

U. S. S. PHILADELPHIA (CL41) Monday

Date Sept. 27, 1943.

0 to 4:

As before. Enroute from Palermo, SICILY to Algiers, ALGERIA in company with U.S.S. MOUNT BAKER and screened by U.S.S. WOOLSEY, EDISON, and NIELACK. 0015 Changed course to 241° (T). 0220 Sighted light bearing 180° (T). Believed to be Cape Bon. 0240 Sighted searchlight bearing 220° (T). Believed to be TUNIS.

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

4 to 8:

As before. 0435 Ceased zig-zagging. 0435 Radar Plot picked up friendly convoy bearing 283° (T), distance 12,000 yards. 0445 Changed course to 281° (T), entered Tunisian War Channel. 0500 Passed friendly convoy abeam to starboard distance 3,000 yards. 0507 Changed course to 284° (T). 0515 General Quarters. 0545 Set modified condition "ABLE". 0552 Changed course to 294° (T). 0600 Set condition "BAKER" plus. 0604 Secured from General Quarters, set condition III Air. 0721 Changed base course to 260° (T).

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Lieut., U.S.N.R.

8 to 12:

As before. 0800 Position: Lat: 37°-24' N, Long: 9°-35' E. 1020 Changed speed to 13.5 knots. 1025 Changed course to 257° (T). 1045 Changed course to 274° (T). 1100 Commenced zig-zag on plan #11, base course 274° (T), speed 13.5 knots.

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12 to 16:

As before. 1200 Position. Lat: 37°-19' N, Long: 8°-36' E. 1520 Changed speed to 14 knots (140RPM).

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16 to 18:

As before.

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18 to 20:

As before. 1828 Darkened ship. 1840 General Quarters 1902 Set modified condition "ABLE". 1907 Set condition "BAKER" plus. 1913 Secured from General Quarters, set condition III Air.

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20 to 24:

As before. 2000 Position. Lat: 37°-25'-00" N, Long: 06°-27'-00" E. 2003 Changed speed to 13½ knots. 2100 Adjusted base course to 268° (T).

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