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U. S. S. PHILADELPHIA

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Subject: War Diary for the month of July 1945.

(b) At 1700 on 2 July 1945, Rear Admiral Allan R. McCann, U. S. Navy, (Commander Task Force 68) broke his flag in this vessel.

(c) In accordance with verbal orders of CTF 68, the ship got underway at 1302, 3 July and steamed on various courses at different speeds conforming to Thimble Shoal channel enroute to International waters to conduct exercises. At 1715, the U.S.S. AUGUSTA joined the U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA in formation and took station 1000 yards astern. With the PHILADELPHIA as guide, OTC (CTF 68) in U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA, commenced tactical maneuvers at 1730. Ceased tactical maneuvers and came to course 090T, speed 15 knots at 2046. The ships remained in column, the AUGUSTA leading the formation. At 0040, formation changed course to 180T and at 0050 again changed course to 270T. The PHILADELPHIA assumed guide position with the AUGUSTA stationed 1000 yards astern. 0650, AUGUSTA left the formation to proceed on duty assigned by CTF 68. This vessel entered the swept channel at 0650 and proceeded on various courses between buoy "XS" and buoy "S7" in the assigned firing area. The rest of the morning of 4 July was spent in this area in tracking drills, director checking and test firing of 5"/25 caliber gun No. 8. Two OS2U planes were launched for tracking and calibration. The afternoon was spent in the area conducting anti-aircraft practice with the 5"/25 caliber, 40mm and 20mm batteries. At 1621 the AUGUSTA again joined this vessel in formation. Tactical maneuvers were conducted as directed by CTF 68 until 1754. The course was then set at 150T, speed 15 knots, PHILADELPHIA as guide and AUGUSTA 1000 yards astern. This course was held until 2320 at which time the formation changed course and conforming to the swept channel returned to the firing area at 0614, 5 July. The AUGUSTA left formation and proceeded on assigned duty at 0623 and at 1040 PHILADELPHIA changed course to 265T enroute to Lynnhaven Roads, Virginia. 1303, this vessel anchored in berth "A7", Lynnhaven Roads, Virginia. The ship remained at anchor throughout the night of 5 July and got underway at 0654, 6 July to shift berths to berth No. 22, Hampton Roads, Virginia. During the afternoon fueled and took on gasoline from YOG alongside. The ship remained anchored in this position throughout the night of 6 July.

(d) Ammunition expended 4 July 1945.

5"/25 Caliber Battery
24 rds EAC-2087-SJ-45
11 rds BAR-75-SJ-45

40MM Battery
431 rds UG-593-TEL-45
279 rds UG-602-TEL-45
56 rds UG-776-U-44
1 rd UG-543-TEL-45