

U. S. S. PHILADELPHIA (CI41) Tuesday

Date November 2, 1943.

0 to 4:

As before. Enroute BIZERTE independently with U.S.S. PLUNKETT screening ahead, base course 060°(T), standard speed 15.2 knots, 154 turns. 0030 U.S.S. PLUNKETT reported surface targets at 066°(T), 16,000 yards. 0037 Ceased zig-zagging. 0041 Changed course to 090°(T). 0045 Changed course to 060°(T). 0048 Commenced zig-zagging on plan #11, base course 060°(T). 0050 Passed convoy of three ships abeam to port. 0020 Changed course to 083°(T).

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4 to 8:

As before. 0630 Sounded General Quarters, set Material Condition "ABLE". 0700 Secured from Material Condition "ABLE"; set Material Condition "BAKER" plus. 0702 Commenced test firing of light weapons. 0708 Secured from General Quarters; set Condition III Air. 0715 Commenced test firing of 5" battery. 0720 Completed all test firing. 0731 Ceased zig-zagging for drill maneuvers. 0740 Commenced zig-zagging on plan #11, base course 083°(T). NOTE: Ammunition expended for test firing: 5"/25 Cal. Battery 4 rds. SPDN 4429. 40MM Battery: 8 rds. SPDN 3578 (Service), 8 rds. SPDN 3800 (Target), 24 rds. SPDN 3710 (Target). 20MM Battery. 151 rds.

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8 to 12:

As before. 0800 Position: Lat: 37°-02'-20" N, Long: 03°-05'-00" E. 0930 Visibility reduced to 5000 yards due to light rain. 0933 Took on 42 tons salt water ballast in compartments D-933 and D-934. 1108 Sighted two vessels bearing 105°(T), 8,000 yards, identified as friendly and passed 3,000 yards to starboard. 1140 U.S.S. NARRAGANSETT sighted bearing 097°(T), passed 5,000 yards to starboard.

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12 to 16:

As before. 1200 Position: Lat: 37°-09'-00" N, Long: 4°-14'-00" E. 1519 Ship sighted on horizon bearing 092°(T), range approximately 18,000 yards, identified as Hospital Ship, passed well clear.

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16 to 18:

As before. 1750 Sunset General Quarters, set Condition "ABLE". Several Radar contacts on friendly and unidentified planes.

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18 to 20:

As before. 1828 Secured from Material Condition "ABLE"; set Material Condition "BAKER" plus. 1835 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition of readiness III Surface. 1940 Altered base course to 088°(T).

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