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Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	38°-07'-17" N	38°-07'47" N	38°-07'-17" N
Long.	18°-23'-00" E	18°-23'20" E	18°-23'-00" E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0 to 4:

As before. Anchored in Palermo Bay, SICILY. 0125 Lookouts reported flare in water bearing 040°(T), distance about six (6) miles, patrol destroyer who also sighted flare scouted 10 miles to north and results negative. 0315 Set special sea detail. 0320 Started heaving short. 0325 Anchored at short stay. 0335 U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA assumed Radar Guard (SC). 0345 Underway, Captain at the Conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. Commenced swinging to port using various speeds coming to course 080°(T).

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Lieut.(jg), U.S.N.

4 to 8:

As before. 0515 Steaming on various courses and speeds standing into anchorage. 0530 Ship went to General Quarters (Sunrise). 0536 Anchored in 18 fathoms of water with sixty fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor in Gulf of Palermo, Palermo, SICILY, on the following bearings: ARCH 202.2°(T) BREAKWATER LIGHT 302°(T), SIGNAL TOWER 349.3°(T). 0540 Secured boilers #1 and #2. 0542 Secured from material condition "ABLE" sea material condition "BAKER" plus. 0559 Lighted ship. 0600 Secured from General Quarters; set condition III Air. 0702 U.S.S. SEMINOLE standing in. 0715 U.S.S. WAINWRIGHT stood in and anchored. 0722 U.S.S. TRIPPE and U.S.S. ROWAN standing in. 0734 U.S.S. BENSON standing in.

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

8 to 12:

As before. 0930 Hoisted out plane 8-CS-3, pilot Lieut. Mishanec, passenger Gardiner AMM1c, plane 8-CS-4, pilot Lieut.(jg) Austin, passenger Gibson ARM2c, plane 8-CS-5, pilot Lieut.(jg), Lawry, passenger Blair AMM2c. 0935 Secured forward gyro for repairs. 0959 Recovered plane 8-CS-4. 1005 Hoisted out plane 8-CS-4, pilot Lieut.(jg) Austin. 1115 Recovered 3 planes.

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12 to 16:

As before. 1315 Hoisted out plane 8-CS-3, pilot Lieut. (jg) Austin, passenger Fisher ARM3c, plane 8-CS-4, pilot Lieut.(jg) Coughlin, passenger Fricke AOM1c, plane 8-CS-5, pilot Lieut.(jg) Fierstein, passenger David AMM3c.

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16 to 18:

As before. NOTE: All SC Radar contacts on planes indicated friendly planes

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Approved: _____

PAUL HENDREN
Captain, U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Commanding Officer.

Examined: _____

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

Navigator.