

10 October 1944.

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Subject: War Diary for Month of September, 1944.

rounds were expended. It was found impossible to reach the target from the fire support area because of the extreme range. Word was received from the Army that army artillery was coming into position to reach this target and further fire support would not be needed.

(b) The PHILADELPHIA left the fire support area at 1505 and returned to the Gulf of ST. TROPEZ and anchored in its former berth.

(c) Position:

0800 - Lat. $43^{\circ}36.8'$ N, Long. $07^{\circ}27.3'$ E.

1200 - Lat. $43^{\circ}38.5'$ N, Long. $07^{\circ}25.6'$ E.

4. 4 and 5 September.

(a) The PHILADELPHIA remained at anchor in the Gulf of ST. TROPEZ during this period. Commands and ships present included Commander in Chief of the Mediterranean in H.M.S. AJAX, Commander Western Naval Task Force in U.S.S. CATOCTIN, and Commander Task Force EIGHTY-SIX, in PHILADELPHIA; plus various other units of the U. S., British, and French Fleets.

5. 6 September.

(a) The ship was anchored in the Gulf of ST. TROPEZ, France. During the day took on fuel from the French tanker LE MECKONG.