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MAY 17, 1944

THE USS L.S.T. 994 WAS COMMISSIONED AT THE CHARLESTOWN NAVY YARD, BOSTON, MASS.

MAY 17-24, 1944

MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR GETTING UNDERWAY - LOADING SUPPLIES, AMMUNITION, ETC.

MAY 25, 1944

UNDERWAY FROM PIER 9, BOSTON, MASS, FOR LITTLE CREEK, VA.

MAY 26, 1944 (at sea)

STEERING COURSE 247 degrees SW APPROXIMATELY 30 MILES OFF LONG ISLAND, N.Y.

MAY 27, 1944 (at sea)

EXERCISED CREW AT VARIOUS DRILLS - ALL GUNS FIRED

MAY 28, 1944 (449)

UNDERWAY FROM LITTLE CREEK, VA. TO CORNFIELD POINT, MARYLAND

JUNE 7, 1944

ARRIVED IN LITTLE CREEK, VA. FOR FURTHER ORDERS.

JUNE 16, 1944

UNDERWAY FROM LITTLE CREEK, VA TO NEW YORK, N.Y, PIER 88

JUNE 17, 1944

ARRIVED AT NEW YORK, LOADED L.C.T. 1040 (Landing Craft Tank) ON MAIN DECK

JUNE 19, 1944

UNDERWAY FROM PIER 88 N.Y, N.Y. TO NORFOLK, VA, – ROUGH AS HELL.

JUNE 19, 1944

ARRIVED AT N.O.B. (Naval Operating Base) NORFORLK, VA, **JUNE 22, 1944**

JUNE 24, 1944 (0842)

UNDERWAY IN CONVOY UGS-54 FROM CAPE HENRY TO GIBRALTAR TO FORM CONVOY - GOOD-BYE U.S.A!

JUNE 28, 1944

PASSED THE ISLE OF BERMUDA ABOUT 30 MILES OFF OUR ST'B'D (Starboard) BEAM

JULY 10, 1944

(0910 hours) SIGHTED LAND! - FRENCH MOROCCO, NORTH AFRICA - MOUNT SIDI BOUAFI, BEARING 075 (Degrees)T ABOUT 32 MILES DISTANT.

JULY 11, 1944

UNDERWAY FROM GIBRALTAR TO ORAN, NORTH AFRICA - BEAUTIFUL NIGHT, VERY CALM SEA

JULY 15, 1944 (1248)

COMMENCED ENTERING CHANNEL LEADING INTO BIZERTE, TUNISIA.

JULY 16, 1944

ENTERED LAC DE BIZERTE (Tunisia) ENROUTE TO FERRYVILLE. (Tunisia)

JULY 17, 1944

BACK ON LAC DE BIZERTE

JULY 26, 1944

UNDERWAY TO PALERMO, SICILY

JULY 27, 1944

ARRIVED IN PALERMO, SICILY.

JULY 29, 1944

UNDERWAY TO NAPLES, ITALY

JULY 30, 1944

ARRIVED IN NAPLES, ITALY, ABOUT 300 SHIPS OF ALL SORTS IN HARBOR

AUG. 10, 1944

MOVED TO NISIDA WHICH IS JUST AROUND A PENINSULA FROM NAPLES,

AUG. 11, 1944

PROCEEDED TO GOLFO DE POZZUOLI TO ANCHORAGE.

AUG. 12, 1944 "THE INVASION" (1545) (Operation Dragoon)

UNDERWAY FROM NISIDA, ITALY, IN CONVOY OF TWENTY -SEVEN L.S.T.'S AND ESCORTS, TO ASSAULT AREA, RED BEACH, SOUTHERN COAST OF FRANCE.

AUG. 13, 1944 (SUNDAY MORNING)

(1445) COMMENCED ENTERING BONIFACIO STRAITS BETWEEN CORSICA AND SARDINIA.

AUG. 16, 1944 - SEPT. 25, 1944

MADE SHUTTLE RUNS BETWEEN AJACCIO, CORSICA AND ASSAULT AREA, FRANCE.

SEPT. 25, 1944

UNDERWAY FROM MARSEILLE, FRANCE TO ORAN, N. AFRICA.

SEPT. 27, 1944

ARRIVED IN ORAN, N. AFRICA

SEPT. 30, 1944

UNDERWAY FROM ORAN, N. AFRICA TO MARSEILLE FRANCE

OCT. 4, 1944

ARRIVED IN MARSEILLE, FRANCE

OCT. 9, 1944

UNDERWAY FROM MARSEILLE, FRANCE TO LEGHORN, ITALY

OCT. 11, 1944

ARRIVED IN LEGHORN, ITALY

OCT. 14, 1944

ARRIVED IN NAPLES, ITALY

OCT. 15, 1944

UNDERWAY FROM NAPLES, ITALY TO SALERNO, ITALY. ARRIVED THE SAME DAY.

OCT. 17, 1944

UNDERWAY FROM SALERNO, ITALY TO BIZERTE, N. AFRICA

OCT. 19, 1944

ARRIVED IN BIZERTE, N. AFRICA

NOV. 5, 1944

UNDERWAY FROM BIZERTE, N. AFRICA TO ORAN, N. AFRICA

NOV. 8, 1944

ARRIVED IN ORAN, N. AFRICA

APRIL 10, 1945

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