

U. S. S. MAC KENZIE (DD614)

WAR DIARY

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War Diary of U.S.S. MAC KENZIE (DD614) operating as part of Destroyer Squadron SIXTEEN under Commander Destroyers EIGHTH Fleet. Temporarily attached to Commander Flank Force for patrol and bombardment duties Southern France.

- April 1 Conducting defensive patrol in company with H.M.S. MILINE and H.M.S. METEOR. Patrol area centering on position Lat. 43°-30'N, Long. 08°-23'E in Gulf of Genoa. 0530 Secured patrol. No enemy contacts made. Proceeding to bombardment area in accordance Commander Destroyers Flank Force dispatch 301221A March. Bombardment area centering around position Lat. 43°-25'N, Long. 07°-35'E. Answered various calls for fire support from shore fire control party. For detailed report see U.S.S. MAC KENZIE's "Report of Operation March 28, 1945 - April 21, 1945" dated 21 April 1945. 1700 Proceeded to night patrol area for defensive patrol in Gulf of Genoa in accordance Commanding Officer F.S. TEMPETE dispatch 011338A April.
- April 2 Patrolling as before with U.S.S. LAUB and F.S. TEMPETE. 0530 Secured patrol, no contacts made. Proceeded to anchorage in Gulf of Juan. 0830 Anchored in Gulf of Juan Harbor, France. 1630 Underway to conduct night defensive patrol in Gulf of Genoa. 2030 Commenced patrol.
- April 3 Patrolling as before. 0530 Secured patrol, set course for Toulon, France to fuel. 1045 Moored Toulon, France.
- April 4 Moored as before. 1200 Underway for Cannes Harbor, France. 1550 Anchored Cannes Harbor, France.
- April 5 Anchored as before.
- April 6 Anchored as before. 1630 Underway in accordance Commanding Officer H.M.S. MUSKETEER 061028B to conduct night defensive patrol in accordance Commanding Officer H.M.S. MUSKETEER 061130B.

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- April 7      Patrolling as before. 0530 Secured patrol, no enemy contacts made. Proceeded to bombardment area to answer various calls for fire support from shore fire control party. 1700 Left bombardment area proceeding to night patrol area to patrol in accordance Commanding Officer F.S. TEMPETE dispatch 071054B. 2100 Commenced patrol.
- April 8      Patrolling as before. 0600 Secured patrol, no contacts. Proceeded to anchorage in Gulf of Juan. 0830 Anchored Gulf of Juan. 1700 Underway to conduct night defensive patrol in accordance Commanding Officer F.S. TEMPETE dispatch 081642B. 2100 Commenced patrol.
- April 9      Patrolling as before. 0600 Secured patrol, no enemy contacts made. Proceeded to bombardment area to answer various calls for fire support from the shore fire control party. 1730 Left fire support area having expended 241 rounds 5"/38 cal. ammunition. Proceeding to patrol area to conduct night defensive patrol in Gulf of Genoa. 2100 Commenced patrol in accordance Commanding Officer F.S. TEMPETE 091642B.
- April 10     Patrolling as before. 0500 Secured patrol, set course for Toulon, France. 1100 Moored Toulon, France.
- April 11     Moored as before. 0800 Underway for Cannes Harbor, France. 1300 Anchored Cannes Harbor, France.
- April 12     Anchored as before.
- April 13     Anchored as before. 1000 Underway in accordance Commanding Officer H.M.S. METEOR dispatch 130905B for bombardment area. No bombardment missions assigned. 1700 Proceeding to night patrol area in Gulf of Genoa. 2100 Commenced patrol.
- April 14     Patrolling as before. 0530 Secured patrol, no contacts. Proceeding to anchorage in Gulf of Juan. 0845 Anchored in Gulf of Juan. 1630 Underway from Gulf of Juan to conduct night defensive patrol in Gulf of Genoa. 2100 Commenced patrol.

