UNITED STATES SHIPU.S.S. PHILADELPHIA (CL41)

Thursday

29

July , 19 43.

Zone description.

Position 0800	1200	
Lat. 370-40'-30" N		2000
	37°-24'-00" N	370-58'-00" N
Long. 70-01'-00" E	80-051-00"-E	100-19'-30" E

## OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)

0 to 4:

As before.

Lieut., U.S.N.R.

4 to 8:

As before. 0534 General Quarters. 0612 Lighted ship. 0627 Secured from General Quarters; set Condition of readiness "III" Air. 0655 Ceased zig-zagging 0700 Changed course to 102 (T). 0705 Dommenced zig-zagging.

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

8 to 12:

As before. 0843 Adjusted base course to 107°(T). 0910 Took on 42.9 tons of salt water ballast in tanks B-933 and B-934. 1026 Changed speed to 10 knots. 1039 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 107°(T), speed 10 knots. 1040 Changed speed to 20 knots. 1044 Commenced steaming on various courses for Rangefinder-Radar exercise. 1130 Ceased exercises, changed speed to 15 knots. 1135 Commenced zig-zag plan #11, base course 107°(T), speed 15 knots.

Lieut. (jg), U.S.N.

12 to 16:

As before, 1230 Sighted convoy bearing 130°(T), distant 13 miles, British and American ships escorted by British destroyers, 1355 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course, 1400 Changed course to 080°(T), changed speed to 5 knots (050 RPM), 1409 Commenced streaming paravanes, 1413 Changed speed to 15 knots (150 RPM), 1415 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan #11 on base course 080°(T), 1423 Changed speed to 17.5 knots (175 RPM), 1448 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course, 1457 Commenced steering 3 to left of base course, 1500 Destroyers assumed special formation for passing through Tunisian War Channel. 1520
Resumed steering base course 080°(T). 1525 Changed course to 045°(T). 1531
Commenced test firing of 5"/25 cal. battery and light weapons. 1535 Changed course to 070°(T). 1545 Changed course to 000°(T). 1555 Changed course to 030°(T).

Lieut., U.S.N.R.

16 to 18:

As before. 1600 Ceased test firing of 5"/25 cal. battery and light weapons. The following ammunition was expended this date: 16 rounds 5"/25, 24 rounds 40MM, 102 rounds 20MM. 1605 Changed course to 045°(T). 1611 Commenced zig-zagging on plan #40, speed 17.5 knots, base course 045°(T). 1743 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 045°(T). 1750 Changed course to 067°(T). 1754 Changed speed to 12 knots (120 RPM) to recover parawanes.

Lieut., U.S.N.R.

Approved:

Captain, U.S. Navy, Commanding Officer.

Examined:

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

Navigator.

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