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10 September 1945.

From: The Commanding Officer.
To : The Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet.
Via : The Commander Task Force SIXTY-EIGHT.
Subject: War Diary for the month of August 1945.

1. (a) During the month of August 1945, this vessel remained under the command of the Commander-in-Chief, United States Atlantic Fleet, operating from 1 to 8 August on detached duty as a part of Task Force SIXTY-EIGHT under the command of Rear Admiral Allan R. McCann, U. S. Navy.

(b) From 1 August 1945 to the afternoon of 2 August 1945, this ship remained moored to Buoy "G" in Plymouth Sound, Plymouth, England. During the morning and afternoon of 2 August, the PHILADELPHIA, with the U.S.S. AUGUSTA, the other unit of Task Force SIXTY-EIGHT, took part in the ceremonies commemorating the meeting between the President of the United States and His Majesty, King George VI of England. The ceremonies in connection with the meeting of the King and the President took place aboard the H.M.S. RENOWN and the U.S.S. AUGUSTA, both of which ships were anchored in Plymouth Sound.

(c) At 1600 on 2 August, Task Force SIXTY-EIGHT, with the President of the United States and the presidential party embarked in the U.S.S. AUGUSTA, got underway from Plymouth Sound, England, for Hampton Roads, Virginia; officer in tactical command, Rear Admiral McCann in the PHILADELPHIA.

The cruise was made from Plymouth Sound, England, to Hampton Roads, Virginia, via the Great Circle Route in 5 days and 5 hours; arriving at Old Point Comfort, Virginia, at 1500, 7 August. At this time, the AUGUSTA, in accordance with orders from Commander Task Force SIXTY-EIGHT, left formation and proceeded to the assigned point to disembark the presidential party. The PHILADELPHIA moored starboard side to pier number 7, berth 71, Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Virginia.

(d) Rear Admiral Allan R. McCann hauled down his flag in the U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA at 0800, 8 August and Task Force SIXTY-EIGHT was dissolved by order of the Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Atlantic Fleet. The ship remained moored as above until the morning of 13 August, at which time, in accordance with dispatch orders of the Commander Fleet Operational Training Command, U. S. Atlantic Fleet, the ship got underway for Newport, Rhode Island, arriving at Newport at 0945, 14 August. The Commanding Officer reported to Commander Task Group 23.13, in charge of training pre-commissioning details stationed at the Naval Training Station, Newport, Rhode Island. The remainder

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