

U. S. S. MAC KENZIE (DD614)

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WAR DIARY

JULY 1945

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War Diary of U.S.S. MAC KENZIE (DD614) a unit of DesRon 17 and on detached duty operating as part of United States naval forces, Northwest African Waters under control group (CTG 125.1).

- July 1 Underway enroute Mers El Kebir to Gibraltar.
0800 Moored Gibraltar.
1000 Relieved of duty under CTG 125.1 by U.S.S. CRAVEN. Reporting for duty to CinCLant.
1030 Underway enroute Gibraltar to Boston, Mass., in accordance Fogma's dispatch 301711B of June in company with U.S.S. MC LANAHAN (O.T.C.).
1200 Position Lat. 35-57N Long. 05-38W.
1800 Retarted clocks one hour to time zone minus one.
2000 Position Lat. 36-34N Long. 08-20W.
- July 2 Underway as before.
0800 Position Lat. 38-53N Long. 12-58W.
1200 Position Lat. 38-10N Long. 13-24W.
1800 Retarted clocks one hour to GMT.
2000 Position Lat. 39-04N Long. 16-34W.
- July 3 Underway as before.
0800 Position Lat. 40-19N Long. 20-38W.
1200 Position Lat. 40-39N Long. 22-00W.
1800 Retarted clocks one hour to time zone plus one.
2000 Position Lat. 41-00N Long. 25-07W.
- July 4 Underway as before.
0800 Position Lat. 41-50N Long. 29-20W.
1200 Position Lat. 42-08N Long. 30-50W.
2000 Position Lat. 42-26N Long. 33-43W.
- July 5 Underway as before.
0800 Position Lat. 42-29N Long. 38-10W.
1200 Position Lat. 42-26N Long. 40-03W.
1800 Retarted clocks one hour to zone time plus two.
2000 Position Lat. 42-78N Long. 43-38W.

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- July 6 Underway as before.
0800 Position Lat. 42-20N Long. 48-03W.
1200 Position Lat. 42-20N Long. 49-35W.
1800 Retarted clocks one hour to time zone plus three.
2000 Position Lat. 42-21N Long. 53-09W.
- July 7 Underway as before.
0800 Position Lat. 42-23N Long. 58-11W.
1200 Position Lat. 42-24N Long. 59-54W.
1800 Retarted clocks one hour to time zone plus four.
2000 Position Lat. 42-26N Long. 64-10W.
- July 8 Underway as before.
0800 Position Lat. 42-29N Long. 69-29W.
1120 Moored Pier #4 East, South Boston Navy Yard, Boston, Mass.
- July 9-11 Moored as before undergoing yard repairs.
- July 12 Moored as before.
1800 Shifted berths to Pier #4 West, Charlestown Navy Yard, Boston, Mass.
- July 13-20 Moored as before.
- July 21 Moored as before.
1000 Entered dry dock #1, Charlestown Navy Yard, Boston, Mass.
- July 22 Docked as before.
- July 23 Docked as before.
1000 Left dry dock. Moored Pier #4 West, Charlestown Navy Yard, Boston, Mass.
- July 24 CDS 17 broke his flag aboard this vessel.
- July 25-31 Moored as before.


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War Diary of U.S.S. MAC KENZIE (DD614) under operational control of CinCLant and acting as flagship, Commander Destroyer Squadron Seventeen (17).

- August 1 - 5 Moored pier #4 West Charlestown Navy Yard, Boston, Mass. undergoing navy yard availability.
- August 6 Moored as before. 0830 underway to conduct full power run. 1830 moored pier #4 West Charlestown Navy Yard, Boston, Mass.
- August 7 - 9 Moored as before.
- August 10 Moored as before. 0730 underway to conduct calibration of various equipments in vicinity of Boston lightship.
- August 11 Moored as before. 1300 Commander Destroyer Squadron 17 shifted his flag from this vessel to Fleet Administrative Office, Boston, Mass.
- August 12 Moored as before.
- August 13 Moored as before. 0800 underway from Boston, Mass. enroute Culebra, V.I. in company U.S.S. PROVIDENCE. Authority ordering movement COTCLANT Dispatch 111915 Aug. Reporting to COTCLANT for refresher training. OTC, C.O., U.S.S. PROVIDENCE. 1200 Pos. Lat. 42-58N Long. 70-41 W. 2000 Position Lat 40-00N Long 69-47W.
- August 14 Underway as before. 0800 Position Lat. 37-35N Long. 74-00W. 1200 Position Lat 37-08N Long 74-30W. 2000 Position Lat. 34-35N Long 73-30 W.
- August 15 Underway as before. 0800 Position Lat. 31-10N Long 71-48W. 1200 Position Lat. 30-14N Long 71-14W 2000 Position Lat 28-10N Long 70-02W. 2030 Exercised at night illumination expending 20 rounds of 5 inch star shells.
- August 16 Underway as before. 0800 Position Lat 24-52N Long 63-60W. 1200 Position Lat. 24-35N Long 68-03W. 2000 Position Lat 24-20N Long 68-23W.

