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From: The Commanding Officer.
To : Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.
Subject: War Diary for the month of May, 1944.

Enclosures: (A) CO U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA Secret ltr. CL41/L11-1,
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(B) Summary Report of Fire Support. -p.21

1 May

(a) Moored port side to Diga Foranea Jetty, PALERMO, SICILY. Ships present: SOPA (ComCruDiv-8) in this vessel, U.S.S. BROOKLYN, DELTA, KEARNY, ERICSSON, MACKENZIE, KENDRICK, EBERLE, various units of the U.S., British, and Italian Fleets, plus local and district craft.

(b) At 0806 Commander Cruiser Division EIGHT, accompanied by members of his staff and officers from the U.S.S. BROOKLYN, began annual military inspection of this vessel. 1258 underway in company with U.S.S. MACKENZIE and KENDRICK as screen for annual military inspection exercises. Conducted drills in accordance with Commander Cruiser Division EIGHT operation plan No. 1-44. 1742 returned from exercises and moored port side to Diga Foranea Jetty, PALERMO, SICILY.

(c) After mooring received 33,599 gallons of fuel oil at 60°F from the dock.

2 May

(a) Nothing to report.

3 May

(a) Commander Cruiser Division EIGHT, assisted by members of his staff and officers of this vessel, commenced annual military inspection of U.S.S. BROOKLYN.

(b) 1059 Commander Cruiser Division EIGHT made an official call on the Commander in Chief, Italian Fleet aboard the R.I.N. ABBAZIA REGGIO. 1202 Commander in Chief, Italian Fleet returned official call of Commander Cruiser Division EIGHT aboard this vessel.

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