

UNITED STATES SHIP U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA (CL41) Tuesday, 29 December, 1942  
(Day) (Date) (Month)ZONE DESCRIPTION Minus 1 and 0.

REMARKS

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1. Enroute Casablanca, French Morocco to United States. Convoy G.U.F.-3 consisting of 9 ships escorted by the U.S.S. NEW YORK and U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA and screened by DESTROYER SQUADRON 15. C.T.F. 35 (ComCruDiv-8 in U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA) O.T.C., U.S. Atlantic Fleet. Convoy is formed in 4 columns, distance between columns 700 yards, distance between ships in columns 500 yards. The U.S.S. NEW YORK, convoy guide, is leader of second column. U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA is stationed 1,000 yards, twenty five degrees on starboard bow of the U.S.S. NEW YORK. DESTROYER SQUADRON 15 is stationed on a semi-circle from approximately 8,000 yards on each beam of the guide to 6,000 yards ahead of the guide.
2. Operating in accordance with operation plan 1-35.
3. Positions: 0800 -  $33^{\circ}36'47''$  N. 1200 -  $33^{\circ}40'00''$  N. 2000 -  $34^{\circ}00'30''$  N.  
 $07^{\circ}36'42''$  W.  $07^{\circ}42'00''$  W.  $09^{\circ}19'30''$  W.
4. 0000 moored Casablanca, French Morocco stern to breakwater with 1 chain, 1 wire and 2 manila lines with 60 fathoms of chain to port anchor and 80 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor in 7 fathoms of water. Ship darkened in material condition Baker Plus. Watches set on 4, 20MM machine guns and 2, 5-inch anti-aircraft guns. ComCruDiv-8 in this vessel. Fires lighted under boilers No. 1 and 2. 0700 lighted fires under boilers No. 3 and 4. 0815 U.S.S. BARRY underway. 0817 U.S.S. OSPREY and PC-481 underway and stood out. 0820 pilot G.L. Combrade came aboard. 0825 PC-474 underway. 0830 took in manila lines to breakwater. 0856 let go chain to breakwater. 0901 commenced heaving in port and starboard anchor. 0927 underway. Pilot G.L. Combrade, Captain, Executive Officer on bridge. Ship assisted by 2 tugs. 0936 both tugs cast off. 0940 steadied on course  $062^{\circ}(T)$ . at 5 knots, 50 r.p.m. Passed through inner anti-submarine net. Pilot left the ship. Set condition of readiness II Mike. 0950 changed course to  $269^{\circ}(T)$ . 1000 commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds conforming to swept channel. 1015 fires lighted under boilers No. 7 and 8. 1135 took on eighty one (81) tons of salt water. 1249 passed buoy "X" abeam to port, distant 50 yards, bearing  $265^{\circ}(T)$ . 1251 U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA hoisted guide. Fell astern of PC boat, convoy forming single column. 1330 held General Quarters set condition "Affirm". 1342 passed buoy "M" abeam to starboard, bearing  $082^{\circ}(T)$ , distance 200 yards. 1400 NEW YORK assumed guide. Shifted to cruising combination. 1424 secured from General Quarters, set condition of readiness II Mike. 1437 passed buoy No. 7 abeam to starboard, bearing  $063.5^{\circ}(T)$ , distance 150 yards. 1441 changed course to  $300^{\circ}(T)$ , convoy formed in four columns. 1524 changed course to  $270^{\circ}(T)$ , speed 14 knots, 140 r.p.m. 1600 commenced zigzagging on plan No. 30, base course  $270^{\circ}(T)$ . 1642 changed speed to 13 knots, 130 r.p.m. 1700 sighted two ships, hull down, bearing  $200^{\circ}(T)$ . 1745 ships identified as merchant vessels - passed well clear of convoy. 1855 ceased zigzagging resumed base course  $270^{\circ}(T)$ . 1900 set clocks back 60 minutes to G.C.T. 1930 established contact with convoy escort G.U.S.-3.
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