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Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	38°-07'-30" N	38°-07'-10" N	38°-07'-12" N
Long.	13°-26'-22" E	13°-23'-00" E	13°-23'-05" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0 to 4:

As before. Anchored off Palermo, SICILY. 0338 U.S.S. PLUNKETT reported explosion on beach on western end of her patrol area. 0347 CTG 80.2 reports three (3) unidentified planes bearing 345°(T), distance 35 miles. 0348 Reflection of gun flashes or bombs from valley on shore bearing 330°(T). 0349 CTG 80.2 reported several groups of unidentified planes bearing 349°(T), range 24-45 miles, sounded General Quarters; stationed anchor detail. 0350 Commenced heaving short. 0355 Unidentified planes bearing 300°(T), distance 8 miles. 0356 "RED" alert. 0359 Flare dropped dead astern, received report over TBS that groups of planes were closing on bearings 000°(T) to 008°(T).

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4 to 8:

As before. 0400 Underway with the Captain at the Conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge, steaming on various courses at various speeds to take station for A.A. patrol outside of harbor. 0401 Two flares dropped on port beam. 0418 Numerous flares dropped in vicinity of ship. 0420 Opened fire with the A.A. battery. 0430 Bomb splashes sighted 500 yards on port beam. 0435 Bomb splash 200 yards ahead. 0445 Ceased firing; Radar plot reported no enemy planes in vicinity; steaming on various courses at various speeds outside harbor. 0549 Secured from material condition "ABLE", set material condition "BAKER" plus. 0558 Secured from General Quarters; set condition II on A.A. battery and condition III Air on all other stations. 0623 U.S.S. PC 550 came alongside to take a party composed of Lt. Comdr. Ryan (MC), Lieut.(jg) Kelly, CHRISTIANSEN, H.H., PhMlc; CLARK, D.D., PhM2c; CLARK, R.H., PhM2c, to the U.S.S. SHUBRICK to give medical assistance and help in controlling damage resulting from a bomb hit. 0637 JU 88 sighted overhead, opened fire with A.A. batteries. 0640 Lighted ship. 0641 Ceased firing. 0654 Stopped both engines to remain in swept channel until mine sweepers complete sweeping harbor area.

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8 to 12:

As before. 0820 The following patients were this date transferred from the U.S.S. SHUBRICK to this vessel: Lieut. J.M. Lenant, BERGGUIST, H.H., MMlc, BETHUNE, M.R., MMlc, and FLINK, H.M., F2c. The Medical and Damage Control parties to the U.S.S. SHUBRICK returned aboard ship. 0910 Commenced steaming on various at various speeds proceeding to anchorage. 0954 Anchored in Palermo harbor in 18 fathoms of water with 30 fathoms of chain to port anchor, on the following bearings: ARCH 225.5°(T), BREAKWATER LIGHT 316°(T), SIGNAL TOWER 346°(T). 1016 U.S.S. EDISON anchored. 1025 U.S.S. RHIND standing in. 1029 H.M.S. COLOMBO anchored. 1107 U.S.S. SEMINOLE and H.M.S. LEANSTER standing in. 1155 Convoy standing in. -NOTE: The following ammunition was expended this date against enemy aircraft: 5"/25 Cal. 49 rounds SPDN 3701 (MK 32 Fuze), 37 rounds SPDN 4429 (A.A. Comm), 206 rounds SPD 2675 (Flashless), 11 rounds SPD 2526 (A.A. Com). TOTAL: 303. 40MM 716 rounds SPDN 4021 (Service), 128 rounds SPDN 4216 (Service), 10 rounds SPDN 3655 (Service), 8 rounds SPDN 3800 (Target), 4 rounds SPDN 3710 (Target). TOTAL: 866 rounds. 20MM 1020 rounds Lot. 10L, 1013 rounds Lot. 13H, 500 rounds Lot. 2234G, 420 rounds Lot. 1, 243 rounds Lot. 547, 230 rounds Lot. 21M, 218 rounds Lot. 75, 104 rounds Lot. 73, 100 rounds Lot. 1199, 28 rounds Lot. 2955, TOTAL: 3876 rounds.

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