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- August 17 Underway as before. 0730 Anchored Culebra Island. Conducted shore bombardment practice and exercised at AA firing expending 217 rounds 5 inch ammunition, 625 rounds 40MM and 200 rounds 20MM. 1200 Position Lat 18 - 25N Long 65-21. 2200 completed exercises proceeding to Guantanamo, Cuba. DesRon 17 dissolved this date in accordance Comminch 141320 August.
- August 18 Underway as before. 0800 Position Lat. 19-25N Long 68-16W. 1200 Position Lat 18-25N Long 65-21W. 2000 Position Lat. 18-21 N, Long 65-18W.
- August 19 Underway as before. 0700 Moored to fueling pier Guantanamo Bay Cuba. 1100 Anchored Guantanamo Bay.
- August 20 Anchored as before.
- August 21 Anchored as before. 0700 Underway to conduct dual drone AA practice. 1600 exercises completed having expended 369 rounds of 5"38 cal, 1576 rounds 40MM and 1,125 rounds of 20MM ammunition. 1700 moored Guantanamo Bay.
- August 22 Moored as before. 0630 underway to conduct AA practice. 1500 exercises completed having expended 168 rounds of 5" 38 cal. ammunition, 700 rounds 40MM and 498 rounds 20MM, 1600 moored Guantanamo Bay.
- August 23 Moored as before.
- August 24 Moored as before. 0630 underway to conduct following exercises in Guantanamo Bay Area: RCP, ABP, LCBP, Day Spotting, Night AA Practice, and Night Battle Practice. 2100 exercises completed having expended 100 rounds of 5" 38 cal. ammunition, 693 rounds of 40MM and 1,009 rounds 20MM. 2200 Anchored Guantanamo Bay.
- August 25 Anchored as before. 0630 underway to conduct drone AA practice in Guantanamo Bay area. 1530 exercises completed having expended 29 rounds of 5" 38 cal. ammunition, 823 40MM and 746 20MM. 1800 moored Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

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- August 26 Moored as before. 1700 Detached COTCLANT. Underway in accordance COM GTMO Sector dispatch 262026 enroute Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, for Norfolk, Va. MAC KENZIE now under operational control of ComDesLant and reporting to Commanding Officer U.S.S. LAKE CHAMPLAIN for plane guard duty in accordance ComDesLant 251323. 2000 Position Lat. 19-58N Long. 74-19W.
- August 27 Underway as before. 0800 Position Lat. 23-33N Long. 73-20W. 1200 Position Lat. 24-50N Long. 73-23W. 2000 Position Lat. 27-27N Long. 73-29W.
- August 28 Underway as before. 0800 Position Lat. 31-20N Long 73-39W. 1200 Position Lat. 32-38N Long. 73-42W. 2000 Position Lat. 35-10N Long. 74-10W.
- August 29 Underway as before. 0900 Moored Pier 223, NOB, Norfolk, Va. In accordance ComFair, Norfolk, Va., dispatch 282054, this vessel assigned to Task Unit 28.1.2.
- August 30 Moored as before. 0800 Underway in accordance verbal orders from C.O. U.S.S. LAKE CHAMPLAIN to act as plane guard during flight operations, in vicinity Chesapeake Bay. 1900 Moored Pier #5, NOB, Norfolk, Va.
- August 31 Moored as before. 1645 Underway in accordance C.O. U.S.S. LAKE CHAMPLAIN dispatch 311626 enroute Norfolk, Va., for New York, N.Y. In company U.S.S. LAKE CHAMPLAIN (O.T.C.) and U.S.S. McLANAHAN. 2000 Position Lat. 36-51N Long. 75-44W.


