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18 September 1944.

From: The Commanding Officer.
To : Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet.

Subject: War Diary for Month of August, 1944.

Enclosure: (A) U.S.S. Philadelphia Training Plan 5-44.
(B) Actions and Operations, U.S.S. Philadelphia,
11 to 17 August, 1944. - M-ser. 86885
(C) Actions and Operations, U.S.S. Philadelphia,
18 to 31 August 1944. - M-ser. 86886

1. 1 August.

(a) The U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA was attached to Cruiser Division EIGHT, Eighth Fleet, operating in the Mediterranean. The ship had just completed a two months repair period in H.M. Dockyard, Malta.

(b) During the night 31 July, and early morning of 1 August, the ship was anchored in MARSAXLOKK Harbor, MALTA. At 0623 the ship got underway, screened by U.S.S. MADISON and U.S.S. NIELDS, for the firing area south of MALTA to carry out the final phases of a post-repair training plan as set forth in enclosure (A). The remainder of the day was occupied in firing the scheduled practices with main and anti-aircraft batteries. The exercises were carried out with the aid of the ship's planes.

(c) At 2311 course was set for PALERMO, Sicily.

2. 2 August.

(a) Enroute from the Island of MALTA to PALERMO, Sicily,

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