

U. S. S. PHILADELPHIA

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EXCELLENT PROCEDURE ARRANGED BY BNLO PROVIDED EARLY SHOOT TO BE CONTROLLED FROM FORWARD OBSERVATION POST (FOO PARTY CALL MIQ) SCHEDULED FOR 1000 TO NOON X NEXT MISSIONS TO BE SPOTTED BY CUB THROUGH NLO 30 COMMENCING AT 1200 X FINAL SHOOT TO BE CONTROLLED BY TOPIC PLANES 1400 X EACH TARGET WAS DESIGNATED JUST BEFORE FIRING X MIQ WAS TO HAVE PRIORITY THROUGHOUT X THE PROCEDURE WORKED ADMIRABLY X FIRED TWO MISSIONS FOR MIQ, FIVE FOR NLO 30 X RESULTS REPORTED GOOD X TOTAL 407 ROUNDS X TOPIC PLANES WERE UNABLE TO GET THROUGH DUE TO WEATHER WHICH ALSO PREVENTED FURTHER SPOTTING BY EITHER NLO 30 OR MIQ X TARGETS WERE ACTIVE ENEMY ARTILLERY ON OUR LEFT X THEY LAY ALONG AN EAST AND WEST LINE ABOUT TWO TO THREE THOUSAND YARDS BACK OF FRONT LINE X THEY MAY HAVE BEEN ENEMY LIGHT ARTILLERY X PHILADELPHIA FIRED FROM AREA BAKER ON EAST AND WEST COURSES X ONLY THREE ENEMY SHELL SPLASHES WERE OBSERVED VICINITY OF 778198 X CHANNEL EASY WAS REPORTED SWEEP AT 1030A X SMOKE WAS NOT NEEDED DUE TO MEDIOCRE VISIBILITY X

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