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Subject: War Diary for Month of October 1944.

each of the three trips. The parties left the ship 0800 in the morning, stayed overnight in ROME, and returned the following day at approximately 1800.

(c) At 1445, 16 October, Vice Admiral H. K. Hewitt, U. S. Navy, Commander EIGHTH Fleet, and Commander Western Naval Task Force, came aboard the PHILADELPHIA for the presentation of individual awards in connection with the invasion of Southern France. Presentations included the award of a Gold Star in lieu of a Second Distinguished Service Medal to Rear Admiral L. A. Davidson, U. S. Navy (Commander Task Force EIGHTY-SIX); a Gold Star in lieu of a Second Legion of Merit to Captain Walter Ansel, U. S. Navy; a Gold Star in lieu of a Second Legion of Merit to Captain Ransom K. Davis, U. S. Navy; and various other awards to the Staff Officers of Commander Task Force EIGHTY-SIX.

(d) At 1515, 16 October, Rear Admiral L. A. Davidson, U. S. Navy, Commander Task Force EIGHTY-SIX, Commander Support Forces Allied Naval Forces, Mediterranean, and Commander Cruiser Division EIGHT, ordered his Flag hauled down in U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA. Temporary Command of Cruiser Division EIGHT was shifted to Captain F. R. Dodge, U. S. Navy, in U.S.S. BROOKLYN. By order of Commander Task Force EIGHTY-SIX, the U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA was released