

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
1039	823 - 339	Artillery	Ground O.P.	22,400	90	"Fire effective," received.
1131	848 - 338	Artillery	Ground O.P.	21,400	80	"Fire effective," received.
1242	786 - 355	Artillery	N.L.O. 30	21,400	30	"Fire effective," received.
1254	805 - 342	Artillery	N.L.O. 30	20,550	76	"Fire effective," received.
1308	843 - 345	Artillery	N.L.O. 30	22,430	42	"Fire effective. Large fire started," received.
1325	755 - 357	Artillery	N.L.O. 30	20,980	44	"Fire effective. Area well neutralized," received.
1342	785 - 345	Artillery	N.L.O. 30	19,950	39	"Fire effective. Mission successful," received.

NOTES

The ship established communications with Ground Observation Post (M.I.Q.) prior to entering fire support area and fire was requested on targets of opportunity designated by them. After firing Ground Observation Post's two targets, they reported, "No more shooting at present," at 1155. The ship then fired on targets of opportunity selected by N.L.O. 30 with Piper Cub spotting. On the first target (coordinates 786 - 355) a "NC - NC" spot was given on the initial salvo and rapid fire was requested for one minute. Fire on this target was completed at 1248. The initial spot on the next target designated by N.L.O. 30 was "NC - R10" with rapid fire requested for one minute. This was followed by another minutes' rapid fire, and the Shore Fire Control Party reported, "Fire effective - target very well covered." Rapid fire was requested on each of the targets designated by N.L.O. 30, who, upon completion of the firing, reported, "Effect excellent on all targets." Communications could not be established with DENDRON, and ship retired from area.

Enclosure "B" (4).