for drill. 1000 commenced maneuvering on various courses and at various speeds for firing practice. 1042 commenced maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to regain station. 1140 regained station, commenced zigzagging on base course 089°(T) in accordance with plan No. 11 at 14 knots, 140 r.p.m. 1700 adjusted base course to 096°(T). 2100 Destroyer No. 6 established TBS contact with USS PARKER. 2355 contacted USS PARKER on TBS. During daylight hours weather unfavorable to carry out A/S patrol.
5. 1000 commenced firing exercise for 1.1, 20 MM, and 5" batteries. 1042 completed firing exercise. Ammunition expended: 18 rounds 5" 25 cal., 147 rounds 1"1./75, and 448 rounds of 20MM.
6. Nothing to report.
7. Nothing to report.
8. Nothing to report.