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From: The Commanding Officer,  
(Commander Cruiser Division EIGHT).  
To: The Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet.  
Subject: War Diary for month of April 1945.

1. 1 April through 7 April 1945.

During the period 1 April to 8 April this vessel remained in dry dock number two (2), Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Pa.

2. At 0950, 6 April 1945, commenced flooding dry dock number two (2) and completed flooding to a depth of 13 feet at 1040. On inspection a leak was found in compartment A-910-F. At 1625, commenced pumping out the dry dock.

3. 8 April through 27 April 1945.

Dry dock number two (2) was flooded at 0920, 8 April 1945, and at 1033 this vessel shifted berths by dead shift with tugs in attendance, to Pier number five (5) west, Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Pa. At 1107, this vessel was moored starboard side to, alongside pier number five (5).

4. From 8 April through 27 April this vessel remained moored as above while final details of the extensive overhaul were being completed.

5. This overhaul included the removal of one bridge level, construction of a new open conn, pilot house, chart house, flag plot, and control forward, the addition of blisters, installation of radar directors, two additional 40mm Quad. mounts and the addition of large amounts of new radar and communication equipment.

6. The U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA paid silent tribute to the memory of Franklin D. Roosevelt, the deceased Commander in Chief, by maintaining a five minute period of silence at 1600, 15 April 1945.

7. The period of 24 April through 27 April was spent in completing the final details of the overhaul; provisioning, fueling, and taking on ammunition.

8. 28 April 1945.

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