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Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	38°-20'-00" N	38°-15'-15" N	38°-13'-00" N
Long.	14°-45'-00" E	13°-54'-00" E	13°-51'-00" E

**OPERATIONAL REMARKS**  
(WAR DIARY)

0 to 4:

As before. Steaming along in company with U.S.S. LUDLOW and U.S.S. BRISTOL, operating off the north coast of SICILY in accordance with CTF 88 Operation Order No. 1-43 modified to the extent that it pertains to BEACH RED TWO. This vessel in company with LUDLOW and BRISTOL, acting as Fire Support Group for "leap frog" landing to be made by U.S. Army troops to the east of CAPE D'ORLANDO, SICILY, in the vicinity of BROLLO, SICILY. Two night fighters in the general vicinity performing duties of air coverage for this operation group. Landing craft, transports on a course south of Fire Support Group. 0000 General Quarters; set material condition "ABLE". 0030 Changed course to 260°(T). 0100 Changed course to 090°(T). 0130 Changed course to 270°(T). 0200 Changed course to 170°(T), 0215 Changed course to 080°(T), steaming on various courses at various speeds in Fire Support Area off CAPE D'ORLANDO, SICILY. 0237 Plane dropped flare off port bow bearing 325°(R), 0239 Opened fire with 20MM machine gun battery at plane which passed over ship at low altitude- no hits reported. 0240 Zig-zagging 20° on each side of base course. 0257 Firing in landing area, noticed a fire in general landing area. 0351 Still maneuvering at 15 knots on easterly and westerly courses approximately 18,000 to 20,000 yards off the landing area. 0355 Heavy anti-aircraft fire ashore.

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4 to 8:

As before. 0400 Sighted star shells and machine gun fire in vicinity of landing beach. 0415 Changed course to 080°(T). 0435 Radar plot reported that it appeared that the landing boats were standing out from beach, changed speed to 20 knots. 0436 Changed speed to 15 knots. 0445 Ceased zig-zagging; changed course to 260°(T). 0520 Changed course to 080°(T). 0538 Commenced firing on prearranged target No. 18, coordinates 730513, shore fire control party spotting and reporting to Control. 0545 Changed course to 095°(T). 0549 Ceased firing. 0559 Commenced firing main battery at target 680510. 0605 Radar plot reported that high cover fighter air coverage reported. 0612 Shell splashes sighted 3,000 yards on port quarter. 0613 On course 270°(T) speed 15 knots, salvo landed in the water bearing 245°(R) distance 1750 yards. Hard right rudder, going to 25 knots. 0614 Commenced firing at target 682505. 0615 Changed course to 270°(T), changed speed to 15 knots. 0618 Shifted fire to target 682503. 0619 Control reported splash in water bearing 240°(R), distant 5,000 yards. 0621 Commenced firing at target at coordinates 683503. 0622 Four splashes noted in water none close to the ship, all short. 0627 Splash in water 240°(R), range 5,000 yards. 0629 Changed course to 060°(T). 0631 Splash in water 150°(R), 1500 yards. 0640 Changed course to 090°(T), shifted fire to target 738505. 0644 Changed course to 110°(T). 0653 Set material condition "BAKER" plus. 0659 Four planes seen flying very low over the water, appeared to be torpedo attack planes. On parallel opposite course to the ship, close in shore. No subsequent attack developed. 0707 Secured from General Quarters set condition II on the A.A. battery; condition III Air on all other stations except main battery. 0716 Commenced firing on target 660515. 0724 Ceased firing. 0727 Changed course to 100°(T). 0730 Two shell splashes sighted 1500 yards on starboard bow. 0735 Changed speed to 15 knots, coming to course 000°(T). 0736 Changed course to 100°(T). 0754 Changed course to 270°(T). 0757 Commenced firing at target 803550. 0758 Changed course to 260°(T).

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