

U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA

SUMMARY REPORT OF FIRE SUPPORT AT ANZIO, ITALY.

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TIME	COORDINATES	TARGET	S.F.C.P.	RANGE	ROUNDS FIRED	REMARKS
1140	822 - 334	Artillery	N.L.O. 30	18,000	19	"Cease firing on this target," received.
1155						Contacted DENDRON.
1203	830 - 350	Artillery	N.L.O. 30	21,500	15	"Cease firing. Observation impossible. Fire on Target #2."
1230	763 - 394	Artillery	DENDRON	23,950	20	Plane did not observe fire. Forced to return to base due to flak hit.
1304	840 - 367	Artillery	N.L.O. 30	22,050	30	Six 5-gun salvos - unobserved fire. Fire spotted around in target area. Cub not in position to observe fire. Retired from area at 1305.

NOTE: Ship was scheduled to arrive in firing area at 1100 with fire to be spotted by DENDRON 1 and 2 from 1100 to 1200, and by DENDRON 3 and 4 from 1200 to 1300. Upon arrival at 1100, the ship was unable to contact DENDRON 1 and 2. It later developed that due to engine trouble, these planes were forced to return to base. While waiting for plane spot, request was made of N.L.O. 30 to spot targets at coordinates 822 - 334 and 830 - 350. DENDRON 3 and 4 reported ready to observe at 1230, but unfortunately one plane was shot down and the other seriously damaged by anti-aircraft fire and forced to return to base. Due to the fact that it requires thirty minutes notice for N.L.O. 30 to have Cub plane in position to spot, it was not feasible other than to shoot unobserved fire at target at coordinates 840 - 367.

Enclosure "B" (2)