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UNITED STATES SHIP U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA (CL41) Saturday 7 August, 1943
 (Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description _____

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

8 to 12:

Continued: "BAKER" plus. Secured from General Quarters; set condition II on the A.A. battery and condition III on all other stations.

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12 to 16:

As before. 1311 Changed course to 235°(T), changed speed to 10 knots. 1318 Changed speed to 15 knots. 1324 Changed course to 260°(T). 1330 Wave of 38 planes (B-26) passed overhead in an easterly direction. 1339 C.O. PHILADELPHIA ordered destroyer screen to proceed at discretion. 1356 Set special sea details. 1400 Steaming on various courses at various speeds conforming to swept channel proceeding to anchorage. 1405 Secured boilers #5 and #6. 1410 Anchored in Palermo Bay, SICILY with 45 fathoms of chain to the port anchor in 18 fathoms of water on the following bearings: ARCH 214°(T), STATUE 342°(T), SIGNAL TOWER 348°(T). 1500 No.1 M.W.B. returned to the ship from beach, this boat had previously been left behind when ship got underway. Passenger and boat crew as follows: BADOWSKI, John C., Cox(402-88-71), THOMAS, Harold T., Sic(551-82-11), CORRERA, Carl A., MM2c(224-23-62), STASCH, Donald R., MM1c(316-59-93). 1530 Admiral Davidson and staff returned on board from U.S.S. SAVANNAH and his flag was hoisted. NOTE: The following ammunition was expended this date for 6"/47 shore bombardment and air defense. 301 projectiles 6"/47, H.C. MK 29-1 Fuze; 301 cartridges 6"/47 semifixed I.V. 2800 S.P.D; 15 cartridges 5"/25 A.A. L&F, MK 32 Fuze; 4 cartridges 5"/25 A.A. L&F, M.T.F. Fuze.

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16 to 18:

As before. 1630 LST convoy standing out, U.S.S. WAINWRIGHT underway. 1657 U.S.S. TRIPPE underway. 1658 U.S.S. RHIND underway, U.S.S. LUDLOW stood in and anchored. 1659 U.S.S. ROWAN underway. 1700 U.S.S. PLUNKETT underway. 1737 Cut in boilers #5 and #6 on main steam line.

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18 to 20:

As before. 1757 Underway from Palermo, SICILY in accordance with Commander Task Force Eighty-Eight (in PHILADELPHIA), Operation Plan No. 1-43 August 6, 1943, (A16-3/Serial 0035). Captain at the Conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. Steaming on various courses and speeds to conform to swept channel. 1845 Changed course to 090°(T), speed 14.5 knots. 1850 Commenced zig-zag plan #11, base course 090°(T), speed 14.5 knots.

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20 to 24:

As before. 2006 Darkened ship. 2015 Held sunset General Quarters. 2051 Adjusted base course to 100°(T). 2110 Set condition "BAKER" plus. 2116 Secured

Approved: *Paul Hendren*
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Captain, U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

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

Navigator.