

UNITED STATES SHIP USS PHILADELPHIA (CL41) Thursday 31 December 1942  
(Day) (Date) (Month)ZONE DESCRIPTION 0

## REMARKS

**CONFIDENTIAL**

1. No change to report.
2. Operating in accordance with operation plan 1-35.
3. Positions: 0800 - 35°48'00" N. 07°36'00" W. 1200 - 35°50'00" N. 06°55'00" W. 2000 - 34°56'00" N. 08°10'00" W.
4. 0000 steaming on base course 075°(T). Speed 13 knots, 130 r.p.m. in company with Task Force 35 escorting convoy G.U.F.-3. Ship darkened in material condition Baker Plus and condition of readiness II Mike. Boilers numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, and 8 in use. ComCruDiv-8 in this vessel. 0130 commenced zigzagging on base course 075°(T). 0740 sighted ship. 0750 ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 075°(T). 0800 commenced zigzagging on plan No. 36, base course 075°(T), speed 13 knots, 130 r.p.m. 0810 changed the course to 080°(T). 0900 held General Quarters for drill. 0950 secured from General Quarters and set condition of readiness II Mike. 1200 ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 080°(T). 1205 changed base course to 125°(T). 1239 changed base course to 170°(T). 1310 changed base course to 225°(T). 1321 sighted convoy G.U.F.-3 (O) and (G), bearing 100°(T), distance 20 miles. 1340 changed course to 235°(T). 1357 convoy turned to course 185°(T). 1358 sighted two fishing boats, hull down, bearing 030°(T). 1403 changed convoy speed to 12 knots, 120 r.p.m. 1415 changed course to 165°(T). 1423 changed course to 205°(T). 1427 changed course to 235°(T). 1430 changed speed to 10 knots, 100 r.p.m. 1443 changed course to 215°(T). 1453 changed course to 255°(T). 1512 changed course to 205°(T). Radar reported unidentified aircraft bearing 260°(T), range 40 miles. 1523 plane reported as friendly. 1528 changed course to 235°(T). 1600 convoy formed in 7 columns with the following new ships joining up in the positions indicated: U.S.S. SAMUEL CHASE (11). U.S.S. ELIZABETH C STANTON (21). U.S.S. FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE (12). USAT JAMES PARKER (22). U.S.S. DOROTHY DIX (13). USAT H.F. ALEXANDER (23). U.S.S. MAMMOUTH (33). S.S. ANVERS (14). U.S.S. LYON (34). 1603 changed course to 238°(T). 1614 changed speed to 14 knots, 140 r.p.m. 1622 ship sighted bearing 028°(T), distance 21,000 yards. 1625 commenced zigzagging on base course 238°(T). 1650 ship sighted was identified as the S.S. BULKOIL and ordered to join convoy and take position (73). 1830 ceased zigzagging and decreased speed to 13½ knots, 135 r.p.m.
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