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U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA

22 August 1942.

DAILY WAR DIARY

- (a) U.S. Atlantic Fleet Operation Order Plan 2-42, PHILADELPHIA flagship of Commander Cruiser Division EIGHT, is attached to Task Force 37, under direct command of Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.
- (b) Commander Task Force 37 Operation Plan #37P of August 16, 1942.
- (c) H.M.S. DASHER not present. Did not sortie from New York with convoy.
- (d) Position zone plus 3 time:

1200 Lat. 43°-54' N Long. 62°-42' N
 2000 Lat. 42°-45' N Long. 60°-39' W

Visibility overhead good, surface 2 to 5 miles, sea smooth.

(e) 0615 underway proceeding out of Halifax harbor. Formed convoy disposition. DD #16 reported submarine contact. At 1854 DD #16 dropped depth charge barrage and at 1905 dropped a second barrage. No definite results, contact lost. 2040 streamed fog buoy. At 2230 DD #2 (BUCK) in crossing through column #1 collided with ship #12 (S.S. AWATEA). Ship #13 (USS CHEMUNG) then collided with INGRAHAM. At 2237 observed and heard severe explosion in vicinity of CHEMUNG followed by dull glow resembling fire. DD's #6 and #7 closed scene of explosion and proceeded with rescue operations. USS INGRAHAM's depth charges exploded and ship sank. Eleven survivors including one officer were rescued. BUCK and AWATEA were directed to return to Halifax escorted by USS BRISTOL.

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