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Subject: War Diary for Month of October 1944.

tions for departure from the Mediterranean theatre. The ship staged for its final voyage from 22 to 26 October in MERS EL KEBIR Harbor, Algeria, and got underway for the Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on the evening of 26 October.

2. 1 thru 3 October.

(a) The PHILADELPHIA was moored to Buoy #2 in the inner harbor, TOULON, France with various other units of the U. S. and French Fleets; Commander Task Force EIGHTY-SIX, SOPA, in PHILADELPHIA.

(b) The ship got underway at 1316, 1 October from TOULON, France enroute to the Gulf of ST. TROPEZ in accordance with verbal orders from Commander Task Force EIGHTY-SIX. Enroute, a battle problem was carried out with the ship at General Quarters. Test firing with star shells was conducted by the five inch batteries.

(c) At 1744, anchored in the Gulf of ST. TROPEZ. The ship remained in this anchorage to 3 October.

(d) Due to heavy winds the ship remained on short steaming notice through the night of 1 October, and shifted to berth V-6 in the Gulf of ST. TROPEZ at 1455, 2 October.

(e) The ship got underway for the Gulf of JUAN, France at 0802, 3 October and anchored in berth C-3 in the Gulf of JUAN at 1021

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