

UNITED STATES SHIP U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA (CL41) Wednesday, 16 December, 1942.
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 3¹/₂ REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

1. Enroute New York, N. Y. to North West Africa. Convoy U.G.F.-3 consisting of 20 ships escorted by the U.S.S. NEW YORK and U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA and screened by DESTROYER SQUADRON 15. C.T.F. 35 (Comerudiv 8 in U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA) O.T.C., U.S. Atlantic Fleet. Convoy is formed in seven columns, distance between columns 700 yards, distance between ships in column 500 yards. The U.S.S. NEW YORK, convoy guide, is leader of the fourth column. U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA is stationed 1,000 yards, twenty-five degrees on starboard bow of the U.S.S. NEW YORK. DESTROYER SQUADRON 15 is stationed on a semi-circle from approximately 8,000 yards on each beam of the guide to 6,000 yards ahead of the guide.
2. Operating in accordance with operation plan 1-35.
3. Positions: 0800 - 34°17'00" N. 1200 - 34°16'00" N. 2000 - 34°29'00" N.
52°00'00" W. 51°19'00" W. 49°48'00" W.
1005 passed through heavy rain squalls. 1015 ceased raining.
4. 0000 steaming at 14 knots, 140 r.p.m., zigzagging according to plan 11. 0100 ceased zigzagging. 0130 set clocks ahead one-half hour to conform with time zone plus 3. 0700 commenced zigzagging according to plan 11, base course 081°(T). 0712 launched planes 8-CS-2 and 8-CS-5 on routine A/S patrol. 0845 ceased zigzagging. 0900 exercised crew at general quarters. Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan 30. Changed speed to 10 knots, 100 r.p.m. 0956 secured from general quarters, ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. 1100 commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan 30. 1101 changed speed to 15 knots, 150 r.p.m. 1132 catapulted plane 8-CS-1 for A/S patrol. 1132.5 catapulted plane 8-CS-3 for A/S patrol. 1148 recovered plane 8-CS-5. 1154 recovered plane 8-CS-2. 1641 recovered plane 8-CS-3. 1655 recovered plane 8-CS-1. 1700 convoy less PHILADELPHIA commenced zigzagging on base course, using plan 11. 1810 changed speed to 14 knots, 140 r.p.m.
5. 1515 commenced firing 5-inch battery to port for practice. Expended 19 rounds 5" 25 cal. target ammunition.
6. Nothing to report.
7. 1641 plane 8-CS-3 suffered damaged wing float while being recovered.
8. Nothing to report.

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