

UNITED STATES SHIP U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA (CL41) Friday 1 January 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION 0 Plus 1.

REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

1. No change to report.
2. Operating in accordance with operation plan 1-35.
3. Positions: 0800 - 33°28'30" N. 1200 - 32°58'00" N. 2000 - 32°04'00" N.
 10°49'00" W. 11°44'00" W. 13°51'00" W.
4. 0000 steaming on base course 238°(T). Speed 13½ knots, 135 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 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, and 8 in use. ComCruDiv-8 in this vessel. 0200 commenced zigzagging on base course 238°(T). 0204 sighted lighted vessel bearing 195°(T) on opposite course distance 9 miles. 0225 No. 6 destroyer was ordered to divert merchantman, No. 8 DD taking No. 8 position during absence. 0320 No. 6 and 8 regained former stations. No. 6 reported merchantman as small one-stack coastal vessel, name unknown. 0341 changed speed to 14 knots, 140 r.p.m. 0836 left position in convoy formation to conduct damage control exercises. At various speeds and courses. 0840 U.S.S. NEW YORK assumed tactical command. 0900 sounded General Quarters for drill. 0930 vessel sighted hull down one point on port bow. 0941 vessel identified as small steamer, range 15,800 yards. 0949 destroyer sent to investigate strange vessel. 0954 maneuvering to regain position having secured from damage control exercises. 0955 vessel seen to be flying Portuguese flag. 0958 destroyer investigated vessel (Portuguese fishing craft), returned to former position. 1008 secured from General Quarters, set condition II Mike. 1030 regained station. Tactical command returned to U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA. 1441 firing 5-inch anti-aircraft practice. 1508 completed firing exercises. 1800 ceased zigzagging, decreased speed to 13.5 knots, 135 r.p.m. 1815 changed course to 250°(T). 1830 passed oil slick to port about 250 yards distance. 1900 set clocks back 60 minutes to conform with time zone plus 1.
5. 1441 commenced firing 5-inch anti-aircraft practice. Expended 23 rounds of ammunition. 18 rounds of service, 5 rounds of starshell projectiles.
6. Nothing to report.
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8. Nothing to report.