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Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	38°-12'-00" N	38°-14'-22" N	38°-06' N
Long.	14°-31'-45" E	14°-28'-00" E	13°-24' E

**OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)**

0 to 4:

As before. Steaming as before on base course 088°(T), at 12 knots, getting into position for shore bombardment in vicinity of Cape d'Orlando, SICILY. 0003 Commenced firing on targets identified as group A, consisting of the following positions: 532405, 535402, 538398, 541403, 542408, and 563415. 0007 Radar plot reported jamming on SC Radar on bearing 064°(T). 0014 Commenced firing on target Group B, consisting of the following positions: 579423, 583420, 587420, 587425, 587429, 587437, 592431. 0019 Commenced firing on targets 627464 and 633469. 0022 Explosions sighted on beach in vicinity of target 633469. 0023 Destroyers commenced shore bombardment. 0039 Commenced firing on target Group E, consisting of the following positions: 655519, 656517, 656514, 657512, and 659511. 0052 Ceased firing having expended 252 rounds of 6"/47 ammunition. 0100 Changed course to 240°(T). 0117 Changed course to 267°(T), changed speed to 15 knots. 0125 Commenced zig-zagging on base course 267°(T). 0127 Secured from General Quarters; set condition III Air. 0155 Gun flashes observed on beach. 0250 Unidentified plane circling ship from one to six miles. 0300 Lighted off boilers #5 and #6.

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4 to 8:

As before. 0440 Changed course to 180°(T). 0444 Changed course to 088°(T). 0445 Held sunrise General Quarters. 0500 Commenced zig-zag plan #11, base course 088°(T), speed 13 knots. 0600 Secured from sunrise General Quarters. 0620 Changed speed to 15 knots. 0730 Flight Quarters. 0745 General Quarters; set condition "ABLE". 0748 Catapulted plane 8-CS-3, pilot Lieut. Mishanec, passenger Gibson ARM2c. 0749 Catapulted plane 8-CS-4, pilot Lieut. (jg) Fierstein, passenger Tavernier ARM2c, one plane to spot and the other to watch.

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8 to 12:

As before. 0801 Left standard rudder to 055°(T), changed speed to 10 knots. 0802 Changed course to 235°(T). 0806 Flash noticed ashore halfway up a hill, apparently artillery fire. 0852 Radar plot reported target "A" 250°(T), 5.6 miles closing. Ahead 20 knots, 25 right rudder, changed course to 235°(T). 0853 Unidentified aircraft reported by Radar plot, commenced evasive maneuvers, ahead 25 knots, condition "ABLE" set. 0855 Radar plot reported target "ABLE" at 020°(T), 5.4 miles, then 6.5 miles 002°(T). 0907 Target "A" 128 (T). 4 miles; then 4.5 miles same bearing, sky aft on the planes. 0909 Radar contact with unidentified aircraft lost overland. 0914 Modified condition "A". 0920 Target "C" bearing 063°(T), 13 miles, more than 1 plane closing. 0924 Target "C" 093°(T), 15 miles closing, lost. 0925 Changed course to 140°(T), changed speed to 15 knots. 0934 Radar plot reported friendly planes 288°(T), 40 miles. 0935 Commenced zig-zagging on base course 140°(T). 0944 Ceased zig-zagging; resumed base course 140°(T). 0949 Changed course to 055°(T); changed speed to 12 knots. 1001 Commenced firing on target No. 4 (494393) with main battery. 1003 Changed course to 075°(T). 1015 Flashes and smoke observed on beach bearing 200°(T). 1016 Changed course to 270°(T) speed 20 knots. 1018 Plane reported shore artillery fire landing near target 494-393. 1021 Changed course to 180°(T). 1024 Changed course to 245°(T). 1025 Commenced firing on target No. 4 (494393). 1027 Ceased firing on target No. 4. 1030 Commenced firing on target No. 6 (533404). 1041 Radar plot reported unidentified planes, bearing 071°(T), 5 miles; commenced evasive maneuvers; ceased firing main battery. 1045 Planes reported friendly. 1049 Unidentified aircraft reported

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