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Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	38°-07'-23" N	38°-07'-23" N	38°-15'-45" N
Long.	13°-23'-07" E	13°-23'-07" E	14°-33'-30"E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS  
(WAR DIARY)

0 to 4:  
As before. 0105 The following LCT's 213, 214, 224, 204, 460, 434 escorted by PC 624 stood out on duty assigned.

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

4 to 8:  
As before. 0403 Underway on various courses at various speeds in Palermo Bay, Captain at the Conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. 0530 General Quarters; set material condition "ABLE". 0558 Set material condition "BAKER" plus. 0600 Lighted ship. 0602 Secured from General Quarters; set condition of readiness III "Air". 0605 Anchored in Palermo Bay in 18 fathoms of water, with 60 fathoms of chain on deck to the starboard anchor on the following bearings: BREAKWATER LIGHT 308°(T), ARCH 210°(T), SIGNAL TOWER 345.2°(T).

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

8 to 12:  
As before. 0805 H.M.S. PENN, H.M.S. PANTHER, H.M.S. DIDO, H.M.S. SIRUS stood in. 0935 Convoy of LST's, LCT's and escort vessels stood in. 1135 U.S.S. TRIPPE, U.S.S. RHIND, U.S.S. WAINWRIGHT, and U.S.S. ROWAN stood out.

*H.K. Lockwood*  
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Lieut., U.S.N.R.

12 to 16:  
As before. 1325 U.S.S. KNIGHT standing in. 1540 Lighted fires under boilers #1 and #2. 1550 Lighted fires under boilers #3 and #4.

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

16 to 18:  
As before. 1600 Cut in boilers #1 and #2. 1605 Cut in boilers #3 and #4. 1612 Sounded special sea details. 1626 U.S.S. KNIGHT underway. 1630 Underway for designated operation area to fire shore bombardment, Captain at the Conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. Standing out swept channel speed 10 knots (100 RPM), course 080°(T). 1635 U.S.S. BOISE underway. 1644 Changed speed to 15 knots (150 RPM). 1703 Changed speed to 21 knots (210 RPM), 1723 Lighted fires under boiler #7. 1730 U.S.S. BOISE left formation to return to base. 1731 Commenced zig-zagging on base course 080°(T), using plan #11. 1734 Lighted fires under boiler #8. 1744 Ship sighted hull down bearing 270°(R), (320 (T)). 1750 Ceased zig-zagging and came to course 000°(T). Proceeding toward unidentified ship to investigate. 1757 Changed speed to maximum possible with boiler power available. 1758 Cut in boiler #7. 1759 Ship went to General Quarters.

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

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