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Subject: War Diary for the Month of October 1945.

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aboard for duty as prospective Commanding Officer of this vessel on 9 October 1945. At 1058, 10 October 1945, the ship got underway from berth number 5 and at 1124, 10 October 1945, moored to north side of Pier number 5, berth 55, Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Virginia. The balance of the day was spent conducting drills, exercises and inspections in the presence of Captain R. L. Boller, U. S. Navy, and Captain R. W. Berry, U. S. Navy, preparatory to turning over command of this vessel. At 1058, 11 October 1945, Captain Robert L. Boller, U. S. Navy, was officially relieved of his command by Captain Robert W. Berry, U. S. Navy. At 1730, 11 October 1945, Captain R. L. Boller, U. S. Navy, was detached from this vessel and proceeded as ordered to duty at Mare Island, California.

(b) Pursuant to Commander Fleet Operational Training Command, U. S. Atlantic Fleet, dispatch 131535 of October 1945, this ship got underway at 1023, 15 October 1945, for Lynnhaven Roads, arriving at 1535 that date. The period from 15 October to 18 October 1945, was spent in the vicinity of Lynnhaven Roads conducting various exercises underway in conformity with Commander Fleet Operational Training Command, U. S. Atlantic Fleet, orders. The ship got underway each morning and anchored each evening. On 18 October 1945, the PHILADELPHIA anchored in the mouth of the Patuxant River while enroute to Annapolis Roads, Maryland.

4. 9 through 23 October 1945:

(a) At 0840, 19 October 1945, this vessel got underway from the mouth of the Patuxant River enroute to Annapolis Roads, Maryland, arriving at 1125 that date, at which time the ship anchored. The Commanding Officer, Captain R. W. Berry, called on the Superintendent, U. S. Naval Academy, and the Commander Severn River Naval Command. During the period 19 through 23 October 1945, liberty was granted to all hands and ship's personnel visited the U. S. Naval Academy on conducted tours.

(b) At 0835, 23 October 1945, the ship proceeded to Lynnhaven Roads. Enroute to Lynnhaven Roads, Rear Admiral Bryant shifted his flag to the U. S. S. ELLISON (DD-864). The ship anchored at 1635, 23 October 1945, and remained at anchor until 1627, 24 October 1945, during which time the ship was prepared for Navy Day exhibition.

5. 24 through 31 October 1945:

(a) The PHILADELPHIA left Lynnhaven Roads, Virginia, for Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and anchored off Reedy Island, Delaware River, at 1654, 25 October 1945. At 0653, 26 October 1945, the ship got underway