

10 October 1944.

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Subject: War Diary for Month of September, 1944.

flak barges and batteries, fuel and ammunition dumps, and severe damage to five other small boats and four other medium craft in the harbor. A second flight of planes seven hours later observed fires still burning the harbor of SAN REMO.

10. 20 September.

(a) The ship got underway for PALERMO, Sicily via the Straits of BONIFACIO, in accordance with verbal orders from Commander Task Force EIGHTY-SIX.

(b) Position:

1200 - Lat. $43^{\circ}11'$ N, Long. $06^{\circ}52'$ E.

2000 - Lat. $41^{\circ}10'$ N, Long. $10^{\circ}00'$ E.

11. 21 and 22 September.

(a) The PHILADELPHIA was steaming independently enroute to PALERMO, Sicily. At 0906 ship moored port side to Diga Foranea Breakwater, PALERMO.

(b) On 21 and 22 September, Commander Cruiser Division EIGHT, (Commander Task Force 86), assisted by a board of officers and enlisted men of the U.S.S. BROOKLYN, conducted annual material inspection of the PHILADELPHIA.

(c) On 22 September the ship fueled and took on ammunition and provisions.