UNITED STATES SHIP U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA (CL41) Sunday 18 July , 1943

Zone description (Date) (Month)

Position 0800	1200	2000
Lat. 370-01'- 42" N	37°-01'-42" N	37°-01'-42" N
Long. 140- 12'-42" E	140-12'-47" E	140-12'-47" E

## OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)

0 to 44

As before. 0055 Ceased zig-zagging. 0100 Changed course to 0950 (T). 0105 Resumed zig-zagging.

H.K. LOCKWOOD Lieut., U.S.N.R.

4 to 8:

As before, 0458 General Quarters, set Condition "ABLE". 0515 Changed course to 070°(T), ceased zig-zagging. 0520 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #11 on base course 070°(T). 0525 Changed speed to 8 knots. 0541 Changed speed to 5 knots. 0544 Streamed parawanes. 0545 Sighted convoy TC-3 out of Tunis. 0547 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. 0549 Changed course to 100°(T). 0501 Secured from Condition "ABLE" set "BAKER" plus. 0608 Changed course to 030°(T). 0610 Changed speed to 10 knots, secured from General Quarters, set Condition "III" Air. 0625 Changed course to 008°(T). 0629 Changed speed to 12 knots. 0635 Passed buoy to swept channel abeam to port, steaming on various courses at various speeds conforming to swept channel, proceeding to anchorage. 0733 Stationed special sea detail.

R.L. CATON Lieut., U.S.N.R.

8 to 12:

As before. 0801 Anchored in seven fathoms of water, two and one half miles southwest of Gela, SICILY, with forty-five fathoms of chain to starboard anchor on the following bearings. Church 038.4 9(T), Tower 328.2 9(T), Mt.Lungo 340.8 9(T). Ships present Comcrudiv-8 in this vessel (SOPA) plus various units of American and British Fleets. 0847 Commenced diving operations to check paravane downhaul, Gideon EFlc, diver. 0857 Completed diving operations. 1058 U.S.S. MURPHY. 1100 U.S.S. CHERARDI underway. 1102 U.S.S. JEFFERS underway.

Lieut., U.S.N.R.

12 to 16:

As before.

G.T. RICKETT Lieut., U.S.N.R.

16 to 18:

As before.

H.K. LOCKWOOD Lieut., U.S.N.R.

18 to 20:

As before. 1955 Sounded special sea details; received message from CinC. Med: Expect torpedo aircraft attack off Licata-Gela tonight Sunday.

Approved: PAUL BENDERS Secretarion

Examined:

C.G. GESEN, Comdr., DEV-G, U.S.N.R.

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Navigator.

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