

464
FORM NO. 1
1945

U. S. S. MAC KENZIE (DD614)

W A R D I A R Y

DECLASSIFIED

January 1945

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

- 1 January Moored CHARLESTOWN NAVY YARD, BOSTON, MASS. undergoing repairs. 0812 Underway to conduct full power run. 2155 Moored CHARLESTOWN NAVY YARD, BOSTON, MASS. after unsuccessful full power run.
- 2 - 24 January Moored CHARLESTOWN NAVY YARD, BOSTON, MASS. undergoing repairs.
- 25 January 0825 Underway for full power run. 1600 Moored CHARLESTOWN NAVY YARD, BOSTON, MASS. Full power run unsuccessful.
- 26 - 27 January Moored CHARLESTOWN NAVY YARD, BOSTON, MASS. undergoing repairs.
- 28 January Moored CHARLESTOWN NAVY YARD, BOSTON, MASS. 1531 Underway for full power trial.
- 29 January Steaming as before. 0833 Moored CHARLESTOWN NAVY YARD, BOSTON, MASS. after completing satisfactory full power trial.
- 30 January Moored as before.
- 31 January Moored as before. 1430 Underway for CASCO BAY, MAINE, for refresher training in accordance with COMDESLANT Conf. speedletter serial 0251 of 22 January 1945. 2015 Anchored in CASCO BAY, MAINE.

Handwritten

O.D. HUGHLETT
O.D. HUGHLETT

103800 **FILMED**

91

487

U. S. S. MAC KENZIE (DD614)

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L
DECLASSIFIED

WAR DIARY

February 1945

- February 1 - Anchored CASCO BAY, MAINE. 0800 Underway to conduct ASW exercises. 1700 Anchored CASCO BAY, MAINE.
- February 2 - Anchored as before. 0750 Underway to training area to conduct gun alignment and radar calibration practice. 1815 Moored alongside U.S.S. DENEbola.
- February 3 - Moored as before. 0750 Underway to conduct AA firing practice and Day Spotting practice. 1200 position 45°-16'N, 69°-25'W. 1615 Underway proceeding to HAMPTON ROADS, VIRGINIA in accordance COMMANDER DESTROYERS ATLANTIC FLEET despatch 311825 of January. 2000 position 42°-22.5'N, 69°-37.5'W.
- February 4 - Steaming as before.
0800 position 40°-05.5'N, 70°-02'W.
1200 position 39°-22'N, 71°-07'W.
2000 position 38°-17'N, 73°-01.5'W.
- February 5 - Steaming as before.
0800 position 36°-50'N, 76°-00'W.
1030 Moored Pier #5 NAVAL OPERATING BASE, NORFOLK, VIRGINIA.
- February 6 - Moored Pier #5 NAVAL OPERATING BASE, NORFOLK, VIRGINIA.
- February 7 - Moored Pier #5 NAVAL OPERATING BASE, NORFOLK, VIRGINIA.
- February 8 - Moored as before. 0322 Underway, pursuant COMDESRON 15 letter FC4-15/A4-3 of February 1945. Escorting Convoy UGF 20 to NORTH AFRICA.
0800 position 36°-52'N, 75°-37'W.
1200 position 36°-54'N, 74°-09'W.
2000 position 36°-33'N, 71°-37'W.

Altered

108619 **FILMED**

U. S. S. MAC KENZIE (DD614)

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

WAR DIARY

February 1945

February 9 - Steaming as before.
0800 position 35°-50'N, 67°-34'W.
1200 position 35°-30'N, 66°-20'W.
2000 position 34°-57'N, 63°-11'W.
2400 Advanced clocks one half hour to time zone
description plus 3 1/2.

February 10- Steaming as before.
0800 position 35°-07'N, 60°-35'W.
1200 position 35°-32'N, 58°-16'W.
2000 position 36°-00'N, 55°-23'W.
2400 Advanced clocks one half hour to time
zone description plus 3.

February 11- Steaming as before.
0800 position 36°-32'N, 51°-34'W.
1200 position 36°-44'N, 50°-10'W.
2000 position 37°-00'N, 47°-23'W.
2400 Advanced clocks one half hour to time
zone description plus 2 1/2.

