

18 September 1944.

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Subject: War Diary for Month of August, 1944.

via the Straits of MESSINA. The voyage was without incident; anti-aircraft target practice was fired with 5" and 40 MM. batteries and various drills were held enroute.

(b) The ship anchored in the Gulf of PALERMO at 1645 and then got underway and stood into the inner harbor and moored to pier #6, port side to the dock at 1812.

(c) Position: 0800 Lat. 37°35' N, Long. 15°34' E.
1200 Lat. 38°20'20" N, Long. 15°21'00" E.
2000 Moored to dock in PALERMO Harbor.

3. 3 August.

(a) Moored port side to pier #6, PALERMO, Sicily, receiving fuel from U.S.S. MADISON, moored alongside to starboard. Ships present included U.S.S. TUSCALOOSA (CCD-7), U.S.S. MARBLEHEAD, U.S.S. BROOKLYN, plus various other units of the U. S. Fleet; SOPA, Commander Cruiser Division SEVEN in TUSCALOOSA.

(b) The ship spent the remainder of the day taking on fuel, ammunition and stores. At 1640 four SOC planes were hoisted aboard.

4. 4 August.

(a) Moored port side to pier #6, PALERMO, Sicily. Various units of the U. S., British and French Fleets were present; SOPA, Commander Cruiser Division SEVEN in U.S.S. TUSCALOOSA.