

U. S. S. PHILADELPHIA (CL41) Tuesday

Date August 31, 1943.

16 to 18:

As before. 1645 Changed speed to 20 knots. 1715 Secured boilers #7 and #8; ceased zig-zagging and returned to base course 250° (T). 1720 Changed course to 195° (T). 1725 Commenced zig-zag plan #11. 1744 Ceased zig-zagging and returned to base course 195° (T). 1745 Changed course to 171° (T). 1750 Changed course to 162° (T). 1759 Changed course to 171° (T).

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18 to 20:

As before. 1800 Changed speed to 15 knots. 1801 Changed course to 220° (T). 1811 Changed course to 240° (T). 1815 Changed speed to 10 knots. 1816 Steaming on various courses and speeds to conform to channel. 1827 Pilot L. ALTIERI came aboard. 1843 Moored MERS-EL-KEBIR anchorage in 8½ fathoms of water, bow to buoy "Tare", stern to buoy "Unit". 1845 Pilot left the ship. 1850 Set modified condition III Air. 1940 U.S.S. LUDLOW, U.S.S. MAYO, and U.S.S. TRIPPE stood in.

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20 to 24:

As before. 2150 Harbor patrol craft commenced dropping numerous small depth charges in vicinity of ship.

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