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- April 15      Patrolling as before. 0500 Secured patrol, proceeding to bombardment area to answer calls for fire support from shore fire control party. 1700 Proceeded to patrol area in Gulf of Genoa to conduct night defensive patrol. 2100 Commenced patrol. In accordance with general reorganization this ship became part of Task Group 125.6 operating under COMNAVNAV (CTF 125).
- April 16      Patrolling as before. 0500 Secured patrol, no contacts. Proceeding to Toulon, France. 1200 Moored Toulon, France.
- April 17      Moored as before. 1100 Underway for Cannes Harbor, France. 1445 Proceeding to investigate submarine contact in accordance with instructions from H.M.S. MUSKETEER. 2015 Anchored Cannes Harbor, France.
- April 18      Anchored as before.
- April 19      Anchored as before. 1245 Underway in accordance Commander Flank Force dispatch 190858B to act as escort for F.S. DUGUAY TROUIN and F.S. GLOIRE en-route to patrol area off Imperia, Italy. 1700 Proceeding to night patrol area in Gulf of Genoa. 2100 Commenced patrol.
- April 20      Patrolling as before. 0530 Secured patrol. Proceeded to bombardment area to answer calls for fire support if needed. 1700 Underway from bombardment area. Proceeding to Toulon, France in accordance Commanding Officer H.M.S. MUSKETEER dispatch 201705B. 2100 Moored Toulon, France. 0700 Underway from Toulon, France, proceeding to Oran, Algeria in accordance Port Director Toulon, France letter #605.  
0800 position 42°-46'N - 05°-56'E  
1200 position 41°-09'N - 05°-43'E  
2000 position 38°-34'N - 04°-53'E

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April 21 Underway as before. 0800 Moored to U.S.S. CHAMPLIN  
Mers el Kebir, Algeria. 1700 Commander Destroyer  
Squadron SIXTEEN broke his flag aboard this vessel.

April 22-30 Moored Mers el Kebir, Algeria.

  
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War Diary of U.S.S. MAC KENZIE (DD614) temporarily serving as flag ship, Destroyer Squadron SIXTEEN and operating under CTG 125.6 - (CDS-16).

- May 1 - 4 Moored Berth #1, Mers el Kebir, Algeria. *Recorded*
- May 5 Moored as before. 1700 Commander Destroyer Squadron SIXTEEN shifted his flag to the U.S.S. PARKER (DD604). 1930 Underway in accordance NOB, Oran dispatch 041333B proceeding to Gibraltar and reporting to FOGMA for duty.
- May 6 Underway as before. 0730 Moored to U.S.S. LAUB (DD613) in Berth #7, North Mole, Gibraltar. Reported for duty to FOGMA.
- May 7 Moored as before. 0800 Underway in accordance FOGMA's dispatch 061525B to rendezvous with UGS 88 in position (GB) 35°-14'N - 09°-00'W.  
1200 position 35°50'N 06°-48'W  
1600 Joined convoy UGS 88 and proceeded to act as additional escort to Gibraltar.
- May 8 Underway as before.  
0800 position 35°-56'N 05°N-33'W  
0825 Detached from duty, proceeding independently to anchorage, Gibraltar Harbor to await arrival GUS 88 and act as additional escort to 09°W in accordance FOGMA's dispatch 061517B. 0924 Moored to Hulk #17 (for fuel) in Bay of Gibraltar. 1320 Underway to rendezvous GUS 88. 1400 Reported as escort GUS 88.  
2000 position 35°-46'N 06°-41'W
- May 9 Underway as before. 0550 Detached as escort GUS 88 proceeding to rendezvous with U.S.S. WAKEFIELD and act as escort to Gibraltar in accordance FOGMA's dispatch 081111B.  
0800 position 35°-29'N 08°-33'W  
1127 reported as escort to U.S.S. WAKEFIELD.  
1200 position 36°-10'N 08°-51'W  
2000 position 35°-54'N 05°-41'W  
2030 Detached as escort U.S.S. WAKEFIELD, proceeding to Gibraltar. 2155 Moored Berth #22 Gibraltar.

