

U.S.S. BACHE (DD470)

Operational Data

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October 1, 1943.

Anchored in Kuluk Bay, Adak, Alaska. Attached to Task Group 16.6, Com-CruDiv I in RICHMOND, OTC. 0930 Underway in company with DesRon 24 exercising at tactical drills. 1711 Anchored in Kuluk Bay.

October 2, 1943.

Anchored as before. 0800 Underway. Engaged in torpedo firing exercises and squadron tactical exercises. 1830 Fueled and anchored in Kuluk Bay.

October 3, 1943.

Anchored as before. 0331 Underway with DesRon 24 searching for downed aviators on a life raft north and west of Adak.

October 4, 1943.

Steaming as before.

October 5, 1943.

Steaming as before returning to Kuluk Bay after unsuccessful hunt. 0751 Anchored in Kuluk Bay. 0830 Underway in company with DesRon 24 and CruDiv I conducting joint torpedo exercises. 1220 Suspected bearing or reduction gear trouble in starboard engine. Ordered to go alongside MARKAB in Sweeper's Cove. 1759 Moored to U.S.S. MARKAB for inspection of cruising reduction gear.

October 6 - 7, 1943.

Moored as before.

October 8, 1943.

Moored as before. 1311 Underway conducting engineering tests in Kuluk Bay. 1544 Completed tests and moored to MARKAB in Sweeper's Cove.

October 9, 1943.

Moored as before.

October 10, 1943.

Moored as before. 0745 Underway in company with DesRon 24 and CruDiv I for aircraft tracking exercises. 1621 Anchored after fueling in Kuluk Bay.

October 11 - 12, 1943.

Anchored as before.

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October 13, 1943.

Anchored as before. 0731 Underway in company with Task Group 16.6, OTC in RICHMOND, enroute Attu, conducting drills and exercises enroute.

October 14, 1943.

Steaming as before.

October 15, 1943.

Steaming as before. 1402 Anchored in Massacre Bay, Attu. 1820 Underway Standing out of harbor due to approach of heavy weather. Enroute Kiska.

October 16, 1943.

Steaming as before. 1104 Anchored in Kiska harbor. Task designation of Task Group 16.6 changed to Task Force 94, CruDiv I and DesRon 24. 1927 Underway from Kiska harbor in company with Task Force 94 enroute Kuluk Bay conducting drills and exercises enroute.

October 17, 1943.

Steaming as before approaching Adak from the South passing through Asuksak Pass.

October 18, 1943.

Steaming as before. 1350 Anchored in Kuluk Bay. High winds.

October 19, 1943.

Anchored as before. Fueled at Sand Bay, and then returned to anchorage in Kuluk Bay.

October 20, 1943.

Anchored as before. Shifted berth to mooring buoy in Sweeper's Cove.

October 21, 1943.

Moored as before.

October 22, 1943.

Moored as before. 0915 Underway conducting damage control problem off Adak. 1354 Returned to mooring in Sweeper's Cove.

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October 23 - 24, 1943.

Moored as before.

October 25, 1943.

Moored as before. 0806 Underway in company with Task Force 94, exercising at force tactics and A.A. practice. 1720 Anchored in Kuluk Bay.

October 26, 1943.

Anchored as before. 0856 Underway in company with Task Force 94 for exercises. 1137 Detached with U.S.S. BEALE to go to assistance of LCT5-320 adrift west of Adak. Heavy seas render high speeds impossible. 1626 Made contact with tug CREE with two LCT's in tow. Situation in hand by CREE so took up screening station on her escorting her to Adak.

October 27, 1943.

Steaming as before. 1016 Fueled from tanker in Kuluk Bay and then sortied with Task Force 94 conducting fighter director exercises. Enroute Pribilof Islands.

October 28, 1943.

Steaming as before. 1430 Anchored in English Bay, St. Paul Island, Pribilof Islands. 1605 Underway, having been forced out of harbor by rising winds and seas. Enroute Dutch Harbor against heavy SE seas.

October 29, 1943.

Steaming as before. 1548 Moored at dock in Dutch Harbor, Unalaska Island.

October 30, 1943.

Moored as before. 1138 Shifted berth to Middle Buoy, Dutch Harbor.

October 31, 1943.

Moored as before.

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Attached to Task Force 94, CruDiv One and DesRon 24. Moored to Middle Buoy, Dutch Harbor, Alaska, with Task Force 94.

November 2 - 3, 1943.

Moored as before.

November 4, 1943.

Moored as before. CruDiv One, HUTCHINS and DALY stood out to sea enroute Adak.

November 5, 1943.

Moored as before.

November 6, 1943.

Moored as before. 0827 Underway operating with submarine off Dutch. 1803 Moored Dutch Harbor.

November 7, 1943.

Moored as before. 0807 Underway operating with submarine off Dutch. 1728 Returned to port and moored.

November 8, 1943.

Moored as before. 0819 Underway operating with submarine off Dutch.

November 9, 1943.

Steaming as before. 1646 Returned to port and moored to Middle Buoy.

November 10, 1943.

Moored as before. 0808 Underway operating with submarine off Dutch Harbor. 1740 Returned to harbor and moored.

November 11, 1943.

Moored as before. 0812 Underway operating with submarine off Dutch. 1607 Returned to harbor and moored.

November 12, 1943.

Moored as before.

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November 13, 1943.

Moored as before. 1540 Underway for Adak, escorting small convoy.

November 14, 1943.

Steaming as before.

November 15, 1943.

Steaming as before. 1400 Entered Kuluk Bay and permitted convoy to pass through nets. Very high winds and snow squalls so it was decided to remain underway off Adak rather than risk anchorage.

November 16, 1943.

Steaming as before. 1339 Entered Sweeper's Cove in face of heavy snow squalls and moored to MARKAB.

November 17, 1943.

Moored as before. 0816 Underway in company with Task Force 94 enroute Attu carrying out drills and exercises.

November 18, 1943.

Steaming as before. High seas and winds prevent our entering harbor at Attu. Riding out storm north of Attu. Worst weather this ship has ever seen. Full gale with snowstorms.

November 19, 1943.

Steaming as before. 1400 Entered Massacre Bay, Attu, and anchored. 1658 Underway in company with Task Force 94 for sweep around Kormandorski Islands.

November 20, 1943.

Steaming as before. Formed special scouting disposition and proceeded around Kormandorski Islands between Kamchatka Peninsula and the islands from the north.

November 21, 1943.

Steaming as before between Kamchatka and Kormandorskis.

November 22, 1943.

Steaming as before. Enroute Attu.

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Steaming as before. 1205 Entered Massacre Bay and anchored for the night.

November 24, 1943.

Anchored as before. 1016 Underway enroute Adak conducting drills and exercises enroute.

November 25, 1943.

Steaming as before.

November 26, 1943.

Steaming as before. 1110 Entered Sweeper's Cove, Adak, Alaska, and moored to MARKAB.

November 27, 1943.

Moored as before. Detached from Task Force 94 and at 0939 left Adak in company with U.S.S. BUSH, U.S.S. AMMEN, and a convoy of four PC and four SC boats for Pearl Harbor.

November 28 - 30, 1943.

Steaming as before, enroute Pearl. Heavy seas make the going slow.

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