UNITED STATES SHIP U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA (CL41) Tuesday 13 July , 19 43

Zone description

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	37°-00'-00" N	36°-58' N	36°-58' N
Long.	14°-10'-00" E	14°-21' E	14°-21' E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0 to 4:
    As before.

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

4 to 8:
    As before. 0400 Patroling in "Joint" fire support area. 0454 Held dawn General Quarters, "RED" alert over "BARK" area. 0550 Secured from General Quarters. 0603 Commenced firing at mine with 20MM machine gun and Browning automatic rifle. Sunk floating attachment. 0646 Sub-chaser 649 came alongside starboard quarter and delivered registered mail.

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

8 to 12:
    As before. NOTE: The following ammunition was expended this date for anti-mine firing: 16 rounds 20MM. 1025 Commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds to close the U.S.S. EARLE. 1150 Boat came alongside to starboard to receive airplane wing for U.S.S. BOISE.

R.L. CATON
Lieut., U.S.N.R.

12 to 16:
    As before. Patrolling in "JOINT" fire support area. 1350 Lighted fires under #5 boiler. 1355 Flight Quarters., commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds to close with the U.S.S. BISCAYNE. 1402 Launched plane 8-CS-3, Pilot, Lieut. (jg), Fierstein, passenger Tavernier AR3/c. 1404 Launched plane 8-CS-4, Pilot Lieut.(jg) Austin, passenger Ryan AR3/c. When plane #4 was launched the pilot was not able to obtain flying speed and had to land in the water. NOTE: The above planes were launched for anti-submarine patrol. 1411 Hoisted plane 8-CS-4 on board. 1428 Cut in #5 boiler on main steam line. 1437 Launched plane 8-CS-4, Pilot Lieut.(jg) Austin, passenger Ryan AR3/c. 1442 Admiral Davidson and two (2) staff officers left the ship for a conference on the U.S.S BISCAYNE. 1548 Secured boiler #7.

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

16 to 18:
    As before. 1615 Lighted off boiler #7. 1620 Admiral Davidson, Lieut. Comdr. Raymond and Lieut. Wood returned aboard from U.S.S. BISCAYNE. 1625 #2 M.W.B. hoisted aboard. 1640 Boiler #7 cut in on main steam line. 1726 Secured boiler #5.

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

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