

10 October 1944.

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Subject: War Diary for Month of September, 1944.

in the celebration of the return of the French Fleet to its home port. Anchored in berth S-8 Grande Rade, TOULON, France. Ships and commands present included Commander in Chief Mediterranean in H.M.S. SIRIUS, Commander Western Naval Task Force in U.S.S. CATOCTIN, Commander Task Force EIGHTY-SIX in PHILADELPHIA.

(b) On 14 September a unit from this ship composed of four officers, enlisted men, U. S. Marine Detachment, and the band represented the United States Navy in a parade in the city of TOULON commemorating the official return of the French Fleet to France.

(c) The ship remained at anchor in Le Grande Rade, TOULON until 0655, 16 September at which time got underway for Gulf of ST. TROPEZ and anchored there in berth U-5 at 1019.

(d) Remained at anchor in the Gulf of ST. TROPEZ through 16 and 17 September.

9. 18 and 19 September.

(a) The ship remained at anchor in the Gulf of ST. TROPEZ through 19 September.

(b) In the course of four reconnaissance flights during the day, PHILADELPHIA planes directed the gunfire of the U.S.S. MADISON and U.S.S. JONES on the harbors of SAN REMO, Italy, PORTO MAURIZIO, Italy, and Cape CERVO, Italy. The missions spotted were very successful and resulted in the destruction of three medium vessels, five small craft,