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Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	37°-12'-00" N	37°-13' N	37°-11' N
Long.	13°-23'-00" E	13°-24' E	13°-21' E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0 to 4:

As before. Patrolling to southward of "Porto Empedocle", SICILY in company with U.S.S. BIRMINGHAM, U.S.S. DAVISON, U.S.S. DORAN and U.S.S. EDISON. 0001 Adjusted course to 115°(T) by "emergency" turn. 0010 Adjusted course to 160°(T) by "emergency" turn. 0022 Adjusted course to 270°(T). 0030 Commenced zig-zag plan #11 base course 270°(T), speed 10 knots. 0319 Sighted ship (well lighted) bearing 332°(T), range 25,000 yards, Red Cross visible on side. 0326 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed main course. 0330 Adjusted course to 030°(T). 0336 Adjusted course to 345°(T) by "emergency" turn. 0345 Adjusted course to 030°(T) by "emergency" turn. 0350 Commenced zig-zag plan #11 base course 030°(T), speed 10 knots.

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4 to 8:

As before. 0457 Sounded General Quarters, set Material Condition "ABLE". 0543 Streamed paravanes. 0544 Secured from Material Condition "ABLE" set Material Condition "BAKER" plus. 0552 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition of readiness "III" Air. 0600 U.S.S. LUDLOW joined formation. 0607 Adjusted base course to 035°(T). 0617 Adjusted base course to 040°(T). 0627 Adjusted base course to 045°(T). 0647 Ceased zig-zagging; resumed base course 045°(T). 0650 Changed course to 140°(T). 0725 Received orders to proceed independently to patrol area with U.S.S. DORAN and U.S.S. DAVISON as screen. 0727 Changed course to 320°(T); changed speed to 15 knots (150 RPM). 0735 Changed course to 330°(T). 0757 Changed speed to 5 knots, changed course to 320°(T).

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8 to 12:

As before. Steaming as before. 0820 Changed course to 140°(T). 1015 Changed course to 320°(T). 1145 Changed course to 140°(T).

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12 to 16:

As before. Steaming as before. 1252 Changed course to 310°(T). 1347 Changed course to 130°(T). 1430 Sounded Flight Quarters. 1433 Changed course to 140°(T). 1444 U.S.S. BIRMINGHAM commenced firing at assigned targets on shore. 1450 Changed course to 320°(T). 1457 Changed speed to 15 knots. 1458 Launched plane 8-CS-2, pilot Lieut. (jg) Fierstein, passenger Tavernier ARM3/c. 1459 Launched plane 8-CS-3, pilot, Lieut. (jg) Coughlin, passenger Schaeffer ARM2/c. 1500 Changed speed to 5 knots. 1533 Changed course to 140°(T).

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16 to 18:

As before. Steaming as before. 1615 Changed speed to 15 knots (150 RPM). 1619 Changed speed to 5 knots (50 RPM). 1627 Changed course to 320°(T). 1639 Sounded Flight Quarters. 1645 Changed speed to 3 knots (30 RPM). 1655 Recovered

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