

25 July 1944, 0900.

S-E-C-R-E-T

Training Plan No. 5-44.

TASK ORGANIZATION

(a) U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA

(b) Screen

U.S.S. NIELDS
U.S.S. MADISON

Commander Heckey

1. Enemy air and submarine attack is possible in the MALTA-SICILY area; there have been no recent attacks. Enemy single plane reconnaissance flights are observed from time to time. No submarines have been located in the area recently. Contact with enemy surface craft is unlikely. Daily locations of friendly and enemy forces at sea are given in radio situation reports. Standard procedures for screening, air defense and related matters are given in "PHILADELPHIA AND ESCORT STANDING ORDERS 1 to 5".
2. Post repair, calibration, and training exercises will be held off MALTA, from 30 July through 2 August 1944 by U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA and SCREEN.
3. (a) PHILADELPHIA - conduct exercises as outlined in Annex A.
(b) SCREEN - Cover PHILADELPHIA and carry out detailed instructions for exercise as given in Annex A.
4. All ships fuel to capacity in GRAND HARBOR prior to 2400, 30 July 1944. PHILADELPHIA will arrange.
5. (a) PHILADELPHIA and screen guard TBS primary and 2150 KCS W/T secondary.
(b) All ships guard appropriate Fox schedules.
(c) For communication with coastal command A/S aircraft, PHILADELPHIA will guard H/F (6666/3925) and convoy R/T (2410 kcs).
(d) For communication with fighters, PHILADELPHIA will guard channels ABLE (112.86) and CHARLIE (116.1). Ship's call DEWEY, Plane's call DEWEY ABLE.
(e) Communication with towing plane (British) on channel OPERATIONAL BAKER (103.725 megs). PHILADELPHIA call SANDBAG, Plane's call BAYONET.