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U. S. S. MAC KENZIE (DDG 18) No.

WAR DIARY

APRIL 1944

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- 1 April - Enroute ORAN, ALGERIA for training and tender availability. U.S.S. KENDRICK and U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA in company.
0800 position - 38° 34'N 14° 25'E
1200 position - 38° 21'N 11° 05'E
2000 position - 38° 08'N 07° 40'E
- 2 April - Arrived and moored MERS EL KEBIR at 1500B.
0800 position - 36° 58'N 02° 39'E
1200 position - 36° 34'N 00° 48'E
At 0100A advanced ship's clocks one hour to zone description minus two.
- 3 April - Fired Shore Bombardment Practice off ARZEW, ALGERIA, expending 30 rounds 5"/38 caliber service ammunition.
- 4 April - Went into drydock at N.O.B., ORAN to effect repairs to Sound Dome Shield.
- 5 April - In drydock as before.
- 6 April - Undocked at 0800B. Proceeded to MERS EL KEBIR and moored.
- 7 April - Fired Shore Bombardment off ARZEW, ALGERIA, expending 30 rounds 5"/38 caliber ammunition. Returned and moored alongside U.S.S. VULCAN for voyage repairs.
- 8-10 April - Alongside U.S.S. VULCAN.
- 11 April - Got underway for night exercises at 1930B. In company U.S.S. KENDRICK, U.S.S. H.C. JONES. O.T.C. - COMDESRON SEVEN in JONES.

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- 12 April - Moored in MERS EL KEBIR at 0200B. Got underway at 0700B, enroute ORAN to PALERMO, in accordance U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA'S C/44 of 10 April 1944 and annexes thereto. O.T.C. in U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA. U.S.S. KENDRICK in company. Fired Shore Bombardment Practice off ARZEW, ALGERIA at 1600B, expending 30 rounds 5"/38 caliber ammunition.
- 1200 position - 36° 03'N 00° 13'E
2000 position - 36° 05'N 00° 37'E
- 13 April - Enroute ORAN, ALGERIA to PALERMO, SICILY.
- 0800 position - 37° 22'N 05° 50'E
1200 position - 37° 29'N 06° 16'E
2000 position - 37° 57'N 08° 59'E
- 14 April - Arrived and moored NAVAL OPERATING BASE, PALERMO, SICILY.
- 15-19 April - Moored at N.O.B., PALERMO.
- 20 April - Underway at 0800B in accordance with U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA'S Serial 050 of 18 April 1944 for gunnery and tactical exercises, U.S.S. KENDRICK in company. O.T.C. Commanding Officer U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA. Returned and moored N.O.B., PALERMO at 1900B.
- 21-25 April - Moored PALERMO, SICILY participating in harbor exercises.
- 26 April - Underway at 0800B in accordance with CTF 86 Serial 037 of 22 April and C.O. PHILADELPHIA'S training plan 4/44 of 25 April for training exercises. U.S.S. KENDRICK and U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA in company. Officer conducting Practice in U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA. Returned and moored PALERMO at 1700B.
- 27 April - Underway at 1800B in accordance CTF 86 Serial 037 of 22 April and C.O. MAC KENZIE'S training plan 1/44 of 26 April for AA Gunnery exercises and training. Expended 1463 rounds 20MM ammunition and 520 rounds 40MM ammunition and 11 rounds 5"/38 caliber ammunition. Officer conducting practice in U.S.S. MAC KENZIE. U.S.S. KENDRICK in company. Returned and moored PALERMO 1730B.

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28-30 April - Moored PALERMO, SICILY.

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May 1944.

- 1 May: Temporarily attached to 8th Fleet, Operating with TF 86.
Underway from Palermo, Sicily at 1230B in company with KENDRICK, KEARNEY, ERICSSON and PHILADELPHIA in accordance CTF 86 OPPLAN 1-44 of 30 April 1944.
OTC - CTF 86 in U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA. Training exercises in connection with the Annual Military inspection of the U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA being conducted. Returned and moored PALERMO 1730B.

0800 position - Vicinity PALERMO
1200 " " "
2000 " " "
- 2 May: Moored PALERMO, SICILY engaged in Harbor duties and exercises.
- 3 May: Underway 1030B in company, U.S.S. BROOKLYN, KENDRICK, KEARNY, ERICSSON in accordance CTF 86 OPPLAN 1-44 of 30 April for training and drill in GULF OF PALERMO. O.T.C. in U.S.S. BROOKLYN. Made doubtful contact with submarine at 1500B; initiated search patrol in conjunction with U.S.S. KENDRICK and aircraft from N.O.B. PALERMO.

