

Zone description +4

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	36°- 30' - N	36°- 33' N	36°- 43' N
Long.	68°- 06' = W	69°- 16' W	71°- 27' W

## OPERATIONAL REMARKS

## (WAR DIARY)

Enroute from CASABLANCA to HAMPTON ROADS in company with Task Group 27.4, OTC in the U.S.S. CROATAN, U.S.S. ALBEMARLE, U.S.S. MATAGORDA, U.S.S. STANTON, U.S.S. LYON, U.S.S. CHASE, screened by DesDiv 58 and 61 in the U.S.S. BULMER, plus U.S.S. HERBERT, U.S.S. ELLIS, U.S.S. UPSHUR, U.S.S. BARKER, U.S.S. LEA, U.S.S. TARBELL,

0 to 4:

As before. 0003 Resumed mean base course 309°(T). 0010 Resumed zig-zagging on base course 309°(T), convoy speed 15.5 knots (160 RPM). U.S.S. ELLIS reported that stranger gave proper reply to challenge. U.S.S. ELLIS returned to station in screen.

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4 to 8:

As before. 0642 Radar contact bearing 342°(T), range 25,000 yards, reported by CTG. 0646 CTG reported lost contact. 0711 U.S.S. ELLIS and U.S.S. HERBERT shifted stations in screen. U.S.S. MATAGORDA took station in screen between U.S.S. HERBERT and U.S.S. UPSHUR.

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8 to 12:

As before. 0825 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 309°(T). 0830 Maneuvering on various courses and speeds to shift stations with U.S.S. CROATAN. 0900 Commenced zig-zag plan #11, base course 309°(T), speed 15.5 knots (160 RPM). 0929 Ceased zig-zagging, changed course to 270°(T). Assumed unit guide of Task Unit 27.4.2 composed of U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA, U.S.S. ALBEMARLE, U.S.S. MATAGORDA, U.S.S. HERBERT and U.S.S. UPSHUR, steaming on course 270°(T) with U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA and U.S.S. ALBEMARLE in column screened by the U.S.S. MATAGORDA ahead, U.S.S. HERBERT to port and U.S.S. UPSHUR to starboard. 0946 U.S.S. MATAGORDA reported Radar surface target bearing 300°(T), 30,000 yards, which were later identified as the U.S.S. POLARIS and U.S.S. CHICKADEE. 0950 Changed course to 272°(T). 1000 Commenced zig-zag plan #11, base course 272°(T), speed 15.5 knots (160 RPM).

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12 to 16:

As before. 1220 Radar (surface) target bearing 260°(T), 24,000 yards. 1221 Radar contact sighted as single ship. Ship passed well clear to port, distant 15,000 yards. 1450 Commenced test firing of 5" and 40MM battery. 1548 Completed test firing of 40MM guns.

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16 to 18:

As before. 1700 Test firing completed, the following ammunition expended: 52 rds. BL&T 40MM, 2 rds. BL&P 40MM, 7 rds. Service 40MM, Total: 61 rds. 40MM. 48 rds. AAC 5", 14 rds. Ill. 5", Total: 62 rds. 5". 1725 Adjusted base course to 277°(T). 1733 Darkened ship.

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