

2 November 1944.

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Subject: War Diary for Month of October 1944.

Administrative SOPA; and various other units of the U. S. Fleet and district craft. Remained moored in berth #5 to 26 October.

(b) Completed all preparations for departing the Mediterranean theatre.

(c) At 1701, 26 October the PHILADELPHIA got underway from MERS EL KEBIR, Algeria, screened by the U.S.S. LIVERMORE and the U.S.S. EBERLE, for the Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; OTC in U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA; Screen Commander in U.S.S. LIVERMORE. With the destroyers in normal screening stations, 3500 yards distant on either bow, set base course 247°T.

(d) Position:

2000 - 35°59'30" N, 1°14'15" W.

8. 27 thru 31 October.

(a) At 0832, 27 October, entered the Straits of GIBRALTAR and completed passage through the Straits at 1040. Course was set generally west by southwest following the route set out in Annex "A" of enclosure (A) (Philadelphia's Movement Plan D-44).

(b) Position - 27 October:

0800 - 36°01' N, 5°09.6' W.

1200 - 35°46'12" N, 6°24'45" W.

2000 - 34°19' N, 8°55' W.