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From: The Commanding Officer.
To : Commander in Chief U. S. Fleet.
Subject: War Diary for Month of July, 1944.
Enclosure: (a) U.S.S. Philadelphia Training Plan 5-44.

1 through 28 July

1. During the period 1 through 28 July this vessel was resting on keel blocks in dry dock No. 4, French Creek, Valetta, Malta, undergoing repairs to the bow. Drills were conducted daily during this period with emphasis placed on fire drills and damage control drills. A night battle problem was held each wednesday and a day problem on another day of each week.

2. On 4 July dressed ship. The Captain and Officers of the Philadelphia acted as hosts to Officers of His Majesty's Navy, Army, and Airforce, British Civil Authorities, and Malta local officials on the occasion of the U. S. National Anniversary at a celebration held at Marsa Officers Club, Marsa, Malta. About two hundred guests attended.

The same day an outing and field meet was held for the crew at H. M. Fleet Recreation Field, Dockyard Malta. The crew was divided into two sections, one section taking part in the activities in the morning and the other in the afternoon.

3. 5 July the upper section of the bow, which had been seven (7) feet out of line to starboard, was successfully straightened to the fore & aft line by severing some strength members at frame twelve (12) starboard, and hauling the bow into alignment with block and tackle attached to dry dock capstan.

4. Commenced flooding the dry dock 24 July at 0920; at 1530 the ship was waterborne.

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