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From: The Commanding Officer,
(Commander Cruiser Division EIGHT).
Te: The Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet.
Subject: War Diary for the month of May 1945.
Enclosure: (A) U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA schedule for refresher training period.

Recorded

1. This vessel remained under the command of Commander Cruisers U. S. Atlantic Fleet (Administrative Command) from 1 to 11 May, 1945, during which time a major Navy Yard overhaul was being completed in the Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. On 9 May the ship got underway from pier 5, Navy Yard, Philadelphia, for Delaware Bay and anchored in Delaware Bay, 1400 the same day. The ship remained at anchor until the morning of 11 May, at which time the Commanding Officer reported to Commander Fleet Operational Training Command, U. S. Atlantic Fleet, for duty in connection with refresher training period for this vessel. On the morning of 11 May the ship got underway for Trinidad, British West Indies, for conducting refresher training program. After arrival in Trinidad on 16 May the next 11 days were spent in various training exercises in and around the Gulf of Paria. On 27 May, underway for Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, in connection with transportation of personnel and material as directed by Commander Fleet Operational Training Command, U. S. Atlantic Fleet. After spending two days in Guantanamo Bay, the ship got underway for Culebra Island, British West Indies, where shore bombardments were conducted.

2. 1 through 8 May 1945.

(a) From 1 through 5 May, 1945, the ship remained moored starboard side to the west side of pier 5, Navy Yard, Philadelphia, during which period the final details of an extensive Navy Yard overhaul were being completed. The ship fueled, provisioned, and took on some ammunition.

(b) On the morning of 6 May, shifted berths to Fort Mifflin Ammunition Pier, Hog Island, Philadelphia, Pa. The day was spent in taking on ammunition and at 1600 the ship again got underway and returned to Navy Yard, Philadelphia, and moored starboard side to west side of pier 5 at 1653.

(c) The ship remained at pier 5 until the morning of 9 May, completing provisioning for a shakedown cruise.

3. 9 and 10 May 1945.

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