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Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	36°-50'-30" N	36°-52'-30" N	36°-52'-30" N
Long.	14°-20'-30" E	14°-22'-30" E	14°-22'-30" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0 to 4:

As before. Steaming as before on various courses at various speeds in fire support area off Scoglitti, SICILY. 0031 Machine gun fire and searchlights sighted on shore off port bow. 0110 Changed speed to full astern to avoid collision with destroyer, both paravanes carried away. 0238 "H" hour advanced to 0345. 0245 Received orders from Task Force Commander to destroy Scoglitti beacon at "H" hour. 0320 Commenced maneuvering to get in position to open fire. 0334 Commenced firing on prearranged targets.

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4 to 8:

As before. 0402 Ceased firing at targets on shore. 0425 Parachute flares dropped by plane illuminating ship, commenced evasive maneuvers. 0426 Ship attacked by dive bomber; bomb fell 35 yards off port bow, no damage. 0512 Opened fire with all anti-aircraft guns at unidentified planes. 0540 ROLLINS, Philip Curtis, Slc USN, 225-11-93, while on gun watch was struck by a 20MM shell fragment causing punctured left groin; first aid treatment consisted of Morphine for pain, blood plasma for shock and a dressing covering wound. 0552 Friendly fighters sighted overhead, ceased firing anti-aircraft guns. 0601 Launched plane 8-CS-1, for spotting, Pilot Lieut. Mishanee, passenger Pierson ARM2/c. 0624 Commenced firing main battery at batteries on shore as requested by shore fire control parties. 0643 Launched plane 8-CS-3, Pilot Lieut. (jg) Austin, passenger Ryan ARM3/c. 0644 Launched plane 8-CS-2, Pilot Lieut. (jg) Lawry, passenger Gibson ARM2/c. 0711 Ceased firing at targets on shore; ammunition expended as follows: 306 rounds 6" H.C., 131 rounds 5".

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8 to 12:

Steaming as before. 0805 Recovered plane 8-CS-1. 0905 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition "II" on anti-aircraft batteries and Condition "III" Surface throughout the rest of the ship; set Material Condition "ABLE" modified. Commenced steaming on various courses and at various speeds to seaward of Task Unit 85.1.2 providing anti-aircraft protection and shore bombardment support. 1000 Catapulted plane 8-CS-4, Pilot Lieut. (jg) Coughlin, passenger Schaeffer ARM2/c. 1002 Catapulted plane 8-CS-1, Pilot Lieut. Comdr. Richard D. Stephenson, passenger Pierson ARM2/c. 1019 Recovered plane 8-CS-2. 1025 Recovered plane 8-CS-3. 1028 Sighted anti-aircraft bursts over transports in DIME AREA, sounded General Quarters, set Material Condition "ABLE". 1042 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition of readiness "II" on anti-aircraft batteries, and Condition "III" Surface throughout the rest of the ship. Set Material Condition "ABLE (modified)". 1046 Recovered plane 8-CS-5.

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12 to 16:

As before. 1255 Stopped all engines, commenced firing 6" battery on target #15 at request of shore fire control group. 1318 An attack by two enemy planes on one of our SOC planes (8-CS-1), with Lieut. Comdr. Richard D. Stephenson as pilot and PIERSON, Douglas Whitney ARM2c, 403-72-40 USNR, as passenger, was

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