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Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	36°-47'-00" N	36°-04'-00" N	35°-44'-33" N
Long.	00°-57'-00" E	00°-24'-30" W	00°-37'-10" W

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0 to 4:

As before. Enroute ORAN, steaming independently, U.S.S. PLUNKETT screening ahead. Steaming on full speed 230 RPM on shafts #1, #2, and #3, 21 knots. 0025 Changed course to 262°(T). 0145 Passed Hospital Ship abeam to port bearing 221°(T), range 24,200 yards. 0335 Changed course to 315°(T), to avoid convoy of ships on opposite course, continued an informal zig-zag. 0358 Changed course to 272°(T) and continued zig-zag plan #11 from base course 262°(T).

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4 to 8:

As before. 0430 Adjusted base course to 253°(T). 0630 Sounded General Quarters for dawn alert; set Material Condition "ABLE". 0700 Sighted stranger bearing 224°(T), range 19,700 yards. 0704 Secured from Material Condition "ABLE", set Material Condition "BAKER" plus. 0711 Secured from General Quarters; set Condition III Air. 0724 Lighted ship. 0730 Adjusted base course to 241°(T).

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8 to 12:

As before. 0845 Sighted convoy GUS-20, bearing 251°(T), distant 21,000 yards. 0914 Ceased zig-zagging on course 221°(T). 0926 Changed course to 241°(T). 0930 Commenced zig-zagging on plan #11, base course 241°(T). Sighted H.M.S. WARSPITE and escorts bearing 221°(T), 20,000 yards. 0945 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. 1000 Passed H.M.S. WARSPITE and escorts abeam to port. 1030 Commenced zig-zagging on plan #11, base course 241°(T). 1140 Let fires die out under boilers #7 and #8. NOTE: Between 0855 and 1005, 109.7 tons of salt water ballast was taken into tanks B-925, 926, 931, 932.

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12 to 16:

As before. 1225 Ceased zig-zagging on present course. 1230 Changed course to 232°(T) and changed speed to 20 knots. 1240 Changed course to 222°(T). On various courses and speeds on approach to anchorage of ORAN, ALGERIA. 1347 All engines stopped. 1352 Anchored in thirty-seven (37) fathoms of water, one hundred and twenty (120) fathoms of chain to the port anchor, at ORAN, ALGERIA on the following anchorage bearings: CAPE FALCON 281°(T), BUOY 189°(T), STATUE 227.9°(T), BREAKWATER 215°(T), Ship's head 315°(T). 1430 LCM 244 alongside starboard quarter to receive supplies. 1439 French submarine PROTEE standing out, 1500 U.S.S. MERAK, U.S.S. MOUNT BAKER and merchant convoy standing out.

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16 to 18:

As before. 1612 Convoy of seven ships standing into harbor. 1658 U.S.S. DALLAS anchored off starboard bow. 1730 U.S.S. CHASE anchored on starboard quarter. 1750 LCM 244 left from alongside.

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