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5. On 25, 26, 27, and 28 July ship remained moored in dry dock No. 4, engaged in completing minor details of repair work and taking on provisions, fuel and ammunition. 28 July made preparations for leaving dry dock.

29 July

1. Left dry dock and secured to boathouse wharf French Creek. Carried out dock trial.

30 July

1. Completed dock trials; made preparations for getting underway. 0550 underway in accordance with despatch orders of CTF 86, screened by U.S.S. Niels and U.S.S. Madison; proceeded to de-gaussing range off Mellicha Bay, Malta. Steamed on various courses and at different speeds in carrying out exercises set forth in Training Plan. The training exercises progressed satisfactorily and were decidedly helpful in rounding the ship and crew into fighting shape after two months in dry dock.

31 July

1. Underway conducting exercises as set forth in Training Plan 5-44.

2. 1126 anchored in Marsa-xlokk harbor, Malta. Spent the rest of the day and night at anchor carrying out tests and exercises.

3. 1715 hoisted aboard two (2) SOC planes with pilots and radiomen for training.



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