

UNITED STATES SHIP USS PHILADELPHIA (CL41) Saturday 26 December, 1942
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Minus 1.

REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

1. No change to report.
2. Nothing to report.
3. No change in positions.

4. 0000 moored CASABLANCA, FRENCH MOROCCO stern to breakwater with 1 chain, 1 wire and 2 manila lines with 60 fathoms of chain to port anchor and 80 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor in 7 fathoms of water. Ship darkened in material condition Baker Plus. Watches set on 4 20MM machine guns and 2,5 inch anti-aircraft guns. Ships present: various units of U.S. Atlantic Fleet and French Fleet. ComCruDiv-8 in this vessel (SOPA). 0300 heard series of about 15 small-arms shots from vicinity of pier. 1250 commenced moving dynamite to main deck aft. 1410 commenced loading dynamite on barge. 1555 completed loading dynamite on barge. 1835 YMS-28, YMS-29 and YMS-30 stood in. 1845 tug came along side to take barge carrying dynamite. 1915 tug pulled away from ship, leaving dynamite barge tied up alongside starboard side. 2300 tug came alongside and removed barge with dynamite. (NOTE) four dives, each of 20 minutes duration, held for the purpose of examining the propellers and rudder.

5. Nothing to report.
6. Nothing to report.
7. Nothing to report.
8. Nothing to report.