0800 position - Vicinity PALERMO.
1200 " - " "
2000 " - " "
- 4 May: Discontinued search at 0700B and returned PALERMO, SICILY.

0800 position - Vicinity PALERMO.
1200 " - " "
2000 " - " "
- 5 May: Underway 0700B for A/S training exercises in company KENDRICK and I/S CAGNI. Directed to investigate submarine sighting at 1200B. 1400B Arrived area; Commenced search. 1500B Joined by PC558 and PC559 and KENDRICK.

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- 5 May: (Cont'd) O.T.C. in U.S.S. MAC KENZIE. Joined by U.S.S. EDISON at 1530B. "Strangle" operation directed by CTF 86 and FOWIT. Joined by A/S aircraft from N.O.B. PALERMO. Joined by U.S.S. GLEAVES and U.S.S. HILARY P. JONES at 2000B.
- 2000 position - 38-33N
13-21E
- 6 May: Continued A/S search.
- 0800 position - 38-28N, 13-25E.
1200 " - 38-24N, 13-30E.
2000 " - 38-40N, 13-30E.
- 7 May: Search discontinued at 0700B by CTF 86. Returned PALERMO, SICILY and moored. Underway from PALERMO, SICILY at 1900B concerning sortie of U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA with KENDRICK in company. Set course for NAPLES, ITALY at 2300B. O.T.C. - CTF 86 in U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA.
- 0800 position - 38-08N
13-12E.
- 8 May: Arrived and anchored NAPLES, ITALY at 0830B.
- 0800 position - 40-48N, 14-20E.
- 9-11 May: Anchored in vicinity NAPLES, ITALY.
- 12 May: Underway in company H.M.S. DIDO, U.S.S. ORDRONAUX enroute GAETA, ITALY to support 5th Army offensive in that sector. O.T.C. ComCruSquad 15 in HMS DIDO. C.T.F. 86 in U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA detailing bombardment ships. Destroyers acting as A/S screen and smoke - making ships. Completed fire support and returned NAPLES, and anchored.
- 0800 position - 41-05N, 13-19E.
1200 " - 41-16N, 12-30E.
2000 " - 40-42N, 14-26E.

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- 13 - 14 May: Anchored NAPLES, ITALY.
- 15 May: Underway for GAETA, ITALY at 0600B in company U.S.S. ORDRONAU, H.M.S. DIDO. 1700B Released by CS 15 in DIDO and proceeded to patrol area off GEATA as directed, by C.T.F. 86.
- 0800 position - 40-42N, 14-25E.
1200 " - 41-08N, 13-26E.
2000 " - 40-59N, 13-20E.
- 16 May: Broke off patrol at 1100B and reported to Senior Officer MINE Sweeping FLOTILLA 12 to act as screen for mine-sweeping operations off GEATA. Abundant and accurate fire from enemy shore batteries suffered. 1740B Released by MS 12; Set course for NAPLES, ITALY. 1820 Rescued unhurt R.A.F. pilot, Lt. POTE from the sea, whose plane had been observed in difficulty and pilot to parachute to safety. Arrived and anchored NAPLES, 200B.
- 0800 position - 41-01N, 13-23E.
1200 " - 41-03N, 13-16E.
- 17 May: Anchored NAPLES, ITALY.
- 18 May: Underway at 0600B with DIDO and ORDRONAU for fire support work off GEATA. Completed bombardment at 1400B; set course for NAPLES - - arrived and anchored 1800B.
- 0800 position - 40-41N, 14-25E.
1200 " - 41-01N, 13-15E.
- 19 May: Underway at 1600B in company with HMS DIDO, and U.S.S. ORDRONAU for boiler cleaning and availability period for DIDO. OTC CS 15 in DIDO. Destination MALTA.
- 2000 position = 39-27N, 25-11E.
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- 20 May: Arrived and moored VALETTA, MALTA
1300B.
0800 position - 35-57N, 14-40E.
1200 " - 35-05N, 14-05E.
- 20,21,22 May: Moored VALETTA, MALTA.
- 23 May: Underway 1100B in accordance VAM's
sailing instructions in company ORDRONAU
enroute NAPLES.
1200 position - 36-17N, 15-03E.
2000 " - 38-32N, 15-25E.
- 24 May: Arrived NAPLES 0100B and anchored.
Underway at 0200 enroute MALTA in company
U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA and ORDRONAU.
O.T.C. - Commanding Officer USS PHILADELPHIA.
0800 position - 40-51N, 15-30E.
1200 position - 39-10N, 15-05E.
2000 position - 37-54N, 15-31E.
- 25 May: Arrived and moored VALETTA, MALTA at
1100B. PHILADELPHIA to effect repairs
to damaged bow suffered in collision.
CTF 86 transferred flag to U.S.S. BROOKLYN
in NAPLES. Underway at 1600B enroute NAPLES
in company ORDRONAU carrying flag records
and personnel for CTF 86. O.T.C. Commanding
Officer U.S.S. MAC KENZIE.
0800 position - 35-57N, 14-39E.
1200 " - VALETTA, MALTA.
2000 " - 39-22N, 25-13E.
- 26 May: Arrived and anchored NAPLES 1000B.
0800 position - 40-26N, 14-27E.