February 12- Steaming as before.
0800 position 37°-16'N, 43°-31'W.
1200 position 37°-20'N, 42°-09'W.
2000 position 36°-26'N, 39°-06'W.
2400 Advanced clocks one half hour to time
zone description plus 2.

February 13- Steaming as before.
0800 position 37°-08'N, 36°-12'W.
1200 position 37°-08'N, 34°-10'W.
2000 position 36°-26'N, 32°-06'W.
2400 Advanced clocks one half hour to time
zone description plus 1.1/2.

February 14- Steaming as before.
0800 position 36°-24'N, 27°-12'W.
1200 position 36°-07'N, 25°-55'W.
2000 position 35°-45'N, 23°-15'W.
2400 Advanced clocks one half hour to time
zone description plus 1.

U. S. S. MAC KENZIE (DD614)

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

WAR DIARY

February 1945

- February 15 - Steaming as before.
0800 position 35°-28'N, 19°-35'W.
1200 position 35°-20'N, 17°-59'W.
2000 position 35°-22'N, 14°-50'W.
2400 Advanced clocks one hour to time
zone description 0 (GMT).
- February 16 - Steaming as before.
0800 position 34°-57'N, 11°-08'W.
1200 position 35°-08'N, 08°-72'W.
2000 position 35°-41'N, 06°-30'W.
2230 Passed through STRAITS OF GIBRALTAR
and entered MEDITERRANEAN.
2400 Advanced clocks one hour to time
zone description minus 1.
- February 17 - Steaming as before.
0800 position 35°-44'N, 02°-23'W.
1200 position 35°-49'N, 01°-03'W.
1653 Moored alongside U.S.S. DELTA, MERS EL
KEBIR, ALGERIA. 1700 CDS-16 shifted flag
from U.S.S. PARKER (DD604) to this ship.
- February 18 - Moored as before. 1820 CDS-16 shifted flag
from this ship to U.S.S. DELTA. 1830 Under-
way to 34°-00'N, 09°-00'W to rendezvous with
U.S.S. GENERAL MEIGS in accordance with CTG
80.6 despatch 181021 of February ; upon ren-
dezvousing to escort U.S.S. GENERAL MEIGS
to NAPLES, ITALY.
2000 position 35°-55'N, 00°-46'W.
- February 19 - Steaming as before.
0800 position 36°-03'N, 05°-13'W.
1000 Passing through STRAITS OF GIBRALTAR.
1200 position 35°-34'N, 06°-31'W.
1230 Reported as escort for U.S.S. GENERAL
MEIGS. 1700 Passing through STRAITS OF
GIBRALTAR.
2000 position 35°-52'N, 04°-35'W.

U. S. S. MAC KENZIE (DD614)

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

WAR DIARY

February 1945

- February 20 - Steaming as before. Escorting U.S.S. GENERAL MEIGS to NAPLES, ITALY.
0800 position 36°-06'N, 00°-14'W.
1200 position 36°-39'N, 01°-04'E.
2000 position 37°-00'N, 03°-55'E.
- February 21 - Steaming as before.
0800 position 37°-13'N, 08°-15'E.
1200 position 37°-25'N, 09°-35'E.
2000 position 38°-11'N, 12°-06'E.
- February 22 - Steaming as before.
0800 Entering NAPLES HARBOR, ITALY. 1100
Anchored NAPLES HARBOR, ITALY.
- February 23 - Anchored as before. 0830 Moored alongside U.S.S. GENERAL MEIGS, NAPLES, ITALY.
- February 24 - Moored as before.
- February 25 - Moored as before. 0120 Yellow air raid alert.
0130 All clear.
- February 26 - Moored as before. 0700 Underway escorting U.S.S. GENERAL MEIGS to 9°W in accordance N.O.I.C. NAPLES, ITALY despatch 241549A of February.
0800 position 40°-34'N, 14°-17.5'E.
1200 position 39°-05'N, 13°-22'E.
2000 position 38°-42'N, 10°-20'E.
- February 27 - Steaming as before.
0800 position 38°-00'N, 06°-01'E.
1200 position 37°-43'N, 04°-33'E.
2000 position 37°-01'N, 01°-29'E.
- February 28 - Steaming as before.
0800 position 36°-12'N, 02°51'W.
1200 position 36°-08'N, 04°20'W.
1400 Passed through STRAITS OF GIBRALTAR.
2000 Position 35°-00'N, 07°-05'W.

