

Reg. No. 371
R. S. No. 7-avg-44

U. S. S. MAC KENZIE (DD614)

WAR DIARY

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July, 1944.

- 1 - 5 July: Operating as unit of the EIGHT FLEET, under administrative supervision. CTG 80.6. Operating in TASKFORCE 86 CTF86 in U.S.S. BROOKLYN. Undergoing availability in ORAN, ALGERIA as assigned by CTG 80.6. Periodical overhaul and repairs being effected.

- 6 July: Underway at 0900 B and recalibrated degaussing equipment off ARZEW, ALGERIA in company U.S.S. KENDRICK. Returned and moored ORAN 1630 B.

1200 position - 34-52N, 00-27E.

- 7 July: Underway and rendezvoused with KENDRICK and BROOKLYN off ORAN. Fired gunnery practice forenoon expending 128 rounds 20MM, 45 rounds 40MM and 13 rounds 5"38 cal. ammunition. Proceeded ALGIERS, ALGERIA where BROOKLYN embarked CTF 86, then underway and proceeding PALERMO, SICILY in accordance basic orders - CTF 86's 051730B/ July and COMNOB ORAN'S 060955B/ July.

0800 position - 35-56N, 00-38W.
1200 position - 36-12N, 00-11W.
2000 position - Anchored ALGIERS, ALGERIA.

- 8 July: Arrived and fueled PALERMO, SICILY 1930B. Underway 2045 with BROOKLYN, KENDRICK enroute NAPLES in accordance basic orders.

0800 position - 37-16N, 08-25E.
1200 position - 37-17N, 10-30E.
2000 position - Anchored PALERMO, SICILY.

- 9 - 10 July: Arrived and anchored NAPLES 0800B.

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July 1944.

- 11 July: Participated in Plane Spotting training practice in BAY of POLICASTRO expending 75 rounds 5" ammunition. Operated in accordance COMEIGHTHIB secret serials 00221 and 00222 of 9 and 11 July 1944 respectively. Returned and anchored NAPLES.
- 12 July: Anchored NAPLES.
- 13 July: Sailed at 2200B for PALERMO in company KENDRICK and BROOKLYN. CTF86 in BROOKLYN - O.T.C.
- 14 July: Arrived PALERMO, SICILY 0730B. CTF 86 and staff transferred flag to U.S.S. AUGUSTA.
- 15 - 16 July: Moored PALERMO.
- 17 July: Underway 0600B in obedience CTF 86, 162215B/ July enroute BIZERTE, TUNISIA. KENDRICK in company. O.T.C. - Commanding Officer, MAC KENZIE. Arrived BIZERTE and loaded assault boats (LCV(P) M-2). Sailed for BAY of SALERNO 1900B.
- 0800 position - 38-12N, 13-15E.
1200 position - 37-30N, 10-54E.
2000 position - 37-17N, 10-08E.
- 18 July: Rendezvoused with COMTRANSDIV 13 off POINT LICOSA at 0745B and delivered boats. Sailed PALERMO, SICILY at 1130B in accordance basic orders, arriving 1930B.
- 20 July: Moored PALERMO, SICILY.
- 21 July: Underway 0800B for exercises off PALERMO in company BROOKLYN and KENDRICK and sailed for NAPLES at 2300B. O.T.C. - Commanding Officer U.S.S. BROCKLYN.
- 1200 position - 38-13N, 13-20E.
2000 position - 23-07N, 13-30E.

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July 1944.

- 22 July: Arrived NAPLES, ITALY 0830B and anchored.
- 23 July: Anchored NAPLES.
- 24 July: Inspected by H.M. GEORGE VI KING of ENGLAND. Sailed for PALERMO, SICILY at 2000B in company BROOKLYN, OMAHA, KENDRICK and RODMAN. O.T.C. - Commanding Officer U.S.S. BROOKLYN.
- 25 July: Arrived PALERMO 0800B and moored.
- 26 July: Moored PALERMO, SICILY.
- 27 July: Underway for exercises with *same* submarine off PALERMO in company KENDRICK and Italian submarine CAGNI. O.T.C. - Commanding Officer U.S.S. MAC KENZIE. Returned PALERMO 1800B.
- 0800 position - 38-07N, 13-39E.
1200 position - 37-08N, 15-41E.
- 28-29-30-31 July: Moored PALERMO, SICILY. Conducting Annual Material Inspection of U.S.S. KENDRICK and in turn being inspected by her.

