

Zone description \_\_\_\_\_

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	35°-44'-00" N	35°-51'-00" N	36°-15' N
Long.	07°-06'-00" W	05°-58'-00" W	03°-57' W

**OPERATIONAL REMARKS  
(WAR DIARY)**

0 to 4:  
As before.

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4 to 8:  
As before. 0545 Changed speed to 14.5 knots (145 RPM). 0615 Sounded General Quarters, set Material Condition "ABLE". 0644 Set Material Condition "BAKER PLUS". 0704 Secured from General Quarters. 0732 Sighted Spanish trawler bearing 072° (T), at 15 miles. 0746 Adjusted course of convoy to 085° (T).

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8 to 12:  
As before. 0843 Dog #2 had sound contact; convoy made emergency turn 90° to starboard to course 130° (T). 0852 Resumed base course 085° (T). 0856 Commenced zig-zagging on base course 085° (T), plan #11. 1032 Dog #9 sighted land bearing 095° (T), distance 32,000 yards. 1039 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. 1040 Convoy commenced maneuvering to form two columns with the PHILADELPHIA ahead of starboard column and BIRMINGHAM leading port column. 1101 Changed course to 055° (T) and speed to 14 knots. 1130 Changed course to 078° (T), passed point "A".

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12 to 16a:  
As before. 1205 Adjusted course to 057° (T), passed point "B". 1227 Adjusted course to 081° (T). 1238 Lighted off boilers #5 and #6. 1354 Changed speed to 15 knots (150 RPM). 1400 Changed course to 082° (T). 1405 Changed speed to 12 knots. 1409 Changed convoy speed to 8 knots (080 RPM). 1410 Convoy course 080° (T), (convoy reforming). 1417 Changed course to 067° (T). 1438 Changed convoy speed to 14.5 knots. 1452 Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan #11, base course 070° (T).

*H.K. Lockwood*  
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16 to 18:  
As before: 1602 Spanish merchant vessel sighted bearing 055° (T), passing from port to starboard so as to pass clear of convoy. 1720 Ceased zig-zagging; resumed base course 070° (T). 1731 Changed course to 089° (T). 1749 Commenced zig-zagging on base course 089° (T), using plan #11.

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18 to 20:  
As before.

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