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Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	38°-07'-13" N	38°-07'-13" N	38°-07'-13" N
Long.	13°-23'-10" E	13°-23'-10" E	13°-23'-10" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0 to 4:

As before. 0014 Outer patrol destroyers report surface radar contact bearing 023°(T), distance 6500 yards. U.S.S. GLEAVES investigating target. 0037 U.S.S. GLEAVES reported targets as 5 motor torpedo boats, opened fire. Motor torpedo boats retired to the northward. 0330 Underway on course 075°(T), at 3 knots, Captain at the Conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge.

H. K. Lockwood
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Lieut., U.S.N.R.

4 to 8:

As before. Steaming as before on various courses at various speeds in Palermo Bay. 0510 General Quarters; set material condition "ABLE". 0548 Set material condition "BAKER" plus. 0555 Secured from General Quarters; set condition of readiness III Air. 0601 Anchored in Palermo Bay in 20 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain on deck to the port anchor on the following bearings: ARCH 220.8°(T), BREAKWATER LIGHT 311.1°(T), SIGNAL TOWER 344.5°(T), STATUE 275.6°(T). 0635 U.S.S. SAVANNAH stood out. 0726 U.S.S. ROWAN sighted expended torpedo outside of harbor and destroyed it.

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8 to 12:

As before. 0921 U.S.S. GLEAVES standing out. 0923 U.S.S. PLUNKETT standing out. 0948 "YELLOW" alert, four (4) planes unidentified reported bearing 090°(T), range 20 miles. 0950 Set condition White; planes identified as friendly. 1055 Secured steam to #1 engine room to overhaul root valves to main feed pumps. 1145 Assumed SC Radar guard. **NOTE:** Numerous explosions of undetermined origin have been noted along the water front during the morning, thought to be demolition work.

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12 to 16:

As before. 1244 Flight Quarters. 1253 Hoisted outplane 8-CS-4, pilot Lieut.(jg) Coughlin, pasenger Ryan ARM3c. 1257 Hoisted out plane 8-CS-5, pilot Lieut. (jg) Austin, passenger Fisher AMMLc. 1345 U.S.S. BRISTOL standing out. 1409 Hospital ship SEMINOLE underway, standing out. 1500 This vessel's planes conducting dive bombing practice bearing 030°(T), distance 5 miles. 1508 "RED" alert to all ships this area, torpedo bombers reported, went to General Quarters. 1510 End of "RED" alert, White set, planes identified. 1511 Set material condition "BAKER" plus. 1512 Flight quarters for plane recovery. 1515 Secured from General Quarters, set condition III Air. 1520 Recovered plane 8-CS-5.

E. W. Bryant
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16 to 18:

As before.

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