

UNITED STATES SHIP USS PHILADELPHIA (CL41) Monday, 21 December, 1942  
(Day) (Date) (Month)ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 1 1/2 Plus 1.

## REMARKS

**CONFIDENTIAL**

1. No change to report.
2. Operating in accordance with operation plan 1-35.
3. Positions: 0800 - 33°40'00" N. 1200 - 33°32'00" N. 2000 - 33°40'00" N.  
21°38'00" W. 20°51'00" W. 19°21'00" W.
4. 0000 zigzagging on base course 096°(T). Speed 14 knots, 140 r.p.m. in company with Task Force 35 escorting convoy U.G.F.-3. ComCruDiv-8 in this vessel O.T.C. Ship darkened in material condition Baker Plus and condition of readiness II Mike. Boilers 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, and 8 in use. 0130 set clocks ahead 30 minutes to conform with time zone plus 1. 0725 ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 096°(T). 0735 commenced zigzagging, plan No. 30 on base course 096°(T). Changed speed to 10 knots, 100 r.p.m. 0900 sounded General Quarters. 1048 commenced pumping salt water ballast. 1235 resumed station on base course 096°(T). 1309 changed base course to 086°(T). 1330 proceeding on various courses at various speeds to go along side of USS MERRIMACK to fuel. 1357 came along side USS MERRIMACK. Starboard side to. USS DORAN along side USS MERRIMACK to starboard. Steadied on course 086°(T). Speed 8 knots, 80 r.p.m. 1413 commenced receiving oil. 1421 USS DORAN cast off and cleared from along side of tanker. 1500 convoy commenced firing A/S practice. 1550 convoy completed firing A/S practice. 1607 completed fueling aft. Took on 5,994.64 barrels of fuel at 80°F. 1620 cast loose from tanker. 1621 commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds to resume station. 1736 resumed station 1,000 yards 25 on starboard bow of USS NEW YORK. Changed speed to 14 knots, 140 r.p.m. Commenced zigzagging on base course 086°(T). 1805 Destroyer No. 4 made sound contact believed to be submarine. Sighted tracer machine gun firing, bearing 036°(T). 1807 made emergency turn to starboard to 151°(T). 1821 made emergency turn to port to 106°(T). 1850 commenced zigzagging on plan No. 30 base course 086°(T). 2116 made 45° emergency turn to port. 2130 resumed base course 086°(T), zigzagging on plan No. 30. Maintained continuous aircraft A/S patrol during daylight hours.
5. Nothing to report.
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