

U. S. S. PHILADELPHIA (CL41) Wednesday

Date November 3, 1943.

0 to 4:

As before. 0019 Target (Radar) bearing 062°(T), 11,000 yards, identified as friendly. 0110 Adjusted base course to 079°(T). 0300 Radar target (surface) 060°(T), 11,000 yards illuminated by destroyer escort and identified as friendly. 0325 Surface Radar target 125°(T), 5800 yards, illuminated by destroyer escort and identified as friendly.

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Lieut., U.S.N.R.

4 to 8:

As before. 0400 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. 0405 Changed course to 087°(T). 0407 Picked up <sup>friendly</sup> island on Radar. 0422 Radar plot reported surface target at 113°(T). 0443 Changed course to 080°(T). 0500 Changed course to 076°(T). 0515 Passed convoy abeam to port. 0547 Changed course to 080°(T). 0547 Light sighted dead ahead. 0600 Changed speed to 20 knots. 0612 Secured fires under boilers 7 & 8. 0629 Passed Hospital Ship TOSCANO, abeam to starboard. 0651 Changed course to 114°(T). 0717 Changed speed to 15 knots. 0720 Changed speed to 20 knots. 0723 Changed course to 100°(T). 0724 Started maneuvering on various courses and speeds into swept channel to anchorage. 0748 Anchored - BIZERTE, TUNISIA, in 12 fathoms of water, starboard anchor 60 fathoms of chain on deck - sand and mud bottom. Anchored on the following bearings: Tangent 324.5°(T), Ships head 205°(T), Church 238°(T), Breakwater light 210°(T). 0749 Secured from Condition III Air and set Condition III Air Modified.

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8 to 12:

As before. 0802 Secured boiler #3. 0905 Sounded Flight Quarters. 0911 Plane 8-CS-3 hoisted aboard. 0925 U.S. Army Hospital Ship SEMINOLE standing out. 0940 U.S.S. PILOT standing out. 0955 U.S.S. PLUNKETT standing out. 1000 Sounded Flight Quarters. 1005 Plane 8-CS-1 hoisted aboard.

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

12 to 16:

As before. 1245 Recovered plane 8-CS-10. 1320 Recovered plane 8-CS-5. 1400 Hoisted out plane 8-CS-10, pilot Ensign Joliffe, passenger Penny ACMM. 1440 The Dutch tanker AGATHA came alongside to port to fuel ship. Draft forward 23', aft 24' 5", mean 23'-8½". 1522 Commenced receiving fuel oil from tanker.

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16 to 20:

As before. 1708 Completed fueling ship having received 101,282 gallons of fuel oil at 60°F. 1725 Cleared lines to tanker. 1805 The tanker EMPIRE DAMSEL secured alongside to port. 1928 Commenced receiving aviation gas.

*R. E. Stark*  
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20 to 24:

As before. 2045 Finished taking on 3550 gallons 100 octane aviation gasoline from tanker EMPIRE DAMSEL. Tanker secured alongside at port quarter for night.

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Captain, U.S.M.C.

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