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Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	37°-05.7' N	37°-05'-45" N	37°-12' N
Long.	13°-27.6' E	13°-30'-30" E	13°-23' E

 OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0 to 4:

As before. Lying to transferring stores to LCT alongside port quarter and fueling P.C.-526 alongside starboard quarter. Maneuvering at slow speeds to maintain position relative to anchored vessels. 0150 Completed fueling PC-526, discharged 2100 gallons diesel oil. 0151 PC-526 cast off. 0255 Transfer of stores and fuel to LCT-214 completed. Discharged 886 gallons of diesel oil. LCT-214 cast off. 0258 Underway on course 320°(T), speed 8 knots (080 RPM). 0330 Passed buoy abeam to starboard, changed course to 265°(T). 0338 Stopped both engines. 0339 Changed course to 265°(T) changed speed to 5 knots. 0340 Changed speed to 8 knots. 0346 Changed speed to 15 knots.

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4 to 8:

As before. 0405 Adjusted course to 194°(T), speed 15 knots. 0435 Adjusted course to 270°(T), speed 20 knots. 0547 Changed speed to 25 knots. 0548 Sighted British Hospital ship bearing 300°(T), distance 7000 yards. Passed to starboard. 0550 Adjusted course to 344°(T). 0611 Changed speed to 10 knots. 0640 Commenced zig-zag plan #11. 0645 Changed speed to 8 knots. 0650 Adjusted course to 310°(T). 0652 Ceased zig-zagging, course 310°(T), speed 8 knots. 0655 Adjusted course to 165°(T), speed 15 knots. 0705 Commenced zig-zag plan #11, base course 165° speed 15 knots. 0710 Adjusted course to 133°(T). 0715 Sighted H.M.S. ABERCROMBIE bearing 138°(T). 0720 Changed speed to 12 knots. 0724 Changed speed to 20 knots. 0725 Resumed mean course 133°(T). 0726 Catapulted plane 8-CS-5, Pilot Lieut. (jg) Moss, passenger Ryan ARM3/c. 0727 Changed speed to 12 knots. 0734 Streamed paravanes. 0735 Adjusted course to 105°(T). 0739 Starboard paravane tumbled, being recovered for re-streaming. 0740 Changed course to 320°(T). 0741 Starboard paravane righted self, both streaming normal.

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8 to 12:

As before. 0809 Launched plane 8-CS-2, pilot Lieut. (jg) Lawry, passenger Gibson ARM2/c. 0810 Commenced firing main battery at target 620575. 0817 Changed course to 000°(T). 0825 Changed course to 320°(T). 0844 A.A. bursts noticed in vicinity of spotting plans. 0913 Shifted main battery fire to target 614563. 0944 Changed course to 140°(T). 1013 Shifted main battery fire to target 625570. 1022 Commenced firing on target 585548 at request of shore fire control party. 1056 Shifted main battery fire to target 571551. 1114 Explosions and large fires noticed in target area. 1118 Ceased firing. 1128 Shore battery commenced firing in general direction of ship; shells landed approximately 10,000 yards short. 1142 Recovered 4 planes. 1147 Changed speed to 10 knots (100 RPM).

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12 to 16:

As before. Steaming on various courses and speeds off coast of SICILY, standing by for fire support as needed. 1231 Received message from SFC party 22 that target AC-671517 had opened fire. 1255 Observed splashes in water bearing 010°(T), distance 6 miles (enemy shore batteries). 1303 Catapulted plane 8-CS-3, pilot, Lieut. (jg) Fierstein, passenger Tavernier ARM3/c. 1304 Catapulted plane

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