Date May 16 , 19 43.

00 to 04:

As before. 0012 made port firing run. 0020 made port firing run, completing night spotting practice, having expended the following ammunition: 6"/47 cal., target, 45 rounds BL&T, and 45 rounds SPDB 3004, 2300f,s, and 5"/25 cal. target, 30 rounds SPD 2621 BL&T, 2 rounds SPD 2541 BL&T, 40 rounds SPD 2720 I 11, 40MM target, 124 rounds SPDN 3800 BL&T, 20MM target, 108 rounds, lot #1, and 72 rounds, lot #546. 0022 changes speed to 20 knots, (200 rpm). 0023 changed course to 175°(T). 0033 changed course to 180°(T). 0051 anchored in CHESAPEAKE BAY, in 9 fathoms of water, with 45 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor, and on the following bearings: WOLF TRAP 226.2°(T), and BUOY 10 EASY 122°(T). 0055 secured main, and steering engines. 0056 secured boiler #2. 0057 secured boilers #5, and #6.

> A.C. EDWARDS Lieut., U.S.N.

04 to 08:

As before. 0714 U.S.S. BIRMINGHAM underway.

08 to 12:

As before. 0915 lighted fires under boiler #1. 0916 hoisted out plane 8-CS-5, with Lieut.(jg) Coughlin, pilot, and Gideon, AMM1/c as passenger. 0919 hoisted out plane 8-CS-2, with Lieut.(jg) Lawry as pilot, and Lieut.(jg) Fierstein as passenger. 1002 cut in boiler #1. 1015 lighted fires under boilers #5, and #6. 1036 cut in boiler #6. 1037 cut in boiler #5. 1125 set special sea details. 1144 underway, with Captain at the conn, Executive officer, and Navigator on the bridge; speed 5 knots, (50 rpm), and course 300°(T).

12 to 16:

As before. Position: 37°30'14"N., 76°04'00"W. 1205 recovered plane 8-CS-2. 1221 changed course to 000°(T). 1230 set condition II-Mike on lookout, and ship control stations. 1255 recovered plane 8-CS-5. 1315 general quarters for drill, and damage control problem. 1406 launched plane 8-CS-4, with Lieut.Comdr. Stevenson as pilot. 1408 on various courses, and speeds for firing practice of 20MM, and 40MM guns. 1545 completed practice firing of 20MM, and 40MM guns, having expended 1100 rounds of 20MM, and 404 rounds of 40MM ammunition.

G.T. RICKETT Lieut., U.S.N.R.

As before. 1601 course 271°(T), speed 15 knots, (150 rpm). 1750 recovered planes 8-CS-3, and 8-CS-4. 1800 changed course to 340°(T).

Lieut., U.S.N.R.

As before. 1854 changed course to 1740(T). 1859 changed speed to 5 knots, (50 rpm). 1900 general quarters for exercise with PT boats. Set material condition "Able". Commenced zigzagging, and changed speed to 15 knots, (150 rpm). 1915 catapulted plane 8-CS-5, with Lieut.(jg) Fierstein as pilot, and Tavenier, ARM3/c as passenger, and plane 8-CS-4, with Lieut.(jg) Lawry as pilot, and Pierson, RM3/c as passenger. 1925 secured from material condition "Able", and set material

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