

UNITED STATES SHIP U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA (CL41) Tuesday 2 February 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 4.

REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

1. No change to report.
2. No operational plan.
3. Positions: 0800 - 37°36'09" N. 1200 - 37°43'00" N. 2000 - 37°14'48" N.
76°03'34" W. 76°10'00" W. 76°06'00" W.
4. 0000 anchored in Upper Chesapeake Bay in 7½ fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. 0530 lighted fires under boiler #2. 0609 boiler #2 cut in on main steam line. 0616 lighted fires under boilers #5 and #6. 0639 boilers #5 and #6 cut in on main steam line. 0745 hoisted out planes #2 and #5. 0800 UNDERWAY, course 180°(T), speed 10 knots, 100 r.p.m. 0813 catapulted plane #8-CS-4. 0814 catapulted plane #8-CS-3. 0820 catapulted plane #8-CS-1. 0845 held GENERAL QUARTERS for day spotting practice. 1118 recovered plane #8-CS-1. 1122 recovered plane #8-CS-3. 1124 recovered plane #8-CS-5. 1128 recovered plane #8-CS-4. 1402 catapulted planes #8-CS-3 and #8-CS-4. 1410 catapulted plane #8-CS-5. 1603 set course 000°(T), speed 5 knots, 50 r.p.m. 1700 received Coast Guard patrol boat alongside on port. Lt. (jg) Wm. T. CAGLEY, USNR, Amphibious Force, Administrative Command, left the ship on verbal orders to report to Commander Amphibious Force, Norfolk, Virginia. Ens. BAKER, USNR, and Atlantic Fleet Camera Party under his orders, left the ship to report to ComSer-Force, Norfolk, Virginia. 1703 recovered plane #8-CS-3 and #8-CS-4 and #8-CS-5. 1720 Coast Guard vessel cast off. 1723 changed speed to 18 knots, 180 r.p.m. 1754 stopped both engines and received Coast Guard boat alongside. 1757 Coast Guard boat cast off. Resumed speed 18 knots, 180 r.p.m. 1818 changed speed to 20 knots, 200 r.p.m. and changed course to 175°(T). 1831 changed course to 185°(T). Turned on running lights. 1847 commenced maneuvering on various courses and speeds coming to anchorage. 1859 anchored off York Spit Channel in 8 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain out to starboard anchor on the following bearings. Buoy #10 245°(T)., New Point Comfort 278,70°(T)., Old Plantation 113°(T); Buoy #9 255°(T). 1905 secured main engines and Special Sea Detail. 1912 secured boiler #2, boiler #1 steaming for auxiliary purposes. 1908 secured boilers #5 and #6.
5. 1018 commenced firing Day Spotting Practice. 1044 ceased firing Day Spotting Practice completed. Expended 60 rounds DSP 6-inch 47 cal. ammunition. 1332 commenced firing 5-inch Local Control Practice. 1335 ceased firing. 1429 commenced firing main-battery. 1438 ceased firing main-battery. 1503 commenced firing 5-inch AA practice. 1542 ceased firing. Ammunition expended: 6-inch 47 cal., 10 rounds. 52 rounds 5-inch 25 cal. 243 rounds 1.10-75 cal. 455 rounds 20MM. 1617 commenced firing machine-gun practice "Able". 1647 completed firing machine-gun practice "Able".
6. Nothing to report.
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