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U.S.S. BACHE (DD470)

No. 660

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c/o Fleet Post Office,  
San Francisco, Calif.,  
21 September 1944.

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From: The Commanding Officer.  
To : Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.  
Subject: War Diaries - Submission of.  
Reference: (a) Cominch Ltr. FF1/AL2-1 Serial 5218 of 17 July, 1944.  
Enclosure: (A) Copy of Reference (a).

1. The War Diaries and Operational Remarks for this vessel for the period January 1, 1943 - January 31, 1944, are herewith submitted in compliance with reference (a).

2. Both the previous Commanding Officer and Executive Officer have been transferred. Thus these reports are submitted unsigned with a view to an expeditious conclusion of the matter.

*Robert C. Morton*  
ROBERT C. MORTON.

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HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF  
NAVY DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.

FF1/A12-1

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From: Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.  
To: Commanding Officer, U.S.S. BACHE.

Subject: War Diaries.

Reference: (a) CominCh restricted ltr. FF1/A12-1,  
serial 7152 of 29 October 1943.

1. The following War Diaries have not been received in this Headquarters:

January 1, 1943 - January 31, 1944.

2. In the event that copies of the War Diaries are not available, it is directed that every effort be made to compile necessary War Diary information from ship's log and quartermaster notebook in order to complete the war record of this vessel.

W. S. DeLANY,  
Assistant Chief of Staff.

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Operational Data

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January 1, 1943.

Steaming in company with U.S.S. PRINGLE endeavoring to contact westbound convoy. Latitude 43-42 N, Longitude 43-13 W. Will act as convoy escort when contact is made. 2217 Contacted and joined up with convoy proceeding to Halifax, N.S.

January 2, 1943.

Steaming as before patrolling on port flank of convoy.

January 3, 1943.

Steaming as before. Wet and snowy weather with high seas.

January 4, 1943.

Steaming as before. 1520 H.M.C.S. CHICOURTIMI joined up as an additional escort.

January 5, 1943.

Steaming as before. Heavy seas continue.

January 6, 1943.

Steaming as before. Convoy scattered during the night. Attempting to round up stragglers.

January 7, 1943.

Steaming as before. In vicinity of Sable Island.

January 8, 1943.

Steaming as before, escorting "Stretcher", straggler from convoy. 1330 Made sound contact on enemy submarine. Made 3 depth charge attacks, probably damaging submarine. Forced to break off contact at 1710 due to low fuel supply.

January 9, 1943.

Steaming as before. 0330 Rejoined convoy. 0800 Entered Halifax, N.S. and fueled. 1500 Departed Halifax enroute New York at high speed.

January 10, 1943.

Steaming as before. 1600 Entered New York Harbor and moored at Brooklyn Navy Yard for post shakedown overhaul period.

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January 11 to January 31, 1943.

Moored as before. On January 20, just previous to getting underway, low water casualty in No. 3 boiler burned up saturated tubes in the boiler. After running degaussing range and taking aboard supplies and provisions at N.S.D., Brooklyn, ship returned to Brooklyn Navy Yard for retubing of boiler.

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SUBMITTED:

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February 1 - 3, 1943.

Moored at Brooklyn Navy Yard, Brooklyn, N. Y., undergoing repairs to number 3 boiler.

February 4, 1943.

0614 Underway from Brooklyn Navy Yard. Depermed ship and then anchored inside net awaiting fog to clear.

February 5, 1943.

0334 Underway enroute Norfolk, Virginia. 1900 Entered Norfolk and moored at Naval Operating Base. Fueled ship.

February 6, 1943.

1700 Departed Norfolk, Va., enroute Panama, C.Z., in company with H.M.S. VICTORIOUS (OTC), U.S.S. PRINGLE, and U.S.S. CONVERSE.

February 7 - 10, 1943.

Steaming as before carrying out drills and exercises enroute.

February 11, 1943.

Steaming as before. 1230 Entered Cristobal, Canal Zone and entered Panama Canal. 2018 Completed transit of locks and moored at Balboa.

