

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

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

**OPERATIONAL REMARKS  
(WAR DIARY)**

0 to 4:  
As before.

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

4 to 8:  
As before. 0440 General Quarters, set material condition "ABLE". 0530 U.S.S. SAVANNAH stood out. 0544 Set material condition "BAKER" plus; secured from General Quarters, set condition II on the A.A. battery and condition III Air on all stations.

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

8 to 12:  
As before.

*J.H. Flagg*  
J.H. FLAGG  
Captain, U.S.M.C.

12 to 16:  
As before. 1245 U.S.S. SAVANNAH, U.S.S. BUTLER, and U.S.S. SHUBRICK stood in and anchored. 1355 U.S.S. LUDLOW underway. 1440 U.S.S. PLUNKETT stood in and anchored. 1535 U.S.S. BENSON stood in and anchored.

*E.W. Krebsbach*  
E.W. KREBSBACH  
Lieut., U.S.N.

16 to 18:  
As before.

*R.E. Stark*  
R.E. STARK  
Lieut. (jg), U.S.N.

18 to 20:  
As before. 1807 H.M.S. COLOMBO underway. 1901 LST-197 standing out. 1932 LST-383 anchored off port bow. 1950 U.S.S. SAVANNAH underway.

*W.A. Fite*  
W.A. FITE  
Lieut. (jg), U.S.N.

20 to 24:  
As before. At anchor. 2025 Exercised at routine General Quarters; set condition "ABLE". 2027 Completed preparations for getting under way. 2034 Underway from Palermo, SICILY to carry out shore bombardment on assigned targets on the northeastern coast of SICILY, in accordance with secret orders from CTF 88 dated August 2, 1943. Captain at the Conn, Navigator and Executive Officer on the bridge. 2040 Commenced steaming on various courses and at various speeds conforming to swept channel, leading out of the harbor. 2046 Came to course 080°(T), speed 10 knots (100 RPM). 2054 Changed speed to 5 knots (50 RPM). 2058 Changed speed to 10 knots (100 RPM). 2103 Lighted fires under boilers #7 and #8. 2105

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

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C.G. GESEN,  
Comdr., DEV-G, U.S.N.R.  
Navigator.