UNITED STATES SHIP U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA (CL41) Saturday 17 July , 1943

Zone description_

Position 0800	1200	2000
Lat. 370-15'-30" N	370-12'-00" N	37°-09'-30" N
Long. 130-15'-06" E	130-20'-00" E	13°-24'-00" R

OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)

0 to 4:

As before. Steaming as before, on various courses at various speeds patrolling off Porto Empedocle. 0051 Recovered plane 8-CS-3, pilot Lieut.(jg) Austin, passenger Nudo Slc.

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

4 to 8:

As before. Steaming as before. 0433 #2 Motor Whale boat shoved off for Porto Empedocle, SICILY with provisions and medical supplies to be delivered to the Commanding Officer of the Ranger battalion, USA. 0436 Changed speed to 5 knots (50 RPM). 0458 Exercised at routine General Quarters, set Material Condition "ABLE". 0539 Secured from Material Condition "ABLE", set Condition "BAKER" plus. 0546 Secured from General Quarters set Condition of readiness "III" Air. 0603 Changed course to 000°(T). 0645 Changed course to 320°(T). 0740 Changed course to 140°(T). Commenced making preparations to receive U.S.S. LUDLOW alongside to starboard.

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

8 to 12:

As before. 0800 Received U.S.S. LUDLOW along starboard side for fueling. 0811 Commenced pumping fuel forward. 0825 Commenced pumping fuel aft. 0900 Lieut. Jones USA transferred aboard from U.S.S. LUDLOW for further transfer to Gela or Army post. 0910 Hoisted out plane 8-CS-3, pilot Lieut. Mishanec, passenger McCullon RM2/c. 0915 Hoisted out plane 8-CS-2, pilotLieut.(jg) Lawry, passenger Lieut. Cogley. 0918 Completed pumping 45,188 gallons of fuel oil to destroyer. 0943 Received U.S.S. EDISON along starboard side for fueling. 0956 Commenced pumping fuel. 1026 Hoisted out plane 8-CS-5, pilot Lieut.(jg) Coughlin, passenger Tavernier ARM3/c. 1035 Completed pumping 23,441 gallons of fuel oil to destroyer. 1058 Hoisted out 8-CS-4, pilot Lieut.(jg) Fierstein, passenger Lieut. Jones USA, who was to be detached in Gela, SICILY. 1104 Recovered plane 8-CS-2. 1110 Recovered plane 8-CS-4 because it was unable to take off from the water. 117 Streamed paravanes, both port and starboard streamed normal. 1123 Catapulted plane 8-CS-4. 1130 Hoisted in plane 8-CS-3. 1154 Hoisted out plane 8-CS-2, pilot, Lieut.(jg) Moss, passenger Commander Barker. 1156 Hoisted out plane 8-CS-3, pilot Lieut.(jg) Austin, passenger Weber PhoM3/d.

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

12 to 16:

As before. 1225 Changed course to 140°(T). 1320 Hoisted out plane 8-CS-3 pilot Lieut.(jg) Austin, passenger Lieut. McLELLAN.1332 Recovered planes 8-CS-2, 8-CS-4, 8-CS-5. 1338 Launched plane 8-CS-2, pilot Lieut.(jg) Lawry, passenger Gibson ARM2/c. 1356 Hoisted out plane 8-CS-4, pilot Lieut.Mishanec, passenger Nicosia Slc, hoisted out plane 8-CS-5, pilot Lieut.(jg) Moss, passenger Lieut. Brawley. 1455 Recovered plane 8-CS-3. 1549 Hoisted out plane 8-CS-3, pilot Lieut. (jg) Coughlin, passenger Rear Admiral Davidson. 1550 Recovered planes 8-CS-4,

H.K. LOCKWOOD Ligut., U.S.N.R.

Examined:

Approved PAUL HENDER Severies.