

U. S. S. PHILADELPHIA (CI41) Sunday

Date Sept. 26, 1943.

0 to 4:

As before.

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

4 to 8:

As before. 0555 YMS 63 stood out. 0615 British tanker CELEROL stood in.
0640 U.S.Army Hospital Ship SHAMROCK stood in. 0740 U.S.S. PLUNKETT stood in.

C. Karpman Jr.
C. KARPMAN JR.
Lieut.(jg), U.S.N.

8 to 12:

As before. 0832 U.S.S. NIBLACK underway. 1028 Pilot Chief Boatswain K.A. BUCK, USN came aboard. 1054 Underway from Mole standing out of inner harbor to anchor in outer harbor on various courses at various speeds. 1130 Anchored in Gulf of Palermo, SICILY, in 25 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor, and on the following bearings: ARCH 219.2°, BREAKWATER LIGHT 307.2°, LEFT TANGENT 091.5°, 1158 U.S.S. BROOKLYN underway.

E.W. Krebsbach
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Lieut., U.S.N.

12 to 16:

As before. 1200 Position: Lat: 38°-07'-10" N, Long: 13°-23'-05" E.
1245 U.S.S. WOOLSEY and U.S.S. EDISON standing in. 1330 U.S.S. NIBLACK standing out. Convoy of Merchant vessels with escorte standing in. 1345 U.S.S. WOOLSEY anchored. 1405 U.S.S. EDISON anchored. 1440 Set special sea details. 1444 U.S.S. EDISON underway. 1458 U.S.S. NIBLACK underway. 1459 Underway for ALGIERS in company with U.S.S. MOUNT BAKER and screened by U.S.S. WOOLSEY, U.S.S. EDISON and U.S.S. NIBLACK. Screen commander ComDesDiv 13 in U.S.S. WOOLSEY. O.T.C. in U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA. On various courses and speeds conforming to swept channel. 1503 Speed 10 knots. 1505 Speed 14 knots, course 010°(T). 1513 U.S.S. MOUNT BAKER underway, changed course to 355°(T). 1535 Changed course to 295°(T). 1538 Unidentified aircraft 295°(T), 21 miles. 1551 Changed speed to 13 knots.

W.A. Fite
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16 to 18:

As before. 1603 Changed course to 274°(T). 1613 Lighted fires under boiler #7. 1615 Commenced zig-zagging on base course 274°(T) using plan #11. 1616 Changed speed to 13.5 knots (135RPM). 1620 Lighted fires under boiler #8. 1707 Changed speed to 14 knots (140 RPM). 1715 Cut in boilers #7 and #8.

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

18 to 20:

As before. 1815 General Quarters; set material condition "ABLE". 1847 Set material condition "BAKER" plus. 1855 Secured from General Quarters, set condition of readiness III Air. 1905 Changed course to 248°(T)

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

20 to 24:

As before. 2000 Position. Lat: 38°-17' N, Long: 12°-14' E. 2134 Adjusted base course to 216°(T).

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