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UNITED STATES SHIP U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA (CL41) Wednesday 11 August 1943.

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

Zone description _____

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

16 to 18:

Continued: 30 knots. 1734 Steering various easterly courses at 30 knots, two unidentified planes at 4 miles. 1737 Changed speed to 25 knots. 1738 Changed speed to 20 knots. 1744 Changed speed to 15 knots. 1745 Changed course to 080°(T). 1749 Commenced firing main battery. 1750 Changed course to 090°(T). 1756 Changed speed to 20 knots. NOTE: Control reported seven of the eight enemy planes destroyed- one by a fighter plane, one by a destroyer and five by the U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA. *1657 Bomb landed 50 feet from starboard gangway, second bomb landed 75 yards abeam of No.2 stack-starboard side..

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18 to 20:

As before. 1805 Several unidentified planes bearing 205°(T), range 5 miles. 1806 Changed speed to 26 knots. 1810 Friendly planes(fighter coverage) bearing 090°(T) range 3 miles. 1811 Unidentified planes overhead of U.S.S. LUDLOW, changed speed to 25 knots, changed course to 235°(T). 1812 Commenced zig-zagging at 25 knots on westerly courses, base course 260°(T). 1813 Unidentified planes closing, bomb bursts off starboard bow. Changed speed to 30 knots, opened fire on planes. 1819 Changed speed to 27 knots, secured main battery, ceased shore bombardment. 1825 Secured from condition "ABLE" set "BAKER" plus. 1836 Secured from General Quarters; set condition I on A.A. battery and condition III Air on all other stations. 1954 Changed speed to 20 knots.

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20 to 24:

As before. 2026 Changed course to 240°(T). 2041 Steaming on various courses at various speeds standing in swept channel to Palermo, SICILY. 2054 Secured boilers #7 and #8, called away anchor detail. 2117 Anchored in Gulf of Palermo, Palermo, SICILY, in 18 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor on the following bearings: BREAKWATER LIGHT 312°(T), LEFTEND BREAKWATER 298.5°(T), ARCH 212°(T). 2121 Secured all stations from General Quarters; set condition III Air. 2123 Secured boilers #1 and #2. 2122 Secured boilers #3 and #4. NOTE: The following ammunition was expended this date for shore bombardment and repelling air attacks. Morning: 345 CTGS; 6"/47 semi-fixed, service SPD; 3 ctgs 6"/47 semi-fixed service SPDF; 345 projectiles 6"/47 H.C., MK 29-1, Fuze; 3 projectiles 6"/47 Com. I&F; 17 rounds 20MM HE and HET. Afternoon: 562 CTGS 6"/47 semi-fixed, service SPD; 561 projectiles, 6"/47 HC, MK 29-1 Fuze; 78 CTGS 5"/25 A.A. I&F with MK32 Fuze; 33 CTGS 5"/25 A.A. SPD; 1 CTG 5"/25 A.A. SPDF; 537 rounds 40MM I&F; 1049 rounds 20MM HE and HET.

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