

U. S. S. PHILADELPHIA (CL41) Monday

Date Sept. 20, 1943.

0 to 4:

As before. Steaming as before. 0009 Anchored in 14 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor in the Bay of Bizerte, Bizerte, Tunisia, on the following anchorage bearings: BREAKWATER LIGHT 196°(T), BUOY 132°(T), 0017 Secured boilers 1, 3, and 4. 0115 Secured main engines.

G.A. Schlichte
G.A. SCHLICHTE
Lieut.(jg), U.S.N.

4 to 8:

As before.

R.E. Stark
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Lieut.(jg), U.S.N.

8 to 12:

As before. 0800 Position: Lat: 37°-17'-25" N, Long: 09° 54'-10" E. 0941 H.M.S. ABERCROMBIE underway. 1032 LCM alongside starboard quarter for transferring stores. 1034 H.M.S. ANTWERP underway. 1140 Sighted plane at very high altitude trailing smoke. 1147 Ship went to General Quarters; set material condition "ABLE". Shore batteries commenced firing on plane. Altitude of plane established at 32,000 feet. 1155 Set material condition "BAKER" plus. 1156 GOR reported sky clear of enemy planes. 1159 Secured from General Quarters; set condition of readiness III Air.

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

12 to 16:

As before. 1200 Position: Lat: 37°-17'-25" N, Long: 09°-54'-10" E. 1408 Hoisted in plane 8-CS-3. 1414 Hoisted in plane 8-CS-20.

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

16 to 18:

As before. 1604 Lighted fires under boiler #1. 1615 Hoisted out plane 8-CS-20 with Lieut.(jg) Fierstein as pilot and Lieut. (jg) Osborn as passenger. 1630 U.S.S. NIBLACK standing out of inner harbor. 1655 H.M.S. UNICORN with H.M.S. L-26, L-46, L-81 standing out. 1700 H.M.S. HUNTER, ATTACKER, and TRACKER standing out. 1702 U.S.S. NIBLACK anchored in outer harbor. 1745 H.M.S. CHARYBIS standing out. 1757 H.M.S. SCYLLA standing out.

B.S. Head
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Lieut.(jg), U.S.N.

18 to 20:

As before. 1800 Lighted fires under boilers #3 and #4. 1848 Cut in boilers #3 and #4, on main steam line. 1930 Convoy standing out.

W.A. Fite
W.A. FITE
Lieut.(jg), U.S.N.

20 to 24:

As before. 2000 Position: Lat: 37°-17'-25" N, Long: 09°-54'-10" E. 2100 Heaved in to 45 fathoms of chain on the starboard anchor.

J.L. Erickson
J.L. ERICKSON
Lieut.(jg), U.S.N.

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Paul Hendren
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