

UNITED STATES SHIP U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA (CL41) Thursday 15 July, 1943.
 (Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description _____

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

12 to 16: Continued:

8-CS-2, pilot Lieut. (jg) Coughlin, passenger Scheaffer ARM2/c. 1310 Recovered starboard paravane. 1321 Commenced firing main battery on target 671517. 1325 Streamed starboard paravane. 1342 Shell splashes 1000 yards bearing 320 (T). 1420 Ceased firing at target 671517. 1424 Commenced firing at target 578548. 1440 Ceased firing on target 578548. 1502 Launched plane 8-CS-5, pilot, Lieut. (jg) Moss, passenger Ryan ARM3/c. 1503 Catapulted plane 8-CS-4, pilot, Lieut. (jg) Austin, passenger Gibson ARM2/c. 1504 Commenced firing on target 613562. 1518 Ceased firing on target 613562. 1530 Commenced firing on target 602580. 1552 Noted large explosion in target area-apparently an ammunition dump.

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16 to 18:

As before. 1603 Plane reported target 602580 not destroyed but hit many times. 1608 Ammunition dump previously hit seen to explode. 1617 Shore fire control party requested that we cease firing as army patrols were moving into town. 1622 Noted anti-aircraft bursts in vicinity of our planes. Planes reported coordinates of target firing on him to be 623588. 1640 Control ordered to resume firing when ready. Received word from shore fire control party that patrols were not entering town and to "Give them hell". 1643 Changed course to 300°(T), Received orders from CTF 85.3 to hold up firing. 1650 Noticed two fires in target area 602580 (these in addition to ammunition dump). One of these fires was still burning when firing was ceased at 2021. 1656 Commenced firing on target at coordinate 555560. 1703 Plane (Black#3) reported coordinates of target firing on YMS to be 512553. 1713 Checked fire, all buildings on fire, target appears to be a fuel dump and is burning fiercely. 1734 Control ordered to commence firing at target 512553. 1735 Commenced firing on target 512553. 1725 Recovered plane 8-CS-2. 1730 Recovered plane 8-CS-3.

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18 to 20:

As before. 1800 Catapulted plane 8-CS-3, pilot Lieut. Mishanec, passenger Hott ARM2/c, catapulted plane 8-CS-2, pilot, Lieut. (jg) Lawry, passenger Ramsey ARM2/c. 1805 Changed course to 320°(T), changed speed to 3 knots (030 RPM). 1815 Commenced firing at a battery at position 585541. 1857 Recovered plane 8-CS-4. 1925 Recovered plane 8-CS-5. 1927 Changed course to 140°(T). 1936 Changed course to 125°(T).

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20 to 24:

As before. 2024 Ceased firing on all targets. NOTE: Expended the following ammunition for shore bombardment: 1027 CTGS 6"/47 semi-fixed and 1027 H.C. projectiles 6"/47. 2024 Darkened ship. 2025 Flight Quarters for plane recovery. 2031 Recovered plane 8-CS-2. 2035 Recovered plane 8-CS-3. 2041 YMS-34 came alongside to deliver official mail. 2054 Recovered paravanes. 2100 Changed speed to 10 knots. 2105 Changed course to 160°(T), changed speed to 15 knots. 2115 Commenced zig-zagging on plan #11 from base course 160°. 2235 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. 2240 Changed course to 115°. 2247 Changed course to

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