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UNITED STATES SHIP U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA (CL41) Sunday 15 August 1943.

Zone description

Position 0800 1200 2000

Lat.
Long.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)

18 to 20:

As before. 1805 Proceeding on various courses and speeds to overtake unidentified craft. Cut boiler #8 in on main steam line. 1815 Ships definitely identified as rescue boats. Changed course to 095°(T), changed speed to 20 knots (210 RPM). Secured from condition "ABLE" set "BAKER" plus. 1818 Changed speed to 25 knots (250 RPM). 1819 Changed course to 110°(T). 1822 Changed course to 095°(T) 1824 Changed speed to 20 knots (200 RPM). 1826 Unloaded main battery through muzzle. 1827 Secured from General Quarters; set condition of readiness III "Air". 1831 Changed speed to 21 knots (210 RPM). 1835 Commenced zig-zag plan #11, base course 098°(T), speed 21 knots. 1933 Stopped both engines. PT 210 alongside Lieut T.M. Clement came aboard. 1938 Both engines ahead full speed 21 knots (210 RPM). 1953 Changed base course to 080°(T), zig-zag plan #11. NOTE: Expended the following 6"/47 cal. ammunition this date: 10 rounds SPD 2540, 5 rounds SPD 2528, and 15 common projectiles.

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

20 to 24:

As before. 2020 Observed initial phase of lunar eclipse. 2047 Changed base course to 260°(T), changed speed to 15 knots(150 RPM). 2115 Changed base course to 080°(T). 2140 Lunar eclipse at maximum degree at shadow. 2300 Last phase of lunar eclipse completed, shadow completely removed from moon. 2335 Changed course to 180°(T).2353 Changed base course to 084°(T). 2357 Changed base course to 069°(T).

Lieut., U.S.N.R.

Approved:

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Commanding.

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