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U. S. S. PHILADELPHIA
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New York, New York.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

2 July 1945.

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

Recorded

1. This vessel remained under the command of Commander Fleet Operational Training Command, U. S. Atlantic Fleet from 1 through 6 June 1945, during which time the post repair refresher training program was being completed. On 5 and 6 June the Commander Fleet Operational Training Command, U. S. Atlantic Fleet assisted by the personnel of the U.S.S. MARBLEHEAD conducted military and damage control inspections and exercised this vessel in a battle problem. On 7 June, having successfully completed the inspection and battle problem the Commanding Officer reported to Commander in Chief, U. S. Atlantic Fleet for duty. The remainder of the month of June was spent in Hampton Roads, Virginia, with the exception of 14 to 18 June, during which time this vessel exercised in lower Chesapeake Bay.

2. 1 June 1945.

(a) U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA was steaming on course 096(T), speed 20 knots enroute from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to Culebra Island, British West Indies, for the purpose of conducting shore bombardment in completion of refresher training program.

(b) 0412, the ship commenced firing the scheduled bombardment exercises completing the problem at 1125. In carrying out shore bombardment, the 5", 6", and 40mm batteries were used. Spotting was accomplished by means of shore fire control party and SC planes launched from this vessel.

(c) At 1203 the ship got underway for Hampton Roads, Virginia, in accordance with Commander Fleet Operational Training Command, U. S. Atlantic Fleet Secret Operation Order Number CTF 53-45. The course was set at 340°(T) to point Victor 35°N - 75°56'W, thence direct to point XRay-Sugar; speed was set at 18.8 knots.

(d) 1 June 1945.

Positions: 0800 - 18°26'N - 65°20'W
1200 - 18°25'N - 65°20'W
2000 - 20°47.2'N - 66°17.2'W

Ammunition expended:

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