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Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	33°-59' N	33°-38' N	33°-37' N
Long.	07°-59' W	07°-35'-30" W	07°-36'-30" W

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0 to 4:

As before. 0246 Changed speed to 14 knots.

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4 to 8:

As before. 0546 Ceased zig-zagging on base course 222°(T). 0600 Formed column of ships (STANTON, LYON, CHASE) for passage in channel to CASABLANCA. 0615 Changed course to 140°(T). 0625 Changed speed to 140 RPM. 0711 U.S.S. LEA reported Radar contact bearing 165°(T), at 15,500 yards. 0715 Precautionary General Quarters. 0716 Sighted several patrol vessels bearing 165°(T). 0732 Changed course to 161°(T). 0738 Secured from Material Condition "ABLE", set Material Condition "BAKER" plus. 0744 Secured from General Quarters; set Condition III Air. 0745 Changed course to 165°(T). 0748 Changed course to 160°(T).

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8 to 12:

As before. 0803 Passed buoy "A" abeam to starboard, changed course to 138°(T). 0823 Passed buoy "D" abeam to starboard. 0830 Convoy sighted dead ahead coming out of channel. 0835 Changed course to 160°(T). 0845 Passed buoy "H" abeam to port. 0850 Changed course to 140°(T). 0852 Changed course to 138°(T). 0853 Secured boilers #7 and #8. 0859 Passed leading escort (DD-223) of convoy standing out abeam to port. Commenced steering various courses following escort through swept channel. 0904 Passed buoy "M" abeam to port. 0917 Passed buoy "P" abeam to port. 0921 Unidentified plane 045°(T), 14 miles (closing). Identified as PBY. 0945 Commenced test firing machine guns. Passed buoy "X" abeam to starboard. 1012 Completed test firing of 40MM guns. Expended 26 rds. 1022 Stopped both engines - laying to off entrance to harbor. 1055 Secured from Condition III Air, set Condition III Air Modified. 1142 Commenced test firing on 40MM.

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12 to 16:

As before. 1208 Anchored in 14 fathoms of water with 30 fathoms of chain to port anchor, on the following bearings: El Hank Light 252.5°(T), Left Chimney 144.5°(T), End of Breakwater 219°(T). 1210 Completed test firing. Expended the following ammunition: 40MM Battery 27 rds., 1251 Stationed special sea details. 1318 Underway on various courses and at various speeds proceeding into harbor, Captain at the Conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. 1323 Pilot G.L. Comrade came aboard. 1329 Pilot took the Conn. 1400 Entered inner harbor. 1407 Let go port anchor. 1408 Let go starboard anchor. 1500 Moored stern to Jetty, Berth "K", CASABLANCA Harbor with 2 wires, 1 manilla line and 2 chains to jetty; 75 fathoms of chain to port and starboard anchors. 1507 Secured boilers #1 and #2. 1510 Received fuel barge alongside to port. 1512 Secured boiler #3. 1517 Commenced receiving fuel from barge.

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