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August, 1944.

- 1 Aug: Operating in EIGHTH FLEET under administrative CTG 80.6 (COMDESEIGHTH FLEET) operating in TASK FORCE 86. CTF 86 in U.S.S. AUGUSTA. Underway 0630B in company U.S.S. KENDRICK and I/S CAGNI for A/S exercises and returned and moored PALERMO 1500B.

0800 position - 38-09N, 13-42E.
1200 position - 38-08N, 08-33E.
- 2 - 5 Aug: PALERMO, SICILY participating harbor exercises in accordance with CTF 86 Opplan 6-44 and under CTG 86.2 in U.S.S. TUSCALOOSA.
- 6 Aug: Underway at 1930B in company U.S.S. BROOKLYN and U.S.S. MARBLEHEAD and U.S.S. EDISON enroute GULF of POLO CASTRO. OTC - Commanding Officer U.S.S. BROOKLYN.

2000 position - 38-10N, 13-29E.
- 7 Aug: Participated in Shore Bombardment exercises off CAMEROTA, ITALY and returned PALERMO, SICILY.

0800 position - 39-53N, 15-32E.
1200 position - 39-58N, 15-02E.
2000 position - 38-08N, 13-23E.
- 8 - 12 Aug: PALERMO, SICILY.
- 13 Aug: Underway 0800B in company TG 87.7. Operating in accordance CTF 87 Opplan 1-44 of 1 August 1944. CTG 87.7 in U.S.S. TUSCALOOSA who is also CCD-7. Cruisers in three columns; destroyers deployed in accordance plan 33A - CSP 1846.

0800 position - 38-08N, 13-25E.
1200 position - 38-24N, 12-28E.
2000 position - 38-32N, 10-02E.

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August, 1944.

- 14 Aug: Rendezvoused with Transport Convoy SF-1 off Straits of BONIFICADIO at 1800B. OTC-CTF87 in U.S.S. BAYFIELD.
- 0800 position - 39-57N, 07-55E.
1200 position - 40-53N, 07-53E.
2000 position - 42-28N, 08-19E.
- 15 - 27 Aug: This period covered my action reports serials 003 and 004 of 28 August 1944 and 29 August 1944.
- 28 Aug: Released from duty CTF-86 his 281122B/ August. Proceeding ALGIERS independently.
- 0800 position - 42-54N, 06-38E.
1200 position - 42-55N, 06-13E.
2000 position - 42-40N, 06-21E.
- 29 Aug: Arrived ALGIERS, ALGERIA 1230B. Reported to COM BATDIV-FIVE in U.S.S. TEXAS for duty.
- 0800 position - 38-52N, 03-39E.
1200 position - 37-00N, 03-04E.
- 30 Aug: Underway from ALGIERS at 1800B enroute ORAN, ALGERIA in company with U.S.S. NEVADA, U.S.S. TEXAS, HMS CLEVELAND. CBD-5 in U.S.S. TEXAS - OTC.
- 2000 position - 37-03N, 03-00E.
- 31 Aug: Arrived ORAN 0800B and Moored.
- 0800 position - 35-51N, 00-37W.

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September, 1944.

