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SECRETSubject: War Diary for the month of May 1944.

(c) 1245 U.S.S. BROOKLYN underway for annual military inspection exercises. 1739 U.S.S. BROOKLYN anchored in outer harbor, Commander Cruiser Division EIGHT and members of inspecting party returned to this vessel.

4 May

(a) Nothing to report.

5 May

(a) 0715 U.S.S. DUANE flying flag of Commander Amphibious Force EIGHT FLEET (Rear Admiral F.J. Lowry, USN) stood in and moored.

(b) 2105 H.E.C.P. sounded "Red" alert for drill purposes. Sounded general quarters, simulated preparations for getting underway. 2135 Secured from air raid drill.

6 May

(a) 0856 received on board 19,861 gallons of fuel oil at 60°F from the dock.

7 and 8 May

(a) 1930 underway from alongside Jetty Diga Foranea and anchored in outer harbor. U.S.S. MACKENZIE on outer patrol and U.S.S. KENDRICK anchored 800 yards distant from this vessel bearing 055°T. 2300 underway in company with MACKENZIE and KENDRICK as screen for NAPLES, ITALY in accordance with orders of Commander Cruiser Division EIGHT (CTF 86). At 2335 commenced zigzagging in accordance with diagram #11 (BR-248) on base course 355°T at $\frac{1}{2}$ time intervals, steaming at 23 knots.

(b) At 080200B streamed Foxer Gear, recovered it at 0703. Passage was made in good order, weather and condition of sea very good. 080810 anchored in 29 fathoms of water with 120 fathoms of chain to port anchor on the following bearings: DUC D'ABRUZZI LIGHT - 056°T, CARMINE TOWER - 026°T, CHURCH - 267.5°T.

(c) Received 30,014 gallons of fuel oil at 60°F from U.S.S. KENDRICK.

(d) 1831 proceeded to dispersal anchorage off SORRENTO. 1945 H.M.S. DIDO anchored bearing 072.5°T distant 1950 yards. 2010 U.S.S. KENDRICK anchored bearing 022°T distant 500 yards. U.S.S. MACKENZIE patrolled to seaward in swept channel.