

U.S.S. BACHE (DD470)

Operational Data

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June 1, 1943.

Steaming in Northern Covering Area in company with Task Groups 16.7 (U.S.S. WICHITA, OTC, LOUISVILLE, SAN FRANCISCO), Task Group 16.6A (SANTA FE, CTG, INDIANAPOLIS, SALT LAKE CITY) and Task Group 16.12 (NEW MEXICO CTG, IDAHO, MISSISSIPPI, and NEVADA). Assigned to TG 16.6A.

June 2, 1943.

Steaming as before.

June 3, 1943.

Steaming as before. Carried out fueling operations from U.S.S. PLATTE, this ship fueling from U.S.S. NEW MEXICO. Provisioned from U.S.S. SALT LAKE CITY during an icy rainstorm.

June 4, 1943.

Steaming as before continuing fueling operations. 1130 Task Group 16.6 (RICHMOND, CTG, DETROIT, and RALEIGH) with screen, joined formation. 1430 U.S.S. PLATTE left formation. Commenced patrolling Northern Covering Area.

June 5, 1943.

Steaming as before. Heavy southerly winds.

June 6, 1943.

Steaming as before. Increased sub activity in Attu-Kiska area noticed.

June 7, 1943.

Steaming as before. U.S.S. NEVADA and FARRAGUT left formation. 1100 U.S.S. SANTA FE VO plane crashed and turned over on landing. Personnel recovered. Plane destroyed.

June 8, 1943.

Steaming as before. Carrying out fueling operations with U.S.S. PLATTE. Fueled and provisioned from tanker.

June 9, 1943.

Steaming as before. Completed fueling operations at 1000. U.S.S. PLATTE and escort left formation. Patrolling northern covering area.

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June 10, 1943.

Steaming as before.

June 11, 1943.

Steaming as before. U.S.S. TENNESSEE, PORTLAND, and screen joined formation, TENNESSEE to Task Group 16.12, PORTLAND to Task Group 16.7. This vessel reassigned to Task Group 16.12.

June 12, 1943.

Steaming as before. At 0900 in accordance with Comnorpacfor despatch 11210 of June, parted from main body in company with U.S.S. NEW MEXICO, MISSISSIPPI, DETROIT, and screen enroute Adak.

June 13, 1943.

Steaming as before. Engaged in full radar control 5" gun practice, first run results unobserved, second run results excellent with first salvo appearing to straddle target at range of about 9000 yards. 1745 Entered Kuluk Harbor, Adak, fueled and anchored.

June 14 - 18, 1943.

Went alongside U.S.S. BLACK HAWK for tender upkeep period.

June 19, 1943.

End of upkeep period. Stood out and fired radar torpedo practice. Torpedo did not run on designated torpedo course due to defective gyro setting spindle. Anchored.

June 20, 1943.

Anchored as before. 0800 Underway in accordance with orders COMTASKFOR 16.12 of June 20, in company with U.S.S. NEW MEXICO, MISSISSIPPI, DETROIT, and screen. Attempted fire gunnery AA practices but weather prevented. Proceeded for rendezvous point.

June 21, 1943.

Steaming as before. Joined northern covering force at 1600. U.S.S. IDAHO, TENNESSEE, and RALEIGH with screen proceeded to Adak. Formed Task Group 16.12 consisting of U.S.S. NEW MEXICO, OTC, and MISSISSIPPI with screen; Task Unit 16.12.1 composed of U.S.S. RICHMOND, TUC, and RALEIGH and screen and Task Unit 16.12.2 composed of SALT LAKE CITY, TUC, INDIANAPOLIS, and PORTLAND, and screen. This vessel attached to Task Group 16.12. Commenced patrolling northern covering area.

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June 22, 1943.

Steaming as before.

June 23, 1943.

Steaming as before. Fueled and provisioned from U.S.S. NEOSHO.

June 24, 1943.

Steaming as before patrolling northern covering area.

June 25, 1943.

Steaming as before. Carried out machine gun practice on sleeve. At about 1830 made good sound contact, latitude 54 N, Longitude 174 E. Sound conditions bad, visibility excellent changing to fog. Carried out two depth charge attacks medium and deep settings. Results negative. Searched area in company with U.S.S. HULL.

June 26, 1943.

At 0220 broke off search. 0700 Rendezvoused with Task Group. Patrolling northern covering area.

June 27, 1943.

Steaming as before. Fired machine gun practices.

June 28, 1943.

Steaming as before. Fueled and provisioned during thick fog from U.S.S. NECHES. Task Unit 16.6.2, U.S.S. SALT LAKE CITY (CTU), INDIANAPOLIS, PORTLAND and screen left formation proceeding Adak. Task Group 16.7, U.S.S. WICHITA (CTG), SAN FRANCISCO, LOUISVILLE plus SANTA FE joined formation. SANTA FE joined RICHMOND (CTG) and DETROIT to form Task Group 16.6. Commenced patrolling at completion of fueling.

June 29, 1943.

Steaming as before. Fired surprise practice with 5" guns.

June 30, 1943.

Steaming as before. U.S.S. DETROIT, RICHMOND plus screen left formation to return to Adak. U.S.S. SANTA FE with screen formed Task Group 16.6A. Heavy weather.

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