

U. S. S. PHILADELPHIA (CL41) Wednesday

Date October 27, 1943.

0 to 4:

As before. Underway for ORAN in company with the U.S.S. MAYO, course 086° (T), using zig-zag plan #11, 160 RPM. 0010 Changed speed to 165 RPM. 0200 Changed speed to 160 RPM.

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

4 to 8:

As before. 0630 Ship went to sunrise General Quarters. 0650 Adjusted base course to 118° (T). 0658 Set material condition "BAKER" plus. 0705 Secured from General Quarters, set condition III Air. 0708 Secured boilers #7 and #8. 0720 Lost steering control while shifting steering units. 0723 Regained steering control. 0730 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 118° (T). 0735 Changed course to 171° (T). 0742 Changed course to 168° (T). 0755 Sounded special sea details.

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

8 to 12:

As before. 0800 Position: Lat: 35°- 46.2" N, Long: 0°- 36.3" W. Changed course to 220° (T). 0807 Changed course to 246° (T). 0810 Changed speed to 10 knots. 0813 All engines stopped. 0814 Changed course to 240° (T). All engines back one-third (1/3). 0815 Port engine stopped. 0819 Pilot, Captain Forlemeyer Leery came aboard. 0822 Changed speed to 5 knots. 0828 Hoisted out #2 motor whale boat. 0830 Hoisted out #1 motor whale boat. 0832 Passed Gate buoy abeam to port. 0833 Stopped both engines. 0834 Passed Gate vessel abeam to port. Steaming on various courses to moor. 0845 Tug alongside starboard quarter. 0846 Line to tug. 0903 Moored bow to buoy "TARE", and stern to buoy "UNCLE", at MERS EL KEBIR, ALGERIA, in six and one-half fathoms of water. 0907 Pilot left the ship. 0911 French battleship RICHELIEU holding A.A. practice. 0936 Secured fire under boilers #1, #2, and #3, #4 boiler steaming for auxiliary purposes. Ships present: U.S. Destroyers: DD-442 U.S.S. NICHOLSON, DD-199 U.S.S. DALLAS, DD-404 U.S.S. RHIND, DD-422 U.S.S. MAYO. Cargo ships: AKA 1 ARCTURUS, KA 14 OBERON. Mine Sweepers: AM 112, YMS 28, YMS 78. French ships: The cruiser DUCUAY TROUIN, and battleship RICHELIEU. U.S.S. VULCAN, Repair ship and U.S.S. BOISE is S.O.P.A. 0930 Secured from Condition III Air and set Condition III Air (modified).

*J.H. Flag*  
J.H. FLAGG  
Captain., U.S.N.C.

12 to 16:

As before.

*W.E. Chilton Jr.*  
W.E. CHILTON Jr.  
Lieut. (jg), U.S.N.R.

16 to 20:

As before.

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

20 to 24:

As before.

*A.W. Mc Mullen*  
A.W. MC MULLEN  
Ensign., U.S.N.

Approved:

*G.J. Crosby*  
G. J. CROSBY

Commander, U. S. Navy  
Commanding.

Examined:

*C.G. Gesen*  
C.G. GESSEN  
Comdr., DEV-G, USNR  
Navigator.

U. S. N., Navigator.