- 1 Sept: Underway 1130B in accordance COMNOBORAN 311611Z August. In company MC LANAHAN, QUINCY, OMAHA, CINCINNATI, MARBLEHEAD. OTC - Commanding Officer U.S.S. QUINCY - Destroyers escorting Cruisers to a position of 9 degrees West; thence return ORAN.
- 2 Sept: Released from cruiser escort duty at 0930B returning ORAN.
0800 position - 35-52.2N, 07-24.8W.
1200 position - 35-59.5N, 08-22.2W.
2000 position - 35-57N, 04-59W.
- 3 Sept: Arrived ORAN and moored 0730B.
- 4 Sept: Underway 0545B and commenced patrol in channel awaiting Sortie of CBD-5. Operating in accordance COMNOBORAN 021437Z and 021501B of September, CBD-5 communication plan 6/44 and CDS-16 serials 056 and 057 of 3 September 1944. In company DESRON 16 less LAUB, BATDIV FIVE, COWANESQUE, PINTO, CHEWAWA, WINOOSKI. CBD-5 in TEXAS - OTC. 1000B retarded ships clocks to -1 zone description. 1930 retarded ships clocks to - $\frac{1}{2}$ zone description.
- 5 Sept: Underway as before.
0800 position - 35-58N, 07-06.5W.
1200 position - 36-43N, 08-17W.
2000 position - 36-16.5N, 10-41W.
1930 retarded ships clocks to GCT.
- 6 Sept: 0800 position - 37-00.5N, 14-17.5W.
1200 position - 32-06.8N, 15-30W.
2000 position - 37-05.5N, 18-01.5W.
1930Z retarded ships clocks to + $\frac{1}{2}$ zone description.
- 7 Sept: 0800 position - 38-01.5N, 21-25.5W.
1200 position - 38-11.5N, 22-33.5W.
2000 position - 39-19N, 24-50W.
1930 retarded ships clocks to +1 zone description.

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September, 1944.

- 8 Sept: 0800 position - 39-47N, 28-30W.
1200 position - 39-54.2N, 29-38W.
2000 position - 40-01N, 29-46W.

1930 retarded ships clocks to +1½ zone description.
- 9 Sept: 0800 position - 40-24N, 35-45.5W.
1200 position - 40-33N, 37-09W.
2000 position - 40-43.2N, 39-53.5 W.

1930 retarded ships clocks to +2 zone description.
- 10 Sept: 0800 position - 40-35.9N, 43-42.7W.
1200 position - 40-36N, 45-00W.
2000 position - 40-33N, 47-48W.

1930 retarded ships clocks to +2½ zone description.
- 11 Sept: 0800 position 40-28.5N, 51-45.5W.
1200 position 40-29N, 53-04W.
2000 position 40-30N, 55-56W.

1930 retarded ships clocks to +3 zone description.
- 12 Sept: 0800 position - 39-58N, 59-03.2W.
1200 position - 39-49N, 60-19.5W.
2000 position - 39-55N, 63-06W.

1930 retarded ships clocks to +3½ zone description.
- 13 Sept: Detached at 0600P+½ verbal orders CBD-5 proceeding in company KENDRICK and ARKANSAS to BOSTON, MASS. OTC Commanding Officer ARKANSAS. 0730 retarded ships clocks to +4 zone description.

0800 position - 39-47.2N, 66-52.5W.
1200 position - 40-20.4N, 68-22.7W.
2000 position - 41-37N, 68-48W.
- 14 Sept: Detached at 0605 verbal orders Commanding Officer U.S.S. ARKANSAS. Proceeding with U.S.S. KENDRICK to NEW YORK, NEW YORK via CAPE COD Canal.
- 15 Sept: Arrived NEW YORK, NEW YORK. 0300 Reported to CDS-16 in U.S.S. PARKER.

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- 16-17 Sept: Moored PIER 88 NEW YORK, NEW YORK.
- 18 Sept: 1223 Underway from NEW YORK, NEW YORK enroute to BOSTON, MASS. in company DESRON 16 less U.S.S. LAUB in accordance CDS 16's Mailgram 181230. OTC - COMDESRON 16 in U.S.S. PARKER.
- 19 Sept: 0800 position - 41-18.5N, 70-35.5W.
1200 position - 41-47.5N, 71-46.5W.

Arrived BOSTON, MASS., CHARLESTOWN NAVY YARD, at 1537 and moored.
- 20 -29 Sept: Moored BOSTON, MASS., CHARLESTOWN NAVY YARD. Ship undergoing alterations and repairs.
- 30 Sept: Entered dry dock #2 at 1555 CHARLESTOWN NAVY YARD, BOSTON, MASS.

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