

Zone description

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	38°-14' N	38°-07'-07" N	38°-07'-08" N
Long.	13°-23'-08" E	13°-23'-00" E	13°-23'-08" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0 to 4:

As before. 0145 Lighted fires under boilers #3 and #4. 0210-Secured fires under boilers #3 and #4. 0345 Lighted fires under boilers #5 and #6.

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4 to 8:

As before. 0410 Three flares dropped by planes, off port quarter and silhouetted the waterfront area approximately 6000 yards off port quarter. 0411 Went to General Quarters. 0412 Lighted fires under boilers #3 and #4, U.S.S. SAVANNAH opened fire on plane. 0414 Commenced heaving in on port anchor. 0415 Commenced firing on aircraft. 0416 Explosions and fires on the beach bearing 310° (T) to 320°(T), ship's head 314°(T). 0420 Underway Captain at the Conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge, standing out of channel on various courses at various speeds. 0423 Plane crashed on hill bearing 325°(T). 0426 Large splash off port bow. 0448 Possible plane crash off port bow. 0445 Commenced making smoke. 0450 Ceased making smoke. 0505 Commenced making smoke. 0518 Stopped making smoke. 0538 Cleared smoke area. 0542 Firing on JU-88. 0606 Modified setting of condition "ABLE", for purposes of ventilation. 0616 Set material condition "BAKER" plus. 0625 Secured boilers #5 and #6. 0630 Standing in to anchorage, sounded special sea details. 0624 Secured from General Quarters, set condition II on A.A. battery and condition III on all other stations. 0702 Commenced walking out port anchor to 15 fathoms at water's edge. 0706 Anchored in 17 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to port anchor, on the following bearings: LEFT END BREAKWATER 239°(T), RIGHT END BREAKWATER 282°(T), ARCH 195.5°(T). 0743 PC-546 alongside to port. NOTE: The following ammunition was expended this date on the A.A. battery in repelling dive bombing attack: 5"/25- 89 rounds of SPDN 4424, (A.A. Com), 19 rounds of SPDN 3701 (MK32), 94 rounds of SPD 2675 (Flashless), 15 rounds of SPD 2526 (AA Com), TOTAL: 217 rounds. 40MM battery 1253 rounds of SPDN 4021, 140 rounds of SPDN 3655, 99 rounds of SPDN 4216, 24 rounds of SPDN 3800, TOTAL: 1516 rounds. 20MM battery 84 rounds of Lot.2234, 166 rounds of Lot.#10L, 5 rounds of Lot. #21M, 5 rounds of Lot. 75H, 129 rounds of Lot. #1, 237 rounds of Lot. #13 H, 46 rounds of Lot. #73, 35 rounds of Lot. #1199, TOTAL: 707 rounds. 0759 Pursuant to orders of the Commanding Officer the following officer and men in charge of Lieut. (jg) M.C. Kelly, U.S.N., were ordered to proceed to Palermo, SICILY and report to the Commandant, NOB to assist in fighting fires: Ensign L.H. Christianer, USNR, LUSK, S.O., SF2c (266-40-19) USN, SPOTTS, E.A., SF2c(650-44-91) USNR, THROBBERG, J.F., CM2c (656-19-15) USNR, TINKER, W.L., CM1c(381-32-63) USN, MEACHER, W.L., Ptrlc(606-07-69) USNR, ANSLEY, F., CM2c(636-63-41) USNR, ELY, A.M., SF1c(393-29-33) USN, upon completion of this temporary duty, and when directed by the Commandant NOB, Palermo, SICILY, are to return to regular duties aboard this vessel.

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8 to 12:

As before. 0858 "RED" alert-manned battle stations; set material condition "ABLE". 0913 Underway to shift berths, Captain at the Conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. 0916 Set material condition "BAKER" plus. 0926 Secured from General Quarters; set condition II on the A.A. battery and condition III on all other stations. 0952 Anchored in Palermo, Bay in 16 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following bearings: BREAKWATER LIGHT

Approved: *Paul Hendren*
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 Captain, U.S. Navy,
 Commanding. Commanding Officer.

Examined: *C.G. Gesen*
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 Comdr., DEV-G, U.S.N.R.
 Navigator. Navigator.