

UNITED STATES SHIP USS PHILADELPHIA (CL41) Wednesday, 23 December, 1942  
(Day) (Date) (Month)ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 1/2 Plus 0

## REMARKS

**CONFIDENTIAL**

1. No change to report.
2. Operating in accordance with operation plan 1-35.
3. Positions: 0800 - 34°26'00" N. 1200 - 34°52'00" N. 2000 - 35°16'00" N.  
11°23'00" W. 10°51'00" W. 09°59'00" W.
4. 0000 zigzagging on base course 071°(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. 0615 Destroyer No. 5 ordered to investigate light bearing 008°(T). 0650 sighted ship bearing 025°(T), distance 12 miles - identified as SS CALANDA, Swill registry, cargo vessel on opposite course. 0733 passed SS CALANDA abeam to port, distance 6,000 yards. 0854 ceased zigzagging resumed base course 071°(T). Changed speed to 10 knots, 100 r.p.m. 0900 sounded General Quarters for drill. The following station changes were made in the convoy. STK TICONDEROGA from position 72 to 13. USS SUSAN B ANTHONY from position 51 to 61. USAT BRAZIL from position 52 to 51. USAT ARGENTINA from position 61 to 52. USS THURSTON from position 31 to 32. USAT THOMAS H BERRY from position 32 to 31. 0929 changed course to 031°(T). 0945 changed speed to 14 knots, 140 r.p.m; 1000 commenced zigzagging on base course 031°(T). 1003 secured from General Quarters, set condition II Mike. 1053 ceased zigzagging, resumed base course 031°(T). 1059 commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds for flight operations. 1100 convoy changed course to 000°(T). 1130 convoy commenced zigzagging on base course 000°(T). 1430 left station in convoy for firing of 20 MM. and 1.10 batteries in anti-torpedo practice. Using zigzag plan and proceeding at various speeds to keep clear of main body. 1545 maneuvering to recover aircraft. 1555 maneuvering to regain station. 1615 changed course to 090°(T). 1700 changed course to 127°(T). 1730 commenced zigzagging plan No 30., base course 127°(T). Speed 14 knots, 140 r.p.m. 2015 changed convoy speed to 13 knots, 130 r.p.m. 2020 light sighted bearing 160°(T), distance approximately 20,000 yards. 2030 passed lighted vessel on course 260°(T). Speed 12 knots. Well clear to starboard - range 4,000 yards. 2040 unidentified aircraft reported astern of convoy by destroyer. 2100 plane identified as friendly.
5. Commenced firing 20MM and 1.10 machine guns. Expended 480 rounds of 20MM ammunition and 130 rounds of 1.10 cal. ammunition.
6. Nothing to report.
7. Nothing to report.
8. Nothing to report.