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Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	35°-57'-30" N	35°-45'-00" N	
Long.	00°-44'-00" W	00°-37'-48" W	

**OPERATIONAL REMARKS  
(WAR DIARY)**

0 to 4:

As before. 0000 Changed convoy speed to 13 knots (130 RPM). 0114 Commenced zig-zagging.

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4 to 8:

As before. 0430 Ceased zig-zagging; resumed base course 092°(T). 0440 Changed course to 120°(T). 0513 Secured boilers #7 and #8. 0518 Commenced zig-zagging on base course 120°(T). 0545 Manned battle stations; set Material Condition "ABLE". 0629 Launched plane 8-CS-5, Pilot, Lieut. (jg), Lawry, passenger Gibson ARM2/c. 0630 Launched plane 8-CS-3, Pilot, Lieut., Mishanec, passenger Pierson ARM2/c. 0637 Convoy speed changed to 14 knots. 0641 Ceased zig-zagging; resumed base course 120°(T). 0642 Secured from Material Condition "ABLE", set Material Condition "BAKER PLUS". 0647 Commenced zig-zagging on base course 120°(T). 0648 Secured from General Quarters; set Condition of readiness III Surface. 0722 Ceased zig-zagging; resumed base course 120°(T). 0727 Changed course to 150°(T). 0750 convoy commenced forming up for entering port.

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8 to 12:

As before. 0801 In accordance with the OTC's plan for entering port, the ships of the convoy, support and screen were assigned to Groups "ABLE", "BAKER", and "CHARLIE". 0803 Group "ABLE" left Groups "BAKER" and "CHARLIE". The U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA was assigned to Group "BAKER" of which Commander Cruiser Division 8 was acting OTC. 0813 Groups "BAKER" and "CHARLIE" changed course to 210°(T), by turn. 0822 Groups "BAKER" and "CHARLIE" changed course to 270°(T), by turn. 0826 Groups "BAKER" and "CHARLIE" changed speed to 10 knots (100 RPM). 0834 Groups "BAKER" and "CHARLIE" changed course to 330°(T) by turn. 0837 Sounded Flight Quarters. 0842 Groups "BAKER" and "CHARLIE" changed course to 030°(T), by turn. 0859 Catapulted plane 8-CS-1, Pilot, Lieut. (jg) Coughlin, passenger Schaffer ARM2/c. 0900 Catapulted plane 8-CS-2, Pilot, Lieut. (jg) Fierstein, passenger, Tavernier ARM3/c. 0908 Recovered plane 8-CS-3. 0912 Recovered plane 8-CS-5. 0917 Groups "BAKER" and "CHARLIE" changed course to 090°(T), by turn. 0924 Groups "BAKER" and "CHARLIE" changed course to 150°(T), by turn. 0929 Groups "BAKER" and "CHARLIE" changed speed to 5 knots (050 RPM). 0930 Group "CHARLIE" left and proceeded independently. 0945 Group "BAKER" changed speed to 10 knots (100 RPM). 0947 Group "BAKER" formed a column with U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA as guide and leading ship. 1001 Group "BAKER" changed course by column, to 190°(T). 1006 Group "BAKER" changed speed to 5 knots (050 RPM). 1019 Group "BAKER" changed course, by column to 170°(T). 1044 Commenced steaming on various courses and at various speeds to recover aircraft, hauled down guide flag, U.S.S. BELETRIX hoisted guide flag for Group "BAKER". 1056 Sounded Flight Quarters. 1111 Recovered plane 8-CS-1. 1115 Passed point "ABLE", entrance to GULFE D' ORAN. 1118 Recovered plane 8-CS-2. 1120 Commenced steaming on various courses and at various speeds conforming to the channel leading up to MERS-EL-KEBIR, resumed assigned position in column, ship No. 4. 1147 Passed Buoy "BAKER" abeam to port. 1159 U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA commenced proceeding independently to assigned moorage.

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