UNITED STATES SHIP U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA (CL41)

Friday

25 (Date)

June 19 43.

Zone description_

Position 0800	1200	2000
Lat. 100°-05'-00'W#17 Long. 35°-52'-50"W#17	35°-59'-00" N	35°- 43'-30" N
Long. 35 -52'-50"/#	0"-18'-00" W	0°- 42'-00" W

OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)

0 to 4:

As before. 0000 Steaming on various courses at various speeds in Gulf of Arzeu for Camberwell operation. 0020 Changed speed to 10 knots. 0021 Streamed paravanes. 0030 Manned battle stations; set Material Condition "ABLE".

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4 to 8:

As before. Steaming on various courses at various speeds conducting Camberwell operations. 0531 Sounded Flight Quarters. 0553 Catapulted plane 8-CS-1, Pilot, Lieut. Mishanec, passenger Pierson ARME/c. 0554 Catapulted plane 8-CS-2, Pilot, Lieut. (jg) Lawry, passenger Gibson ARM2/c. 0622 Catapulted plane 8-CS-5, Pilot, Lieut. (jg) Fierstein, passenger Tavernier ARM3/c. 0623 Catapulted plane 8-CS-4, Pilot, Lieut. (jg) Coughlin, passenger Schaffer ARM1/c. 0630 Set Material Condition "BAKER PLUS". 0640 Set Condition III Air. 0710 Sounded Flight Quarters. 0717 Recovered both paravanes. 0723 Recovered plane 8-CS-1. 0727 Recovered plane 8-CS-2. 0730 Commenced zig-zagging on base course 280°(T) using plan #11, at 12 knots (120 RPM). 0748 Ceased zig-zagging, changed course to 080°(T). 0750 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #11 on base course 080°(T).

8 to 12:

As before. 0810 Steaming on various courses in fire control area simulating firit on beach gun emplacements supporting the landing of troops. 0958 Recovered plane 8-CS-4 and 8-CS-5. 1104 On base course 300 (T), enroute to fire support area #6 for rendezvous with transports and destroyers for return trip to MERS-EL-KEBIR, speed 10 knots.

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12 to 16:

As before, 1326 Changed course by wheeling to 215°(T), 1332 Changed convoy speed to 14 knots, 1415 Secured boilers #7 and #8, 1434 Took formation for entry to port MERS-EL-KEBIR. 1513 Launched plane 8-CS-3, Pilot.Lieut.(jg)Lawry passenger Gibson ARME/c, Leunched plane 8-CS-5, Pilot, Lieut. Mishenec, passenger Pierson ARM2/c. 1522 Changed course to 1620(T), changed speed to 8 knots.

> K. LOCKWOOD Lieut., U.S.N.R.

16 to 18:

As before. Steaming on various courses at various speeds approaching entrance to MERS-EL-KEBIR harbor.

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Approved:

Examined: