

ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. Philadelphia (CL 41)

Date February 19, 1943.

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1. No change to report.
2. Operating in accordance with plan 1-36.
3. Positions: 0800 - 34°02'00" N. 1200 - 33°57'00" N.
09°32'30" W. 08°25'00" W.
4. 0000 zigzagging on base course 105°(T), speed 14 knots, 140 r.p.m., in company with Task Force 36, escorting U.G.F. -5. Comcrudiv -8 aboard this vessel. Ship darkened, in material condition "Baker-Plus", and in condition of readiness "II Mike". 0130 set clocks ahead one-half hour to zone "O" time. 0711 changed convoy speed to 15 knots, 150 r.p.m. 0720 two P.B.Y.s sighted off port bow. 0725 sighted escort vessel off port bow. 0721 changed base course to 099°(T). 0745 changed base course to 094°(T), and ceased zigzagging. 0800 the following ships were detached from the convoy to proceed to ORAN, ALGERIA under British escort: U.S.S. SUSAN B. ANTHONY, U.S.S. KLIZABETH C. STANTON, U.S.S. THURSTON, U.S.S. LYON, U.S.S. FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE, U.S.S. LAKEHURST, U.S.A.T.H.F. ALEXANDER, U.S.A.T. ACADIA, M.V. SLOTERDYK, S.S. ESSO PHILADELPHIA, and S.S. COLINA. 0804 changed speed to 16½ knots, 165 r.p.m. 0830 commenced zigzagging on base course 094°(T). 0900 U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA took position 1000 yards ahead of convoy, and assumed guide; the convoy now consisting of three columns, as follows: column 1, U.S.S. ARKANSAS, U.S.A.T. THOMAS H. BARRY, U.S.A.T. JAMES PARKER, M.V. ATHLONE CASTLE. Column 2, S.S. ARGENTINA, S.S. HAWAIIAN SKIPPER, S.S. BRAZIL, U.S. SEA TRAIN TEXAS. Column 3, U.S.A.T. SIBONEY, and S.S. OKLAHOMA. The screen remains as before. 0900 completed pumping salt water ballast, 321.6 tons. 1038 changed speed to 17 knots, 170 r.p.m. 1233 sighted vessel hull down bearing 087°(T), and identified as friendly. 1245 sighted three vessels on starboard bow; identified as friendly. 1252 changed speed to 17½ knots, 175 r.p.m., and base course to 094°(T). 1402 Ceased zigzagging. 1407 convoy formed single column for entrance to channel. 1408 steaming on various courses and speeds for passage through mine fields and swept channel, with U.S.S. RAVEN acting as guide vessel. 1438 sighted land. 1500 held general quarters, setting material condition "Able". 1522 secured boiler No. 7. 1524 held abandon ship drill. 1530 secured boiler No. 8. 1533 passed buoy "M". 1540 secured from "abandon ship" drill. 1548 secured from material condition "Able", and set material condition "Baker-Plus". 1549 passed buoy "P". 1558 secured from general quarters. 1636 anchored off CASABLANCA, FRENCH MOROCCO, in fifteen fathoms of water, with forty-five fathoms of chain to the port anchor, and on the following bearings: BREAK-WATER 162°(T), BLACK ROCK LIGHT 147°(T), and EL HANK 236°(T). 1654 secured boilers Nos. 3 and 4. 2010 radar made contact with planes. Sounded air-raid alarm, and set torpedo defense. Set special sea detail, manned anti-aircraft stations. 2012 lighted boilers Nos. 3 and 4. 2016 secured from torpedo defense and anti-aircraft defense. 2020 ceased heaving short, and secured chain at 30 fathoms at the waters edge. 2321 secured boilers Nos. 3, and 4. 2025 secured special sea detail, and set condition II Mike Air.
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