

25 July 1944, 0900

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ANNEX (A) TO U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA TRAINING PLAN 5-44.

SCHEDULE OF EXERCISES

1. FIRST DAY (30 July 1944)
 - (a) 0600 - Depart GRAND HARBOR, VALETTA, proceed degaussing range off MELLIEHA BAY.
 - (b) 0730 - 1200 - Run degaussing range at 12 - 15 knots. DESTROYERS take station on approximate bearing 350°T from PONTA TAL AHRASH initially at 8,000 yards for range finder and radar calibration. Range will be varied by signal.
 - (c) 1300 - 1400 - In area west of GOZO ISLAND, PHILADELPHIA conduct test of 5" ammunition (96 rounds).
 - (d) In area west of GOZO ISLAND, PHILADELPHIA fire A.A. Practice Baker Able and How at towed sleeve toward Southwestward. DESTROYERS in normal screening stations will be given about six (6) firing runs each, on signal, towards the end of the firing period.
 - (e) During the night, operate as given below in the area GOZO-LAMPEDUSA, returning off GOZO ISLAND about 0430, 31 July 1944.
 - (f) 1900 - 2300 - Each DESTROYER in turn, on signal, open out to ten (10) miles on the guide (PHILADELPHIA). Make approach and simulate attack on PHILADELPHIA on own screening side. Range shall not be closed below 2000 yards. Attacking DD shall, at point of launching, turn away from target toward her own disengaged side.
 - (g) 2100 - 2200 - Beaufighter will be requested for radar tracking by all ships and for fighter director exercise by PHILADELPHIA.
2. SECOND DAY (31 July 1944)
 - (a) 0230 - 0430 - Make post repair trial run at 20 - 28 knots while approaching the Western tip of GOZO ISLAND.
 - (b) 0600 - DD, as signalled, contact tug off entrance of GRAND HARBOR (VALETTA), receive roller path and degaussing data and deliver to PHILADELPHIA. PHILADELPHIA proceed to south of MARSAXLOKK, swing ship; anchor at MARSAXLOKK by 1000. DESTROYERS screen to seaward, southwest, during the time PHILADELPHIA is swinging ship, anchor MARSAXLOKK by 1000.