

UNITED STATES SHIP U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA (CL41) Sunday 31 January 1942
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 1 1/2 plus 2.

REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

1. No change to report.
2. Operating in accordance with operation plan 1-35.
3. Positions: 0800 - 31°41'00" N. 1200 - 31°36'30" N. 2000 - 32°01'00" N.
 22°52'00" W. 23°35'00" W. 25°41'00" W.
4. 0000 steaming on base course 275°(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. Com Cru Div-8 in this vessel. 0330 commenced zigzagging on plan No. 11, base course 275°(T). 0720 ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 275°(T). 0730 commenced zigzagging on plan No. 30, base course 275°(T). Speed 10 knots, 100 r.p.m. 1055 proceeding on various courses at various speeds to launch and recover aircraft. 1125 convoy ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. 1131 U.S.S. DORAN, returning to station from refueling, reported sound contact. Made emergency 45° turn to port to course 230°(T). 1135 changed convoy speed to 14 knots, 140 r.p.m. 1139 made emergency turn of 45° to starboard, course 275°(T). 1143 convoy commenced zigzagging on course 275°(T). 1155 U.S.S. DORAN directed to stay with contact for 2 hours. 1333 sounded General Quarters for drill. 1435 secured from General Quarters, set condition II Mike. 1656 maneuvering to recover aircraft. 1730 resumed station in convoy. 1800 ceased zigzagging and resumed base course together. Changed speed to 13 1/2 knots, 135 r.p.m. 2025 U.S.S. EARLE, destroyer 8, stationed at rear of convoy, reported radar contact bearing 208°(T), distance 10,000. 2113 No. 8 illuminated target and opened fire with all batteries. Target was conning tower of submarine, which submerged in about 1 minute. No. 8 reported hits with 20 and 40MM machine guns, and 1 possible 5-inch hit. Proceeded to attack with depth charges. No. 9 (U.S.S. PARKER) detailed to assist in search. Both destroyers were directed to remain with contact and to rejoin convoy prior to sunset tomorrow (Jan. 4). 2152 No. 9 regained contact and dropped charge. Contact lost by both DD's. 2245 remaining destroyers assigned to following stations. No. 1 - 5,000 yards bearing 313°(T) from guide U.S.S. BRATTY. No. 2, - 5,000 yards bearing 277°(T) from guide, U.S.S. MERVINE. No. 3, - 5,200 yards bearing 345°(T) from guide U.S.S. QUICK. No. 4, - 5,200 yards bearing 245°(T) from guide U.S.S. KNIGHT. No. 5, - 6,000 yards bearing 015°(T) from guide, U.S.S. DORAN. No. 6, - 6,000 yards bearing 215°(T) from guide U.S.S. COWIE. U.S.S. TILMAN assigned to station in rear of convoy. Maintained continuous A/S aircraft patrol during daylight hours.
5. 1438 commenced firing 20MM machine guns, No. 15, and 16 for practice. 1514 ceased firing machine guns, having fired 634 rounds of ammunition.
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