

ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. PHILADELPHIA (CL 41)

Date February 27, 1943.

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Time zone -I.

1. Enroute CASABLANCA, FRENCH MOROCCO to NEW YORK, escorting convoy G.U.F.-5, consisting of seven ships: S.S. ARGENTINA, U.S.S. THOMAS H. BARRY, U.S.S. SEA TRAIN TEXAS, U.S.A.T. SIBONEY, S.S. OKLAHOMA S.S. BRAZIL, and S.S. HAWAIIAN SHIPPER. Convoy escorted by U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA, and U.S.S. ARKANSAS, and screened by the following destroyers: U.S.S. MERVINE, U.S.S. BEATTY, U.S.S. MACOMB, U.S.S. EMMONS, U.S.S. QUICK, U.S.S. KNIGHT, U.S.S. DORAN, U.S.S. EARLE, and U.S.S. DAVISON. CTF-36, (COM-CRU-DIV-8), in U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA, O.T.C. U.S. ATLANTIC FLEET.
2. Operating in accordance with operational plan #1-36.
3. Positions: 0800-33°40'00"N. 1200-34°13'30"N. 2000-34°42'00"N.
07°33'00"W. 07°40'00"W. 08°47'00"W.
4. 0235 sighted two red flares on bearing 030(T). 0625 cut in boilers Nos.1 and 2. 0725 out in boilers Nos. 3, and 4. 0730 stationed special sea details. 0740 commenced heaving short. 0755 underway on various speeds, and with courses to conform with swept channel. Captain at the Conn; the Executive Officer, and the Navigator on the bridge. Convoy steaming in single column, with U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA as guide. 0813 increased speed to 12 knots (120 rpm), and on course 282°(T). 0815 lighted ship. 0816 secured special sea details. 0834 changed course to 330°(T). 0850 changed course to 335°(T). 0900 held General Quarters for drill. Set material condition "Able". 0901 passed buoy "P" abeam to starboard. Changed course to 325°(T). 0918 passed buoy "M" abeam to starboard. 0941 secured from material condition "Able", and set material condition "Baker-Plus". 0951 secured from General Quarters. Set condition "II Mike-Air" - fourth section. 1018 convoy formed three columns; distance between columns 700 yards, distance between ships, 500 yards. U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA leading left hand column; and U.S.S. ARKANSAS as guide of the formation. 1020 cut in boilers Nos. 7 and 8. 1045 convoy speed increased to 14 knots (140 rpm). Commenced zigzagging on Plan # 11, with base course 035°(T). 1050 sighted strange vessel bearing 070°(T), with range 20,000 yards. 1051 ceased zigzagging. 1100 commenced zigzagging on Plan # 11. 1132 shifted to cruising combination. 1302 ceased zigzagging, and resumed base course 035°(T). 1305 changed course to 015°(T). 1415 commenced zigzagging on Plan # 11. Base course 015°(T), and speed 14 knots (140rpm). 1435 sighted ships of ORAN section of convoy, on horizon, bearing 075°(T). 1443 ceased zigzagging. 1447 changed course to 330°(T). 1459 changed speed to 10 knots, (100 rpm). 1511 changed course to 285°(T). 1523 changed speed to 14 knots, (140 rpm). 1608 changed speed to 10 knots, (100 rpm), and course to 240°(T). 1616 changed course to 229°(T). 1628 convoy, including ORAN section, now ordered to form seven columns, with U.S.S. ARKANSAS as guide, and U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA stationed 025°(R) on the starboard bow of the U.S.S. ARKANSAS, and at a distance of 1000 yards. New ships now included in convoy are: U.S.S. SUSAN B. ANTHONY, U.S.A.T. H.F. ALEXANDER, U.S.S. ELIZABETH C. STANTON, U.S.S. FLORENCE KNITINGALE, U.S.S. LAKEHURST, U.S.S. LYON, U.S.S. THURSTON, M.V. SLOTERDYK, U.S.A.T. ACADIA, S.S. SANTA MARIA, S.S. ESSO PHILADELPHIA, S.S. EXAMINER, S.S. COLINA, U.S.S. WINOOSKI, and S.S. FRED LYKES. 1735 changed speed to 14 knots (140 rpm). 1808 wheeled to course 270°(T). 1910 commenced zigzagging on Plan # 11. 1930 set clocks back one-half hour to Zone -½ time. 1945 ceased zigzagging.
5. 1000 tested 1.10 and 20MM machine guns. Fired 54 rounds, lot 57, and 36 rounds, lot 1, 20MM, and 32 rounds SPD 2630, 1.10/75cal. 1333 fired anti-submarine training exercise, expending 24 rounds 5"/25 BL&T, index SPD 2621.
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