

Zone description \_\_\_\_\_

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	36°-05'-30" N	36°-06'-30" N	35°-48'-00" N
Long.	02°-49'-00" W	03°-53'-30" W	06°-08'-00" W

**OPERATIONAL REMARKS  
(WAR DIARY)**

0 to 4:

As before. 0000 Set Condition III Surface, third section. Underway, Captain at the Conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge, speed five (5) knots, course 020°(T). On various courses and speeds to clear harbor. 0003 Course 350°(T), speed 15 knots, taking departure from ORAN, ALGERIA to CASABLANCA, FRENCH MOROCCO, steaming in company with U.S.S. STANTON, U.S.S. LYON, U.S.S. CHASE, screened by U.S.S. LUDLOW, U.S.S. MAYO, U.S.S. BENSON, U.S.S. DALLAS (ComDesDiv 60). 0045 Changed speed to 160 RPM. 0100 Commenced zig-zagging on base course 278°(T).

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4 to 8:

As before. 0655 Sunrise General Quarters. \*0720 Secured from General Quarters and set Condition III Air. NOTE: Numerous Radar contacts on unidentified planes, none approached closer than four (4) miles. \* 0710 Secured from Material Condition "ABLE", set "BAKER" plus.

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8 to 12:

As before. 0800 Changed speed to 155 RPM. 0850 Ceased zig-zagging; returned to base course 278°(T). 0853 Changed course to 264°(T) by wheeling. 0900 Commenced zig-zagging on base course 264°(T), using plan #11. 1130 Sighted barrage balloons of convoy bearing 200°(T).

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12 to 16:

As before. 1210 Changed speed to 160 RPM. 1320 Sighted convoy GUS - 20 bearing 198°(T), distant 28,000 yards. 1347 Changed speed to 16.5 knots. 1401 Changed speed to 16 knots. 1500 Changed speed to 17 knots. 1506 Adjusted mean course to 266°(T). 1508 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed mean course.

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16 to 18:

As before. 1605 Changed convoy speed to 15.5 knots (160 RPM on shafts #1, #2, and #3). 1607 Changed course to 264°(T). 1706 Changed course to 256°(T). 1715 Screening force of ComDesDiv 60 in U.S.S. DALLAS; U.S.S. LUDLOW, U.S.S. MAYO, and U.S.S. BENSON, relieved by ComDesDiv 61, in U.S.S. LEA; U.S.S. UPSHUR, and U.S.S. TARBELL. 1734 Changed convoy course to 263°(T). 1736 Convoy sighted on horizon bearing 280°(T).

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