UNITED STATES SHIP U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA (CL41)   Tuesday   20   July , 1943.
                                                 (Day)   (Date)   (Month)

Zone description

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	37°- 21'-50" N	37°-17'-00" N	37°-24'-15" N
Long.	9°- 59'-15" E	08°-47'-30" E	6°-14'-30" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0 to 4:

As before. 0055 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 301°(T). 0108 Changed speed to 5 knots (50 RPM). 0115 U.S.S. BIRMINGHAM, plus U.S.S. EDISON and U.S.S. LUDLOW joined formation. ComCruDiv EIGHT in this vessel O.T.C. 0121 Changed course to 030°(T), passing through Tunisian war channel. 0127 Changed speed to 10 knots (100 RPM). 0150 Changed speed to 15 knots (150 RPM). 0259 Changed course to 340°(T). 0305 Radar Plot reported surface target. Destroyer investigated. Reported small craft travelling at high speed. Vessel did not properly answer challenge. 0330 Sighted Cape Bon Light bearing 310°(T).

E.W. BRYANT
Lieut., U.S.N.R.

4 to 8:

As before. 0409 Adjusted course to 281°(T). 0427 Passed Cape Bon abeam to port. 0736 Adjusted course to 294°(T).

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

8 to 12:

As before. 0849 Changed course to 260°(T). 1137 Changed course to 267°(T). 1140 Commenced zig-zagging. 1143 Changed speed to 17 knots.

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

12 to 16:

As before. 1345 Sighted four ships on horizon bearing 280°(T); identified as British naval vessels. 1540 Adjusted mean course to 270°(T).

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

16 to 18:

As before. Steaming as before. 1605 Commenced steering 2° to the right of the base course, to overcome set.

E.W. BRYANT
Lieut., U.S.N.R.

18 to 20:

As before. 1812 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed mean course 272°(T). 1820 Adjusted course to 318°(T). 1825 Commenced zig-zag plan #11 base course 318°(T), speed 17 knots. 1916 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed mean course 318°(T). 1925 Adjusted course to 268°(T). 1930 Commenced zig-zag plan #11 base course 268°(T), speed 17 knots. 1940 Changed speed to 16.5 knots.

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

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