

Serial 0014.

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Subject: War Diary for the month of May 1944.

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The plane reported that the firing had effectively covered the target. Shifted to target No. 6 (3 heavy guns at 610005). 1242 Sky Control forward reported small splash in water bearing 290° R distant 2,000 yards. 1246 Commenced firing at target No. 6. 1247 changed course to left to 270°T. 1300 Ceased firing on target No. 6 after straddling target; fired total of 28 rounds on this target. Changed course to left to 090°(T). 1306 Shifted set up to target No. 5 (Command Post at 611993). 1309 Commenced firing on target No. 5. 1323 Completed firing on target No. 5; straddled target with 5th salvo. Fizzing had to return to base. Expended 35 rounds. NOTE: At 1316 firing was completed on this target; changed speed to 15 knots. Modified condition "A" for ventilation. 1356 Changed speed to 10 knots. On course 270°T. In contact with Fizzing. 1357 Set condition "A". 1400 Getting set up on target 15 and 16. (Each of these was a heavy gun). 1407 Changed speed to 15 knots. Shifted to target No. 7 (Town of ITRI at 608989). 1418 Changed speed to 10 knots. Commenced firing on target No. 7. 1439 Changed course to right to 270°T. 1441 Fizzing requested more fire on No. 7 but Captain ordered cease firing. Expended 114 rounds on this target during this shoot, total of 205 on No. 7 during the day. Results very effective and shells covered target very nicely. 1447 Commenced firing on targets Nos. 15 and 16 (1 heavy gun at each on coordinates 610996 and 611996). 1454 Changed course to 280°T, then to 090°T. 1500 At about this time line of hills ashore came into view. 1510 Changed course to right to 270°T. 1515 Fizzing had to leave. Ceased firing on targets Nos. 15 and 16. 8th and 9th salvos scored two direct hits, one in each target - large fire resulted in target No. 16. Fizzing reported good coverage on these targets. Expended 89 rounds. 1555 Piper Cub reported visibility bad for spotting and left area. 1600 Left firing area via eastern "C" channel. 1849 Anchored in GULF OF POZZUOLI. BAY OF NAPLES was reported to be closed due to the presence of circling torpedoes which had been released by aircraft during the morning raid.

### 15 May

(a) 1048 underway to shift berth off NAPLES. Set condition "A" and stationed special lookouts due to presence of circling torpedoes. 1157 anchored off FORT DELL'OVO, NAPLES.

(b) 1859 underway for dispersal anchorage off POZZUOLI. 2142 while at anchor off POZZUOLI received "Yellow" Naples over harbor circuit. Commenced preparations for getting underway and executed "Yellow" procedure. 2144 "Red" Naples, sounded General Quarters. 2201 sighted flares and A.A. fire bearing 325 T. Numerous hostile planes were reported approaching NAPLES area. No definite attacks developed. 2300 "White" NAPLES; secured from General Quarters.