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U. S. S. PHILADELPHIA

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Subject: War Diary for the Month of August 1945.

of the month was spent as a training vessel under Commander Task Group 23.13, operating out of Newport, Rhode Island in the Narragansett sea channel. The procedure was to embark a group of officers and men from one of the pre-commissioning details then training at Newport, on Monday, proceed to the training area and conduct training exercises until Friday, returning on Friday afternoon to Newport and disembark the trainees.

2. 1 through 7 August 1945.

(a) The PHILADELPHIA was moored to Buoy "G" in Plymouth Sound, Plymouth, England, from 1 August to the afternoon of 2 August. On the morning of 2 August, the PHILADELPHIA, with the Presidential Flagship, U.S.S. AUGUSTA, and the British Royal Flagship, H.M.S. RENOWN, participated in ceremonies in connection with the meeting of President Truman and King George VI of England. The meeting took place first aboard the H.M.S. RENOWN when President Truman made a visit on King George VI aboard the RENOWN. In the afternoon, shortly before Task Force SIXTY-EIGHT got underway to return to the United States, the King return the President's call aboard the U.S.S. AUGUSTA.

(b) At 1549, 2 August, the Task Force got underway in formation, AUGUSTA leading, enroute from Plymouth Sound, England, to Hampton Roads, Virginia. The course was set through QZS 697 to position 49°57'18" North, 04°15'54" West, thence through position 180 Lizard Head, twenty miles to destination. After leaving Plymouth, England, the PHILADELPHIA and AUGUSTA took stations in column open order with the PHILADELPHIA leading. The ships remained in these respective stations throughout the return voyage. The speed of advance was set at 26.5 knots. Though the speed was extremely high, the weather and sea conditions were favorable and the return trip was made in 5 days and 5 hours without incident.

(c) At 1545, 7 August, shortly after passing Old Point Comfort, Virginia, the AUGUSTA left formation and proceeded to Newport News, Virginia to disembark the presidential party. This vessel proceeded to the Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Virginia and moored starboard side to pier number 7, berth 75 at 1644.

3. 7 through 13 August 1945.

(a) The ship remained moored at the Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Virginia until 13 August. At 0800, 8 August, Rear Admiral Allan R. McCann hauled down his flag in this vessel and Task Force SIXTY-EIGHT