

U. S. S. PHILADELPHIA (CL41) ThursdayDate November 4, 1943.

20 to 24:

As before. 2000 Position: Lat. $37^{\circ}-24'$ N, Long. $9^{\circ}-39'$ E.
 2005 Cut in boiler #7 and #8. 2022 Yellow alert in BIZERTE. 2024 Set Condition III AIR. 2030 Condition "WHITE" in BIZERTE. 2039 Changed course to 260° (T). 2040 Set Condition III "Surface". 2041 Sighted Hospital Ship bearing 278° (T), distance 26,000 yards. 2205 Changed course to 272° (T). 2210 Changed speed to 15 knots, 170 turns. 2225 Friendly aircraft made recognition signal. 2230 Passed Hospital Ship abeam to port, distance 6000 yards. 2230 Commenced zig-zag plan #11. 2305 Changed course to 302° (T) to pass clear of convoy on opposite course, ceased zig-zagging. 2310 U.S.S. PLUNKETT investigated surface target which proved to be friendly. 2330 Commenced zig-zagging on plan #11, base course 272° (T).

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