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U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA

December 11, 1942.

DAILY WAR DIARY

- (a) At 0000 Commander Cruiser Division 8 in Philadelphia assumed duties as Commander Task Force 35.
- (b) C.T.F.-35 created under Commander-in-Chief, Atlantic Fleet Operation Plan 2-42.
- (c) C.T.F.-35 directed by Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet to escort convoy U.G.F.-3 to African ports.
- (d) At 0630 departed Navy Yard, Brooklyn, New York and proceeded to anchorage in lower New York Bay, vicinity Fort Lafayette. Visibility very bad and traffic in bay and harbor very thick due to accumulation of transports, tankers and cargo vessels held up by thick weather.
- (e) Received fuel oil, gasoline and ammunition. Received aboard five planes from U.S. Naval Air Station, Floyd Bennet Field, N.Y. Attended conferences at Port Director's Office, 17 Battery Place and at Headquarters Commander Northeastern Sea Frontier, 90 Church St., New York incident to sailing of convoy U.G.F.-3.
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