

2 November 1944.

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Subject: War Diary for Month of October 1944.

from Task Force EIGHTY-SIX at 1515, 16 October 1944.

(e) At 1600, 20 October the PHILADELPHIA got underway from NAPLES enroute to MERS EL KEBIR, Algeria.

6. 21 October.

(a) The PHILADELPHIA was steaming independently on base course $255^{\circ}T$, speed 22 knots enroute from the Gulf of NAPLES, Italy, to MERS EL KEBIR, Algeria.

(b) At meritorious mast, held by the Commanding Officer, several members of the crew were commended for meritorious action in the invasion of Southern France.

(c) During the afternoon a battle problem was conducted and the crew was exercised in various emergency drills.

(d) Position:

0800 - $38^{\circ}10.9' N$, $8^{\circ}06.5' E$.

1200 - $37^{\circ}50' N$, $6^{\circ}28' E$.

2000 - $37^{\circ}44' N$, $3^{\circ}7'15'' E$.

7. 22 thru 26 October.

(a) The ship was steaming independently on base course $258^{\circ}T$, speed 21 knots enroute to MERS EL KEBIR, Algeria. Entered MERS EL KEBIR Harbor at 0816 and moored starboard side to North Jetty in berth 5 at 0830. Ships and commands present included Commander EIGHTH Fleet, SOPA, in U.S.S. BROOKLYN; U.S.S. VULCAN,