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From:

The Commanding Officer.

To:

Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet.

Subject:

War Diary for Month of November 1944.

Enclosure:

(A) U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA Secret Movement Plan D-44.

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(a) En route from MERS EL KEBIR, ALGERIA, to Navy Yard, PHILADELPHIA, PA., U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA operated under orders from Commander in Chief, U. S. Atlantic Fleet. The ship sailed from MERS EL KEBIR on 26 October 1944 and on 1 November 1944 was in mid-Atlantic on a course generally South by Southwest toward BERMUDA, conforming with Annex (A) of enclosure (A) (Route Plan), arriving at the navy yard, PHILADELPHIA on 6 November 1944 for a navy yard overhaul. The ship came under the command of Commander Cruisers Atlantic Fleet on 16 November 1944.

2. <u>1 November 1944.</u>

- (a) The PHILADELPHIA was steaming en route from MERS EL KEBIR, ALGERIA, to Navy Yard, PHILADELPHIA, Pa., screened by the U.S.S. LIVERMORE and the U.S.S. EBERELE; O.T.C. in U.S.S. PHILADEL-PHIA; Screen Commander in U.S.S. LIVERMORE. Course was set on 267°T, speed 16½ knots.
- (b) During the morning maneuvering and station keeping exercises were held with the two destroyers. U.S.S. LIVERMORE acting as guide. Range Finder and tracking drills were held with the screen

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