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6 August 1945.

Subject: War Diary for the month of July 1945.

conducted for the officers and the enlisted men of this vessel; the tours covered the city of Antwerp, Brussels and Ostend and gave all hands a chance to see points of historical interest including the battlefield of Waterloo.

6. 27 through 31 July.

(a) In accordance with the dispatch orders of CTF 68, the Task Force got underway at 0502 from Antwerp, Belgium, enroute to Plymouth, England. At 0945 the task force in column, the PHILADELPHIA leading with the AUGUSTA 1000 yards astern, entered International waters departing the Schelde Estuary. The force steamed at 15 knots on various courses conforming to North Foreland swept channel and South Goodwin swept channel, entering the English Channel via swept channel "E" at 1712.

(b) The passage was made through the English Channel to Plymouth Sound, Plymouth, England, without incident. The PHILADELPHIA moored to buoy "G" in Plymouth Sound at 0911, 28 July. Ships present included H.M.S. RENOWN and various other units of the United States and British fleets, and various district craft. SOPA in this vessel.

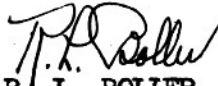
(c) On the afternoon of 28 July CTF 68 left the ship to make an official call on Admiral Sir Ralph Leatham, K.C.B., R.N., CINC Plymouth and Commander in Chief Western Approaches.

(d) On the afternoon of 28 July the Commanding Officer of H.M.S. RENOWN paid an official call to CTF 68 on this vessel.

(e) The ship remained moored in Plymouth Sound through 31 July.

(f) On the morning of 29 July Admiral Sir Ralph Leatham, K.C.B., R.N., CINC Plymouth, Commander in Chief Western Approaches, called on CTF 68 aboard this vessel. During the afternoon of 29 July this ship fueled to capacity from a fuel lighter alongside the port

7. This ship participated in no action and suffered no material damage during the period covered by this report.


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