

UNITED STATES SHIP BACHE

SUNDAY 16 (Day) (Month)

MAY 1943 (Year)

ZONE DESCRIPTION +10

REMARKS.

0104 Steaming on course 338°T, 317950 speed 15 knots (144 RPM) in company with the New Mexico. Mainmast and funnel in position in anti-aircraft screen 30° on port bow of New Mexico. Station 5000 yards zig-zagging in accordance with plan #6 (ATI) Brier #1 and 3 in line
 B M Wink, Lt (jg) USNR.

4 to 8 Steaming as before on base course 338°T and 317950, speed 15 knots (144 RPM), zig-zagging according to Plan #6. 0651 changed course to 030°T, 0653 changed course to 090°T, 0708 changed course to 260°, 0712 sighted ship bearing 320°T, changed course to 000°T. 0719 ship identified as USS Coghlan. Changed course to 045°T. 0739 Recommended information, base course 338°T, and recommenced zig-zagging. COGHLAN taking station in AS screen ahead of USS MEXICO, distant 5000 yds, this ship and USS LANSDOWNE taking station 45° on port and starboard bows respectively. 0757 sighted ship bearing 300°T, distant 21,000 yds. Identified as U.S.S. GILKIS, which ship proceeded to join formation.
 J M Madril Lt. USNR

8 to 12 Steaming as before on base course 338°T and 319° P.S.C. at formation speed 15 knots. Changed screening station to 20° on port bow of New Mexico, distant 5000 yards. Coghlan on station 20° on starboard bow of New Mexico. Lansdowne 60° on starboard bow, Brier 60° on port bow. Screen maintaining true bearing on battleships zig-zagging in accordance with plan #6. 0845 changed speed to 17 knots. 1030 maneuvering to screen battleships while New Mexico recovers aircraft. 1035 New Mexico recovered aircraft. 1042 Resumed base course 338°T. 1053 recommenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan #6. 1058 New Mexico launched the aircraft for inner air patrol.
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