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From: The Commanding Officer.
 To : Commander In Chief, U. S. Fleet.
 Subject: War Diary for Month of October 1944.
 Enclosure: (A) U.S.S. Philadelphia Movement Plan D-44.

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(a) During the month of October the PHILADELPHIA operated as a part of Task Force EIGHTY-SIX until 16 October; when released on that date the ship proceeded to ORAN, Algeria for staging in preparation for movement to the United States. On 27 October the ship was released from the EIGHTH Fleet and reported to Commander In Chief United States Atlantic Fleet.

(b) From 1 through 9 October the ship was based in the Gulf of ST. TROPEZ, France conducting operations in support of the Allied Right Flank in the vicinity of the Franco-Italian border. Regular plane patrol by SOCs flying from the PHILADELPHIA and the U.S.S. BROOKLYN, was continued in October. The patrol covered the general area from Cape DELLE MELE, Italy, west to the Gulf of ST. TROPEZ. Nine flights were flown from the PHILADELPHIA in the first nine days of October for the purpose of spotting for gunfire support ships and for reconnaissance. From 11 to 20 October the ship was anchored in the Harbor of NAPLES, Italy for shifting the Flag of Task Force EIGHTY-SIX and making prepara-

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