

18 September 1944.

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Subject: War Diary for Month of August, 1944.  
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(d) Position: 0800 Lat.  $39^{\circ}58'30''$  N, Long.  $16^{\circ}59'$  E.  
1200 TARANTO Harbor, Italy.

6. 6 through 10 August.

(a) During this period the PHILADELPHIA remained moored in the harbor at TARANTO, Italy while all preparations were being made to proceed with Task Group 85.12 (Gunfire Support Group of Delta Assault Force) for the invasion of the south coast of France.

(b) The Commanding Officer conferred with Rear Admiral Bryant, U. S. Navy (CTG-85.12) and Rear Admiral Jaujard, F. N. (CTU-85.12.2) and the other Commanding Officers of the ships in the Task Group. Extensive communication drills were held with other units. Daily gunnery and damage control drills were carried out by this ship. All task force and operation plans were gone over thoroughly and final preparations were completed for the invasion.

(c) Nothing of further interest occurred during this period.

NOTE: For Actions and Operations of the U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA from 11 through 31 August see enclosures (B) and (C).

  
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