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UNITED STATES SHIP U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA (CL41) Friday 16 July 1943.
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description _____

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

16 to 18:Continued:
plane 8-CS-3, 1700 Recovered plane 8-CS-2. 1750 Sounded Flight Quarters for hoisting out aircraft.

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18 to 20:

As before. 1809 Hoisted out plane 8-CS-2, pilot Lieut. (jg) Moss, passenger Captain R.K. Davis. 1811 Hoisted out plane 8-CS-3, pilot Lieut. (jg) Austin, passenger NUDO, Michael Eugene, Slc, 611-65-23. 1832: Both planes flying white flags of truce reported landing inside jetty of Porto Empedocle, and met by American soldiers. NOTE: Planes were taking Captain R.K. Davis, USN to Porto Empedocle, Sicily. Captain Davis was carrying an ultimatum signed by Rear Admiral Lyle A. Davidson, USN and addressed to the Senior Officer of the enemy forces ashore demanding the unconditional surrender of the enemy. NUDO, Michael Eugene, 611-65-23, Slc, USNR, accompanied Captain Davis, USN as interpreter. 1918 Plane 8-CS-3 reported it was returning to ship. 1928 Hoisted plane 8-CS-3 aboard pilot Lieut. (jg) Austin, passenger Major Dammer USA.

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20 to 24:

As before. 2026 General Quarters. 2050 Darkened ship. 2122 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition "III" Air. 2135 #2 Motor Whale boat with Ensign W.W. Wood in charge, left the ship for Porto Empedocle, SICILY, with supplies for U.S. Army. 2141 Launched plane 8-CS-3, pilot, Lieut. (jg) Austin, passenger Major Dammer USA. 2155 Changed course to 140 (T), speed 5 knots. 2301 Changed course to 320°(T). Noted considerable flare activity to the west of Porto Empedocle. A few minor explosions were noted ashore to the east of Porto Empedocle.

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