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INFO SUMMARY FOR 16TH TO 21ST. IN NAPLES AREA PHILADELPHIA UNTIL 18TH. AT 190330A THIS VESSEL DEPARTED NAPLES FOR ANZIO WITHOUT ESCORT. HILIARY P JONES JOINED. FROM 0900 TO 1400 STOOD BY IN FIRE SUPPORT AREA. COMMUNICATION DIFFICULTIES PREVENTED COMMENCEMENT OF FIRING UNTIL 1406. FINALLY FIRED ON THREE TARGETS AND REPORTS INDICATED LAST TWO WERE EFFECTIVE. 178 ROUNDS EXPENDED AT TARGETS WHICH WERE AT EXTREME RANGES. VESSELS IN CHANNEL BETWEEN X-RAY AND PETER AREAS ARE SUBJECT TO SHORE SHELL FIRE. NECESSARY THIS CHANNEL BE USED SO THAT TARGETS CAN BE REACHED. MINES ALSO RESTRICT AREA OF MANEUVERABILITY. MADE ATTEMPTS TO GET MORE SEA ROOM. AT 191650A LEFT ANZIO AREA. MADE SWEEP NORTHWARD AS CONTAINED IN MY 200700A, SWEEP TURNED OUT UNEVENTFUL. STEAMED OFF ANZIO MORNING OF 20TH RETURNING TO ANCHORAGE AT POZZUOLI UPON RECEIPT ORDERS FROM CCS 15 AT 1430. HILIARY P JONES RETURNED WITH PHILADELPHIA WHILE LANSDALE CONTINUED TO CARRY OUT S/M SEARCH FOR FOWIT.

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