

0 to 4:

As before. 0000 Steaming along the coast of ITALY in company with U.S.S. BENSON and U.S.S. NIBLACK. On various courses and speeds operating independently off the Bay of Salerno, to return to the Salerno-Agropoli area during early daylight hours. 0109 Convoy bearing 098°(T), 16,000 yards. 0116 Convoy bearing 165°(T), 18,000 yards. 0140 Ceased zig-zagging resumed base course. 0152 Changed course to 335°(T). 0200 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan # 30.

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4 to 8:

As before. 0440 Yellow flare reported on starboard quarter. 0547 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 355°(T). 0552 Changed course to 060°(T). 0600 Commenced zig-zagging on base course 060°(T); sounded regular sunrise General Quarters. 0636 Adjusted base course to 055°(T). 0637 Set material condition "BAKER" plus. 0643 Lighted ship. 0651 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 055°(T). 0655 Fog set in; visibility decreased to 1000 yards. 0713 Changed speed to 10 knots. 0722 Changed course to 038°(T). 0733 "RED" alert; set material condition "ABLE". 0740 Changed course to 045°(T). 0743 Stopped engines; due to smoke and fog visibility 100 yards. 0745 Changed speed to 5 knots; changed course to 054°(T). 0750 Changed course to 045°(T), changed speed to 10 knots. 0751 Changed course to 030°(T). 0755 Changed course to 020°(T). 0757 Entered heavy smoke screen, visibility zero, backed full with both engines. LCI passed close aboard to port; port catapult struck super structure of LCI. 0758 Stopped both. Friendly fighters reported hostile planes in this area. Radar plot had many contacts of hostile planes. However, no attacks developed.

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8 to 12:

As before. 0800 Position: Lat: 40°-24'-.3" N, Long: 14°-56' E. Steaming on various courses at various speeds in heavy smoke and fog to clear transport area proceeding to Fire Support area. 0825 "RED" alert; commenced evasive maneuvers. 0905 Changed course to 160°(T); changed speed to 3½ knots. 0910 Commenced firing main battery on target 920-143. 0917 Ceased firing upon order of SFCP which said firing had been "beautiful". 0925 Resumed fire on target 920-143 upon request of SFCP. Visibility 400 yards. 0927 Commenced using air bursts as requested by SFCP. 0943 Changed course to 330°(T). Visibility increased to 5,000 yards. 0945 Secured from material condition "ABLE", set "BAKER" plus. 0953 Ceased firing at target at 920-143. 1006 "RED" alert; set material condition "ABLE". 1044 Changed course to 160°(T). 1050 Secured from alert; set material condition "BAKER" plus. 1113 Changed speed to 10 knots. 1130 Changed speed to 3½ knots. 1140 Changed course to 335°(T). Commenced firing main battery at target 869-200. 1151 SC Radar reported out of commission. 1156 Changed course to 160°(T), changed speed to 15 knots. 1159 Changed speed to 3½ knots.

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12 to 16:

As before. 1200 Position: Lat: 40°-27' N, Long: 14°-54' E. 1206 Shifted main battery fire to target #867-215. SC Radar back in commission. 1223 After completing one minute rapid fire on this target, ceased firing. Spotting planes searched area but could find no more targets for ship's batteries to fire at. Secured main battery from firing. Headed back towards southern shipping area and closing on U.S.S. ANCON. 1225 Changed course to 335°(T). 1245 Changed course to 160°(T); changed speed to 15 knots. 1320 Stopped engines; lying too near U.S.S. ANCON. 1325 "RED" alert; set material condition "ABLE". 1340 Secured from alert; set material condition "BAKER" plus. 1430 Three LCMS came alongside to starboard to transfer ammunition. 1435 U.S.S. BOISE stood in. 1502 "RED" alert; set material condition "ABLE". 1515 Cast off LCMS, commenced evasive maneuvers.

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