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- May 10 Moored as before.
- May 11 Moored as before. 1053 Underway in accordance FOGMA's dispatch 101137B to rendezvous with convoy UGS 89 in position 35°-14'N, 09°-00'W and act as additional escort to Gibraltar.  
1200 position 35°-59'N 05°-40'W  
2000 position 35°-18'N 08°-49'W  
2030 Reported as escort for UGS 89.
- May 12 Underway as before.  
0800 position 35°-48'N 07°-02'W  
1200 position 35°-56'N 06°-08'W  
1525 Ordered detached as escort, proceeding to Gibraltar.  
1625 Moored Berth #25, North Mole, Gibraltar.
- May 13 Moored as before. 1600 Underway in accordance FOGMA's dispatch 131014B to rendezvous U.S.S. MOUNT VERNON and act as escort to 09°W. 1715 Reported as escort to U.S.S. MOUNT VERNON.  
2000 position 35°-58'N 06°-12'W
- May 14 Underway as before. 0300 Detached as escort, proceeding to Gibraltar.  
0800 position 35°-47'N 07°-07'W  
1200 Moored North Mole, Gibraltar.
- May 15 - 16 Moored as before.
- May 17 Moored as before. 1430 Underway in accordance FOGMA's dispatch 161511B to rendezvous U.S.S. WEST POINT and escort to 09°W. 1600 Reported as escort U.S.S. WEST POINT.  
2000 position 35°-55'N 07°-01'W

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- May 18 Underway as before. 0030 Ordered detached as escort U.S.S. WEST POINT. Proceeding to rendezvous U.S.S. WAKEFIELD in position 5 miles south of Europa Point and act as escort to 09°W in accordance FOGMA's dispatch 161511B.  
0800 position 35°-53'N 05°-56'W  
1000 Reported as escort to Commanding Officer U.S.S. WAKEFIELD.  
1200 position 35°-59'N 06°-08'W  
1742 Detached as escort U.S.S. WAKEFIELD, proceeding to Gibraltar.
- May 19 Underway as before. 0900 Moored Berth #26, North Mole, Gibraltar. 1400 Underway in accordance FOGMA's dispatch 181545B to rendezvous U.S.S. GENERAL W.P. RICHARDSON in position 34°-58'N, 09°-00'W and act as escort to Gibraltar.  
2000 position 35°-25'N 07°-43'W.  
2310 Reported as escort to Commanding Officer U.S.S. GENERAL W.P. RICHARDSON.
- May 20 Underway as before.  
0800 position 35°-56'N 05°-34'W  
0807 Ordered detached as escort, proceeding to Gibraltar.  
0905 Moored Berth #26, North Mole, Gibraltar.
- May 21 - 24 Moored as before.
- May 25 Moored as before. 1900 Underway in accordance FOGMA's dispatch 250002B to rendezvous U.S.S. GENERAL W.P. RICHARDSON in position 36°-04'N, 05°-21'W and act as escort to 09°W.  
2000 position 36°-04'N 05°-17'W  
2040 Reported as escort U.S.S. GENERAL W.P. RICHARDSON.
- May 26 Underway as before. 0645 Detached as escort, proceeding independently to Gibraltar.  
0800 position 30°-35'N 08°-13'W  
1200 position 35°-49'N 06°-23'W  
1436 Moored Berth #26, North Mole, Gibraltar.

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May 27 - 28 Moored as before.

