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ACTION REPORT

USS MACKENZIE

DD 614

NO SERIAL

16 JULY 1943

REPORT OF ACTION AGAINST THE ENEMY.

[COVERS ACTION OF 11-12 JULY 1943]  
[DURING SICILIAN CAMPAIGN.]

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From: The Commanding Officer.  
To: The Commander-in-Chief, UNITED STATES FLEET.

Via : (1) The Commander Destroyer Squadron SIXTEEN.  
(2) The Commander Task Group 85.3.  
(3) The Commander Task Force EIGHTY-FIVE.  
(4) The Commander Western Naval Task Force.  
(5) The Commander-in-Chief, ATLANTIC FLEET.

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Reference: (a) ComNavNAW serial 0120 of June 6, 1943.  
(b) CTF 85 serial 0709 of July 3, 1943.  
(c) Atlantic Fleet Confidential Letter 4CL-43.  
(d) Atlantic Fleet Confidential Letter 5CL-43.  
(e) Article 712, U. S. Navy Regulations, 1920.

1. In accordance with references (a), (b), and (c), the following report is submitted of action against the enemy on July 11, 1943 and July 12, 1943.

2. The U.S.S. MAC KENZIE acted as an escort screening convoy NGF-1 and the Covering Force from July 5, 1943, until July 11, 1943.

3. At 1810B July 11, 1943, this vessel relieved the U.S.S. LAUB as Fire Support Group 7 ABLE off SCOGLITTI, Sicily. Operations were in conjunction with the Second Battalion 180th Regimental Combat Team. Shore Fire Control Party 7 controlled the firing.

4. At 2102B, July 11, 1943, with the ship in Latitude 36°-58'-45" N, Longitude 14°-20' E on course 315° T, speed 5, received orders to open fire on grid position 350261. At 2105B, opened fire with navigational range of 9000 yards. Four 2-gun salvos were fired, using deliberate fire, with SFC-7A spotting between salvos. Spots of "No Change" in range with "Left 1000 yards" were received after each salvo. At 2111B ceased fire.

5. At 0523B, July 12, 1943, with the ship in Latitude 36°-57' N, Longitude 14°-21' E, on course 135° T, speed 5, received orders to open fire on grid position 359262. At 0525B opened fire with navigational range of 9400 yards. At 0549 ceased fire. At 0552B commenced firing on grid position 359261, navigational range 10,000 yards. At 0625B ceased fire, having expended 267 rounds 5"/38 caliber ammunition since 0525B.

6. Results of the firing are unknown, but due to the nature

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of the spots in following the main road between GELA and SCOGLITTI, it is believed that the fire was effective.

7. Communications with the shore fire control party were excellent throughout the firing. Confidential Code USF-100(B) was used, utilizing bridge radio.

8. There were no casualties to personnel or material.

9. No citations are made in accordance with references (b) and (d).

10. The Executive Officer's report as required by reference (e) is included in this report.

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D. B. MILLER.  
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