February 12, 1943.

Moored as before.

February 13, 1943.

Moored as before. 0700 Underway. Swung ship off Balboa adjusting compasses. Carried out gunnery practices. Calibrated R.D.F. 1731 Moored at Balboa.

February 14 - 15, 1943.

Moored as before.

February 16, 1943.

Moored as before. 0710 Underway. Carried out gunnery and torpedo practices. Calibrated R.D.F. Exercised at night with PT boats making attacks on this vessel.

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February 17, 1943.

Steaming as before. Adjusted compasses. Carried out gunnery practices. 1700 Moored Balboa.

February 18 - 28, 1943.

Moored as before. 0715 Underway enroute Pearl Harbor, T.H., in company with H.M.S. VICTORIOUS (OTC), U.S.S. PRINGLE, and U.S.S. CONVERSE, carrying out drills and exercises enroute.

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March 1 - 3, 1943.

Enroute Panama Canal Zone to Pearl Harbor, T. H., in company with H.M.S. VICTORIOUS, U.S.S. PRINGLE, and U.S.S. CONVERSE. Carrying out drills and exercises enroute.

March 4, 1943.

Steaming as before. 1212 Entered Pearl Harbor, T.H., and fueled at dock.

March 5 - 8, 1943.

Moored as before. Commenced school periods.

March 9, 1943.

Moored as before. 0705 Underway for exercises with H.M.S. VICTORIOUS. At completion returned to fuel dock, Pearl Harbor.

March 10, 1943.

Moored as before.

March 11, 1943.

Moored as before. 0648 Underway in company with U.S.S. SALT LAKE CITY, and PRINGLE. Exercised at shore bombardment.

March 12, 1943.

Steaming as before. Carried out torpedo practice with PRINGLE and day and night gunnery practices against target raft.

March 13, 1943.

Steaming as before. Held A.A. gunnery practices and exercised at dummy depth charge runs with submarine. 1625 Entered Pearl Harbor, and moored at Navy Yard.

March 14 - 31, 1943.

Moored as before. Period for upkeep, overhaul, and training at fleet schools.

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Moored at Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor, undergoing period of upkeep, overhaul, training and instruction, at Fleet Schools. Extra automatic weapons being mounted.

April 12, 1943.

Moored as before. 0820 Underway. Swung ship to adjust compasses. 1030 Commenced exercises with H.M.S. VICTORIOUS and U.S.S. CONVERSE.

April 13, 1943.

Steaming as before. Tested new automatic weapons satisfactorily. Carried out A.A. practices and practiced repelling simulated attacks by carrier's planes.

April 14, 1943.

Steaming as before. Fired A.A. practices.

April 15, 1943.

Steaming as before. Fired A.A. practices. Practiced repelling simulated attacks by carrier's planes. 1818 Entered Pearl Harbor, and moored at deperming station. Deperming ship.

April 16, 1943.

Moored as before. 0651 Underway, calibrating degaussing gear. 0711 Moored at deperming station. 0838 Underway. Carried out torpedo exercises with U.S.S. PRINGLE off Pearl. 1817 Moored at Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor for inspection of spring bearings on propeller shafts.

April 17 - 24, 1943.

Moored as before. Undergoing overhaul of spring bearings.

April 25, 1943.

Moored as before. 0807 Underway in company with U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA and PRINGLE. Carrying out A.A. gunnery practices and night battle practices.

April 26, 1943.

Steaming as before. Carrying out surface and A.A. gunnery practices.

April 27, 1943.

Steaming as before. Fired shore bombardment practice. Practiced repelling simulated attacks by aircraft. 1650 Entered Pearl Harbor, and moored to fuel dock.

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April 28, 1943.

Moored as before. 0750 Underway. Made speed run off Pearl to test spring bearings. Fired A.A. practice. 1240 Entered Pearl Harbor, and moored at fuel dock.

April 29, 1943.

Moored as before. 0750 Underway. Adjusted compasses. Exercised with submarine. Calibrated R.D.F. 1647 Entered Pearl Harbor, and moored at fuel dock.

