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Subject: War Diary for the month of July 1945.

(f) On the morning of 15 July at 0501, Task Force 68 with escorting destroyers entered the Schelde Estuary, steering various courses conforming to the Schelde River channel. At 1017, the PHILADELPHIA moored port side to in berth No. 24, Antwerp, Belgium.

(g) Immediately after mooring, with both ships rendering side honors, the President and official party disembarked from the AUGUSTA to proceed to Potsdam, Germany.

4. 16 through 27 July 1945.

(a) The PHILADELPHIA remained moored in berth No. 24, Antwerp, Belgium, from the morning of 15 July to the morning of 27 July.

(b) At 0920, the ship got underway to wind ship mooring starboard side to the dock in berth No. 24, Antwerp. During the day both ships of the Task Force fueled from lighters alongside to port.

(c) At 1330, CTF 68 accompanied by Captain Frank T. Watkins, U. S. Navy, Chief of Staff, and the Commanding Officer of this vessel left the ship to pay an official call on the American Ambassador to Belgium in Brussels, Belgium.

(d) At 0930, 17 July, CTF 68 left the ship to make an official call on the Governor of the Province of Antwerp and the Bourgermeister of Antwerp. During the afternoon of 17 July, Brigadier General Beecher, British Army, Commander of the Antwerp area, Brigadier General Leeper, British Army, Commander Docking area, Antwerp, and Mr. J. H. Keeley, American Consul General to Antwerp, paid official calls on Commander Task Force SIXTY-EIGHT aboard this vessel.

(e) On the morning of 20 July the Honorable L. Clercx, the Governor of the Province of Antwerp and the Honorable Camille-Huysmans, Bourgermeister of Antwerp, officially returned the call of CTF 68. At 1100, 23 July, Brigadier General Parminter, British Army, called on CTF 68 aboard this vessel. The Honorable Charles Sawyer, American Ambassador to Belgium, called on CTF 68 on board this vessel on the afternoon of 25 July.

(f) During the period of this ship's stay in Antwerp, general drills and emergency drills were conducted and the crew was exercised at general quarters for training purposes.

(g) Through the cooperation of the Royal Navy and civil authorities of Belgium during the ship's stay in Antwerp, sightseeing tours were