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Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

**OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)**

8 to 12:

Continued: to prevent straight bombing runs by enemy planes. 1048 Alert on the A.A. battery; changed course to 266°(T), still continuing evasive maneuvers. 1058 Unidentified planes 075°(T), distance 7 miles. 1104 Several groups of unidentified planes closing 130°(T), distance 6 miles. 1105 Friendly planes moving to intercept them. 1111 Engine room commenced de-superheating and reducing speed accordingly. 1112 Changed speed to 25 knots. 1120 Changed speed to 20 knots, ceased making evasive maneuvers. 1123 Secured from material condition "ABLE" set "BAKER" plus. 1130 Secured from General Quarters and set condition II port watch on A.A. battery and condition III Air on all other stations. 1145 Steaming on various courses at various speeds conforming to swept channel, proceeding to anchorage in Palermo, SICILY.

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12 to 16:

As before. 1200 Secured boilers #7 and #8. 1220 Secured boilers #5 and #6. 1435 Tanker SAN AMADO alongside to port. 1529 Commenced receiving fuel from tanker. NOTE: The following ammunition was expended this date: 6"/47 150 rounds H.C. projectiles, 150 rounds SPD 2540. 5"/25 41 rounds SPDN 3701, 49 rounds SPDN 4429. 40MM 302 rounds SPDN 4021, 94 rounds SPDN 4216, 42 rounds SPDN 3655, 10 rounds BL&T. 20MM 1880 rounds. ~~1215 Anchored Palermo SICILY~~ in 18 fathoms of water, with 60 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor.

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16 to 18:

As before. 1600 YMS 226 came alongside to starboard. 1610 U.S.S. BRISTOL moored port side of tanker, SAN AMADO. 1700 YMS 226 cast off. 1710 YMS 62 came alongside to starboard. 1725 YMS 69 came alongside to starboard.

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18 to 20:

As before. 1840 Commenced receiving ammunition from U.S.S. SAVANNAH and transferring empty ammunition containers ashore via LCI's and tank lighters. 1935 Completed fueling.

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20 to 24:

As before. 2020 Sunset General Quarters; set condition "ABLE". 2100 Secured from condition "ABLE" and set "BAKER" plus. 2107 Secured from General Quarters; set condition III Air. 2112 U.S.S. SAVANNAH with destroyer screen underway and standing out. 2135 Oil tanker underway from alongside. 2345 Stopped taking on ammunition and discharging empty ammunition containers, until tomorrow morning. NOTE: Received numerous reports of unidentified aircraft from Radar plot. Planes were later identified as friendly or did not approach closer than 5 miles.

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