

UNITED STATES SHIP USS PHILADELPHIA (CL41) ON PATROL OFF THE COAST OF NORTH AFRICA 17 APR 50

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plan 1 and 0. OF REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

1. No change to report.

2. Operating in accordance with operation plan 1-33.

3. Positions: 0800 - 34°05'30" N. 1200 - 33°38'02" N. 2000 - 33°36'47" N.
08°01'30" W. 07°34'33" W. 07°36'42" W.

4. 0000 zigzagging on base course 086°(T). Speed 14 knots, 140 r.p.m. in company with Task Force 35 escorting convoy U.G.F.-3. ComCrDiv.-8 in this vessel O.T.C. Ship darkened in material condition Baker Plus and condition of readiness II Mike. Boilers numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, and 8 in use 0130 set clocks ahead 30 minutes to conform with time zone 0. 0530 ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 127°(T). 0550 commenced zigzagging on plan No. 30, base course 127°(T). Speed 13 knots, 130 r.p.m. 0719 ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 127°(T). 0720 sighted land bearing 178°(T). Sighted five vessels bearing 180°(T), hull down. Identified as British convettes, escorting vessels for Oran section of convoy U.G.F.-3 0745 Oran section of U.G.F.-3, consisting of USS FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE, USS DOROTHY L. DIX, STE TICONDEROGA, USS ELIZABETH C. STANTON, USAT JAMES PARKER, USAT H.F. ALEXANDER, USS LYON, and USS MAMMOUTH, left the formation under escort of five British convettes. 0819 changed course to 145°(T). 0820 USS RAVEN (AM-55) reported to O.T.C. to lead convoy and escort through minefield and swept channels. 0830 USS PHILADELPHIA assumed guide. Convoy formed a single column astern. Changed speed to 12 knots, 120 r.p.m. 0900 formed astern of USS RAVEN in column formation. USS PHILADELPHIA second ship in column. Proceeding on various courses at various speeds through minefield and swept channel. 1106 convoy formed a double column, USS PHILADELPHIA and USS NEW YORK left formation to proceed to anchorage, proceeding on various courses and various speeds. 1132 anchored in 10 fathoms of water off CASABLANCA, FRENCH MOROCCO with 45 fathoms of chain out to starboard anchor and the following anchorage bearings: Light House 189.6°(T), Twin Stacks 181°(T), end of breakwater 233.3°(T). Ships present ComCrDiv.-8 in USS PHILADELPHIA (SOB) and various units of the Atlantic and Free French Fleets and Royal Navy. 1140 set condition II Mike Air. 1238 underway off CASABLANCA, FRENCH MOROCCO steaming on various courses at various speeds conforming to channel entering harbor. (NOTE) draft forward 22'6", draft aft 24'6", mean draft 23'6". 1300 set clocks ahead 1 hour to conform to zone description minus 1. 1445 pilot G.L. Combade came aboard. 1505 lat go port anchor veered to 60 fathoms to wateredge. 1507 lat go starboard anchor 58 fathoms to wateredge. 1510 tug came along starboard quarter. 1540 pilot boat came along side took line and wire to breakwater. 1706 pilot G.L. Combade left the ship. 1746 secured from condition II MIKE. 1800 ship secured with 1 chain, 1 wire and 2 manila lines leading from ship to breakwater, in 7 fathoms of water. CASABLANCA, FRENCH MOROCCO. Boiler No. 1 steaming for auxiliary purposes - the following security watches were set: 20MM machine guns, No. 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and posted 8 sentries, 2 forward, 2 amidship, 2 aft, equipped with rifles. 2310 unidentified aircraft reported to northeast. 2315 air-raid alarm - torpedo defense - manned anti-aircraft batteries and sky lookout stations. Manned S.C. radar.

- 5. Nothing to report.
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- 7. Nothing to report.
- 8. Nothing to report.