

U.S.S. BACHE (DDA70)

Operational Data

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A. S. No. _____

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August 1, 1943.

Attached to Task Group 16.7 (U.S.S. WICHITA, OTC) as part of destroyer screen. Anchored in Kuluk Bay, Adak, Alaska, undergoing upkeep.

August 2, 1943.

Anchored as before.

August 3, 1943.

Anchored as before. 0656 Underway in company with Task Group 16.7. Conducted A.A. practices enroute patrol area off Kiska.

August 4 - 8, 1943.

Steaming as before in patrol area off Kiska, carrying out drills and exercises.

August 9, 1943.

Steaming as before. Returned to Kuluk Bay and anchored.

August 10, 1943.

Anchored as before. Went alongside U.S.S. BLACK HAWK in Sweeper's Cove.

August 11, 1943.

Moored as before. 1633 Anchored in Kuluk Bay, after one day period of tender availability for emergency repairs.

August 12, 1943.

Anchored as before.

August 13, 1943.

Anchored as before. 1600 Underway in company with Task Group 16.4, U.S.S. PENNSYLVANIA, OTC, enroute covering area, south of Kiska.

August 14, 1943.

Steaming as before. 2143 U.S.S. PENNSYLVANIA and AMMEN left formation. U.S.S. TENNESSEE now O.T.C., Task Unit 16.4.3.

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August 15, 1943.

Steaming as before in covering area south of Kiska. 0430 Left formation to take up position south of Gertrude Cove Area, Kiska in preparation for bombardment of this area. 0600 Opened fire on targets in Gertrude Cove. Invasion of Kiska Island has commenced. At completion of firing joined U.S.S. TENNESSEE in fire support area south of Kiska. Patrolling in this area. SANTA FE and BROWNSON joined formation. Heavy fogs.

August 16 - 17, 1943.

Steaming as before. PENNSYLVANIA left formation accompanied by BROWNSON. Fogs continue.

August 18, 1943.

Steaming as before in company with U.S.S. SANTA FE.

August 19, 1943.

Steaming as before. Commenced return to Kuluk Bay. No opposition on Kiska so we are no longer needed.

August 20, 1943.

Steaming as before. 1348 Anchored in Kuluk Bay. Heavy winds.

August 21, 1943.

Anchored as before. 0945 Underway to escort S.S. A.M. BAXTER to Kiska Harbor.

August 22, 1943.

Steaming as before. 1542 Entered Kiska Harbor, and anchored. 2107 Underway enroute Kuluk Bay singly.

August 23, 1943.

Steaming as before. 1723 Anchored in Kuluk Bay after fueling.

August 24, 1943.

Anchored as before. 1405 Underway for San Francisco, California, as part of screen for Task Group 16.14, U.S.S. TENNESSEE (OTC), RICHMOND, DETROIT, RALEIGH, INDIANAPOLIS, HARRIS, and FRANKLIN BELL.

August 25 - 27, 1943.

Steaming as before.

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August 28, 1943.

Steaming as before. 1450 Accidental discharge of 40mm gun caused deaths of LUMIS, E. F., EMLc, MICHALSKI, J. W., GM2c, HOWARD, J. E., TM3c, and slightly wounded six men. LUMIS's body was blown overboard and was not recovered.

August 29, 1943.

Steaming as before. 1630 Held burial services for men killed in yesterday's accident.

August 30, 1943.

Steaming as before.

August 31, 1943.

Steaming as before. 1053 Anchored in San Francisco harbor. Commenced two week period of leave, recreation, and upkeep.

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September 1, 1943.

Anchored in San Francisco Bay for a two week period of leave, recreation, and upkeep. 1500 Went alongside Pier 54 to fuel.

September 2, 1943.

Moored as before. 1515 Moored as Hurley Marine Works, Oakland, California, for overhaul and upkeep.

September 3 - 14, 1943.

Moored as before.

September 15, 1943.

Moored as before. 0900 Underway in company with CruDiv 1 and U.S.S. DOHERTY enroute Adak, Alaska. Carrying out drills and exercises enroute.

September 16 - 22, 1943.

Steaming as before. 1552 Entered Sweeper's Cove, Adak, Alaska, and moored to tender for upkeep period.

September 22 - 24, 1943.

Moored as before.

September 25, 1943.

Moored as before. 0800 Underway from tender. Fueled and anchored in Kuluk Bay.

September 26 - 27, 1943.

Anchored as before. Heavy winds.

September 28, 1943.

Anchored as before. 0857 Underway in company with Task Group 16.6, Com-CruDiv One in RICHMOND, OTC. Carrying out drills and exercises. 1753 Anchored in Kuluk Bay.

September 29, 1943.

Anchored as before. 0826 Underway in company with Task Group 16.6. Carrying out drills and exercises.

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September 30, 1943.

Steaming as before. 1751 Anchored in Kuluk Bay.

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