

U. S. S. PHILADELPHIA (CL41) Monday

Date Sept. 6, 1943.

0 to 4:

As before. 0230 Ceased zig-zagging; resumed base course 052°(T). 0235 Changed course to 084°(T) by wheeling. 0307 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan No. #10, base course 084°(T).

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4 to 8:

As before. 0525 Sighted light bearing 094°(T); light appeared to be over land. 0625 Held Sunrise General Quarters. 0650 Set modified condition "ABLE" for ventilation. 0709 Set condition "BAKER" plus. 0716 Secured from General Quarters; set condition III Air. NOTE: Made numerous Radar contacts on friendly and unidentified aircraft.

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8 to 12:

As before. 0800 Position: Lat: 37°-39'-30" N, Long: 02°-29'-00" E. 0841 Adjusted base course to 087°(T). 0945 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 087°(T). 0951 Convoy changed speed to 11 knots. 1018 Convoy changed speed to 12 knots. 1029 Commenced zig-zagging using plan No. #15 on base course 087°(T). 1130 Commenced test firing on 20MM and 40MM automatic machine guns. Fired "no load" from each catapult. 1142 Completed test firing on machine guns.

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12 to 16:

As before. 1200 Position: Lat: 37°-11' N, Long: 3°-27' E. NOTE: Expended 24 rounds 40MM and 85 rounds 20MM ammunition, for test firing light weapons this date. 1330 General Quarters; set material condition of readiness "ABLE". 1409 Set material condition "BAKER" plus. 1419 Secured from General Quarters; set condition of readiness III Air.

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16 to 18:

As before.

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18 to 20:

As before. 1806 U.S.S. WAINWRIGHT reported sub contact dead ahead. 1807 Sounded "submarine emergency", changed speed to 20 knots, changed course to 145°(T). 1810 Changed speed to 15 knots, changed course to 114°(T) zig-zagging. 1812 Changed speed to 12 knots. 1813 Secured from submarine emergency. 1822 Changed speed to 12 knots, convoy speed. 1830 Shifted main engines to cruising combination.

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20 to 24:

As before. 2000 Position: Lat: 37°-19' N, Long: 5°-11' E. 2010 Sounded routine General Quarters; set material condition "ABLE". 2031 Secured from "ABLE" set condition "BAKER" plus. 2059 Secured from General Quarters; set condition of readiness III Surface. 2109 Sounded General as Radar plot reported unidentified planes in the vicinity; set material condition "ABLE". 2210 Secured

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