

U. S. S. PHILADELPHIA (CL41) Tuesday

Date Sept. 7, 1943.

0 to 4:

As before. 0125 Ceased zig-zagging; resumed base course 084°(T). 0130 Changed course to 093°(T). 0135 Commenced zig-zagging on course 093°(T). 0140 Commenced steering courses from 10° to 20° to right of proper zig-zagging course in order to keep in position. 0230 Commenced steering proper zig-zag course.

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4 to 8:

As before. 0415 Sighted lights of vessel on horizon, identified as Hospital Ship. 0605 Sounded General Quarters; set condition "ABLE". 0637 Modified condition "ABLE" for ventilation. 0640 Changed speed to 15 knots. 0652 Lighted ship. 0656 Secured from "ABLE" set condition "BAKER" plus. 0702 Ceased zig-zagging; resumed base course 093°(T). 0704 Changed speed to full, 20 knots; left formation to proceed to BIZERTE, TUNISIA in company with U.S.S. SAVANNAH, U.S.S. BOISE, U.S.S. BRISTOL, U.S.S. PLUNKETT, and U.S.S. EDISON. 0718 Secured from General Quarters; set condition III Air. 0745 Changed speed to 24 knots (240 RPM). 0750 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #11 on base course 093°(T).

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8 to 12:

As before. 0800 Position: Lat: 37°-20'-00" N, 08°-02'-30" E. 0850 Ship sighted on horizon bearing 090°(T), later identified as Hospital Ship. 0950 Ceased zig-zagging; resumed base course 093°(T), speed 24 knots. 0953 Changed course to 080°(T), entered Tunisian War Channel. 1135 Changed course to left to avoid mine sweeps working channel. 1136 Sighted BIZERTE bearing 110°(T). 1148 Changed course to 113°(T). 1156 Set special sea details; maneuvering on various courses and speeds proceeding to anchorage at BIZERTE. NOTE: Made numerous Radar contacts on friendly and unidentified aircraft.

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12 to 16:

As before. 1204 Entered swept channel. 1232 Anchored in harbor, BIZERTE, TUNISIA in 12 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain on deck to the starboard anchor, ship's head 350°(T), on the following bearings: CHURCH 227°(T), lefthand BREAKWATER LIGHT 179.5°(T), right hand BREAKWATER LIGHT 203°(T), right TANGENT BREAKWATER 329°(T). 1205 Secured from special sea detail; set condition III Air Modified. 1243 Secured boilers #7 and #8. 1244 Hoisted aboard plane #8-CS-3 with Lieut. Mishanec as pilot and Gibson ARM 2/c as passenger. 1245 Hoisted aboard plane #8-CS-4 with Lieut.(jg) Fierstein as pilot and Schaffer ARM 2/c as passenger. 1310 YO-56 came alongside, port side to starboard quarter for delivering aviation gas. 1435 YO-56 underway from alongside starboard quarter, 2000 gallons aviation gasoline having been delivered.

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16 to 18:

As before. 1630 U.S.A.T. THOMAS BARRY, U.S.S. TILLMAN and U.S.S. BEATTY standing out. 1655 Lighted fires under boilers #1 and #2. 1705 Set special sea details. 1716 Cut in boiler #8. 1719 Out in boiler #7. 1727 Underway on various courses and speeds to conform to swept channel for clearing harbor and to take station in convoy. Captain at the Conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. 1729 U.S.S. BOISE underway. 1731 U.S.S. SAVANNAH underway.

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