

Corairs flying in formation, bearing 230° T, range 6,000 yards, flying very high, estimated altitude 10,000 to 15,000 feet, on course 330° T. One Bogue was hit by AA fire while in suicide dive and crashed into sea. Another crashed into the NEW MEXICO (BB 40) amidships, bearing 255° T, distance 2,500 yards. Large explosions visible on superstructure, but extensive damage not evident. The two remaining Boggles continued on in formation, taking AA fire, to later join up with a third Bogue and then passed out of sight.

1917 - All guns ceased firing.

2000 - All clear throughout the area.

13 May 1945.

0250 - All hands to general quarters on flash red condition.

0340 - Bogue reported bearing 080° T, distance 10 miles.

0350 - Bogue closed to 7 miles, bearing 090° T.

0410 - Bogue at 280° T, 10 miles.

0412 - Bogue bearing now 250° T, 5 miles.

0415 - Ships commenced firing on Bogue for three minutes.

0454 - All clear.

14 May 1945.

0259 - Set general quarters condition.

0315 - Bogue reported at 230° T, 5 miles distant.

0328 - Two Boggles closed to 8 miles on bearing 325° T and 030° T.

0329 - Ship and shore batteries opened fire on Bogue bearing 190° T no hits scored.

0402 - All clear - secured from battle stations.

16 May 1945.

0307 - At battle stations.

0310 - Bombs dropped on beach south of Bisha Cawa River by high level bombers.

0316 - Shore guns commenced firing at possible target bearing 030° T.

0317 - Group of bombs dropped in vicinity of Yontan Airfield.

0342 - Shore batteries firing on an illuminated target bearing 340° T.

0346 - Shore batteries commence firing on an illuminated Betty passing from 030° T to 310° T, on course 290° T, distance 3 miles, altitude 13,000 feet. No hits were scored as all Boggles were beyond range of fire.

0349 - All targets out of sight. All batteries ceased firing.

0430 - Secured from general quarters.

1400 - Completed transfer of all Receiving Station personnel.

2005 - 2353 - Secured and went to general quarters twice during the period. Numerous contacts were reported by the radar guard station in all sectors as close as 2 miles from Pt. Bolo. No Boggles were visible by eye.

17 May to 31 May 1945.

Routine enemy raids were made nightly during this period. Several bombs were dropped, but on the whole, their presence was unknown to us, except for radar contact reports from the air warning frequency. The night of 24 May was an unusually active one. Numerous Boggles were in the area and enemy planes loaded with suicide troops attempted to land on Yontan Airfield. From our vantage anchorage 1,000 yards off the beach, we could see huge fires burning on Yontan Airfield for the greater part of the night. During the daylight hours of 25 May and between air raids during the night, provisions for re-issue were loaded aboard from U.S.S. LATONA (AF-35), receiving 215 tons.

1 - 4 June 1945.

During the first three days of the new month, the ship continued taking ships of all landing craft types, patrol, and escort vessels alongside for the various logistic phases - fuel, water, provisions, etc. As usual, enemy planes made their appearance nightly, but none came within visual or firing range. Sixteen tons of fresh provisions were transferred from the U.S.S. LIONA (AF-36) for re-issue.

4 June 1945.

At 1700 all preparations were made for heavy weather of typhoon proportions. At 1935 the ship was underway in company with 20 other LST's