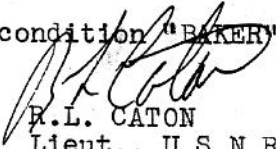


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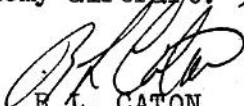
16 to 20:

(Cont'd). 1922 Ceased firing; set material condition "BAKER" plus.

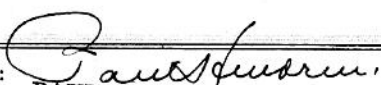

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20 to 24:

As before. 2000 Position: Lat: 40°-20' N, Long: 14°-50'-30" E. 2002 Changed course to 195°(T); changed speed to 10 knots. 2007 Changed speed to 15 knots. Standing out swept channel in company with U.S.S. NIBLACK and U.S.S. BENSON. 2015 Changed course to 180°(T). 2023 Changed course to 240°(T), set material condition "ABLE", for passage through swept channel. 2040 Secured from material condition "ABLE" set "BAKER" plus. 2046 Secured from General Quarters; set condition III Air. 2100 Commenced zig-zagging on base course 240°(T). 2155 Ceased zig-zagging; resumed base course 240°(T). 2200 Changed course to 155°(T). 2205 Commenced zig-zagging on base course 155°(T). NOTE: Fighter pilot reported that he chased the hostile planes which dropped the glider bombs up to an altitude of 40,000 feet and he estimated that the bombers had gone up to 47,000 feet which was beyond his own ceiling. Planes that carried glider bombs were definitely identified as HE-111s. Each plane carried one glider and one regular bomb. Except for extension of one previous reported leak in D-503-M, no damage as a result of bombing attacks was reported. Numerous pieces of glider bomb landed on main deck and have been collected and will be sent to higher authorities for checking. No personnel casualties were reported. Numerous fire alarms throughout the ship were set off. NOTE: The following ammunition was expended this date for shore bombardment and in repelling enemy aircraft: 516 rds. 6"/47; 79 rds. 5"/25; 437 rds. 40MM; 140 rds. 20MM.


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