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Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	38°-10'-17" N	38°-10'-00" N	38°-09' N
Long.	14°-18'-32" E	14°-08'-45" E	13°-55'-36" E

**OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)**

0 to 4:

As before. Anchored in Palermo Bay, SICILY. 0330 Commenced heaving short in preparation for getting underway. 0339 Underway, Captain at the Conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge, commenced swinging ship to course 030°(T). 0345 On course 030°(T), all engines stopped. NOTE: Various aircraft Radar contacts made on SC Radar, all were friendly or were lost due to land signals.

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 Lieut.(jg), U.S.N.

4 to 8:

As before. 0443 Admiral Davidson U.S.N. transferred his flag and took the following officers of his staff to the U.S.S. SAVANNAH for temporary duty: Lt. Comdr. W.H. Raymond, U.S.N.; Lieut. T. Clement U.S.N.R., Lieut.(jg), Heaviside U.S.N.R., Lieut.(jg), F.L. Hall U.S.N.R. NOTE: And the following flag personnel DREW, D.E., RM2c, U.S.N.R., SINCLAIR, R.E., RM2c, U.S.N.R., GOERGER, V., RM3c, U.S.N. 0444 Commenced steaming on various courses and at various speeds conforming to swept channel leading out of the bay at Palermo, SICILY. Enroute to the northeastern coast of SICILY for shore bombardment in accordance with verbal orders. 0452 Lighted fire under boiler #7. 0500 Lighted fires under boiler #8. 0515 Exercised at routine General Quarters; set material condition "ABLE". 0600 Changed course to 088°(T). 0602 Changed speed to 17½ knots (175 RPM). 0610 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #11 on base course 088°(T). 0611 Secured from material condition "ABLE" set condition "BAKER" plus. 0619 Secured from General Quarters, set condition II on all the A.A. batteries, and condition III throughout the rest of the ship.

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8 to 12:

As before. 0835 Ceased zig-zagging; resumed base course 088°(T). 0840 Changed course to 140°(T). 0843 Catapulted plane 8-CS-4, pilot Lieut.(jg) Coughlin passenger Schaeffer ARM3c. 0844 Catapulted plane 8-CS-5, pilot Lieut.(jg) Austin, passenger Ryan ARM3c. 0845 Changed course to 060°(T), changed speed to 10 knots. 0850 Manned battle stations. 0908 Commenced firing main battery at target #6 (551-409). 0912 Changed course to 070°(T). 0917 Changed course to 240°(T). 0918 Commenced firing on target #4 at 542-403. 0922 Shifted fire to tugboat near target #4. 0946 Commenced firing on target at 587-419. 0955 Plane 8-CS-4 sighted in the water- ceased firing. 1008 Changed course to 055°(T). 1011 Commenced firing on target #61 at 592-430. 1023 Recovered #4 plane; pilot reported he had been attacked by 2 fighters. 1027 Recovered #5 plane. 1032 Commenced firing on target #62 at 563-419. 1039 Changed course to 080°(T). 1042 Changed course to 240°(T). 1057 Changed course to 200°(T), commenced area neutralization fire on west side of Cape D'ORLANDO, hits on box cars reported by S.F.C.P. 1102 Changed course to 240°(T), changed speed to 15 knots. 1103 Unidentified planes reported by Radar plot at 148°(T), 3 miles, commenced evasive maneuvers. 1110 Ceased firing main battery. 1123 Radar plot reported two groups of unidentified planes bearing 050°(T) and 339°(T) distance 2 miles. 1135 Radar plot reported group of planes unidentified at 170°(T), 4 miles. 1137 Manned battle stations; set material condition "ABLE". 1139 Opened fire with 5" battery at unidentified planes. 1145 Ceased firing, Radar plot reported no unidentified planes in vicinity. 1150 Changed course to 270°(T). 1158 Changed speed to 20 knots, set material condition

Approved: *Paul Hendren*
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 Captain, U.S. Navy
 Commanding.

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 Comdr., DEV-G, U.S.N.R.
 Navigator.

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