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Subject: War Diary for Month of September, 1944.

far along the coastal area by human torpedoes, though one other attack had been reported prior to this by the U.S.S. LUDLOW and F.S. MALIN on 7 September. Also an attack by German explosive boats was reported by the H. P. JONES on the night of 7-8 September.

(c) On 10 and 11 September, four (4) German prisoners-of-war, operators of human torpedoes, were delivered to Commander Task Force 86 on board the PHILADELPHIA and interrogated by the Commanding Officer. It was revealed that two groups of six human torpedoes were launched west of SAN REMO, Italy; one from MORTOLA, and one from VENTIMIGLIA; between 2100 and 2300, 9 September; eleven of these were accounted for in sinkings.

(d) Information received from three Italians, who professed to be patriots, bore out the story of the German prisoners as to the launching sites of the human torpedoes. The Italians, who lived in that area, had escaped in a fishing boat seeking to contact an Allied authority with information from their leader.

8. 13 thru 17 September.

(a) The PHILADELPHIA got underway at 0630 for TOULON, France in company with French Battleship LORRAINE, the French Cruisers MONTCALM, GEORGES LEYGUES, GLOIRE, EMILE BERTIN, and other units of the French Fleet, for the purpose of participating