

UNITED STATES SHIP U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA (CL41) ^(Day) Wednesday ^(Date) 3 ^(Month) February, 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 4.

REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

1. No change to report.
2. No operational plan.
3. Positions: 0800 - 37°14'48" N. 1200 - 36°59'00" N. 2000 - 30°00'00" N.
76°06'00" W. 75°28'00" W. 73°25'00" W.
4. 0000 anchored off York Spit Channel in 8 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. 0554 lighted fires under boiler #2. 0630 lighted fires under boilers #3 and #4. 0810 UNDERWAY, proceeding down the channel seaward on various courses and speeds. 0828 catapulted plane #8-CS-4. 0930 secured Special Sea Detail - set Condition II Mike. 1005 left Chesapeake Bay, steaming down channel at 16 knots, 160 r.p.m. on course 135°(T). 1040 passed buoy CB point "B" abeam to port, distance 250 yards. Changed course to 046°(T). 1117 passed buoy 16CLS, point "C" abeam to port, distant 250 yards. Changed course to 090°(T). 1125 recovered plane #4. 1211 passed whistle buoy, point "P", abeam to port, distant 250 yards. Changed course to 078°(T). 1300 launched the following aircraft; navigational flights Plane #8-CS-4, #8-CS-3, #8-CS-2 and #8-CS-5. 1406 changed speed to 17 knots, 170 r.p.m. 1409 passed channel entrance whistle buoy abeam to port. 1415 commenced zigzagging on base course 078°(T) in accordance with plan #11. 1418 launched plane #8-CS-1. 1434 changed speed to 18 knots, 180 r.p.m. 1601 adjusted base course to 034°(T). 1635 recovered 5 planes. 1640 sound contact reported by U.S.S. BEATTY. Ship went to condition of Submarine Emergency. 1650 secured from Submarine Emergency. 1755 sighted Navy Blimp and 3 ships on horizon. 1845 ceased zigzagging, resumed base course 034°(T). 1848 Screening destroyer (USS BEATTY) rejoined and took station 40 relative on port bow, distance 3000 yards. 2026 changed course to 032°(T); sent USS BEATTY to investigate, lights on horizon, bearing 340°(T). 2224 USS BEATTY reports several lights on approximate bearing 340°(T) which appear to be coming from small craft. 2242 USS BEATTY ordered to resume station. 2300 USS BEATTY on station.
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