

U. S. S. PHILADELPHIA (CL41) Tuesday

Date August 31, 1943

0 to 4:  
As before.

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4 to 8:  
As before. 0400 Lighted fires under boiler #6. 0420 Lighted fires under boilers #1 and #2. 0640 Set special sea details, commenced making preparations for getting underway. 0650 Lighted fires under boilers #7 and #8. 0653 Received Pilot CEARON on board. 0655 Completed making preparations for getting underway. 0657 Underway on various courses and speeds to conform to swept channel, for clearing harbor. Accompanied by the following destroyers as screen: U.S.S. PLUNKETT, U.S.S. BRISTOL, U.S.S. LUDLOW, U.S.S. MAYO, U.S.S. WOOLSEY, U.S.S. GLEAVES, U.S.S. SAVANNAH and U.S.S. BOISE coming up astern. Cruisers and screen set out upon mission of shore bombardment practice. OTC in U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA. 0710 Pilot CEARON left ship, changed course to 066°(T); speed 10 knots. 0724 Changed course to 040°(T). 0735 Changed course to 351°(T). 0750 Changed speed to 15 knots. 0752 Maneuvered by changes of course and speed for purpose of transferring the Admiral to the U.S.S. GLEAVES as a passenger. 0755 U.S.S. GLEAVES departed from screen.

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8 to 12:  
As before. Position: Lat: 35°-58'-00" N, Long: 00°-35'-00" W. 0801 Changed speed to 15 knots. 0812 Changed course to 030°(T). 0820 Commenced zig-zag plan #11, base course 030°(T). 0832 Changed speed to 20 knots. 0846 Ceased zig-zagging resumed base course. 0850 Changed course to 070°(T). 0933 Changed speed to 22 knots. 1045 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course. 1050 Changed course to 090°(T). 1058 Changed course to 045°(T), Changed speed to 15 knots. 1115 Changed course to 225°(T), commenced zig-zag plan #11. 1136 U.S.S. WOOLSEY commenced firing on shore target. 1145 Changed course to 045°(T). 1150 U.S.S. WOOLSEY completed shore bombardment.

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12 to 16:  
As before. Position: Lat: 36°-14'-45" N, Long: 00°-18'-00" E. 1206 U.S.S. LUDLOW commenced shore bombardment. 1208 U.S.S. LUDLOW completed exercises. 1209 Sounded General Quarters: set condition "ABLE". 1216 Set material condition "BAKER" plus. 1245 Changed course to 045°(T). 1308 Commenced firing on target 343404. 1310 Changed course to 060°(T). 1317 Changed course to 225°(T). 1332 Completed firing. 1333 Changed course to 315°(T); changed speed to 20 knots. 1337 Changed course to 225°(T); changed speed to 15 knots. 1339 Sounded General Alarm, set material condition "ABLE". 1340 Commenced Damage Control exercises. 1341 Changed course to 045°(T). 1417 Secured from Damage Control exercises. 1425 Changed speed to 20 knots; steering various courses to resume position in task force. 1426 Set material condition "BAKER" plus. 1427 Changed speed to 15 knots. 1429 Resumed OTC. 1434 Resumed position in task force; came to course 236°(T). 1437 Secured from General Quarters: set condition III Surface. 1441 Changed course to 055°(T). 1447 Changed course to 250°(T); changed speed to 20 knots. 1456 Changed speed to 23 knots. 1458 U.S.S. MAYO completed firing; ending exercises. 1500 Commenced zig-zagging on base course 250°(T), using plan #11. NOTE: The following ammunition was expended this date for shore bombardment: 6" / 47 Cal. battery: 4 rounds SPD 2592 (N.F.), 1 round SPD 2694 (NF), 25 rounds SPD 2693 (NF). 30 rounds H.C. projectiles.

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