

U.S.S. BACHE (DD470)

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July 1, 1943.

Steaming in northern covering area in company with Task Group 16.7 (WICHITA (CTC), SAN FRANCISCO, LOUISVILLE, SANTA FE), Task Group 16.12 (NEW MEXICO, (CTG) MISSISSIPPI) and screens. Assigned to Task Group 16.12. Heavy weather.

July 2, 1943.

Steaming as before.

July 3, 1943.

Steaming as before. Fueled and provisioned from NECHES. Commenced patrolling covering area on completion of fueling exercises.

July 4, 1943.

Steaming as before. 0700 Proceeding toward Southern Covering Area south of Kiska.

July 5, 1943.

Steaming as before. Passed through Amchitka Pass during night. 0545 WICHITA, in van, reported radar contact, suspected to be a submarine (Lat 51-05N, Long. 179-47W). Took evasive courses and went to General Quarters. SANTA FE opened fire on target, target disappearing on radar screen after several salvos. MORRIS, (Comdesron TWO), and MUSTIN stayed in vicinity conducting search while Task Groups continued to southward. MORRIS later reported sighting object apparently a submarine close aboard in fog and conducting depth charge on sound contact immediately afterward. 1400 ABNER READ, in T.G. 16.12 screen, reported periscope. Task Groups took evasive action. Conducted short sound search with ABNER READ until directed to return to station. All in all, not a very dull day.

July 6, 1943.

Steaming in Southern Covering Area. 0930 LANSDOWNE, in 16.7 screen, reported sound contact and dropped depth charges. Negative results and Task Groups returned to base course after taking evasive action. 1000 Task Group 16.7 with screen moved to northward and conducted bombardment of Kiska in afternoon. Task Group 16.12 commenced return to Adak late in evening.

July 7, 1943.

Enroute Adak passing through Amchitka Pass early in morning. 2000 moored alongside NECHES in Adak fueling.

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July 8, 1943.

Moored as before. 0700 Cleared NECHES and anchored in Kuluk Bay, Adak. At 1440 underway in accordance orders Comorpacfor in company with U.S.S. MONAGHAN and SARANAC enroute southern operating area. Passed through Amchitka Pass at night and parted company with MONAGHAN.

July 9, 1943.

Joined with Task Group 16.7 while SARANAC conducted fueling operations. Finished fueling operations early in afternoon and proceeded Adak, screening SARANAC. Passed through Amchitka Pass during night.

July 10, 1943.

Arrived Adak and anchored in dense fog. Proceeded to assigned anchorage when fog lifted. At 1125 combatant ships in Bay put on short notice. Two Jap auxiliaries reported to westward. Conducted quick fueling and provisioning from SARANAC and anchored awaiting orders. Task Group 16.6 and 16.6A cleared bay at 1700. At 2135 underway on orders of CTG 16.12, in NEW MEXICO, in company with MISSISSIPPI and screen proceeding to Northern Covering Area.

July 11, 1943.

Underway as before. At 0502 made five-charge pattern attack on contact. Searched area of contact but nothing found. Evidently a whale. Rejoined at 0649. Tested machine guns. During afternoon received orders to return to Adak. Radio reported a B-25 on the water some distance ahead and ABNER READ charged off to the rescue. ABNER READ recalled by CTG 16.12 when amplifying report showed B-25 still in the air.

July 12, 1943.

Underway as before. 1745 Moored to U.S.S. SARANAC in Kuluk Bay, Adak, fueling. On completion of fueling entered Sweeper's Cove moored alongside U.S.S. MARKAB for period of availability.

July 13 - 18, 1943.

Alongside U.S.S. MARKAB.

July 19, 1943.

Left from alongside and anchored in Kuluk Bay after fueling from U.S.S. SCHUYLKILL. Heavy winds in bay and unfavorable anchorage forced main engines on to 2 minutes notice. 75 fathoms of chain out in 9 fathoms of water.

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July 20, 1943.

Anchored as before. At 1700 underway in accordance orders Comnorpacfor in company with Task Group 16.7, (WICHITA (CTG), SAN FRANCISCO, LOUISVILLE, SANTA FE) and screen (Comscreen ComDeaRon TWO in MORRIS) proceeding to Southern Covering Area. Passed through Amchitka Pass during night.

July 21, 1943.

Underway as before.

July 22, 1943.

Underway as before. Task Group 16.7 bombarded Kiska from south, Task Group 16.12 from northeast and Liberators from above in a coordinated attack (See action report). Retired to Southern Covering Area in late afternoon.

July 23, 1943.

Underway as before.

July 24, 1943.

Underway as before. Jap Task Group reported approaching from westward. Task Group 16.12 (NEW MEXICO (CTG), MISSISSIPPI, AND PORTLAND) and screen joined us at 0900, AYLWIN at 1000. PORTLAND joined with Task Group 16.7. Fueled and provisioned from battleships and commenced patrolling assigned sector awaiting the foolish Jap.

July 25, 1943.

Steaming as before.

July 26, 1943.

Steaming as before. At 0050 MISSISSIPPI made radar contact with unidentified vessel. Ensuing action described in enclosed action report.

July 27, 1943.

Steaming in assigned sector south of Kiska as before. Held surprise 5" A.A. practice. Held radar tracking exercise with good results.

July 28, 1943.

Steaming as before. Fueled and provisioned from PECOS in heavy fog and rain.

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July 29, 1943.

Steaming as before in assigned sector.

July 30, 1943.

Steaming as before. Comnorpacfor ordered both Task Groups in. Proceeding to Adak.

July 31, 1943.

Steaming as before passing through Amchitka Pass in the morning. At 1230 parted company with Task Group 16.12 and at 1600 arrived Kuluk Bay, Adak. Fueled and provisioned from PECOS and then anchored for short upkeep period.

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