O. D. Hughlett
O.D. HUGHLETT.

4

U. S. S. MAC KENZIE (DD 614)

183
Reg. No. 532
R.S. No.

DECLASSIFIED
C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

WAR DIARY

March 1945

U.S.S. MAC KENZIE operating as part of Destroyer Squadron 16 as part of the EIGHTH FLEET. (COMDESRON 16 is also COMDES EIGHTH FLEET)

- March 1 Underway in accordance NOIC NAPLES 241549A of February escorting U.S.S. GENERAL M.C. MEIGS to position 09° W. Long. 0245 Detached from U.S.S. GENERAL M.C. MEIGS by her dispatch 281543 February. Proceeding to ORAN, ALGERIA in accordance FOGMA dispatch 281045A February.
0800 position 34°-52'N 07°-56'W
1300 Passed thru STRAITS OF GIBRALTAR.
2000 position 35°-49'N 04°-06'W
- March 2 Steaming as before. 0740 Moored alongside S.S YANKEE ARROW, MERS EL KEBIR HARBOR, ALGERIA. 0845 Moored alongside U.S.S. KENDRICK, MERS EL KEBIR, ALGERIA.
- March 3 Moored as before. 1700 Moored alongside U.S.S. DELTA (AR9) for tender availability.
- March 4 - 6 Moored as before undergoing tender availability.
- March 7 Moored as before. Undergoing Annual Military Inspection by Commander Destroyers 8th Fleet.
- March 8 Moored as before. 0900 Underway in accordance with CTG 80.6 dispatch 071328A of March, to conduct underway part of Annual Military Inspection and Annual Damage Control practice. 1300 Moored alongside U.S.S. BOYLE, MERS EL KEBIR, ALGERIA.
- March 9 Moored as before. 0800 Underway in accordance Commander Destroyers 8th Fleet letter OF-6-16/A4-3 serial 188 of March for squadron tactics in company with U.S.S. MC LANAHAN (F), U.S.S. LAUB, U.S.S. KENDRICK, U.S.S. CHAMPLIN, U.S.S. NIELDS and U.S.S. ORDRONAUX. Conducting tactical exercises and simulated battle problems. 1330 Fired at towed sleeve; ammunition expended: 14 rounds 5"/38 cal.; 48 rounds 40MM and 113 rounds of 20MM. 2230 Anchored MERS EL KEBIR HARBOR, ALGERIA.
- Recorded*

115609 **FILMED**

U. S. S. MAC KENZIE (DD614)

WAR DIARY

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

March 1945

-
- March 10 Anchored as before. 0730 Underway to complete exercises, in company with DESRON 16 less U.S.S. PARKER and U.S.S. BOYLE. 1005 Fired at surface target. Expended 16 rounds 5"/38 cal. ammunition. 1240 Moored to U.S.S. LIVERMORE, MERS EL KEBIR, ALGERIA.
- March 11 Moored as before.
- March 12 Moored as before. 0800 Underway in accordance with CTG 80.6 dispatch 111512A March to conduct gun alignment and radar calibration practice. Expended 62 rounds 5"/38 cal. ammunition. 1930 Moored alongside U.S.S. KNIGHT, MERS EL KEBIR, ALGERIA.
- March 13 Moored as before. 0800 Underway in accordance CTG 80.6 dispatch 121406A to conduct local control battle practice and AA machine gun practice. 1100 Practices completed. Ammunition expended: 40 rounds 5"/38 cal. ammunition. 1400 Commenced AA practices with main battery and machine guns. 1540 Completed AA firing having expended 184 rounds 5"/38 cal. ammunition; 172 rounds 40MM and 662 rounds 20MM ammunition. 1700 Moored to U.S.S. CHAMPLIN, MERS EL KEBIR, ALGERIA.
- March 14 Moored as before. 0800 Underway in accordance CTG 80.6 dispatch 131146A to conduct shore bombardment practice and very short range practice. 1415 Exercises completed, ammunition expended: 55 rounds 5"/38 cal. ammunition; 80 rounds 40MM ammunition, 379 rounds 20MM ammunition and 2 depth charges. 1540 Moored to U.S.S. BOYLE in MERS EL KEBIR, ALGERIA.
- March 15 Moored as before.
- March 16 Moored as before. 0745 Underway in accordance Commander Destroyers 8th Fleet letter OF6-16/A4-3 serial 199 of 16 March to conduct squadron tactical and gunnery exercises in company with U.S.S. MC LANAHAN (E), U.S.S. LAUB, U.S.S. BOYLE, U.S.S. NIELDS and U.S.S. CHAMPLIN. 1345 Commenced L.C.B.P.. 1415 Secured from L.C.B.P. having expended 20 rounds 5"/38 cal. ammunition. 2000 Commenced night illumination practice. 2100 Completed practice having expended 11 rounds 5"/38 cal. star shells. 2200 Anchored in GULF of ORAN, ALGERIA.

