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UNITED STATES SHIP U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA (CL41) Seturday 12 June , 19 43.

Zone description_

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat. 310-15'	-00" N	30°-41' N	30°-08' N
Long. 530-321.	-00" W	520-02' W	50°-01' W

OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)

0 to 4:

As before, 0005 Resumed zig-zagging on plan No. 11, 0100 Set clocks shead to $+1\frac{1}{2}$ zone time, 0313 Ceased zig-zagging came to base course $106^{\circ}(T)$, (p.g.c.).

E.W. BRYKNI Lieut., U.S.N.R.

4 to 8:

As before; 0400 Steaming on course 106°(T) speed 14.5 knots. 0450 Surface contact reported on port side of convoy, adjusted position to aid in investigation. Steaming on various courses and speeds to intercept stranger. 0534 General Quarters. 0600 Stranger answered challenge correctly. 0606 Catapulted plane 8-CS-3, Pilot, Lieut. Mishanec, passenger Pierson ARM2/c. 0615 Stranger identified as American. 0618 Catapulted plane 8-CS-2, Pilot, Lieut.(jg) Fierstein, passenger Tavernier ARM3/c. 0620 Party from DD went aboard stranger for complete investigation. 0704 Secured from General Quarters. 0730 Zig-zagging on plan No. 11, base course 115°(T), speed 23 knots. NOTE: Name of vessel "EXCHANGE", bound from Dakar to New York. Nationality American, Signal letters WDUF, Identification Signal A7P. Have warned ship not to use Radio. From: GHERARDI To: CTG - 65.2

G.T. RICKETT Lieut., U.S.N.R.

8 to 12:

As before. 1000 Sighted convoy U.G.E.-9, bearing 126 (T), 35,000 yards. 1010 Adjusted base course to 120 (T). 1040 Recovered 2 eigcraft. 1054 Adjusted base course to 115 (T).

Lieut., U.S.N.R.

12 to 16 :

As before, 1300 Regained station in convoy; changed speed to 14.5 knots. 1327 Catapulted plane 8-CS-3, pilot, Lieut. Comdr. Stevenson, passenger, Laggatutta PhoM2/c. 1330 Manned battle stations for 5" and 6" offset firing practice, commenced maneuvering on various courses at various speeds for gunnery practice. 1345 Cut in boiler #2. 1346 Commenced firing 5" battery. 1350 Secured boiler #6. 1411 Catapulted plane 8-CS-4, Pilot, Lieut. (jg) Lawry, passenger Gibson AMM1/c. 1412 Catapulted plane 8-CS-5, Pilot, Lieut. (jg) Coughlin, passenger Blair AMM1/c. 1417 Commenced firing 6" battery. 1422 Completed gunnery exercises having expended the following ammunition: 45 rounds 6"/47 and 29 rounds 5"/25. 1535 Regained position in convoy, resumed base course 106 (T) at standard speed 14 knots(140 RPM). 1545 Shifted engines to cruising combination.

Lieut., U.S.N.R.

16 to 18:

As before. 1744 Commenced steaming on various courses and at various speeds preparing to recover aircraft. Sounded Flight Quarters. 1757 Recovered plane 8-CS-5. 1750 Convoy ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 1060 (T).

Approved: PAUL HENDERA

Examined:

Ligut, U.S.N.R