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U. S. S. PHILADELPHIA
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From: The Commanding Officer.
To : Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.
Subject: War Diary for the month of April, 1944.

Enclosures: (a) Movement Order No. B/44. p. 5
(b) Movement Order No. C/44. p. 8
(c) Training Plan No. 3/44. p. 15
(d) Training Plan No. 4/44. p. 17

1 to 2 April

(a) Anchored in Bay of PALERMO, SICILY. Ships present U.S.S. BROOKLYN, (SOPA), U.S.S. ERICSSON, U.S.S. KEARNY, and own screen, U.S.S. MACKENZIE, U.S.S. KENDRICK, plus various units, small craft and landing craft 8th Fleet.

(b) At 0606, 1 April 1944 underway for MERS-EL-KEBIR, ALGERIA, in accordance with U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA Movement Order No. B/44 dated 29 March 1944. (See Enclosure a.) U.S.S. MACKENZIE and U.S.S. KENDRICK acting as screen. 1435 In accordance with Annex "A" of U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA Movement Order No. B/44 commenced battle problem involving simulated aircraft and submarine attack. 1442 Sounded General Quarters for day battle problem. 1538 Completed battle problem. 1905 Sounded General Quarters for night battle problem. 1945 Completed battle problem. An uneventful passage from PALERMO, SICILY to MERS-EL-KEBIR was made at average speeds of 22 knots, zigzagging according to plan ELEVEN. At 1525, 2 April 1944 commenced shore bombardment problem for the purpose of exercising the ship in approaching a hostile coast in support of an amphibious operation and furnishing fire support while being opposed by enemy aircraft and shore batteries. 1617 Completed battle problem. 1755 Moored starboard side to NORTH QUAY, MERS-EL-KEBIR, ALGERIA, 10 fathoms of water, with seven (7) manila lines and one stern wire.

Recorded

3 to 11 April

(a) During this period U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA underwent a ten day tender (U.S.S. VULCAN) upkeep availability.

12 to 13 April

(a) At 0738, 12 April 1944, underway for PALERMO, SICILY, in accordance with U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA Movement Order No. C/44.

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