U. S. S. MAC KENZIE (DD614)

WAR DIARY

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

March 1945

March 17 Anchored as before. 0800 Underway. 1015 Moored
MERS EL KEBIR, ALGERIA.

March 18 Moored as before. 1700 Moored alongside U.S.S. DELTA
(AR9), MERS EL KEBIR, ALGERIA. Ship granted 5 days
availability alongside tender.

March 19-22 Moored as before, undergoing tender overhaul.

March 23 Moored as before. 0800 Underway in accordance CTG
80.6 dispatch 221050A to conduct shore bombardment
practice and AA firing in GULF of ARZEU. 1450 Exer-
cises completed, ammunition expended: 56 rounds 5"/38
cal. AA Common; 241 rounds 40MM ammunition and 770
rounds 20MM ammunition. 0630 Moored in MERS EL KEBIR,
ALGERIA. 1930 Underway in accordance COM NOB ORAN
dispatch 221935A to rendezvous with U.S.S. MARIPOSA
in position 09°W and act as escort to position 35°-53'N,
00°-38'W.

March 24 Underway as before.
0800 position 36°-03'N 05°-07'W
0830 Passed through STRAITS OF GIBRALTAR.
1200 position 35°-42'N 06°-28'W
2000 position 34°-41'N 09°-06'W

March 25 Underway as before. 0130 Contacted U.S.S. MARIPOSA
and proceeded to act as escort.
0800 position 35°-26'N 07°-27'W
1200 Passed through STRAITS OF GIBRALTAR.
2000 position 35°-43'N 03°-07'W

March 26 Underway as before. 0630 Moored at MERS EL KEBIR,
ALGERIA. 1700 Underway in accordance COM NOB ORAN
dispatch 261221A March proceeding to TOULON to report
to COMMANDER FLANK FORCE.
2000 position 35°-35'N 00°-36'E

March 27 Underway as before.
0800 position 38°-06'N 03°-36'E
1200 position 38°-43'N 04°-34'E
2000 position 40°-14'N 05°-31'E

U. S. S. MAC KENZIE (DD614)

WAR DIARY

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

March 1945

- March 28 Underway as before.
0800 position 42°-40'N 05°-47'E
1000 Moored to Pier #5 TOULON, FRANCE. Reported for
duty to COMMANDER FLANK FORCE in F.S. MONTCALM in
TOULON.
- March 29 Moored as before. 1000 Underway in accordance
COMMANDER DESTROYERS FLANK FORCE 281212A for CANNES.
1400 Recovered body of dead German sailor off CAPE
DRAMMONT, FRANCE and subsequently buried him at sea.
1500 Anchored in NAPOULE GULF, FRANCE.
- March 30 Anchored as before. 1700 Underway in accordance
COMMANDER FLANK FORCE dispatch 301011A in company
with H.M.S. MILNE and H.M.S. METEOR to conduct de-
fensive patrol in GULF OF GENOA.
- March 31 Patrolling as before. 0530 Patrol completed, no
enemy contacts. 0830 Anchored in GULF JUAN, FRANCE.
1630 Underway in accordance COMMANDER FLANK FORCE
dispatch 301011A to conduct defensive patrol in
GULF OF GENOA with H.M.S. MILNE and H.M.S. METEOR.


O.D. HUPHLETT