

U. S. S. PHILADELPHIA (CI41) Saturday

Date Sept. 18, 1943.

12 to 16:

(Cont'd). 1531 Secured from alert; set materia l condition "BAKER" plus. Lying too in vicinity of U.S.S. ANCON. Two LCMs came alongside to complete transfer of ammunition.

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16 to 18:

As before. 1657 Cast off LCMs having taken aboard the following ammunition from the U.S.S. GLEAVES via LCM: 211 6"/47 H.C. projectiles; 500 fuzes, super quick, MK-29-1; 500 6"/47 cartridges. Went ahead 15 knots, on course 200°(T). 1658 Changed speed to 20 knots. 1700 Changed speed to 23 knots. 1706 Changed course to 220°(T). 1710 Changed course to 240°(T). Standing out swept channel in company with U.S.S. NIBLACK and U.S.S. PLUNKETT enroute to BIZERTE, Commanding Officer this vessel O.T.C. 1759 Changed course to 160°(T). 1800 Commenced zig-zagging on base course 160°(T).

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18 to 20:

As before. 1900 Changed course to 223°(T). 1930 Dusk alert; set material condition "ABLE".

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20 to 24:

As before. 2000 Position: Lat: 39°-34'-00" N, Long: 14°- 24'-00" E. 2245 Sighted USTICA light bearing 246°(T), distance 42,000 yards. 2343 Changed base course to 246°(T).

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