

UNITED STATES SHIP USS PHILADELPHIA (CL41) Saturday, 19 December, 1942
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 2½ plus 2.

REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

1. No change to report.
2. Operating in accordance with operation plan 1-35.
3. Positions: 0800 - 34°35'30" N. 1200 - 34°34'00" N. 2000 - 34°25'00" N.
33°34'00" W. 32°38'00" W. 30°44'00" W.
4. 0000 steaming on base course 096°(T), zigzagging on plan No. 11. Ship is darkened in material condition Baker Plus, condition of readiness II Mike. Boilers numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, and 8 in use on main steam line. Engines in cruising combination. ComCruDiv-8 in this vessel O.T.C. and DESTROYER SQUADRON 15 plus USS NEW YORK escorting convoy U.G.F.-3. USS PHILADELPHIA stationed 1,000 yards ahead and bears 121°(T) from USS NEW YORK. 0358 ship sighted on horizon bearing 180°(T), carrying running lights and unidentified. 0400 ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 096°(T). 0605 sounded Flight Quarters. 0630 commenced zigzagging according to plan 11. 0640 catapulted plane 8-CS-3. 0640.5 catapulted plane 8-CS-5. (Note) plane No. 3 instructed to make sweep 25 miles astern, after first sweep ahead, to locate USS PARKER, joining up. 0854 catapulted plane 8-CS-4. 0900 sounded General Quarters for crew exercises. 0907 sighted USS PARKER bearing 245°(T), distance approximately 7 miles. 0945 secured from material condition "Affirm" set material condition "Baker" plus. 0947 changed speed 10 knots, 105 r.p.m. 0959 secured from General Quarters - set condition II Mike. 1115 ceased zigzagging, resumed base course 096°(T). 1125 catapulted plane 8-CS-2. 1127 commenced on various courses at various speeds to recover aircraft. 1130 commenced zigzagging on base course 096°(T). 1135 recovered plane 8-CS-4. 1145 catapulted plane 8-CS-4. 1155 recovered planes 8-CS-3 and 8-CS-5. 1400 half-masted colors for funeral services aboard USS MERVINE. 1415 changed speed to maneuver clear of formation prior to firing 5-inch 25 cal. battery target practice. 1502 ceased firing at termination of AA target practice and maneuvered to regain station. 1530 commenced maneuvering at various courses at various speeds to recover aircraft. 1557 recovered plane 8-CS-4. 1630 recovered plane 8-CS-2.
5. 1439 commenced firing AA target practice. Expended 18 rounds of 5-inch 25 cal. ammunition during practice.
6. Nothing to report.
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8. Nothing to report.