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- September 1 Underway enroute Norfolk, Va. for New York, New York in company U.S.S. Lake Champlain (O.T.C.) and U.S.S. McLanahan. 0800 Position Lat. 38-51 N Long. 73-44 W 1200 Position Lat. 39-38 N Long. 73-13 W 1300 Detached from U.S.S. Lake Champlain, proceeding independently into New York. 1605 Moored 35 Street pier, Brooklyn, New York.
- September 2 Moored as before.
- September 3 Moored as before. 1300 Shifted berths to Pier 92 New York, New York.
- September 4 - 7 Moored as before.
- September 8 Moored as before. 1130 Underway in accordance U.S.S. Lake Champlain dispatch 071739 in company U.S.S. Lake Champlain and U.S.S. McLanahan enroute New York, New York for Boston, Mass. conducting flight operations enroute for a period of 5 days. 2000 Position Lat. 39-52 N Long. 73-18 W.
- September 9 Underway as before. 0800 Position Lat. 38-53 N Long. 72-00 W. 1200 Position Lat. 39-26 N Long. 72-53 W. 2000 Position Lat. 38-45 N Long. 71-35 W.
- September 10 Underway as before. 0800 Position Lat. 37-43 N Long. 70-21 W. 1200 Position Lat. 36-65 N Long. 71-23 W. 2000 Position Lat. 38-20 N Long. 72-43 W.
- September 11 Underway as before. 0800 Position Lat. 39-49 N Long. 72-34 W. 1200 Position Lat. 39-53 N Long. 73-05 W. 2000 Position Lat. 39-51 N Long. 71-56 W.

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September 12 Underway as before. 1800 Position Lat.
39-20 N Long. 72-24 W. 1200 Position Lat.
39-44 N Long. 72-33 W. 2000 Position Lat.
39-59 N Long. 71-08 W.

September 13 Underway as before. 0800 Position Lat.
40-39 N Long. 68-59W. 1200 Position Lat.
44-45N Long. 68-58 W. 2000 Position Lat.
42-25 N Long. 68-57 W.

September 14 Underway as before. 0810 Moored Commonwealth
pier, Boston, Mass.

September 15 - 18 Moored as before.

September 19 Moored as before. 1330 Underway in accordance
U.S.S. Lake Champlain dispatch 181703 in
company with U.S.S. Lake Champlain (O.T.C.)
and U.S.S. McLanahan enroute Boston, Mass.
for Philadelphia, Pa. Conducting flight
operations enroute. 2000 Position Lat.
38-30 N Long. 69-50 W.

September 20 Underway as before. 0800 Position Lat.
38-36 N Long. 72-25 W. 1200 Position Lat.
38-31 N Long. 68-26 W. 2000 Position Lat.
38-38 N Long. 69-50 W.

September 21 Underway as before. 0800 position Lat.
38-36 N Long. 72-25 W. 1200 Position Lat.
39-01 N Long. 73-35 W. 2000 Position Lat.
39-10 N Long. 73-25 W.

September 22 Underway as before. 0800 Position Lat.
39-00 N Long. 69-55 W. 1200 Position Lat.
38-38 N Long. 72-05 W. 2000 Position Lat.
39-03 N Long. 72-33 W.

September 23 Underway as before. 0800 Position Lat.
39-01 N Long. 69-55 W. 1200 Position Lat.
39-01 N Long. 69-14 W. 2000 Position Lat.
39-03 N Long. 70-53 W.

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- September 24 Underway as before. 0800 Position Lat.
39-01 N Long. 72-37 W. 1200 Position Lat.
38-36 N Long. 73-19 W. 2000 Position Lat.
38-36 N Long. 72-55 W.
- September 25 Underway as before. 0800 Position Lat.
38-36 N Long. 73-27 W. 1200 Position Lat.
38-02 N Long. 73-40 W. 2000 Position Lat.
37-31 N Long. 73-41 W.
- September 26 Underway as before. 0730 Proceeding on
various courses and speed up the DELAWARE
BAY to Philadelphia Navy Yard. 1724
moored Pier 5W, Philadelphia Navy Yard.
- September 27 - 30 Moored as before.

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