

U. S. S. PHILADELPHIA

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RESULTS TODAY MOST DISAPPOINTING X IN COMPLIANCE WITH REQUEST NLO 50 FOR FIRE TO BE SPOTTED BY TOPIC AT 1100 PHILADELPHIA WAS IN NORTH AREA AND READY X TOPIC PLANE DEVELOPED ENGINE TROUBLE AND HAD TO RETURN TO BASE WITHOUT SPOTTING X IN THE MEANTIME NLO 30 HAD DESIGNATED TARGETS FOR FIRE AT 0900 TO BE SPOTTED BY PIPER CUB X HIS REQUEST DID NOT COME TO HAND UNTIL 0845 X WE ADDED HIS TARGETS WHICH WERE WITHIN RANGE TO THOSE OF NLO 50 X WHEN TOPIC PLANE DEVELOPED ENGINE TROUBLE SHIFTED TO THESE X NLO 30 TARGET SPOTS WERE ERRATIC X NO FIRE FOR EFFECT WAS GIVEN X IT APPEARED TO BE AREA SHOOTING X 2ND TOPIC PLANE REPORTED AT 1225 X SHIFTED TO TOPIC NLO 50 TARGETS X TOPIC PLANE ENCOUNTERED HEAVY FLAK X WAS HIT AND FORCED TO RETURN TO BASE X THEN SHIFTED AGAIN TO NLO 30 TARGETS X AFTER LONG DELAY BECAUSE PIPER CUB WAS NOT READY FIRED 30 ROUNDS UNOBSERVED FIRE IN DISGUST X TOTAL ROUNDS EXPENDED 84 X AT 1300 HAVING BEEN STANDING BY ON FIRING COURSES FOR OVER 2 HOURS CALLED IT A DAY X NEW SUBJECT X ENEMY SHELLS REACHED TO SAME APPROXIMATE LIMIT AS YESTERDAY X 15 SPLASHES OBSERVED AMONG MINE SWEEPS WHO ARE DILIGENTLY TRYING TO EXTEND NORTH AREA X OUR ATTEMPTS TO FIX ON THIS BATTERY WERE UNSUCCESSFUL X UNDER 6 INCH IN CALIBRE X SHELLS LAND IN PAIRS X LIMIT REESTABLISHED AT LAT 41-28 NORTH X BELIEVE FIRE COMES FROM 2 BATTERIES 1 OF WHICH CAN REACH LAT 41-28 N; THE OTHER FIRES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF LAT 41-26.5 N 12-35.5 E X LATTER APPEARS TO BE LARGER CALIBRE X AT MY REQUEST 81.6 SWEEP TRIANGLE (LAT 41-25 N 12-30.5 E X LAT 41-27 N 12-31.7 E X LAT 41-25N 12-34 E X AND REPORTED ALL CLEAR X I HAVE REQUESTED FURTHER RESWEEP OF THIS

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