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Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

8 to 12:

As before. 0810 Changed course to 100°(T). 0820 Commenced firing on target coordinates 742520, in accordance with set up by S.F.C.P. #2. 0822 Changed course to 260°(T). 0825 Changed speed to 20 knots (200 RPM). 0828 Ceased firing on target 742520. 0832 Changed speed to 15 knots (150 RPM). 0845 Changed course to 180°(T). 0851 Changed course to 080°(T). 0900 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #11 on base course 080°(T). 0902 Commenced firing on target, coordinates 675508. 0905 Ceased zig-zagging. 0930 Changed course to 270°(T). 0940 Changed course to 260°(T). 0948 Commenced firing on target, coordinates 690500. 0955 Changed course to 240°(T). 0959 Changed course to 270°(T). 1000 Changed course to 100°(T). 1013 Changed course to 260°(T). 1020 Changed speed to 25 knots (250 RPM).

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12 to 16:

As before. 1205 Changed course to 220°(T). 1211 Changed speed to 20 knots. 1213 Changed course to 070°(T) on receiving orders from OTC to return to Fire Support Area off CAPE D'ORLANDO, SICILY. 1216 Changed speed to 25 knots. 1223 Changed course to 080°(T). 1344 Changed speed to 31.5 knots. 1345 Commenced zig-zagging on base course to 080°(T). 1346 General Quarters, set material condition "ABLE". 1352 Ceased zig-zagging, 1402 Commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds in Fire Support Area off CAPE D'ORLANDO, SICILY. 1404 Commenced firing main battery at target 722513, changed speed to 20 knots, course to 090°(T). 1409 Changed course to 100°(T). 1421 U.S. Army (or other Allied) bombers over target areas dropping bombs throughout area. Numerous bombs noticed dropped just to the east of coordinates 723513. 1425 Changed course to 270°(T). 1501 Changed course to 270°(T), changed speed to 27 knots, returning to Palermo, SICILY. 1506 CTF 88 ordered that, in view of uncertainty of origination of messages received from Shore Fire Control Party, and as the bombers were in the vicinity, the Fire Support Group return to Palermo. 1513 Commenced zig-zagging. 1515 Set material condition "BAKER" plus. 1522 Secured from General Quarters; set condition II on the A.A. battery and condition III on all other stations. 1540 Destroyer investigated craft near coast, reported several empty LCT's and several underway seaward. Ship was 8 miles west of CORONA.

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16 to 18:

As before. 1613 Changed course to 080°(T), speed 31.5 knots. 1618 General Quarters. 1625 Changed course to 085°(T). 1626 Set modified condition "ABLE". 1631 Commenced firing main battery on target #32. 1633 Changed speed to 20 knots. 1644 Changed course to 090°(T). 1650 Changed course to 185°(T). 1653 Changed course to 200°(T), 1655 Changed speed to 25 knots. 1656 Attacked by (8) eight Focke-Wolfe 190's. Maneuvering on various courses and speeds. Observed several bomb splashes to starboard and the crash of two enemy planes in the water. 1709 changed speed to 25 knots. 1712 Changed speed to 15 knots, course 050°(T). 1713 Changed course to 090°(T). 1714 Changed course to 150°(T). 1716 Stopped both engines, changed course to 160°(T). 1717 Maneuvering to come close to the U.S.S. BRISTOL and take on Lieut. JONES army officer formerly of SFCP #2 aboard. 1720 Army officer came aboard from MWB. 1721 Changed course to 260°(T), speed 25 knots. 1723 Changed course to 035°(T). 1725 Changed course to 080°(T). 1726 Changed course to 100°(T), speed 20 knots. 1727 Changed course to 080°(T). 1733 Changed speed to

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