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May: This period covered in my action report
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June, 1944.

1 - 4 June: Operating in EIGHTH FLEET, under administrative command CTG 80.6. Operational command CTF 86. Events this period covered by my Action Report serial 011 of 31 May.

5 - 7 June: Anchored NAPLES, ITALY.

8 June: Sailed PALERMO, SICILY at 0900 B in obedience FOWIT'S 061922 B/June. Arrived PALERMO 1800 B, reported to CTF 86 in BROOKLYN for screen duty that ship.

1200 position - 39-14N, 14-35E.

9 - 11 June: Moored PALERMO. Participating harbor exercises.

12 June: Underway 0600 B in accordance CTF 86 training plan 3-44 Serial 071 of 10 June. Exercised with KENDRICK and S/M CAGNI forenoon. Conducted day battle problem in company BROOKLYN, KENDRICK afternoon. Returned and moored PALERMO.

0800 position - 38-09N, 14-42E.
1200 position - 38-16N, 14-10E.

13 June: Moored PALERMO.

14 June: Underway 0600 B in company KENDRICK and S/M CAGNI for A/S training exercises. Returned PALERMO 1400 B.

0800 position - 38-09N, 13-29E.
1200 position - 38-09N, 14-43E.

15 - 17 June: Moored PALERMO, SICILY.

18 June: Underway at 0800 B in company KENDRICK and BROOKLYN enroute NAPLES, ITALY. O.T.C.-CTF 86 in BROOKLYN. Arrived and anchored 1900 B.

0800 position - 38-08N, 13-25E.
1200 position - 39-15N, 14-36E.
2000 position - 40-41N, 14-28E.

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19 June: Anchored NAPLES.

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June, 1944.

20 June: Underway 0800 B in company KENDRICK, BROOKLYN for SALERNO, ITALY. CTF 86 in U.S.S. BROOKLYN. 1245 B Commenced participation in practice amphibious assault in accordance CTF 86 serial 078 of 19 June 1944 and EIGHTH AMPHIBIOUS FORCE training plan 8-44 of 18 June 1944. Expended 50 rounds 5" 38 Cal. ammunition. Returned and anchored NAPLES 1900 B.

0800 position - 40-41N, 14-28E.
1200 position - 40-28N, 14-48E.

21 June: Underway 1900 B in accordance CTF 86 serial 079 of 19 June 1944 in company KENDRICK. CTF 86 in KENDRICK. 2100 Commenced night illumination exercise off CAPRI ISLAND. Expended 45 rounds 5"38 Cal. starshell and W.P. projectiles. Anchored NAPLES 2400 B.

2000 position - 40-32N, 19-16E.

22 June: Underway 1100 B in accordance FOWIT'S 211904 B/June enroute PALERMO, SICILY. KENDRICK and BROOKLYN in company. O.T.C. - CTF 86 in BROOKLYN. Moored PALERMO 1930 B.

1200 position - 40-28N, 19-01E.

23-25 June: Moored PALERMO, SICILY.

26 June: Underway 1900 B enroute ORAN, ALGERIA in accordance COMNOB, PALERMO'S 261200 B/June. OTC-CTF 86 in BROOKLYN. KENDRICK in company.

2000 position - 38-18N, 13-18E.

27 June: Enroute ORAN.

0800 position - 38-06N, 07-53E.
1200 position - 37-49N, 06-18E.
2000 position - 37-16N, 03-46E.

28 June: Arrived and moored ORAN 0745 B for availability at NAVAL OPERATING BASE.

29-30 June: Moored ORAN.

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