May 29 Moored as before. 1800 Underway in accordance FOGMA's dispatch 281455B enroute Gibraltar to Palermo, Sicily. Detached from duty under Flag Officer Gibraltar and Mediterranean approaches. Reporting to CTG 125.1 (control group, Naval Forces North African Waters) for duty. CTG 125.6 abolished.  
2000 position 35°-56'N 04°-40'W

May 30 Underway as before.  
0800 position 35°-51'N 00°-58'W  
1200 position 36°-16'N 00°-16'E  
2000 position 36°-51'N 02°-33'E

May 31 Underway as before.  
0800 position 37°-11'N 06°-21'E  
1200 position 37°-09'N 07°-37'E  
2000 position 37°-15'N 10°-11'E

  
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- June 1 Underway in accordance FOGMA dispatch 281455B enroute Gibraltar to Palermo, Sicily.  
0800 position 38°-09'N 13°-24'E  
0900 Reported to CTG 125.1 for duty. 0904 Moored fueling point #6, Palermo, Sicily.
- June 2 - 9 Moored as before.
- June 10 Moored as before. In compliance with COMINCH 311648 of May, this vessel reassigned to DesDiv 33, DesRon 17.
- June 11 Moored as before. 0610 Underway from Palermo, Sicily enroute Naples, Italy in accordance Com-NOB, Palermo, Sicily dispatch 101032B. In company with U.S.S. MC LANAHAN (DD615)  
0800 position 38°-36'N 13°-25'E  
1200 position 39°-44'N 14°-00'E  
1500 Anchored Bay of Naples, Naples, Italy.
- June 12 Anchored as before.
- June 13 Anchored as before. 1016 Underway in accordance Commanding Officer U.S.S. MC LANAHAN (DD615) dispatch 121242B enroute Naples, Italy for Capri. 1145 Moored to U.S.S. MC LANAHAN (DD615) in Port of Capri.
- June 14 - 16 Moored as before.
- June 17 Moored as before. 1330 Underway from Port of Capri enroute Naples, Italy in accordance verbal orders from Commanding Officer U.S.S. MC LANAHAN (DD615). 1433 Anchored Naples Harbor, Naples, Italy. 1934 Underway enroute Naples Harbor, Naples, Italy for Capri. 2030 Moored in Port of Capri.

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June 18           Moored as before. 0827 Underway enroute Capri for Naples, Italy in company with U.S.S. MC LANAHAN (DD615). ComNavNAW embarked on U.S.S. MC LANAHAN (DD615). 1040 Moored to U.S.S. MC LANAHAN (DD615) in fueling point Naples, Italy. ComNavNAW left U.S.S. MC LANAHAN (DD615). 1300 Anchored in Bay of Naples, Naples, Italy.

June 19           Anchored as before.

June 20           Anchored as before. 0700 Underway in accordance CTG 125.1 dispatch 191100B for Palermo, Sicily conducting modified full power run enroute.  
                  0800 position 40°-25'N       14°-13'E  
                  1200 position 38°-25'N       13°-28'E  
                  1330 Moored Palermo, Sicily.

June 21 - 22       Moored Palermo, Sicily.

June 23           Moored as before. 1400 Underway in accordance ComNOB Palermo, Sicily dispatch 231044B for Malta escorting U.S.S. MEMPHIS (CL13). ComNavTu and ComNavNAW embarked on U.S.S. MEMPHIS (CL13).  
                  2000 position 38°-10'N       15°-10'E

June 24           Underway as before. 0800 Moored Berth "EASY", Dockyard Row, Malta.

June 25           Moored as before. 0700 Underway for Oran, Algeria in accordance Senior Officer Malta dispatch 241040B.  
                  0800 position 36°-08'N       14°-18'E  
                  1200 position 36°-45'N       12°-21'E  
                  2000 position 37°-19'N       08°-16'E

June 26           Underway as before.  
                  0800 position 36°-54'N       02°-05'E  
                  1200 position 36°-21'N       00°-09'E  
                  1330 Moored Mers El Kebir, Algeria.

June 27 - 29       Moored as before.

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Moored as before. 2000 Underway in accordance  
COMAR Oran, Algeria dispatch 291732B enroute  
Mers El Kebir, Algeria to Gibraltar to be  
relieved of duty under CTG 125.1 by U.S.S. CRAVEN  
(DD382) at Gibraltar.

  
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