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Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	38°-07'-43" N	38°-07'-18" N	38°-03'-48" N
Long.	13°-25'-47" E	13°-22'-48" E	13°-18'-00" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0 to 4:

As before. Steaming as before. 0000 Changed course to 093°(T), changed speed to 16 knots (160 RPM). 0005 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #11 on base course 093°(T). 0035 Adjusted base course to 088°(T). 0310 Adjusted base course to 093°(T).

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4 to 8:

As before. 0500 Adjusted base course to 088°(T). 0505 General Quarters, set Material Condition "ABLE". 0551 Secured from General Quarters; set Condition II on A.A. battery and Condition III on all other stations. 0555 Ceased zig-zagging; resumed base course 088°(T). 0602 Changed course to 131°(T). 0605 Commenced zig-zagging on base course 131°(T). 0655 Secured boilers #7 and #8. 0659 Ceased zig-zagging; resumed base course 131°(T). 0703 Changed course to 235°(T). 0722 Changed course to 260°(T). 0745 Changed speed to 10 knots. 0757 Changed course to 267°(T).

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8 to 12:

As before. 0800 Stationed special sea details, steaming on various courses at various speeds proceeding to anchorage. 0822 Anchored, Palermo, SICILY in 17 fathoms of water using 60 fathoms of chain at the waters edge to the port anchor. Anchorage bearing's are as follows: Left end of Breakwater 294°(T); right end of Breakwater 322°(T); right Tower 353°(T). Ship ready to get underway on one half hours notice. Ships present: ComCruDiv EIGHT in U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA SOPA; U.S.S. SAVANNAH, U.S.S. WAINWRIGHT, U.S.S. MAYRANT, U.S.S. COWIE, U.S.S. HERNDON, U.S.S. BUTLER, U.S. Army Hospital Ship ACADIA, U.S.S. STEADY, STAFF and various other small craft. 0845 Flight quarters for launching planes. 0903 Catapulted plane 8-CS-4, pilot Lieut. Mishanec, passenger Gibson ARM2/c. 0904 Catapulted plane 8-CS-5, pilot Lieut.(jg) Austin, passenger Ryan ARM3/c. 1150 Recovered planes 8-CS-4 and 8-CS-5.

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12 to 16:

As before.

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16 to 18:

As before. 1705 "RED" alert- manned battle stations, set Material Condition "ABLE". 1715 Heaved in to short stay.

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