

10 October 1944.

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Subject: War Diary for Month of September, 1944.

13. 26 thru 28 September.

(a) The ship was anchored in the Rade de MARSEILLES, France with various other units of the U. S. Navy; Commander Task Force 86, S.O.P.A., in PHILADELPHIA. A gale mistral continued; brought steam to throttles.

(b) The ship got underway at 0935, 27 September for the Gulf of ST. TROPEZ, France. Anchored in the Gulf of ST. TROPEZ at 1520.

(c) The ship remained in this anchorage through 28 September.

(d) Three German prisoners-of-war, one officer and two enlisted men, were delivered to Commander Task Force 86, on board the PHILADELPHIA, at 2100, 26 September. These men were survivors of a German midget submarine attack which was made on the U.S.S. MADISON and the F.S. FORBIN at 0645 on 26 September in position latitude $43^{\circ}27.5'$ N, longitude $07^{\circ}26'$ E. The prisoners were interrogated by the Commanding Officer.

Interrogation of one of the prisoners, a warrant machinist, revealed that he was in charge of a midget submarine that got underway from GENOA, Italy around 0500 on 25 September. He was directed to steam toward Corsica to attack whatever major ships he could find and as an alternative he was to close the