

Zone description \_\_\_\_\_

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	36°-52' N	36°-52'-30" N	36°-52'-30" N
Long.	14°-19' E	14°-18'-00" E	14°-18'-00" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS  
(WAR DIARY)

0 to 4:

As before. 0000 Patrolling off Scoglitti, SICILY in fire support area #2.

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

4 to 8:

As before. 0450 Manned battle stations. 0605 Ships in CENT and JOSS areas commenced firing A.A. batteries. 0709 Secured from General Quarters. 0715 Manned battle stations, as enemy planes reported in vicinity.

*R. L. Caton*  
 R.L. CATON  
 Lieut., U.S.N.R.

8 to 12:

As before. 0908 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition "II" Port Watch.

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

12 to 16:

As before. 1310 Commenced firing shore bombardment <sup>at target 550225.</sup> 1420 Ceased firing. The following ammunition was expended this date: 6"/47 Battery, 23 rounds of Index 2528, 20 High Capacity projectiles, 3 common projectiles. 1559 Received "RED" warning.

*E. W. Bryant*  
 E.W. BRYANT  
 Lieut., U.S.N.R.

16 to 18:

As before. 1601 Went to General Quarters. 1630 Secured from General Quarters.

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

18 to 20:

As before. 1830 Sighted two drifting mines off port bow.

*H. K. Lockwood*  
 H.K. LOCKWOOD  
 Lieut., U.S.N.R.

20 to 24:

As before. 2034 Manned battle stations. 2115 Anchored with Scoglitti Light, bearing 034° (T), distance 4400 yards. 2130 Secured from General Quarters. 2200 Flares and anti-aircraft fire sighted bearing 030° (T). 2215 Manned battle stations. 2230 Underway with Captain at the Conn, steaming on evasive courses at various speeds. 2245 Plane crashed 700 yards off starboard quarter. 2315 Three bomb splashes 900 yards off port beam. 2355 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition "III" on A.A. battery, Condition "III" on other stations.

Approved:

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