April 30, 1943.

Moored as before.

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SHIP'S LOG - MAY 1943  
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1 & 2 May 1943

Moored Pearl Harbor, T.H.

3 May 1943

Underway in accordance with Comairpacfor dispatch 010904 of May, in company with HMS VICTORIOUS conducting gunnery and aircraft exercises.

4 May 1943

Steaming as before. 1700 parted company with HMS VICTORIOUS at entrance Pearl Harbor, T.H., conducted division maneuvers with USS PRINGLE, USS CONVERSE, and USS LANSDOWNE.

5 & 6 May 1943

Steaming as before. 0700 formed screen with USS PRINGLE and USS CONVERSE on USS NEW MEXICO and USS MISSISSIPPI on sortie of battleships from Pearl Harbor. Conducted gunnery exercises. Returned Pearl Harbor, T.H., 6 May 1943, at 2000.

7, 8, & 9 May 1943

Moored Pearl Harbor, T.H.

10 May 1943

Underway in accordance Cincpac dispatch 080419 of May with Task Group 52.3, USS NEW MEXICO, USS MISSISSIPPI and USS LANSDOWNE enroute Adak, Aleutian Islands. Conducted gunnery exercises off Pearl Harbor prior proceeding.

11 May - 17 May

Enroute Adak, fueling enroute, joining with USS GILLIS and USS COGHLAN near Amukta Pass.

17 May 1943

Arrived Adak. Fueled and provisioned. 1100 underway in accordance with orders Commorpacfor in company with Task Unit 16.10.1, USS SAN MIHIEL, USS COGHLAN, and USS LANSDOWNE, enroute Attu.

18 May 1943

Steaming as before. 1800 arrived Massacre Bay, Attu, parted company with USS SAN MIHIEL. Commenced patrolling off entrance. 2300 rejoined with USS COGHLAN and USS LANSDOWNE for rendezvous with USS PENNSYLVANIA to north.

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19 May 1943

Steaming as before. 0600 joined USS PENNSYLVANIA, USS NASSAU and screen. 0700 enroute Adak with USS PENNSYLVANIA and USS LANSDOWNE.

20 May 1943

Steaming as before. Arrived Adak, fueled and provisioned ship.

21 May 1943

Moored as before. 1230 underway in accordance orders Comnorpacfor in company with USS LANSDOWNE for rendezvous with USS SALT LAKE CITY and USS INDIANAPOLIS south of Amukta Pass.

22 May 1943

Steaming as before. 0700 joined cruisers enroute Adak.

23 May 1943

Steaming as before, 0730 arrived Adak. Fueled and provisioned ship.

24 May 1943

Underway at 0645 in accordance orders Comnorpacfor in company with USS SALT LAKE CITY, USS INDIANAPOLIS, and USS LANSDOWNE.

25 May 1943

Steaming as before. 1000 joined northern covering force consisting of Task Groups 16.12, 16.6, and 16.7, USS NEW MEXICO, OTC conducting fueling operations. 1400 Task Group 16.7 (USS WICHITA) left formation.

26 May 1943

Steaming in northern covering area in company with Task Group 16.12 (USS NEW MEXICO), 16.6 (USS SALT LAKE CITY), USS NEW MEXICO, OTC.

27 May 1943

Steaming as before. Conducted fueling operations with USS NEOSHO.

28 May 1943

Steaming as before with Task Groups 16.6 (USS SALT LAKE CITY) and 16.12 (USS NEW MEXICO OTC) and task unit 16.9.1 (fueling unit). Conducted fueling operations. 1900 fueling unit left formation.

29 May 1943

Steaming as before.

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30 May 1943

Steaming as before. 1500 task group 16.6 left formation. Task group 16.7 (USS WICHITA) and task group 16.6A (USS SANTA FE, USS SALT LAKE CITY, USS INDIANAPOLIS) joined formation. Steaming in northern covering area, assigned to task group 16.6A.

31 May 1943

Steaming as before.

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