

10 October 1944.

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Subject: War Diary for Month of September, 1944.

(b) At 2053 the ship got underway from the Gulf of ST. TROPEZ, France for AJACCIO, Corsica to replenish ammunition.

6. 7 September.

(a) The PHILADELPHIA steamed independently to AJACCIO; entered at 0716 and moored port side to the U.S.S. NITRO at 0853.

(b) The rest of the day was spent transferring empty cases to, and receiving ammunition from the NITRO. At 2200 the PHILADELPHIA got underway to return to the Gulf of ST. TROPEZ, France with the U.S.S. BROOKLYN in company, screened by the U.S.S. WOOLSEY.

7. 8 thru 12 September.

(a) Anchored in the Gulf of ST. TROPEZ at 0746. Remained at anchor from 8 through 12 September.

(b) On the morning of 10 September at 0750, two PHILADELPHIA SOC planes sighted a human torpedo while patrolling coastal waters off MENTON, Italy. The U.S.S. MADISON was patrolling that area; further plane search uncovered four (4) more one man torpedoes. PT boats were directed to them and all four torpedoes were destroyed. Several operators were captured. A second flight of PHILADELPHIA planes at 1600 sighted three more torpedoes that had been beached near MENTON.

This attack was apparently the largest one made thus