

S-E-C-R-E-T

MOVEMENT PLAN

No. D-44

TASK ORGANIZATION

(a) U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA

(b) SCREEN

U.S.S. LIVERMORE

Commander Seidel, U. S. Navy.

U.S.S. EBERLE

1. Commander Eighth Fleet secret dispatch 141340 October, directs units of this Group to proceed MEDITERRANEAN to UNITED STATES about 26 October 1944, to arrive by 6 November 1944.

Antisubmarine air cover may be provided by Commander Moroccan Sea Frontier, Commandant Naval Operating Base, Bermuda, Commander Eastern Sea Frontier.

Attack by submarines, surface raiders, or disguised merchant raiders is possible but improbable. Information is provided in daily situation reports.

2. This Group will make passage from ORAN, ALGERIA, to UNITED STATES via route given in ANNEX A, speed of advance 16.5 knots. Exercises enroute as given in ANNEX C.
3. (a) PHILADELPHIA depart MERS EL KEBIR about 1700, 26 October 1944; plan to arrive off DELAWARE CAPES at 0700, 6 November 1944.
(b) SCREEN precede PHILADELPHIA out of port. Screen PHILADELPHIA in accordance with current doctrine, and Standing Orders 4 and 5. SCREEN proceed NAVY YARD, NEW YORK, on release, early on final day of voyage.
4. Destroyers will fuel from PHILADELPHIA four (4) to six (6) days out, each taking about 40,000 gallons. (Air cover may be provided by PHILADELPHIA plane).
(x)(1) In connection with Engineering Steady Steaming Runs (Annex C), it may prove desirable, weather and fuel permitting, to maintain 25 knots for one daylight period while approaching Coast United States; thus permitting entry into ports evening of 5 November.